

Girls thinking baseball now

By BETTY SOJKA

Ballinafad Correspondent
The Ballinafad Ladies met on Feb. 27 to discuss the upcoming baseball season's strategies. Elaine Bowman represented the team at a recent league meeting. She will be updating the team on any changes. Other items on the agenda will be to discuss the success of the St. Valentine's Dance as well as to set plans for the April 8 "Fifties-Sixties Dance" to be held at the community centre.

Mark Thursday, March 16 on the calendar as this is the date for the Women's Institute's annual "Euchre Night." The "Euchre" is to be held at the community centre and begins at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Helga Schwartz recently attended a seminar in Newmarket on "Motivation." This seminar will enable the Women's Institute to try different methods on how to get community involvement - especially from young people - as well as

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tips on fundraising. Many of the local community groups are finding it a challenge to interest young people with their worthwhile projects. The Women's Institute will next meet on Wednesday, March 1.

Happy is the news in the village to have long-time resident Archie Lawr released from Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital after having heart problems.

Renovations are going well at the United Church with the near completion of the choir loft area. Some more kind souls are needed to lay the carpeting in this area. Much of the work has been strictly volunteer.

There is a petition being circulated for concern of the future

use of Scotsdale farm. Recent local news items have highlighted how the Ontario government is considering giving use of the land to the Peel-Dufferin School Board. The concern is that local residents will not be allowed free use of the land to walk, cross country ski, bird watch, etc. This concern becomes very real with the number of subdivisions planned and currently being built in the area. Parkland becomes a haven. Also there is the concern that the land will not have free use by Ontario residents as was meant by Mr. and Mrs. Bennett who bequeathed the land to the Ontario Heritage Foundation. Two farms that were part of the Bennett holdings have already been sold.

Resolution gets approval

I am happy to report that on Feb. 23, the Ontario Legislature unanimously passed my resolution promoting environmentally-sustainable development along the Niagara Escarpment.

The motion stated in part: "... the Ministry of Municipal Affairs should be directed to ensure that any development or use of Niagara Escarpment lands be environmentally sustainable development; and that, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs be further directed to maintain heritage and environmental concerns as priority concerns when considering land use planning within the Niagara Escarpment boundaries."

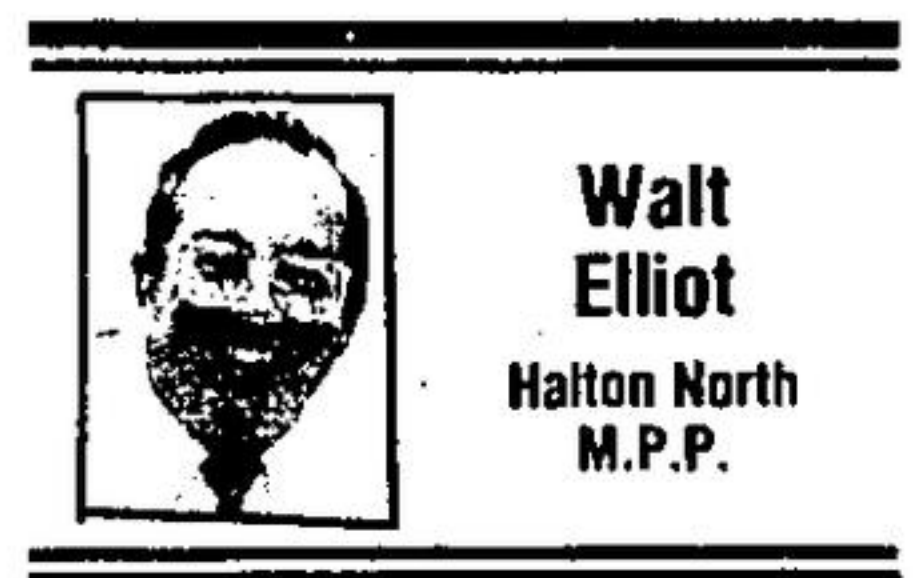
Environmentally sustainable development does not mean as some might hope, no development at all. What it does mean is that we must examine the consequences of our present growth and ensure that present development does not damage our future.

The Niagara Escarpment is a significant feature of Ontario's natural heritage. Within the boundaries of the Escarpment area we find land uses that include farming, tourism, housing and aggregate extraction all of which have a significant impact on the land. All these uses are controlled by Provincial legislation and plans.

The principle act governing the Escarpment is the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act as amended in 1982. This Act was first passed in 1973. Regulation 118-74 defining the Niagara Escarpment Planning Area evolved into the Niagara Escarpment Plan which was adopted by Cabinet on June 12, 1985.

Since that time three significant initiatives have been established in an attempt to promote the goals of the Plan. The Province has embarked on a program of land acquisition and stewardship which will bring significant portions of the Escarpment under public ownership. The rules for aggregate extraction have been more clearly defined and the rules for the location of wayside pits for local projects have been changed to protect the Escarpment Natural and Protected areas. Most recently a program has been announced to provide tax rebates for the preservation of significant wetland areas.

The Plan contains a provision for



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a review after five years of operation and that time is fast approaching. What that review must address is the compatibility of many of the presently accepted uses of Escarpment land. In my opinion that review must place the preservation of the Niagara Escarpment natural and protected areas as a top priority in all land use plans in Ontario.

Sustainable development within the Escarpment boundaries does not require us to leave the area exactly as it is now. The area has considerable potential for tourism and an increase in the number of trails

and interpretation sites would provide educational as well as economic benefits for the surrounding towns. The rural designation area should be examined with a view to using some of the poor quality lands for now density housing and thus taking pressure off the class one and two farm land which is presently in danger from the increased needs of the housing market.

The review must examine the various uses the different types of land could be put to with regards to the potential long range benefits to future generations. I felt it was particularly significant that my motion was passed unanimously during Ontario's Heritage Week celebrations. While we celebrate what we have been given by past generations we also commit ourselves to the idea of sustainable development so that we can preserve the Niagara Escarpment for future generations.

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As a requirement under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act the Regional Municipality of Halton hereby notifies all interested individuals and parties that Halton Region is planning to expand the Georgetown Water Storage Facilities.

The purpose of the expansion of the Georgetown Water Storage Facilities, is to increase the availability of the water storage to accommodate the additional growth proposed within the Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown).

In accordance with the requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for Municipal Water and Sewage Projects a public information forum will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 2nd, 1989, in the Committee Room at the Town of Halton Hills Administration Office on Trafalgar Road

For further information contact the following:

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D. J. Varley,
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Theft case

CRIME STOPPERS

Halton police investigators in the Burlington area are searching for those responsible for a break-and-enter which resulted in a large theft of material from the Canadian General Electric plant located on Walkers Line, Burlington.

Between the hours of 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 23 and 11 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 24 of 1988, the plant was entered by forcing a door at the rear of the building.

This factory is located in an industrial area on the west side of Walkers Line, situated between Mainway Drive and the Queen Elizabeth Highway.

Once inside this plant, the suspects loaded two company pick-up trucks with stolen property using a forklift truck and drove off. Both vehicles were later recovered in Toronto.

Taken in the theft were: 5,000 lbs. of Babbit lead ingots - 8-in.x2-in.x1-in.; 13 spools of rectangular copper wire and 6 spools of round copper wire weighing a total of 2,400 lbs.; 1 roll of 3' aluminum sheet weighing 500 lbs.; 21 micrometers ranging in size from 1-in. to 12-in.; 2 sets of radius gages; and 1 depth micrometer.

Total value of the property is \$50,575.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest in this case or any other case. Callers are not required to reveal their identities or testify in court. The Crime Stoppers toll free number is 1-800-668-5151.

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In the matter of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, in the matter of the lands and premises at the following location in the Town of Halton Hills in the Regional Municipality of Halton.

NOTICE OF PASSAGE OF A BY-LAW

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills has enacted By-law No. 89-12 to designate "the Acton Town Hall" at 19 Willow Street, Acton on property described as Part of Lot 37, Block 3, Registered Plan 31 (formerly Town of Acton) more particularly described as Part 1, Reference Plan 20R-6577, as being of architectural and historical interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The hall was completed in 1883 and is a good example of the monumental style of the late 19th century architecture. The architectural significant features of the building include its monumental and symmetrical massing along the front and side elevations, its arched window openings, highlighted by decorative key end stones and moulded brick sills designed to resemble pilasters, its Italianate style roof trim featuring wide eaves with heavy shaped wooden brackets; the arched and brick pilaster trimmed front doorway and its wooden, detailed belfry tower.

HISTORICAL REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The historical interest of the property lies chiefly in the fact that it was the focal centre of the Town of Acton until Regional Government, as it acted as the community centre for virtually all Town of Acton related functions and services.

Dated at Halton Hills this 15th day of February, 1989.

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