

### Grant OK'ed

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment has approved a \$1.9 million grant to the Region of Halton to expand Georgetown's sewage treatment plant.

The grant comes from a special program for water and sewage works. Municipalities may receive up to 15 per cent of the cost of a project to correct health or environmental problems relating to population growth.

Ministry approval of the plant expansions means the money will be available by the end of March next year, providing Regional Council approves the tender.

The total cost of the plant's expansion is over \$13 million, according to Regional Treasurer J.L. Rinaldo. Halton Hills Administrator-Clark Joe Simon said last week that Enterac has agreed to pay about \$7 million of the cost of the expansion.

The treatment plant needs to be expanded before homes in the phase two segment can be built in the proposed Georgetown South subdivision.

### TOPS open house

**Need to lose Weight?**

Tops is a non-profit organization to help you lose weight. Cost is registration plus \$1 per week. Meetings are fun and interesting. Make new friends who share a common problem and goal. No strict diets to follow just friendly people to encourage, support and understand. There will be an open house Oct. 7, 8:45 - 8:30 p.m. Lutheran Church - Windsor Rd. at Carole St. Georgetown. Call Bev Banish 853-2728.

### Win a turkey

**BOLTON** - Test your shooting accuracy and win a frozen turkey - you'll have five opportunities to do so this fall at Cold Creek Conservation Area, Bolton.

Turkey Shoots will be presented on these Sundays: Sept. 20, Oct. 4, Oct. 25, Nov. 15, and Nov. 22, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

While participants must bring their own 12-gauge shotguns, ammunition will be provided at the range. Participants will be shooting in relays - the best shooter in each relay wins a frozen turkey. The fee for the Turkey Shoot is \$2.50 per person per relay.

This event is sponsored by the Black Spruce Sportsman's Association. All proceeds will be used to support wildlife and conservation projects.

Cold Creek Conservation Area has facilities for trap shooting, 22 calibre, centre fire, and archery. Cold Creek is located midway between Bolton and Nobleton, three kilometres north of the King Road, on Concession Road 11. For information about the Turkey Shoots, upcoming workshops, and other events, call Cold Creek at (416) 859-4443, or the Metro Region Conservation Authority at (416) 661-6600.



### Peace message

Vicky Glasse-Davies, a member of HAND, a local peace group, is seen here donating a book about peace to Chief Librarian Betsy Cornwell (sitting). The presentation was made last Wednesday, a day after the International Day of Peace. Two copies of Peace - A Dream Unfolding were given to the library, one for each branch. (Herald photo)



### Ready for take-off

Limehouse Public School kicked-off their anniversary celebrations last Wednesday with a picnic, meet the teacher and balloon-releasing evening. The school is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 1988 and June 5 is the day when most of the celebrations will be held. Seen here from back to front with their balloons are: Brian Porter, David Smith, Gregory Denny, Lindsay Brown, Tracy McLaughlin, Ryan Bailey, Amanda McDowell and Meghan Israel. (Herald photo)

### Former Acton fall fair president Griffin dies

The community was saddened to learn of the sudden death of Smith R. Griffin from an accident received at his home, R.R.2 Acton. He died in the Guelph General Hospital Sept. 1 in his 64th year. He is the son of late Harold and Jessie Griffin, and grandson of late S.E. Griffin. He received his education at Cedarvale School and Erin High School.

His home lot 11, concession 6, (5th Line) Erin Township has been owned and occupied by the Griffin family since 1838. He is the fifth generation. They grew certified seed potatoes and seed grain also turnips which Smith delivered to Toronto for many years.

They exhibited seed grain and potatoes regularly at the Royal Winter Fair and received prizes and trophies.

The Griffins also bred suffolk sheep and shorthorn cattle which he showed at many fairs. He was a member of Erin Agricultural Society and President of Acton Agricultural Society in 1956-1957.

Mr. Griffin was also President of Erin Township Junior Farmers in 1950.

He was active member and elder of Churchill Community Church and clerk of section for a number of years.

He married Mrs. Joanne Turner in August 1966, who died June 15, 1987.

Mr. Griffin is survived by three aunts Mrs. Winnie Hillard, Mrs. Orville Bogle of Guelph and Mrs. Marjorie Landsborough of Acton, a number of cousins and stepfather, of David Turner, Acton, Julian Turner of Guelph.

He rested at Butchers Funeral Home Erin and the funeral service was held at Churchill community Church, Rev. Emrys Jenkins officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were James Delaney, Douglas Peck and Howard Donnell.

Active pallbearers were Paul Hamilton, Bill Thompson, Charles Burt, Keith Aitkins, Arthur Saunders and Robert Denny.

Flowerbearers - Keith Leitch, Douglas McArthur, Donald Swackhamer and Shane Ross.

Interment at Coningsby Cemetery.

### No trucks can park overnight

Drivers of gravel trucks will no longer be able to park their rigs overnight on 5 Sideroad.

Following several complaints from area residents, council voted to limit parking on 5 Sideroad to two hours and to ban parking along the First Line and Highway 25.

The new parking restrictions are similar to laws passed by the Town of Milton. Residents living near the Dufferin quarry are forced to live with excessive noise and large numbers of gravel trucks parked along those routes waiting for the quarry gates to open in the mornings, said Councillor Pam Sheldon.

Councillor Norm Elliott agreed the new parking laws may also bring council a step further to solving the safety problem of driving in the area.

Truck drivers speed along the routes in their hurry to pick up more gravel, Mr. Elliott said.

## Rat patrol fails to spot Sims gate rodent menace

By MARY-LIZ SHAW  
Herald Staff

A health inspector, who showed up in a suit to look for rats near a Sims Gate home told a Georgetown mother she can do nothing but wait.

Terry Murphy, an area inspector with the Regional Health Unit, told Robin Everingham there was little he could do until she spotted more rats near her home.

Mrs. Everingham first contacted the Health Department two weeks ago when what she describes as a "sick rat" was killed on her driveway.

Health Department officials suspected the rat may have been poisoned, however, Mrs. Everingham was concerned it may have been rabid and phoned the Animal Control Centre, she said.

Two rats have since been spotted in the vicinity of the Everingham home. The Health inspector checked Mrs. Everingham's property for burrows but found nothing, she said.

He then gave her some pamphlets on how to keep rats away and said he could do little else.

"He didn't seem too concerned," Mrs. Everingham said. "He came in a suit. How can you check for rats when you're wearing a suit?"

"The rats aren't going to sit out in

the open and say 'hi, here I am.'"

Robin Everingham said she offered to distribute the rat pamphlets to her neighbors after Mr. Murphy said he did not have enough time to hand them out.

Mrs. Everingham said the Health inspector looked around her home for about 15 minutes. He told her the area looked clean but he could not say where the rats may be coming from.

She said to the inspector, she suspects the rats may be near a wood pile in the backyard. The pile also contains "tons of garbage" which she and her husband began to clear out when they moved in about one year ago.

Neil Pattullo of the Health Department said rats need shelter and food and if their burrows are disturbed, they will migrate to other areas.

The last time the Health Department responded to complaints of rats was during construction of a new subdivision in Milton about a year ago. Mr. Pattullo said the rats were living in the field, but the construction disrupted them.

The Health official added that it is unusual for a rat to be rabid. It would probably be killed too quickly if it came in contact with a rabid animal, he said.

Neil Pattullo said the Health Department normally responds to calls by checking the area in question for burrows. He said the Department also checks to see that residents have their garbage well-tied and secure.

Following the inspection, Mr. Murphy told Mrs. Everingham to contact the Health Department immediately should she spot another rat.

"It feels like a diseased area around here," Mrs. Everingham said. "I won't let my children near that wood pile."

### Women worried about selling land on wells

A Georgetown resident is concerned about the future of some regional water wells located on town land, which is currently being considered for sale.

Barbara Halsall, who lives on Harold Street, near the town lots on Princess Anne Drive, is worried the groundwater may be affected if the land is developed at some future date.

Regional authorities shared the concerns expressed by Mrs. Halsall and consulted independent water and sewage engineers about the situation.

Regional staff member Vincent Suffoletta, who is responsible for water treatment plants in Halton, said the consultants were satisfied

there is no cause for concern.

The wells, located in a cordoned off area on Princess Anne, are deep enough that neither pumping nor filling would disturb them, Mr. Suffoletta said.

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