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## Seniors for the Future

By Florence Wilkinson

Most of the seniors who are alive today can remember Canada as wide open spaces. Sunday afternoon stroll was a stroll through the woods or through the park - not through the mall or through the downtown streets.

The stories told to me, as a young person, were memories of Toronto when the houses at St. Claire and Yonge Streets had outdoor privies and wells with pumps in the back yards.

When I was going to university, I used to hitch a ride with a cousin who drove a truck which delivered papers from the Toronto Star to the buses in Hamilton terminal.

He delivered papers to the farm homes all along the new Queen E. highway - by throwing them out the window, often at the speed of sixty miles an hour, or faster if the paper run had been late.

Now, sixty-miles-an-hour in those days was fast! And farm homes were not so far apart! Who would even dream of stretches of farm homes along the Queen E. today? - or going sixty miles an hour, for that matter?

Which meandering brings me to the point of this article.

Change in life-style, change in open spaces, and build up of housing has gone much faster than governing bodies have been ready to handle.

The Town of Halton Hills would like to do something about this. Therefore, Councillors for the Town of Halton Hills have undertaken to construct a recreation master plan to address the cultural and recreational challenges of the future within Halton Hills.

Council will request, and will

appreciate public participation in developing this plan, and are wanting you to do something soon. A person, or a group may participate in three different ways.

The first, and most important way: During the month of January, 1993, there will be two meetings held at which persons or groups may make presentations. These will take place in Acton High School on January 12, 1993, at 7 p.m. and in Georgetown at the Cultural Centre, January 14, 1993, at 7 p.m.

Individuals or groups may also write briefs and hand them in at the Rec and Parks office; or they may phone Brenda Payton at 877-7578, or speak to the local councillor.

A master plan for recreation will, I expect, take in outdoor activity, such as hiking and bike trails along the beautiful waterways which we have in our area; and indoor activi-

ties, such as the proposed future seniors centre.

There is such a wide variety of activity which comes under the heading "recreation".

For this reason, if for no other, the steering committee working on the master plan will need all the input which they can get - input from those who can look backward and think of some of the ways which renewed and refreshed the older generation; and from those who can look forward and visualize, or at least dream of, the kind of things which will be possible in our forever changing technological future.

Mid-January comes very quickly! Maybe you can ask Santa Claus to bring you some ideas for Christmas. Then you will be sure to have them in time for the January meetings.

## New commanding officer for #676 army cadets

Members of #676 Corps held a Change of Command Parade to welcome their new Commanding Officer.

On Wednesday, 4 Nov. 1992 at the Georgetown Armoury, Captain A. Ross, CO relinquished command. The new Commanding Officer is Captain J.H. Harrison, CO. Captain Ross has been CO for the past three years. He is not retiring from the Corps but will continue to serve as Quartermaster.

The 1992/1993 Army Cadet training year has begun. Young people 12-18 years of age are welcome on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. Activities are centered on citizenship, leadership and outdoor adventure training. Uniforms are loaned at no charge and summer camp from two to six weeks is included. No registration fee is charged for admittance to the cadet corps.

#676 Corps will be canvassing on 10/11/12 Dec. by selling tags. The sale of tags is one of the main sources of fund raising. All monies received are used solely for the support of the corps. Helping to refurbish sporting equipment and allowing the cadets to participate in cultural visits and other extra activities.



# Santa Claus

## is coming to town!

Wednesday, Dec. 16 & Monday, Dec. 21  
 from 6 to 8 p.m. at

Acton **IGA** Hometown Proud!

Photos with Santa are \$2.00 each and will be available for pick-up on Thursday, Dec. 17 and Tuesday, Dec. 22

Russ Miller (Santa's Elf) will be there to hand out candy canes! Free coffee and popcorn while you wait!

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