



Pool halls open until midnight

Pool halls can stay open until midnight every weekday, Halton Hills council decided Monday night.

In Oakville and Burlington the pool hall bylaw sets midnight as the closing hour, but in Milton it is 1 a.m.

A report from Halton Regional Police indicated the longer hours in Milton have added to the problem of youths loitering near the billiard hall.

Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson opposed the amendment to the bylaw extending hours saying Georgetown has the same problem as Milton.

Councillor Ross Knetchel argued there was little difference between 11 and 12, and contended if billiard halls are wrong they should be disallowed, if not they should be allowed to operate.

Councillor Russ Miller contended problems out in the street are not the responsibility of pool hall owners. "If there are problems inside the building it is their responsibility." He emphasized bowling alleys stay open until midnight and contended it would be unfair to make a difference.

Only Councillors Mike Armstrong and Marilyn Serjeantson opposed the one hour extension.



Sergeant Norm Ryall, right, goes over public relations information with Sergeant Al McQueen.

New police P.R. officer

Former Ballinacorney resident and veteran Georgetown policeman Sergeant Al McQueen became Halton Regional Police's new public relations officer Monday.

McQueen took over the public relations officer post Monday from Sergeant Norm Ryall.

During his career in police work McQueen has spent several years in the youth bureau, which he initiated in Georgetown. Since the regional force was born he has headed up the District One youth bureau serving Acton, Milton and Georgetown. McQueen now lives in Georgetown.

Obituary

Edith Plank-McDowell

Born in Acton 94 years ago, Edith Plank-McDowell died October 31 in Orillia General Hospital.

The daughter of William and Catherine Plank, Mrs. Plank-McDowell was one of nine children.

She moved to Dundalk in 1908 where she worked as a milliner living there for 65 years.

Her only surviving relative is sister Barbara Plank-Gray (Mrs. N. H. Gray) of Aylmer, Ontario.

Mrs. Plank-McDowell was predeceased by husband Jack in 1954 and two sons, Jim from Orillia who died in 1958 and Fred, a dentist, who died in 1959.

Burial took place in the McDowell family plot in Dundalk.

Shadbolt Tory prez.

Marie Shadbolt is the new president of the Acton Provincial Progressive Conservative Association.

The local Tories held their annual meeting Monday night at the Murray Memorial YMCA with about 35 members on hand.

Ross Ballentine and Paul Butler were elected vice-presidents while Donna Aiken won the secretary-treasurer post. Vince Whelan is the federal rep and directors are Terry Grubbe, Esther Taylor, Crawford Caswell, Dave Swetman and Bruce Cargill.

Knox Alert

Hold Yule dinner

The Knox Alert Evening Group held their Christmas pot luck supper in the Dr. A.C. Stewart Memorial Hall. After everyone was well satisfied, we gathered together for the meeting.

The president, Irene Terry, opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and welcomed everyone. The Call to Worship, "Make a Little Manger" was taken by Bella-Maye Roszell and the carol "Holy Night, Silent Night" was sung.

Bessie Musselle took the Scripture from Luke 2, and another carol "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" was sung. Bessie took the prayer followed by another carol "While

Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night."

Bella-Maye gave a reading - "A White Christmas", followed by the carol "The First Noel". "A Child's Face" was read by Bella-Maye, followed by the singing of the carol "Away in a Manger".

Bessie gave a reading "O Little Town of Bethlehem" followed by the singing of the carol by the same name.

Bella-Maye closed the program with a reading "How to make a Jesus Tree."

The president took charge of the business and the secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. The treasurer reported our allocation for 1981 was the same as for 1980. The sending of Christmas greetings to sick and shut-ins was dealt with and Irene thanked the group for their cooperation during her term as president. The meeting was closed with the repeating of the Mizpah Benediction.



Peter Whitaker will be heading Halton Region Police Crime Prevention Bureau.



One of the most successful fall and winter recreation programs sponsored by Halton Hills is the preschool playshop held each Tuesday at St. Alban's in Acton. The recreation department is still accepting registrations for many of its winter programs. Shows enjoying playschool activities are Allison Coe, Michael O'Meara, Amy Krosdonok, Brooke Inglis, Matthew Normington and Marc Bosboom. Photos by VALERIE CUNNINGHAM

\$150 deposit for hydro if renters use electric heat

An unexpected \$150 deposit demanded by Halton Hills Hydro upset the budget of a young couple moving into their first apartment January 1. "We had to come up with the first and last month's rent and were shocked to have to pay \$150 deposit," said the couple who want to remain anonymous.

When asked about the seemingly large deposit, Graham Farnell local hydro manager, explained the \$150 is only charged to people renting electrically heated premises. Tenants with other forms of heat pay \$50 deposit.

Mr. Farnell said the \$150 is based on roughly three months coverage of a bill for hydro-heated homes. He said the deposit protects the Hydro in case they leave without paying. "It stops the rest of us paying for delinquents," he stated.

Only tenants, not homeowners, pay the deposit which gathers no interest no matter how long the tenant rents the space.

Asked how a tenant recovers the deposit, Mr. Farnell said it is applied against the final bill. If the deposit is higher than the bill the remainder is automatically refunded, said the manager.

He said long term industrial tenants who have paid their bill within the discount time for two years, have the deposit refunded at that time. This does not apply to private households.

Asked how shutting off the hydro in case of non-payment, Farnell said it is a rare occurrence indeed, and emphasized first the bill is sent out, then a reminder, then a notice of intending shut-off.

Asked why the company did not take the amount out of the deposit instead of shutting off the service, the newspaper was told it would defeat the purpose of having a deposit as security.

After a shut-off a \$10 charge is made for reconnection, and \$20 is charged if it is after normal working hours.

Mr. Farnell pointed out all rates and charges of all kinds are approved by Ontario Hydro.

Resident fears dognappers

A rural Acton resident thinks there may be thieves going around grabbing pure-bred dogs in Halton Hills.

A great dane belonging to Jim and Sandy Miller, RR 1 Acton, vanished from their fenced yard the night of New Year's Day.

The female former Canadian champion Treasure, was outside in the yard with two other dogs for only three or four minutes Mrs. Miller said.

During their search of the area on snowmobiles the Millers discovered through talking to other residents a number of valuable dogs have disappeared under mysterious circumstances.

Mrs. Miller said based on what she has heard from other people it appears eight dogs have vanished in recent weeks, mostly in the area of 25 Sideroad and the Town Line.

Mrs. Miller said she contacted Halton Regional Police, who didn't seem too interested in a dog disappearing, but allowed the police have many more important things to worry about than a possibly stolen dog.

Staff Sergeant Wayne Jessop said unless someone had evidence of a theft the police don't investigate disappearing animals. People are encouraged to contact the Halton Hills Animal Control officer. Jessop said police have heard no other report of dogs disappearing and while there have been reports in the past of people believing their dog has been stolen police could never make a case.

Mrs. Miller wonders why if Treasure simply ran off the other two dogs didn't escape the backyard the same way.

The yard is enclosed by a six-foot chain-link fence. There is a gate, but it was shut tight after the dog disappeared.

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COURSE	STARTING DATE	TIME	WEEKS	FEES
Auto Maintenance	Mon. Jan. 19	7:00-10:00	8	\$30
Art (Drawing & Painting)	Mon. Jan. 19	7:00-10:00	8	\$22
Bathroom & Social Dancing	Mon. Jan. 19	7:30-9:30	8	\$15
Bookkeeping for Small Business	Mon. Jan. 19	7:00-10:00	8	\$22
Crafts for Winter & Spring	Tues. Jan. 20	7:30-9:30	8	\$10
Chinese Cooking	Mon. Jan. 19	7:00-10:00	8	\$17
Crocheting	Mon. Jan. 19	7:30-9:30	8	\$15
First Aid (St. John Ambulance)	Mon. Jan. 19	7:00-10:00	5	\$21
Furniture Refinishing	Tues. Jan. 20	7:00-10:00	8	\$22
Household Small Wiring Repairs	Mon. Jan. 19	7:00-10:00	10	\$22
Sewing for Spring	Tues. Jan. 20	7:00-10:00	8	\$22
Typing: Beginning & Brush Up	Wed. Jan. 21	7:00-10:00	8	\$35
Woodworking	Mon. Jan. 19	7:00-10:00	8	\$35
Yoga (at Robert Little School)	Wed. Jan. 21	7:30-9:30	8	\$15

JIM GORING 853-2920
NIGHT SCHOOL SUPERVISOR

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