



Fashionable fashions

Fashion and colors go together in the fall and these models Dale Caeton (left), Pia Tortone, Betty Burgoyne and Margaret Anderson show off some of the Ports International's Fall collection at a fashion show held at the Terra Cotta Inn Friday afternoon.

Workshops help you butt out

With this as a focus the Halton Regional Health Department and the Lung Association - Halton Region will present a half-day workshop entitled: "Bill 194 Establishing Workplace Non-Smoking Policies".

This workshop will be of interest to all businesses who will be involved in the interpretation and implementation of Bill 194 and who encourage non-smoking and healthy lifestyles.

Registration fee is \$25. For further information call: 639-5141 Ext. 271 or 632-8499, in Georgetown call 878-8113.

Naturalists meet

The Halton-Peel Naturalist Club will meet on Oct. 10, 8 p.m. at Harrison Public School, 59 Rexway Dr. Mr. Ron Brooks will speak on Finches of the Galapagos. Visitors welcome.

Region to decide on hunt

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"The bow should be restricted. It's even more lethal than the shotgun...if you're in the woods and you hear a shot, you can get the hell out."

But Burlington Coun. Barry Quinn approves of the Region's 37 steps toward controlled hunting in the agreement forests. He said the 1986 proposal will "offer what it should, that is the ability for us (Regional councillors) to manage a better (hunting) system".

Mr. Quinn said reducing the hunting area by restricting hunting in agreement forests will mean hunters could be encouraged to disobey the rules. "If we don't provide Regional property, then you'll

get even more increased complaints."

But Coun. Mitchell said the hunting law serves a minority in Halton Region. Regional councillors should reconsider hunting laws in Halton's forests she said, "if you own community land you have to take the opinion of the majority into consideration," she said.

Farmers recognize that there will be wild animals feeding on their land, she said. "I don't think going out and shooting the beasts you co-habitate with is the answer."

Regional councillors will decide today (Wednesday) on whether to ban or approve this year's deer hunting season in Halton's forests.

Lead levels safe in schools

Halton Hills schools and day care centres will be safe from high lead levels if taps are flushed each morning, a Halton Regional health report released last week says.

Six Ontario schools tested by the CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation) last December were found to have lead levels higher than the ministry of the environment guideline of 50 parts per billion (ppb) of lead. Abbey Lane School in Oakville was the only Halton school that tested over the allowable lead level.

The lead level reports prompted a province-wide testing of all 3,800 elementary schools and 21 high schools. Halton Hills tested its elementary schools, arenas and day care centres.

Lead exposure can cause elevated blood pressure in adults

and can impair a child's learning abilities if she or he is exposed to it, the Regional health report says. "Lead exposure can cause biochemical changes, impairment of the blood-forming process, changes in kidney function and Vitamin D metabolism" and nervous system disease.

But water pipes tested in Halton Hills got a clean bill of health. The Maple Avenue Nursery School, the Little Cherub Nursery School and Norval Nursery were within safe limits of lead in water at .64, .46 and 2.6 ppb of lead, respectively.

Acton Arena, Georgetown Memorial Arena and Gordon Alcott Arena tested below 50 ppb of lead at .66 ppb for Acton, 3.1 ppb for Georgetown arena and .77 ppb of lead at Alcott.

Milton day care centres didn't

fare as well in the joint ministry of education and ministry of the environment survey. The Primary Colours Pre-School registered lead levels of 170 ppb before being flushed with water to clean out lead build-up. The pipes registered lead at 33 ppb when retested. The Safe and Sound Children's Centre in Milton registered 33 ppb of lead when tested.

The primary cause of lead levels in water is the lead solder used in pipes, plumbing fixtures and lead service lines, the Regional report says. But the water running through school and daycare pipes is safe.

"This survey showed that lead should not be a problem in drinking water at schools if the school's properly flush...their plumbing each morning."

Homeowners fight garden centre

By DONNA KELL
Herald Staff

Some Sixth Line Stewarttown residents angrily opposed a rezoning application for what they say is an illegal garden operation south of Sideroad 15.

Halton Hills councillors received a petition from 24 Sixth Line residents who say the application by Jose Lima to rezone his 19-acre property from agricultural to commercial use is setting a bad precedent. They also said Mr. Lima's property is up for sale.

"Surely this attitude encourages individuals to cheat the system," a letter to town councillors said. "Why would any businessman buy expensive commercially-zoned property when it is so easy to rezone agricultural land?"

Mr. Lima was not present to speak in his own defense.

His lawyer, Bert Arnold said he was "not aware of any specific intent to sell" the Sixth Line property but said he would consult with his client.

Councillors heard that Mr. Lima has been using the land for a nursery since the spring. The Sixth Line residents say this is a "break-the-by-law-first-and-rezone-later approach" to gaining commercial land.

Residents at Monday night's public meeting in the Halton Hills Civic Centre said they were concerned with wells in the area going dry and with increased truck traffic from the nursery operation.

Sixth Line resident Jack Lemay said the nursery operation is a "fait accompli". He said the town will likely not reject the rezoning application.

"The answer we will get is 'well, that fellow is an entrepreneur and we don't' really want to shut down his operation at this point in time."

Mr. Lima asked councillors if they were going to "railroad" the application through the approval process.

"This isn't just a simple taking of an agricultural land and making it into a garden centre," he said. "The property is also up for sale. This has happened simultaneously with the zoning application."

"We have to question the sincerity" of the applicant, he said.

George Lock who owns a chicken farm beside the Lima property said his operation "could be in jeopardy."

"We've got two wells and the water levels in the wells are quite low and one is already dry," Mr. Lock told those at the public meeting.

"We are really in trouble here," his wife Anke added. "We will have to certainly go out of business. If we have no water, we have no chickens."

The letter attached to the residents' petition said that Mr. Lima's existing well has "run dry several times" over the summer.

"We are concerned that existing water wells on the property are not adequate to serve a nursery-garden centre operation," the letter to town councillors said.

"By rejecting Mr. Lima's application for rezoning, council will confirm to residents of Halton Hills that (they) place a value on the agricultural-residential character of Halton Hills."

Town planning staff will review the input from the public meeting and the water requirements for the site before approving or denying Mr. Lima's application.

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