

Don't forget!

Today (Wednesday) is your last day to submit your entry for the Historical Halloween Hunt sponsored by the Acton BIA and *The Acton Tanner*. Drop by Power Entertainment at 8 pm Halloween night where the first 11 entries drawn will receive trick-or-treat bags full of goodies!

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CRAFTY LADY!

Gladys Price shows some her crafts which were for sale at Knox Presbyterian Church's Christmas bazaar held last Saturday. Draws were held for a quilt and a doll at the bazaar. The winner of the quilt was Shelley Scheeringa of Hillsburgh and the winner of the doll was Dorothy Merry of Milton. (Jennifer Flesch photo)

Rules ease for quarries

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

The Acton Tanner

United Aggregates Limited (UAL) and other long-time quarry operators on the Niagara Escarpment do not require permits for most of their mining operations under new rules announced recently by Environment Minister Norm Sterling.

Under the new regulation quarry companies can cut trees and remove soil and rock to the water table level in the Niagara Escarpment area before having to apply for a development permit from the Niagara Escarpment Commission - the watchdog of the world-renowned landmark.

The legislation overturns two court judgments against UAL that said the company required a development permit for expansion plans at the Acton Quarry. The Minister said the regulation just re-establishes the practice for permits that existed before UAL lost the court battles, but several environmental groups accuse the government of doing a run-around the law protecting the escarp-

ment.

In late summer environmental groups were angered when the province proposed a regulation to exempt UAL and other aggregate producers from requiring Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Area permits. The new regulation means that companies will still need a permit at the point when their quarry reaches the water table and they need to pump water to mine the limestone.

Local environmentalist Rita Landry, who, with the help of the Sierra Legal Defence Fund, privately charged UAL with mining without a required development permit, said the new regulation sends three troubling messages to Ontarians.

"First, it says that when citizens want to enforce environmental laws, the government may change the rules

to benefit industry. Second, it sends the message that the government believes the unique and treasured escarpment is no longer worth protecting, and it sends the message that, despite a Ministerial change in the Environment and Energy portfolio, the Harris anti-environment agenda is full-steam ahead," Landry said, noting that the private prosecution against UAL will continue.

NEC Director Nars Borodczak said that he expected that the Commission would look favourably on the new regulation.

"All it does is confirm that the way we were doing business in the past was the right way, so we lost no authority," Borodczak explained recently.

"We will be expecting UAL to file for a development permit like we did three or four years ago."

Meet teachers at parents' night

ACTON HIGH NEWS

BY JOYCE BRADLEY

*Mid-term reports and
the new secondary
school diploma*

All students and parents will receive mid-term reports in the mail after Nov. 5. Enclosed with the reports is a school newsletter and a booklet from the Ministry of Education and Training inviting you to give input to their recommendations about the new secondary school diploma.

This diploma will go into effect for the Grade 9s who enter high school in September '98. The Ministry is recommending that the number of credits increase from 30 to 37 with each credit being about 20 hours shorter than current credits. They also very much want students to stay in high school only four years. If you have questions, please call the school.

Parents' Night

Parents' Night gives parents an opportunity to talk to all the teachers of their students.

It is scheduled for Nov. 14. Please bring your student with you.

Take Your Kids to Work Day

This opportunity for all Grade 9 students to see what their parents actually do is slated for Nov. 6. Parents who are unable to take their children to work with them can make alternate arrangements through Mr. Jones or Mrs. Kruegar in Student Planning.

Community meeting re: accommodation and renewal

There will be a meeting at our school on Nov. 19 in the evening for any parents who wish to make a presentation to Board members about any aspect of the Accommodation or Renewal Reports: school configuration, French immersion, user fees, special education, or secondary school reform.

All members of the public are invited to attend. The time of the meeting will be announced when we find out how many delegations there will be.

Post-secondary education night

This program, put on by our Student Planning Department, is on Nov. 7 at 7 pm. The purpose of the evening is to inform students and parents about the costs, application process and life at college and university. There will be a former graduate in attendance and there will be plenty of time to ask questions. Application forms will be given out at this time.

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Zero Tolerance

The Halton Regional Police Service advises that they will be maintaining "Zero Tolerance" toward those who believe that "Halloween" or "Devil's Night" is a time to do damage or mischief.

A charge of mischief to property in the Criminal Code can lead to 6 months in jail or a \$2000 fine. The Highway Traffic Act provides a fine of \$105 for littering: i.e. throwing eggs on highway property.

The Town of Halton Hills bylaws for littering also provide a fine of \$105.

If you are throwing anything and hit another person you could be arrested and charged with assault.

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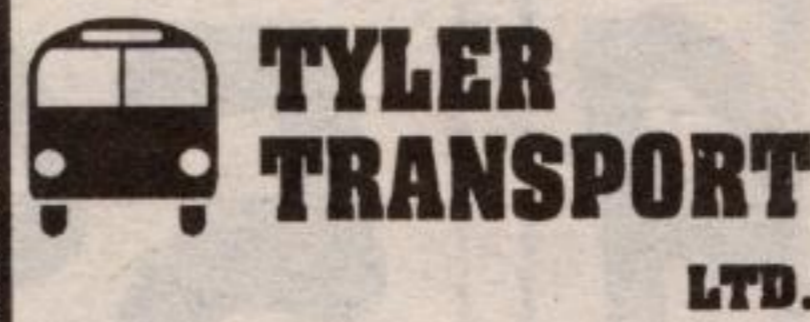
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