

DISASTER

Georgetown high school theatrical arts students were the gore smeared victims in a mock disaster which taxed local emergency services Wednesday. Under particular scrutiny was the hospital's ability to handle such an emergency. See story and more pictures on page 5.



This teen's back is badly scraped. The nurses are Mrs. Cathy Martin, left, and Mrs. Lorraine Kennedy.



Waiting to serve wherever needed is nursing assistant Mrs. Dayina Barber.



The 'injured' were checked initially in the hospital lobby, which was converted to a receiving area. At left is Dr. Alan Thompson, at right GVAS ambulance man John Armstrong.

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Chief Lauds Teens for Hallowe'en Behaviour

When November 1 dawned in Georgetown there were still many dozens of eggs unsold, and most store windows lacked their customary Palmolive printing. Both facts served as strong evidence backing up Police Chief Harley Lowe's assessment that this was one of the quietest Hallowe'ens in years.

"There were a few incidents, but they were minor," he told The Herald. "But it was such a quiet night that I was surprised."

He said that Georgetown fared better than most of the surrounding towns and villages where damaging "pranks" were still very much a part of the goings on.

"I think the main reason for the easy time we had of it is the local teenagers. They're a pretty good bunch," he said.

Another reason may have been the precautions taken. Sixteen firemen and 15 police officers were on duty — just in case.

OMB Promises Re-Hearing For Mountainview Apt.

Two municipal board decisions, denying zoning changes are being challenged by property owners interested in making use of their property.

Council learned Monday that the board had reviewed a turn-down for apartments on Mountainview Road and Campbell Gate and will have a re-hearing. Aler Investments' plan for apartments, supported by council, but opposed by several area residents, was vetoed by the board recently. The property is presently zoned for commercial use.

Mrs. Leigh Johnston is continuing efforts to have a Caroline Street lot changed from industrial zoning to allow a house to be built on a lot she owns there.

A letter from her solicitor asked council's consideration in having all the property on the street which is backed by Abitibi Provincial paper mill changed to residential. Spot zoning is not allowed.

Harasses, Claim Anti-Loitering

An offshoot of last week's recreation meeting when representatives of interested organizations passed resolutions suggesting major reorganization of present boards, was a complaint by a teenage group about the town's anti-loitering by-law.

"They claimed they are being harassed by the police," Cr. Sandy Mackenzie told council on Monday. "and I thought I should mention this to council."

Mayor Emmerson said the proper place for a discussion would be at a committee meeting.

"If there was enough support a motion could then be brought to council to amend or repeal the by-law," he said.

The by-law was passed a few years ago to allow the police to stop loitering, particularly in the downtown areas.

Award Contracts Roads, Sewers

Two contracts for major road work were awarded by town council on Monday.

John Cucci Ltd., a Toronto firm will receive \$390,979 for reconstruction of Maple and Tyers Avenue and storm sewers on Main Street South.

Armstrong Brothers, Brampton, were awarded a \$139,661 contract for Delrex Blvd.

Both were the lowest tenders received for the jobs.

Hyde Claims Design Fee is Too High

A \$1,434 account for designing outdoor lighting for baseball games in the park, was withdrawn from council's accounts Monday when Cr. Ern Hyde termed it exorbitant.

The park project stalled recently when original cost estimates of \$40,000 proved to be too small.

"We're obliged to pay," said Cr. Donna Denison. "The Winters Association firm was hired and it doesn't mean the job was badly done because it did not suit our purposes."

Deputy Reeve Speight said he was under the impression the design fee would be much less, and the account was withdrawn for further checking.

Ask Drastic Cuts In School Salaries

Doctors Angry, Say Benson Distorted Income Facts

Finance Minister Edgar Benson's charge that doctors have had higher increases in income than any other group in the country has been called "a shocking distortion of facts" by Halton doctors.

The Halton County Medical Society in a statement released Thursday said "we strongly resent the implication of Mr. Benson's remark and are not prepared to remain silent scapegoats before the bar of public opinion."

Benson made his statement at the Ontario Hospital Association meeting in Toronto Oct. 28.

The Halton doctors said in the past 10 years medical fees in Ontario have increased only 3.2 per cent annually compared to the cost of living rise about five per cent.

They said doctors are working harder and longer hours than ever before "and crowded waiting rooms attest to the continuing shortage of new doctors."

They blame this shortage on

"short-sighted and inadequate government planning."

The Halton society said it appears Benson wants to give the impression that increased health service costs are the result of higher doctors' fees.

"In fact, the latest available figures indicate that the payments to physicians as a per cent of total health costs dropped 1 in 247 in 1957 to 17 per cent in 1966."

The Halton society blames the higher bill on rising hospital construction and operating costs.

"The inability of Queen's Park to solve the financing of this vital sector of health services is just another melancholy reflection of political expediency."

THREE RINKS

Three outdoor skating rinks will operate in town this winter.

Council Monday authorized the rinks at Kennedy school, Harrison school and Cedarvale park, for youngsters to enjoy outdoor skating.

Twp. Would Chop Trustees' Fee In Half, Freeze Teachers' Pay

A fifty per cent cut in school board trustees' fees, from \$3000 per year to \$1,500 and the elimination of a mileage allowance, was one of the first of many recommendations unanimously endorsed by Esqueping council, Monday night.

The next hard-hitting clause called for a reduction of 25% in the salaries of all employees of the Halton County School Board receiving over \$18,000 a year, and a 15% reduction for those receiving between \$12,000 and \$18,000.

The lengthy resolution sponsored by Cr. Ken Marshall, a long-time critic of the Halton County School Board spending practices, stated he knew he criticized, so now felt he should offer something constructive.

"If the Board members can't serve for \$1,500 a year, they shouldn't be there," he remarked.

The third clause in the page long resolution urged all school boards to join together in holding teacher's salaries at the pre-

sent level. "It is time to consider that teachers and board employees in many cases seek employment in these fields to avoid the competition of private business and to avoid any possible unemployment. In some cases the reasons for teaching are June, July and August," continued the document.

The School Board was urged to aim for a sharp reduction in the number of consultants and others "who only advise."

"This can be effected by demanding a higher standard of teacher training and a moratorium on teaching innovations until times are more stable" stated the resolution.

The use of existing buildings for temporary classrooms where there is a chance that pupil enrolment may decline in the next five years, was advocated.

Cr. Marshall's proposal suggested that buildings are being built for the present number of pupils rather than the future number, which may be declining.

The last two suggestions asked the school board to confer with councils before setting their financial estimates, and to publish the estimates and hold a public meeting where they could be discussed.

The few comments volunteered as the resolution passed unanimously were:

Deputy reeve Tom Hill "A lot of other councils in Halton have been thinking the same thing, now maybe they'll do something."

Reeve George Currie, "A well written document, and a lot of sense."

Cr. Ken Marshall, "The people just can't afford to keep paying higher taxes."

Would Make Stores Of Former Garage

A plan for stores in what was the Masson Motors garage at the Edward Street corner will be studied by the planning board.

At the request of George Thomas, who is interested in developing the now-vacant property, council on Monday gave him permission to present his proposal directly to the planning board.

A zoning change would be necessary to allow stores on the site.



"Greetings comrade," might have been the salutation from this little caller Friday night. But it was a Russian soldier at all. Just little Lynn Haddock out to fill that six quart basket. Treating outweighed tricking Hallowe'en night.

Initiate Action, Improved Parking is Downtown Goal

A \$25,000 plan to provide better parking facilities downtown took its first step Monday when council gave two readings to a by-law to borrow up to this amount for the project.

First phase of a scheme which received majority approval at a meeting of merchants and property owners earlier this year, will be to surface and light a large area presently used for free parking which lies behind one Main Street block. Later, other parking locations would be sought at other parts of the downtown area.

"This is an exciting thing. It really turns me on" said Cr. Hyde.

Donna Denison. "The benefits will go a long way."

Explaining that this part of an overall plan for rejuvenating the downtown commercial area, Cr. Sandy Mackenzie stressed that it will cost the general taxpayer nothing. Costs will be assessed to property owners benefitting, on an assessment basis.

Queried by Cr. Ern Hyde whether individuals know what their cost will be, Cr. Mackenzie said this information is available in the by-law.

"I presume there will be a municipal board hearing and everyone will make themselves aware of the cost," said Cr. Hyde.

SILVER WEDDING

On Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gudgeon, 9 Normandy Boulevard, entertained guests and relatives at a dinner given by their children to celebrate their silver wedding anniversary.

Guests were from New York, Hamilton, Hanover, Guelph, Toronto, Milton, Acton and Georgetown.

—High school commencement will be held this year on Friday, November 14th.



LITTLE PEOPLE GO FOR HALLOWE'EN IN A BIG WAY

From left are Jo-Annie Keen, Duane Halcher, Angela Grant, Marilyn Jones and Bonnie Halcher, some of the kindergarten pupils at Park Public School who did their thing Friday, dressing in colourful and imaginative costumes in the Hallowe'en tradition. Youngsters in junior grades in schools throughout town and district marked the eve of All Saints Day by doing what they love to do best — dressing up.