

## Rapid completion for Church St.

People who live in the Church St. area won't be inconvenienced long by the road reconstruction, according to works committee chairman Joe Hurst.

The short term contract to Capital Paving Ltd., Guelph, sets the completion schedule at little over one month.

The sewer system on Church Street was installed last year and will be retained. The road base is being removed and new granular fill installed and compacted. Curbs and gutters will be added with sidewalks in designated areas.

Councillor Hurst said that it'll be rough for residents of the area but construction will move rapidly.

Acton Hydro have cut the tops off some poles and may have to move six for the construction flow. The company started excavating last Tuesday and the job foreman estimated completion near the end of June. Capital Paving has the \$127,675 contract without the taking of subcontractors.



CAPITAL PAVING LTD. of Guelph was awarded the short-term contract for reconstruction of Church St. which has been underway over a week. Works Committee Chairman, Joseph Hurst, said the work should be complete by the end of June.



DOUG MASON switches the power on for the Church Street and Bovis subdivision areas of town which were without power part of Saturday and Sunday. A cup of hot coffee couldn't be had for several hours. The shut off was due to the Church St. reconstruction.

## Court improvements slated for 1975 budget

Improvements at the tennis courts were discussed at the Thursday evening meeting of the Acton Recreation Advisory Committee held at Prospect Park.

John Cooper, recreation coordinator, told committee members of the screening to be put up on the fences to block the wind. These will be installed the same time the lights are, which will be when the budget is passed by Halton Hills council.

Other suggestions were made by the group. Ed Wood would like to see benches around the courts for spectators. Mr. Cooper agreed with this idea and told him he would look into it.

Mr. Wood would also like to see a hardboard installed for people to practice on when they do not have a partner. Mr. Cooper had considered this, but felt the wall of the nearby arena would suffice for anyone wishing this.

## Funds for Decoration Day

The town is contributing \$100 to help make Decoration Day a success.

Halton Hills council approved a grant of \$100 for the ceremonies which are always held the first Sunday in June.

## School thefts \$63,000

Halton Board of Education will install a mechanical device in one school and change floor plans in others in an effort to cut down on theft of books and library materials.

Losses in 1974 amounted to 6,694 holdings or 3.6 per cent of all of the library materials. During 1973 the losses stood at 5.3 per cent and that fact led the board and staff to take action last year. Losses were cut by 1.7 per cent.

Superintendent of Program John Boich is still concerned with what he feels are exceptionally high losses. The 1974 losses are expected to cost the board something in the order of \$63,000.

Mr. Boich noted the automatic book detection system to be installed in White Oaks High School would cost close to \$15,000 and that would be shared equally by the Oakville Library Board and the school board. The library is run jointly by the two boards. Mr. Boich told the board that the mechanical device would pay for itself in savings in the first three months.

## Reject plea for 18 staffers authorize four new bodies

A plea by councillor Bill Mason to give the region's public works committee a chance to redeem itself was rejected Wednesday.

Mason, a member of that committee, said he was upset with the way the committee had dealt with staff requests. The staff had originally requested 18 additional employees. The Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid cut that request to 16 and the committee cut it to three.

During the committee discussions Acting Director Jack Corbett said that all the staff was asking for was enough people to do the work that is on hand now. He said the department had been badly understaffed since the region's inception.

Stop at three

In the early stages requests for additional staffers were deferred in the hope that area municipalities would transfer staffers to the regional department. Works committee chairman Jack Haffis told council there was no point in turning the matter back to the works committee as it had been discussed at great length. He said his committee had agreed to allow only three staffers, monitor the situation and seek greater co-operation with the area works staffs.

Mason said the atmosphere at the meetings was deplorable and the matter hadn't been dealt with very well. He said a feeling of confrontation dominated the meetings and suggested there was distrust of the staff.

Pay later

"We'll pay for it in the end in repair bills, if we don't have the people to make sure it is done right the first time," he said.

Mason's plea received little support and the recommendation to hire three additional employees carried.

## Creative playground will grow at M.Z.B.

Railway ties, telephone poles, posts—these are materials that will form a creative playground at the M. Z. Bennett school soon. A meeting was called by teacher Dave Boycott recently and about 16 interested people came to school to talk over the new concept.

Mr. Boycott showed slides and explained the concept of a creative playground, its aims and objectives.

A committee was set up which will be meeting again today (Wednesday).

Materials

There are already 24 telephone poles and metal drums at the school.

Volunteers expect to work on the project throughout the summer.

Mr. Boycott explained the number of people involved is small but interest was keen and the group had good advice and access to materials.

The committee would like donations of more used construction material. Mr. Boycott suggests anybody with donations could first phone the M. Z. Bennett school or recreation coordinator John Cooper.

## Community services

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organizations is planned.

Also considered is the possibility of a citizens' planning group.

Included in expenses are the salary for the coordinator, office supplies and expenses, rent, and volunteer program costs.

Agencies

The agencies which have already indicated they would use the physical facilities provided by an Acton centre are Addiction Research Foundation, Probation and Aftercare, Children's Aid Society, Halton Family Counselling, Ontario Provincial Police, public health nurses, Board of Education, Psychiatrist Dr. John Dougan, Canadian Mental Health Association, The Ministerial Association and the Halton Regional Police. Other groups have already expressed their support.

## Seven charges against U.S. man

An American man was charged by Acton O.P.P. last Wednesday with one charge of possession of a restricted weapon, three charges of break and enter, and two charges of break and enter with intent. Another charge was for having altered license plates; he had apparently made his own sticker, according to police.

The charges were laid as a result of investigation of the last five break and enter incidents at Toth's Motors, over a six week period.

He was arrested and there was a bail hearing Friday. He will appear in court June 4.

## White cane illegal if you're not blind

For thousands of years, blind people have carried sticks or canes to act as an extension of their arm to literally feel what is ahead when not until 1918 that a blind person, named James Bigg, who lived in Bristol, England, has his cane painted white so that other people might readily see that he could not.

In the early nineteenth-century, legislation was passed in Canada making it illegal for anyone else who was not blind to carry a white cane. It is now the symbol of blindness. White canes come in various types; some fold, some are telescopic and are made of wood, metal or fibreglass.

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