

## In the hills . . . .



### Business honors

David Page presented a plaque to Curwood Packaging President Barry Kedwell on behalf of Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner during the ceremony for business of the year at the North Halton Golf and Country Club last week. Curwood is the last Georgetown business of the year award to be honored. With the amalgamation of the Georgetown and Acton chambers, the next award will include all businesses in Halton Hills. (Herald photo)

## Public meetings to remain public

In a circular argument Tuesday night, town councillors agreed public meetings are for the public.

Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson said there "must be a better process" for conducting public meetings held in the town of Halton Hills council chambers. Coun. Serjeantson said councillors should be able to participate.

But Mayor Russ Miller said the system, used in the past, would not work now.

"This is a public meeting for the public... I've had a lot of people upset with the councillors waving their hands and asking all the questions."

Coun. Al Cook agreed, saying he'd "hate to see 12 or 13 hands go

up (from the council table) and the public afraid to ask questions."

Councillors said they feared municipal politicians might "grandstand" for their constituents if allowed to give opinions during a public meeting.

Mayor Miller said personal opinions, and not a representation of constituents, might be presented by councillors.

But Coun. Serjeantson insisted it makes councillors look "stupid" to say nothing.

It's better to appear stupid than to open your mouth and make someone sure, joked Coun. Norm Elliott.

Councillors agreed to leave public meetings as they are: public.

## "Blue bags" set for apartments

Apartment dwellers in Halton Hills will have blue boxes for recycling by the end of this year, town councillors promise.

"We have recycling... in the old-fashioned way... but we don't have a blue-box program in the apartments," said town engineer Bob Austin.

According to Regional plans, blue "boxes" in apartments would really be blue bags - canvas bags "impregnated" with plastic. The bags say, "I recycle" on them.

Condominiums and townhouses will also get a blue-box program, brought to homeowners in January of this year.

The first phase of apartment recycling will take place in Oakville.

Halton Regional councillors say they don't care what people use the bags for, as long as they use them for recyclable products as well.

## Residents want speed limit reduced

Residents of Sideroad 22 west of Highway 25 have sent a 25-signature petition to the Town of Halton Hills to reduce the speed limit from 80 to 60 km/h near their homes.

The residents, represented by Clare Riepma, say the 400-metre stretch of Sideroad 22 west of Highway 25 does not meet with Ontario Ministry of Transportation standards.

"The reason for this request is that there are a considerable number of homes within this portion of 22nd Sideroad," said Mr.

Riepma in a letter to the town.

He added that there is a "severe hill" on the road. If the speed limit was reduced to 60 kilometres, residents would have an easier time entering and exiting their driveways, he said.

"At-face value, there may be rationale to reduce the speed," said town engineer Bob Austin.

Mayor Russ Miller said Sideroad 22 near Highway 25 "is a bad piece of road. I know it well."

The town will prepare a study to review the residents' request to reduce the speed limit.

## UWC presents Oakville symphony in concert

The University Women's Club of Georgetown will present a concert by the Oakville Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, June 4 at 8 p.m. at the John Elliot Theatre, 9 Church St. in Georgetown.

The Oakville Symphony Orchestra is a talented group of community musicians dedicated to musical excellence. Over the past 20 years, what started as a small collection of local musicians has grown into a thriving organization, boasting more than 60 playing members. From Mozart and Bach, to contemporary Canadian pieces - some especially commissioned for the orchestra - the Oakville Symphony Orchestra offers a spectrum of musical styles.

Their choice for the June 4 program is Mozart: Concerto for two

pianos and Brahms: Symphony No. 2.

Ticket prices are \$12.50 before May 15 and \$15 after May 15. For tickets or further information please call 877-7252, 877-5408 or 877-7137.

## Legion Auxiliary cribbage night

The ladies Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary had seven teams to cribbage in Milton on April 8. Acton finished in first place followed by Bronte and Georgetown with the team of Liona Middleton and Mae Tost. Trudy Paul won a draw prize.

There will be a fun day in Bronte on April 15 at 10:30 a.m. This will be the last social event of the sports season. If you would like to go contact Anne Nicholson at 450-5228.

## Newcomers meet

Larry Sherk from Sheridan Nurseries will be speaking at the Georgetown Newcomers' April meeting. The club welcomes husbands to join in for a very informative evening.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Church on Mountainview Road.

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## Graduate

In a recent ceremony at Canadian Forces Base North Bay, Mark Andrew Staley, son of Maurice and Margery Staley of RRI, Acton, received his commission and was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant. At the same ceremony, 2nd Lieut. Staley also received his graduation diploma after completion of the Ale Weapons control and countermeasures course, acknowledged to be one of the most demanding courses of study in the Canadian forces. 2nd Lieut. Staley has been assigned to the Canadian NORAD region, North Bay, as Ale Weapons controller. Mark is a graduate of Acton High School.

Mary Anne Roy is in Women's College Hospital. Get well wishes for a fast recovery.

Dates to remember: April 18, zone convention in Milton, April 20, general meeting, April 22, fish and chip evening.

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