

## EDITORIAL

With Hartley Coles



# Acton losing again?

The Halton Hills Recreation Master Plan was unveiled recently at a public meeting at Acton District High School and it reflected some of our concerns about regional governments.

As one resident declared "It seems to me Georgetown is becoming the centre of recreational services. I don't feel Acton is getting a fair share of new facility development."

The consultants who prepared and submitted the Plan, the Institute of Environmental Research Planning and Management Services (IER) of Concord, Ontario, have no axes to grind. However, their representatives pointed out that the relatively slow growth of Acton and the expectation that Georgetown would double its population in the next 10 years, had an important bearing on the Plan.

IER felt there was no indication of overwhelming needs in Halton Hills but submitted more than a hundred recommendations divided up into several categories such as recreation facilities, parks and open space, programs and services. Acton, it was felt, has a gradually aging population while Georgetown could look forward to having a lot of young families moving into the community and would need more extensive facilities. Obviously they felt that seniors, who have paid the bills for years, don't count as much as the younger newcomers to the Town.

Nevertheless their short term recommendations do include replacement of the Acton arena within the next three years but you'll find little else of major import for Acton in the Plan, which also recommends feasibility studies for a new 25 metre indoor swimming pool in Georgetown to replace the existing high school pool.

Major projects in the medium and long term recommendations were long on Georgetown and short on Acton. The medium term included construction of the Georgetown pool, a community multipurpose programming space, an arts resource centre and replacement of the Georgetown Memorial Arena which is beginning to show its age.

Long term recommendations for seven to 10 years included two more major Georgetown projects — development of an outdoor performance space at Cedarvale Park and an arena for Georgetown South.

Although IER spokesperson Jill Whitelaw points out many of the proposed facilities were recommended without specifying a location, the bent of the study suggests Georgetown, with its much larger population, would get the lion's share.

Consequently, unless Acton can get some of the much needed growth coming to Halton Hills it is not likely we'll count for very much in the broader scheme of recreation plans in Halton Hills. It is imperative we have that growth if we are to remain a viable business and commercial centre within the Town of Halton Hills as well as a good place to call home.

## LETTERS

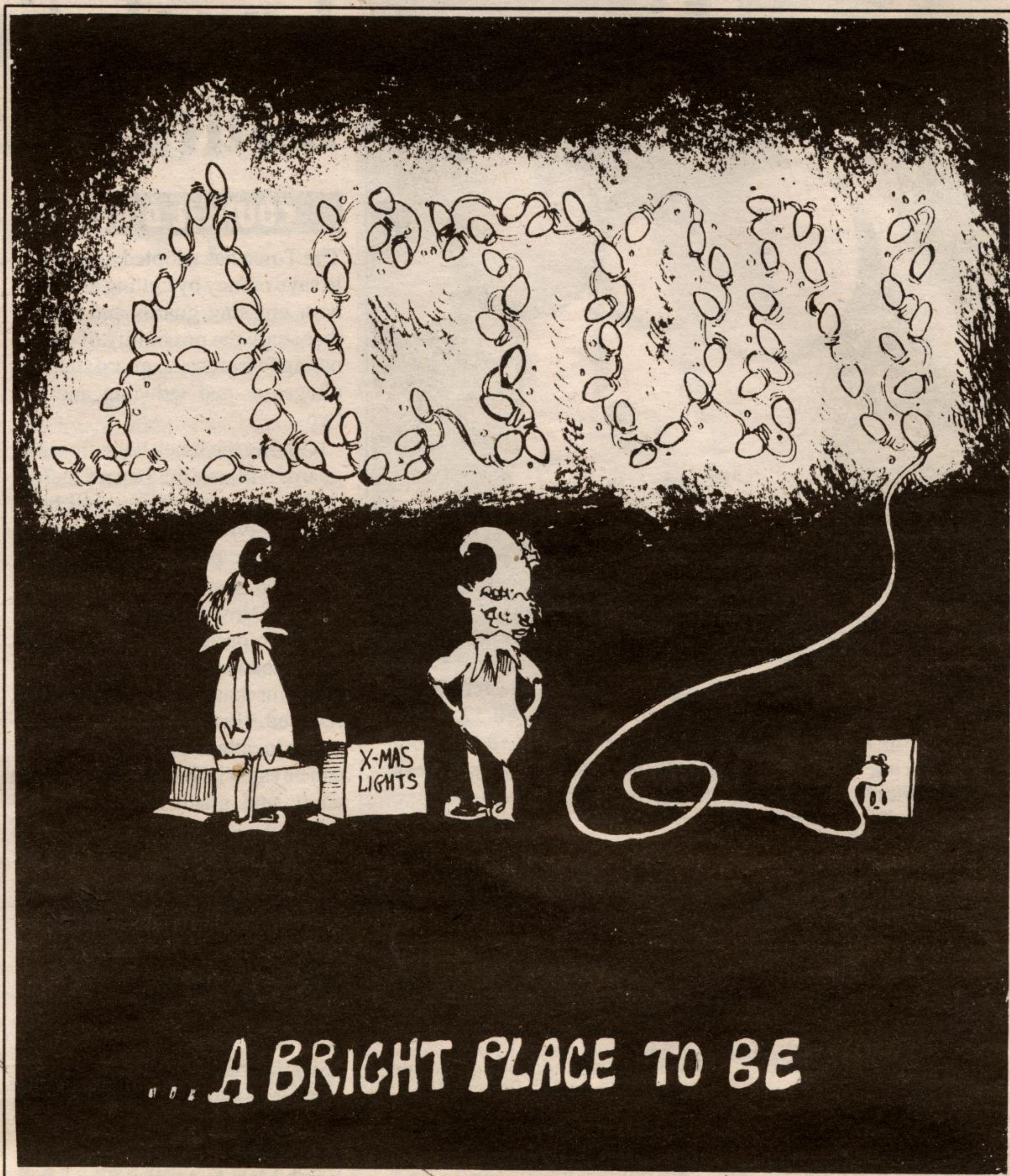
### P.O.W.E.R.'S efforts appreciated

To the Editor,

After hearing Mr. Paul Muldoon speak on the Great Lakes at P.O.W.E.R.'s annual meeting, I feel compelled to put pen to paper. He spoke about the aquifers being the life blood of the Great Lakes. This brings home most emphatically that we should, indeed we must, protect our water and environmental resources.

This brings to mind people like Barbara Halsall who have devoted endless time, energy, and money in the interest of our community. They should not be ignored but should be listened to, since the wisdom they are expounding makes good environmental sense. My husband and I are senior citizens and have lived long enough to have seen many changes in the course of our lifetime. We realize the importance of the aquifers in the limestone formation under the Niagara Escarpment and hopefully the powers that be will too. Keep up the good work Barbara. You are truly appreciated by many more people than you know.

Marjorie Kirkwood,  
Acton



A BRIGHT PLACE TO BE

# Santa Claus visits Legion on Dec. 19

## LEGION NEWS

BY HARRY NORTON

Winners for Wednesday's bridge game were Grant Allan, Mary Irwin and Lil Howson. Last Thursday's euchre winners were Jean Milne, Grant Allan, Ukie, Marge Woodhouse, Dorothy Presniak and Dorothy Jordan.

On Saturday, the 15 meat prizes were won by Charlie Allen (2), Pat Chamberland (2), David Lewis, M. Hillier, Brian Koebel, Jean Garden, Steve Amirault (2), Anna Marie Lowin, John Hoare, G.V?, Barb Andrews and Gerry Clayton.

The Loonie draw was won by Helen Otterbien, so you see it pays

to visit the Branch regularly.

Coming Events: bridge, euchre and the meat draw on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, Dec. 8, 9 and 11.

General: Santa has confirmed that he will be at the Legion on Dec. 19 between 2 and 4 pm. If your name was given to Sharon don't forget to have Mom and Dad bring you down on that Sunday.

Over 50% of the membership paid their dues early enough to qualify as Early Birds. You late birds or procrastinators will want to pay up when you come to the Branch on Jan. 1, 1994 for the President Levee. The Branch will be open on Jan. 1, 1994 from 1 to 5 pm.

## B.W.I. discusses escarpment

Reina Morrison's home was the gathering place for the Bannockburn Women's Institute's November meeting.

Anne Hollis opened the meeting with a few minutes in silent prayer for Ada Sinclair who passed away Oct. 27. We will miss her smiling face and happy disposition.

Roll Call: "Give a suggestion for protecting our natural environment" was answered by all the members.

Gerola Potzel gave a very good detailed report of the Area Con-

vention.

Plans were made for our December Christmas meeting to be held at Linda Cairn's place.

Ruth Linham gave the motto and the meeting was turned over to Gerda. Gerda spoke about the Niagara Escarpment and showed a film and handed out pamphlets. It was a very interesting topic.

Dessert was served by Ina Peterson and Reina and a social time followed.

Isabel McDonald thanked everyone and the meeting came to a close.

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