



TIME TO GET UP, YOU SAY! Cinderella's friends, the mice and birds, skate in a circle during one of the opening scenes in the Acton Figure Skating Club's performance of Cinderella, held at the Acton Arena last weekend. The cast included costumed animals, vegetables, flowers, tea cups and more. (Karen Wetmore photo)

Rural cluster expansion denied

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Acton tanner

Proposed plans to expand the boundary of the Bannockburn rural cluster were defeated in a 6-6 tie vote of General Committee members following a three-hour debate on Monday night.

For the 46 residents who live on the Fourth Line, north of Hwy. 7, the vote was a victory, but it may be temporary.

One Georgetown councillor was absent from the meeting and if he is at Council on Tuesday when the issue will be ratified, the outcome could change, depending on which way he votes.

Neighbours of the proposed Monckton development are worried that the new eight lots will affect the qual-

ity and quantity of their well water and change the character of the community.

One resident, Angelo Cianfarani, insists that problems he had with his well running dry and filling with sand four years ago were caused by the proponent drilling a test well 150 feet from his well.

Fourth Line resident David Craig, spoke for all of the Fourth Line residents who oppose the expansion: "My projection is that there will be excessive water use by those homes and that pollution from them will seep into the tributary of the Black Creek [that runs behind the property]."

Craig added that if Town Council approved the plan, residents would want some

absolute guarantee that they would have water if their wells were to run dry.

But Town planning director Bruce MacLean said that while it was the Region's responsibility to review the water issues, no one would guarantee anyone water.

Councillor Gerald Rennie voted against the proposal, saying, "growth in the area is

really almost at a standstill. To add further empty lots doesn't make a lot of sense."

Councillor Norm Elliott voted in favour of expanding the rural cluster, saying that if rural growth is to occur in hamlets and clusters, as outlined in the Town's and Region's Official Plans, then this proposal is the logical place to approve it.

Henderson is top Citizen

George Henderson is Acton's Citizen of the Year for 1996.

The 47-year-old Cobblehill Road resident was named our community's top citizen at last night's (Tuesday's) meeting of the Acton Rotary Club, sponsors of the annual program.

"It was a real surprise," said an elated Henderson last night. "It was an honour just to be nominated, and I'm thrilled that people think of me in this way."

"It certainly gives you a warm feeling inside."

Henderson and his wife Sharon have four children.

Many Actonites know Henderson as a mail carrier with a friendly smile, but Rotarian Doug Fread said that he was recognized in nominations also for his work with the Agricultural Society, Scouts, his church and other local groups.

Details on the Citizen of the Year Banquet should be released by next week.

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NEWS SHORTS

Wallet taken from arena

The fairy godmother from *Cinderella* must have been too busy with the skating carnival last Saturday to notice that someone had slipped into the ladies' locker room at the Acton arena and taken a wallet from a purse. The theft occurred sometime between 9 and 10:50 pm.

The wallet was later found outside the arena building, with an undisclosed amount of money missing.

A possible suspect was seen both outside and inside the locker room earlier that evening. He is described as a male between 17 and 19 years of age with dark brown straight hair and wearing a blue and white jacket.

Attempted theft from car

A night owl McDonald Boulevard resident spotted someone approach a neighbour's car last Sunday at 3:30 am. The person opened the 1985 Oldsmobile's door and appeared to be rummaging around through its contents.

Nothing seemed to be taken from the car as a result. The suspect is described as an 18 to 20-year-old woman.

Threatening charge issued

A 38-year-old Acton man has been charged with uttering threats following an argument late Saturday night. The argument was between the man and a woman at their Mill Street apartment.

The man is alleged to have threatened to kill the woman. He was held in custody until his bail hearing last Monday.

Public intoxication charge

A Main Street South man was charged with being intoxicated in a public place after being involved in a "physical altercation," police say.

The man was arrested on Main Street near Church Street at 2:30 am last Sunday and was taken into custody for the night.

Town logo ideas needed

You could win \$1,000 for coming up with a new logo for Halton Hills. Entry deadline is April 26. Call Joy Thompson, 873-2600, ext. 263 for details.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Dave and I made a joint decision to close. His was made because of finances, mine was made because of disgust."
— Gord Labombard, Hoops, Pockets & More manager, Front Page

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