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Second-year Boy Scout and Assistant Patrol Leader of the Georgetown 4th, Alex Adcock, participated in the big snow-camping event overnight Saturday. The scouts were at Enby Park, just west of Acton, and one of the activities on their busy schedule was to make tandem snowshoes. Scout Leader of the Milton 6th, John Tome, gave Alex a hand with the drill. Photo by Laura Salverda

Rural residents angry about garbage dilemma

By Dianne Cornish

Halton Hills councillors were roundly criticized Monday for not looking out for the "best interests" of the town's rural residents who now must travel to the Milton landfill to dispose of their garbage. For the past 12 years, hamlet and rural residents have had the option of free disposal at the Leferink Transfer Station, on Armstrong Avenue, Georgetown. Actually, the costs were absorbed through urban area service taxes throughout Halton Region.

Late last fall, the region decided to discontinue funding support to the Leferink plant, as well as two other container stations in Halton. As a result, plant manager Bert Leferink initiated a user fee of \$1.50 per bag, effective Jan. 1 of this year. That means that 3,400 rural residents in Halton Hills must now pay the fee or take their garbage to the Halton landfill site in Milton where it'll be disposed of at no cost.

"We expect our (town) council to resolve issues before they become an irritant to the community," Limehouse area resident Rob Barlow told councillors at Monday's committee meeting.

Barlow not only criticized the regional decision, but also criti-

cized the town's representatives on regional council, all of whom supported the regional action. Town council had two-and-a-half months to look after the interests of the rural residents but public input wasn't called for before the decision was made.

Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson, one of the town's representatives at the region and chairperson of Halton's planning and public works committee, argued that the continuation of regional support to the transfer stations is "a duplication of service" because the Halton landfill is now open and rural garbage can be disposed of there. "Everybody is on our backs to cut costs and not duplicate services," she said.

While the lifting of funding support for container stations is expected to save the region about \$800,000 yearly, a rural Halton Hills resident suggested Monday that the saving will be borne by rural residents. On average, Halton Hills rural residents who travel to the Milton landfill 30 times a year to dispose of garbage will spend about \$300 annually on gas, Doug Young said. If 3,400 residents make the trips, it'll cost more than \$1 million to "move the garbage by rural residents to the free drop-off."

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Georgetown man re-elected as Chamber head

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce recently announced Pat Palmer of Georgetown has been elected as President of the Ontario Chamber for a second term. Palmer will also serve as Chairman of the Chamber's Board of Directors during 1993.

Joining him as officers of the Executive Council of the Ontario Chamber are: Don Eastman, Vice-President, Policy; Ron Foxcroft, Vice-President, Plans & Priorities; Ted McCollum, Treasurer; Tayce Wakefield, Vice-President, Government & Business Relations and Jane Weatherbie, Vice-

President, Development.

"Ontario business is facing many challenges in 1993, and the Ontario Chamber team will continue to strive to ensure that business concerns are heeded at Queen's Park," the Chamber president said.

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce is the province's largest and most broadly-based business organization, with 65,000 members across Ontario. It is the recognized "Voice of Business in Ontario."

For more information, contact the Ontario Chamber of Commerce at (416) 482-5222.



Pat Palmer

Come on, Halton Hills, let's lighten up

By Wendy Long

This Friday is "Lighten Up, Canada!" Day. Canadians everywhere (in particular, those in Halton Hills) will don red noses and chuckle their way through what would normally be just another blah February day.

Lighten Up, Canada is the product of Jack Carpenter, whose enthusiasm is infectious. Carpenter, an Acton resident and broadcaster with CKCO TV, kicked off the red nose nuttiness last year. He encourages everyone to put on a red nose (49 cents plus tax, available in stores everywhere) and have fun. The day isn't a fundraiser, just a good reason to smile.

The day will begin for Halton Hills citizens with a flag raising kick-off at 9 a.m. at the Civic Centre. Hot chocolate and coffee will be served.

A short drive up to Acton at 11 a.m. will guarantee you a sight to remember—the longest line of red noses you can imagine!

More than 1,200 eager red-nose wearers have indicated an interest in participating in the event, which will hopefully get Acton mentioned in the Guinness Book of World Records. Participants will also be trying for a town and provincial record.

Mill Street will be the focus for this hooter-honker of an event with many schoolchildren taking part.

As well, throughout the day, citizens proudly wearing their red schnozzes can cash in on some super deals at several local businesses.

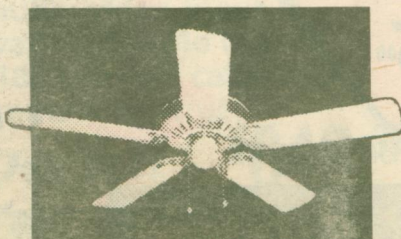
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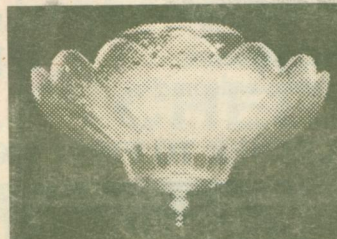
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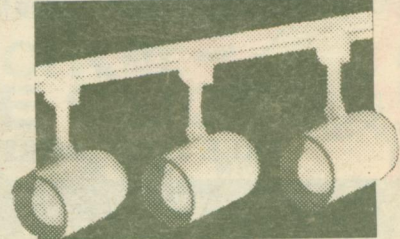
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