



LACAC member Elaine Bertrand stands beside an old tombstone in the St. Paul's Cemetery in Norval. The committee will begin cleaning up and restoring the cemetery once a gate has been constructed in the chain link fence later this spring.

## Heritage group cleans up Norval's lost burial site

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Wind whistles through the jack pines while dried leaves dance across the forgotten gravestones of St. Paul's Anglican Cemetery. Though unattended graves behind the Hillcrest Cemetery in Norval have been left for many years to nature's care, a move has been made to clean up and restore the historical burial ground.

The local architectural conservation advisory committee (LACAC) plans to restore and possibly designate the site as a historical property.

Two committee members visited St. Paul's Cemetery in August 1987 and found the plot nestled in a corner of Hillcrest to be overrun with weeds and brush and many tombstones have fallen or been pushed over.

Grass partially covers many of the tombstones while weeds are entangled with many of the larger monuments.

St. Paul's Cemetery, which is tied to St. Paul's Anglican Church in Norval, stopped being used in the 1920s, although LACAC member Elaine Bertrand said, the committee does not know all of the details.

She hopes that through the restoration and delving into the history of the plot, many questions will be answered.

LACAC chairman Monty Hyde said provincial legislation requires the burial grounds to be maintained by the municipality.

"This particular cemetery had been in disuse since the turn of the century and had fallen into a state of disrepair decades ago," he said.

St. Paul's Anglican Church in Norval tried to get Esqueping council to take over the care of the cemetery since the church couldn't afford to fund its upkeep.

Today the committee is looking at a joint obligation between municipality and church to look after the cemetery.

LACAC wants to restore the cemetery to some semblance of what it was, rather than just clean it up, Mr. Hyde said. He estimates the process of locating the tombstones to take a couple of years.

In the spring a gate will be erected with a chain fence to allow access to the cemetery, which Mr. Hyde assumes, began at the bottom of the hill and worked its way upwards.

When the cemetery became full it was no longer used.

Once the gate is in a work crew from Maplehurst Correctional Institute is ready to come in and clean up the mess.

Then the tombstones are to be located and a map drawn to find where the tombstones were originally located.

LACAC knows of 30 tombstones and church records register approximately 210 deaths.

Although at this point the committee has no idea as to how many tombstones they may find, the church list gives them some idea, Mr. Hyde said.

Restoration depends on what the committee finds. Some tombstones may be covered by ground and located a few inches below the surface while others clearly cannot be salvaged, Mr. Hyde said.

What is done with the tombstones that cannot be repaired has not been decided yet, the chairman said. One route may be to build a cairn or wall enclosure to hold the stones.

Mrs. Bertrand would like to get the history behind the families buried in the cemetery.

She knows of two buried beneath the weeds who have prominent histories.

One, an Irish man named Thomas Thompson, who died April 22, 1866 at the age of 84, was involved with many European battles.

He swung his sword in numerous battles, many against Napoleon, in places such as Corunna, Toulouse, Vimerio, St. Sebastian and Waterloo.

Robert Watson, who died May 29, 1917, contributed for 60 years to the Norval community.

LACAC, which was organized in 1987, has an 11-member committee of which nine members are from the community and two members are councillors.

LACAC advises and assists municipal council on matters relating to the conservation of buildings of historic or architectural value.

Anyone with information on the history of people buried in the St. Paul's Cemetery or with any knowledge of the cemetery can get in touch with Elaine Bertrand at 877-6353 or Monty Hyde at 877-0126 or by calling the LACAC office.

## Spring fling

Bishop Reding Parents' Association would like to remind everyone of their Spring Fling Dance being held April 30 at Holy Cross Church Hall, Maple Avenue, Georgetown. Tickets are \$10 each. This includes a midnight lunch and a chance to win a weekend escape for two. Proceeds from this event are for a scholarship fund. For tickets contact 877-4765.

## Sent to hospital

Two were sent to hospital following a 5 p.m. accident April 10 on Trafalgar Road and the 10th Sideroad. Jacqueline Doerksen, 43, of Halton Hills, and James Corbett, 53, of Halton Hills, were sent to the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. A 1983 white Plymouth, driven by a 43-year-old Halton Hills woman, was eastbound on the 10th Sideroad, and failed to stop for a stop sign at Trafalgar Road. The Plymouth was struck by a 1983 black Chevrolet, driven by a 53-year-old Halton Hills man. The Plymouth then slid sideways into a house. The Chevrolet, which was northbound on Trafalgar Road, struck the Plymouth then spun 270 degrees clockwise and collided with a 1987 grey Chevrolet, driven by a 64-year-old Erin man. The grey Chevrolet was northbound on Trafalgar Road.

## Open house

Discover the difference at the Georgetown District Christian School on Trafalgar Road north of Maple Avenue.

There will be an open house April 20 at the school from 1:30 - 3 p.m. and in the evening 7 - 9 p.m.

## More money for hearings irks Council

Regional councillors seemed to be in some dispair about having to "enhance" the budget for the consolidated hearings deciding on a new dump by another \$1.3 million April 6.

The 63 per cent increase means Halton will now spend about \$3.5 million on the hearings which are scheduled to finish in September.

Burlington Mayor Holy Bird was adamantly opposed to spending the money.

He chastized other councillors for approving the funds to be transferred from other accounts.

"Everybody else wants to pass over this item and not take a deep breath on it but I can't swallow it," said Mayor Bird.

Issues still to be discussed at the hearings include hydrology, the major issue throughout the process, waste quantities, design and opera-

tions, traffic, property values, economics, bird hazards, planning, biophysical considerations, social impact, and planning.

Oakville Councillor Keith Bird said all these issues were approved by the Region so "we've run up the cost ourselves."

Whenever more evidence is introduced in opposition to the dump in Burlington, Halton must pay consultants more money to defend its case.

"I don't know how we're going to get off this merry-go-round," said Coun. Bird.

Burlington Coun. Joan Little said there is no choice. "Do we stop the hearings in mid-stream? I don't like the dollar signs any more than anybody else but we're there. What do you do next?" she said.

Keith Bird also complained about the length of some issues under discussion. He cited the extended evidence presented on bird hazards at the potential dump as one reason the hearings are taking so long.

But Milton Mayor Gordon Krantz defended the issue.

Bird hazards is an important issue because "it has to do with safety in aviation," he said.

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## Conservation nets \$42.4 million

Thirty-eight conservation authorities across Ontario will receive a total of \$42.4 million in funding in 1988, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio has announced.

The funding will be used by the conservation authorities to undertake various water management, conservation and recreation projects within their watersheds.

The most noteworthy project for the constituents of Halton is the announcement that up to \$4.2 million will be used to develop a new family of plastic materials to be used in advanced injection moulding and other applications. This will be carried out by Linamar Machine Ltd. of Guelph, in collaboration with the Ontario Research Foundation and Atomic Energy of Canada.

Finally, a series of seven seminars examining the agri-food sector's social and economic role in Ontario has been planned as part of the 100th anniversary celebration of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. The centennial Policy Series, sponsored by OMAF's economic and policy co-ordination branch, will be held in Guelph and Toronto.



By WALT ELLIOT  
Halton North MPP

On a more business-oriented note, Monte Kwinter, Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology recently announced that five industrial research projects will soon be under way as a result of \$14.3 million in grant assistance made available by the Premier's Council Technology Fund.

These projects are part of the Provincial Government's plan to develop long-term economic strategies and to provide advice about future economic and industrial opportunities for Ontario.

Recommended by a scientific advisory panel appointed by the Premier's Council, these projects will range from researching advanced ceramics, to developing new types of plastics, to creating the next generation of broadcast equipment.

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