

Around Halton

New Halton Chief

The Halton Regional Police Services Board has announced that Ean Algar has been appointed Chief of Police of the Halton Region Police Service. Algar currently holds the position of Deputy Chief. He will assume duties as Chief of Police effective January 1, 1999, replacing Chief Peter Campbell.

Algar spent some time in Georgetown as 11 Division Commander. He was also one of the chief investigators in the Dominion Hotel fire in Acton.

Zorba in Georgetown

Canada's leading sculpture foundry has been commissioned by famous actor Anthony Quinn to produce a life size sculpture of "Zorba" in bronze. Quinn played the lead character in the movie Zorba.

Artcast artists-technicians, assisted Mr. Quinn with the enlarging of the sculpture entitled Zorba to life-size from a 17 inch model which Anthony Quinn had made earlier in his studio. Quinn and his family visited Artcast in Georgetown on Oct. 29 where he worked with the Artcast technicians to finalize the work and approve the

enlarged version of the sculpture for casting.

The Meier-Naef Gallery of Barrie is organizing an Anthony Quinn Art Exhibition and Sale at the Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Avenue W., Toronto, from December 5 to 20.

Artcast has been casting sculptures for over 30 years in Georgetown.

Milton Arts Centre

Arts Milton is staging a major campaign to have an arts centre included in the Town of Milton's Official Plan. As a result of the anticipated surge in growth in the Milton area, councillors are developing a new Official Plan for the Town.

"The arts are the soul of the community but for far too long our artists and artisans have had to struggle to find a venue for their work," said Jim Douglas, president of Arts Milton. "We have been able to establish strong support from the community for our work but we have had to make do with far less than perfect conditions for its presentation," he added.

Arts Milton believes that supporting the cultural core of the community is not just culturally and socially important; it also makes good business sense.

Firefighters working on new contract

BY MAGGIE PETRUSHEVSKY
The New Tanner

Contract negotiations between the Town of Halton Hills and its 80 volunteer firefighters have been ongoing for more than a year.

Wade Vickery of the Acton Volunteer Firefighters' Association says the volunteers signed their last contract with the Town in 1992. Negotiators met Monday.

"The negotiations are slow but we are continuing to meet," Vickery said.

Chief Bill Cunningham said the 1992 deal was the last time arrangements between the volunteers and the Town were formalized. These ongoing negotiations are "working toward a more structured agreement dealing with their compensation for the duties they perform."

There are 35 volunteers working out of Acton's

Churchill Road station and 45 at the Maple Avenue station in Georgetown.

Pressures for a paid force have been "ongoing for a considerable period," Cunningham said, and nothing has changed about that. Those pressures result from the increased workload now facing the force. Not only do some of the volunteers work out-of-town, the ones who are locally employed may not be able to leave their job or may be putting an unfair burden on their employer because of the number of calls they receive.

When the department received one or two calls a week it was one thing, Cunningham said. But now that they may be called out several times a day the situation is quite different.

"Even volunteers who own their own businesses may be feeling the strain of the disruption to their schedule," Cunningham said.



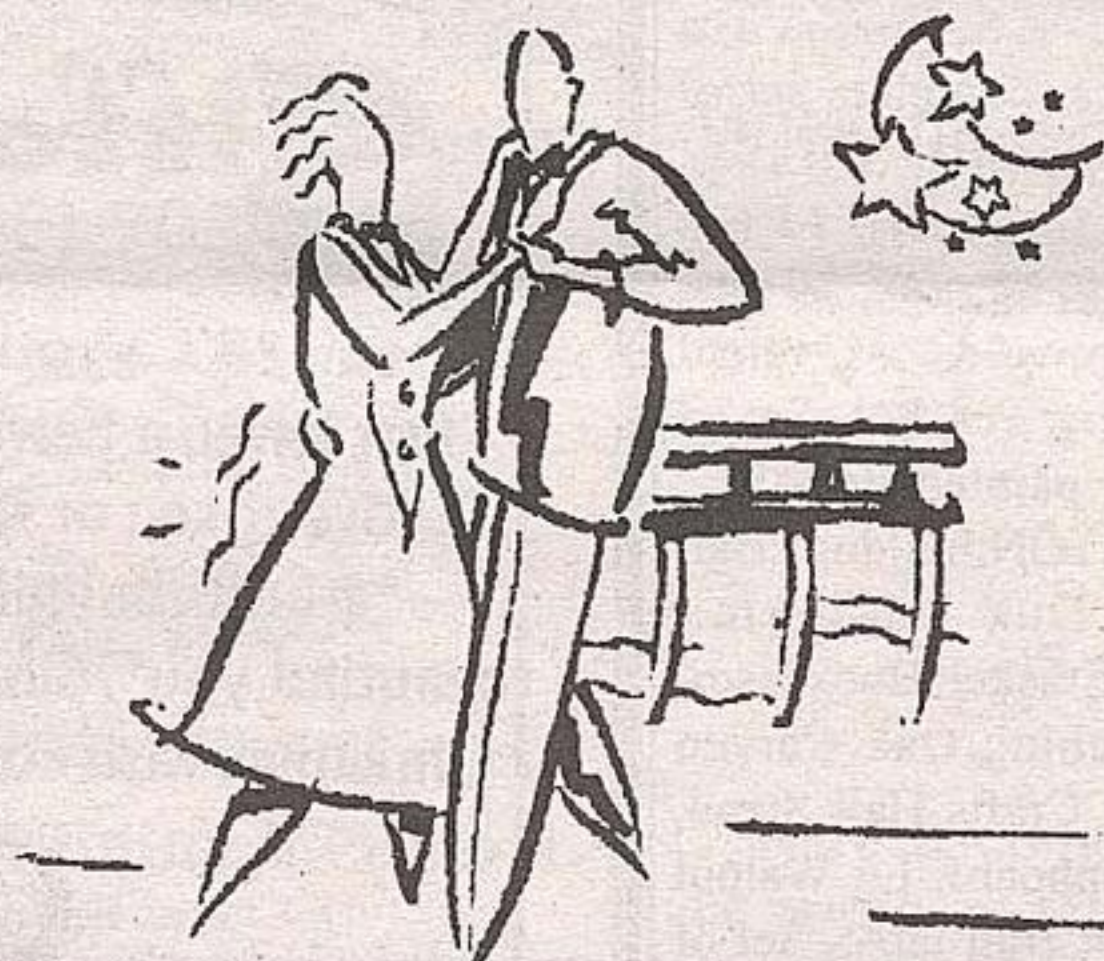
MRS. GREENTHUMBS: In her "Sunday Best", Joyce Sprowl was busy at the IODE Bazaar selling the newest trend at bazaars...plants - Ted Tyler photo



ENJOYING AN AFTERNOON SNACK at the IODE Bazaar were Ilio and Sandra Marzo. - Ted Tyler photo

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Keri Dudas, 10, celebrated her birthday Friday, when everyone else was celebrating The Day of the Child. Seen with Tracy Little, staffer at the Acton Junior Y, Keri attends the after school programme at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo

LETTERS

Fantastic evening

Dear Editor

Tonight, Tuesday Nov. 24, we went to the senior citizens' dinner, which has been held for a number of years now in the Legion hall.

For us it was the first time and I, like I am sure on behalf of all who were there, would like to thank the Legion and the Rotary Club for this fantastic evening, naturally also to all who participated including the Acton Citizens' Band, the Royal

City Ambassadors Barber-shop Chorus and the kitchen staff, for the delicious meal and also the appearance from the Queen and Santa.

We are proud to live here, seeing the younger and the business people serving the seniors - showing respect to all, regardless of standing and ideological background.

It was an evening of spiritual delight.

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