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PAT MCKENZIE AND MRS. V. BEER presented a cheque to new Principal Gary Dawkins at the opening ceremonies of the McKenzie-Smith Middle School. Mrs. Beer was representing the

Smith family for the evening. The gymnasium was packed with people who came out for the official opening.

Many points of view

Regional review into final stages

Halton Region's Bill 151 Review Committee will hear briefs representing the views of the four area Regional Solicitor Noel Bates and Burlington Alderman Joan Allingham.

The committee has been sitting since the beginning of the year and is expected to bring in a final report near the end of this month.

The committee's terms of reference have been to review the Bill and make suggestions for improvements.

The committee has entertained a wide range of suggestions some that would increase the power and authority of the region and others that dramatically decrease the power of the region and restore responsibility to local area.

The overlapping of regional and municipal planning departments is one of the concerns most often brought up.

In a report Milton Planning Director Bob Zsadyani said it is the province's intention to transfer provincial planning functions to the region. But he claims this hasn't been done and instead the province remains as a third party adding to the bureaucratic process.

"It is my firm recommendation that those overall review functions now carried out by the province, specifically relating to Official Plan documents, subdivision approvals and zoning comments, be transferred to the Regional Planning Department and that the third processing level be completely eliminated at the province. It is essential that regional planning address their attention to very broad planning goals and that the local municipalities continue to operate much as they have in the past, as it is the local municipal staff which is most familiar and most in touch with planning needs and issues in each area," Zsadyani said.

Halton Hill's Town Planner Mario Venditti echoed Zsadyani's comments. "If the region is to stay in its present form the province should divest itself entirely of those planning functions formerly carried out by the province."

Venditti also recommended abandonment of the Regional Land Division Committee and have the powers of that committee returned to area committees of adjustment.

According to Burlington

Alderman Joan Allingham planning is the most overlapping jurisdiction. "Policies relating to Agriculture, Mineral Aggregate and Energy are best handled at the region. In urban areas a combined Land Division-Committee of Adjustment could reduce bureaucracy and save time and money. The region should comment on local official plan amendments and

on plans of subdivision," she said.

She argued that sewers, water and storm sewers should be handled at the local level because of the tie in with local planning.

Mrs. Allingham said that people clearly are not willing to accept regional landfill sites and that function should revert to local councils as well.

While the briefs from different municipalities and individuals bring out a variety of concerns the planning function seems to be a common source of anxiety with most councils.

The committee will deal with recommendations from the Town of Oakville urging the responsibility for water and sewer facilities revert to area responsibilities.

That is a view long held by Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett and one he has advocated during Bill 151 Committee meetings over the last several weeks.

Milton Councillor Jim Watson wants the committee to consider changing the date for the election of a Chairman from the first meeting in January to April 1 following an election year.

"Over 40 per cent of regional council, in its second term of office, are new councillors. Some have already demonstrated considerable leadership and under our present system, did not stand a chance to contest the chairman's position.

"With a larger turnover of regional councillors, as we saw this year, the new councillors must exercise their vote for a regional chairman with whom they may not be at all familiar. My recommendation would allow all new councillors to judge strength and leadership qualities, not only for the chairman who was up for re-election, but also potentialities of 24 members of council over a three-month working period.

JAMES MORGAN WAS just a spectator at Monday's soccer cup finals. He broke his leg playing for the Acton Rockies this year in the Atom division. More pictures of the soccer games in the sports section.

Honor two principals at school opening

"Their names are not only engraved in stone above their native earth, but they live on, far away without visible symbols, woven into the stuff of other men's lives."

G. W. McKenzie and the late W. D. Smith, past principals of both Robert Little School and M. Z. Bennett were honored last Wednesday evening at the official opening and dedication of the McKenzie-Smith Middle School.

The gym at the school, formerly the old Acton High School, seated a good crowd of over 500 people, including many children, former students, and teachers.

Tom Hill, mayor of Halton Hills brought congratulations from the council for the new school.

Julian Reed, M.P.P. for Halton-Burlington, expressed greetings from Queen's Park. Mr. Reed remarked on the name that had been chosen for the school, and felt that it was a fitting one.

Alma Swetman new head Acton Business Association

Alma Swetman took over the duties of president of Acton Business Association for the first time last Wednesday. Former president Marilyn Ottaway has moved out west. Vice-president is Wayne Ruse.

The regular meeting was held in the Y due to construction in the fire hall.

The business Association social evening for Tuesday,

October 18 was discussed. Although it's primarily an evening to get to know each other, the members of the board of directors of the business Improvement Area will be there with their drawing and reports from Antrogram, to answer any questions.

The possibility of having books on business matters circulate among members was discussed briefly.

Membership secretary Grace Robertson reported there are now 30 paid members.

A symposium on business communities will be held in Toronto November 1 and 2 and it was agreed a representative of the Association would attend.

Wayne Ruse reported on a possible radio advertising promotion, and flyers and ads were discussed.

Henry Stachyra announced that the Business Improvement area would be making a donation of \$575 to the Santa Claus parade fund, on behalf of all the merchants included in the area. "I think it's a much better way of doing it," he said and other merchants present agreed.

Ed Wood said he would investigate the possibility of a float in the parade.

Those who had attended a meeting concerning vandalism, attended by regional police chief Skerrett, reported on the discussion there. Those present agreed they would like to see more police on foot patrol on the main streets.

Arthur Meunier seeks seat

Longtime prison inmate Arthur Meunier phoned this newspaper from Moncton last week to announce that he will seek a seat in Parliament. He will seek the Conservative seat in Halton if it is not contested, he said, or he will run as an Independent.

He said that his platform would be penal reform and unionization of prisoners in Canada.

Since his release from prison in March, Mr. Meunier has had many guest speaking engagements concerning his years in jails throughout Canada and the United States.

Region

\$500 raise for council

Rejecting a recommendation to hold the line on their salaries, regional councillors voted themselves provision for a 5.4 per cent increase in the 1978 budget. The full council met Oct. 5.

The regional administration committee had recommended the councillors forego a salary hike next year.

The increase gives Halton Hills councillors who also serve on regional council a total of \$15,420 a year. Halton Hills councillors make \$5,940 at the local level.

The mayor, who makes \$12,000 locally, will now make a total of \$21,580.

The proposed increase would bring the councillors' regional stipend to \$9,480 from the current \$8,995 they receive over and above what they get from their local councils. The decision does not affect the regional chairman's salary, which is \$25,000.

A recorded vote was called and provision for an increase was approved 12 to 8. Milton Mayor Don Gordon voted against the increase.

Remaining councillors from Milton and Halton Hills, with the exception of Michael Armstrong, who was absent, voted in favor of the raise.

Speaking against the increase Mr. Gordon said elected officials should set an example to the public in controlling spending.

Burlington Councillor Walter Mulkewich, who moved the amendment allowing the increase, said some councillors were full-time politicians and dependent on their salaries to support their families.

Jim Watson, Milton councillor, said if any councillor felt he didn't deserve all or part of it. The money would be returned to the municipality and the councillor would not be taxed on it, Mr. Watson added.

17 Sideroad—truckers meet

A meeting will be held before the end of this week in an effort to straighten out the 17 Sideroad dispute.

Works committee chairman Mike Armstrong said in an interview Tuesday Jim Goodiet, spokesman for the residents on 17 Sideroad and Fourth Line who want heavy gravel trucks off the road, has agreed to the meeting. Armstrong said a suitable time for the meeting has not been arranged yet.

Armstrong proposed the meeting last week to try and reach a compromise and council delayed making a decision on the issue which has been raging for years.

He has rejected suggestions that representatives of quarry firms Induamin and J.C. Duff be invited to the meeting. Armstrong said that idea is "utterly ridiculous" since the dispute is between residents and truckers.

Armstrong said he is hope-

ful a compromise can be reached satisfying both sides until the region gets going and builds a truck route in Halton Hills.

"I hope something constructive comes out of the meeting. Both sides are willing to co-operate, at least at this point they are," Armstrong says.

He noted the aim is to avoid placing an undue hardship on either side.

New chapel opens Oct. 30

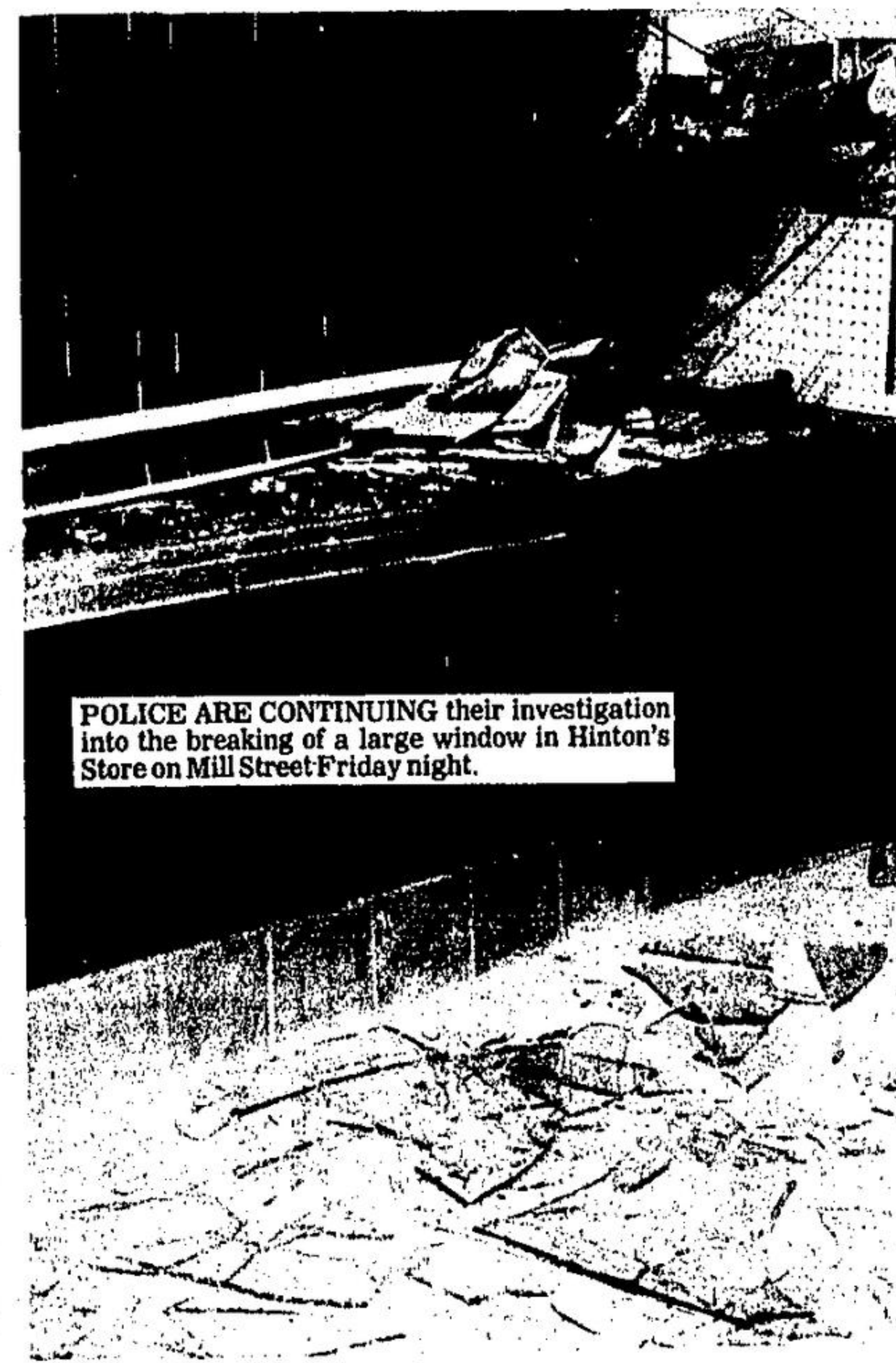
The new chapel at Fairview cemetery will be officially dedicated Sunday afternoon, October 30.

The chapel has been constructed by Dr. Allan J. Buchanan as a memorial. His wife Bertha, who died recently, was a teacher and an active member of the community.

The exact name of the chapel has not yet been determined. A committee of Acton councillors and a former councillor is planning the opening ceremonies. The Rev. A.H. McKenzie will officially dedicate the building.

The building, near the cemetery gates, will be used for communal services when the weather is bad, and may be used by out-of-town people as they gather for a service here. It is non-sectarian, and will be used by any funeral directors and clergymen.

The chapel is an attractive small building; inside there are heaters and lights. There will be a lectern and some chairs. A memorial plaque will be installed.



POLICE ARE CONTINUING their investigation into the breaking of a large window in Hinton's Store on Mill Street Friday night.