



Mike Fronteddu, Kim Hachey and Lisa Lindbury of St. Joseph's School were presented with medals for the winning essays about the Third World for the Ten Days for World Development program on Friday afternoon. Cathy Barrett also will receive a medal, but was absent Friday.

Cher's will receive funding for eligible patients - region

Travina Cherwonik, operator of Cher Rest Home, Main St. North has been assured once Queen's Park approves her purchase of service agreement with Halton, the region will pay her to keep any patients who need financial assistance.

Tuesday morning spokesperson for Mrs. Cherwonik, Katherine Kelly, appeared before the region's social and family services committee.

She and staff filled in councillors with details about a patient who left the rest home recently, just a couple of weeks after the region agreed to give Cher's a purchase of service agreement which would have given her over \$15 a day for keeping the man.

Committee heard Mrs. Kelly, and regional officials Rennie Vivian and David Swarc tell how the man, who has a drinking problem, left the rest home on his own after receiving a cheque for \$61 in special assistance from the region.

After he supposedly drank his money he went to the Acton Community Services Centre looking for a place to live, saying he didn't want to return to Cher's, Swarc said. The man was turned over to the Salvation Army and he was put up in a Guelph Hotel. Two days later he returned to Acton wanting to move into another local rest home, Acton Seniors' residence. He was kept there over the weekend and then taken to regional headquarters on Monday afternoon.

The region couldn't get him into Halton Recovery House in Milton, it was full, and Swarc said he wouldn't return to Cher's so they found him a rest home in Hamilton to stay in for a few days. The man was put on a bus to Hamilton, but got off in Burlington instead, so his whereabouts were unknown for a time.

After contacting the Hamilton rest home their staff helped him up. A few days after entering the facility in Hamilton he returned to Cher's asking to be taken in, but the operator refused because she'd had enough of problems with the region, Mrs. Kelly reported. He had already stayed at Cher's for over six months without paying.

Mrs. Kelly said the money the region gave the man should have been turned over to Mrs. Cherwonik to give to him in small amounts so he wouldn't wind up going on a "bender" and

wandering off. Vivian and Swarc both said they had received no request for the \$61 to be given to Mrs. Cherwonik in trust while Mrs. Cherwonik maintained she had discussed the matter with Vivian and another regional official.

Johnson said allegations the resident had a lot of money but now had none were "a cloud we don't want hanging over this." Mrs. Kelly wondered how long Mrs. Cherwonik would have to put up with problems with the region, describing staff's actions as "stupidity" and "harassment."

Johnson said Mrs. Cherwonik was worried she had "gotten on the bad side of staff" who can "make or break her" and wouldn't receive any more subsidizable patients. Vivian said the region is anxious to receive provincial approval for a purchase of service agreement with Cher's and he could see no reason why if there are people who want to live there that are eligible for subsidy she won't receive funding.

Once the purchase of service is approved by the province Mrs. Cherwonik will receive the money owing her from February 1 to March 5 when the man left of his own volition.

Swarc said if the man had chosen to return to Cher's to live someone would have driven him, though he admitted that wasn't pointed out to him. However, the question of transportation didn't enter into the man's decision not to return to Cher's.

Johnson complained the man was on medication and he didn't have his medication when he was sent to Hamilton, his new home didn't have his medical history and his personal belongings remained in Acton until Mrs. Cherwonik drove them down to Hamilton. Several councillors expressed concern when a person is sent by the region to a new facility their medication and medical history be sent along too.

The purchase of service agreement was approved by council two weeks ago but wasn't passed on to the province by staff until late last week, Councillor Dave Whiting complained. Vivian said it should be approved by mid-April. Councillor Brad Clements said the money the man received should have been given to Mrs. Cherwonik in trust and "obviously not handling things in the right way" set off a chain of events.

Firefighter group honors employers

Businessmen who absorb losses because some employees volunteer to battle fires received rounds of applause during the Acton Firefighters Association's annual appreciation night Saturday.

"In no way could we operate this organization without your co-operation," Deputy Chief Bern Van Fleet told the assembled dinner guests at the fire hall.

The Acton Firefighters number 34 volunteers. Once a year they honor the employers and bus-

nessmen who allow some employees to take time to be volunteer firefighters.

"To the businessmen and employers—thanks for the man hours and co-operation. I hope it continues," said the deputy chief.

"Acton does its own thing, in its own way. We keep it informal," said Van Fleet. "We run it pretty low key here in Acton."

The businessmen who were honored were: Orvil Chapman from A.P. Green, Don Murdoy of

Leathertown

Fund raising underway

With \$2,000 in its coffers already the Leathertown committee is seeking more donations.

The logo is ready for people to use free of charge and the committee is inviting those interested in using the

logo to give a donation. The committee is looking at various promotional materials like pins, name badges, key rings, buttons, book marks, letter openers etc., in metal and leather to give to people as

momentos for donations. As well the committee is working on having leather buttons made for every school child in Acton. Also leather plaques for citizens of note are being considered.

Plans for the Acton Chamber of Commerce Monte Carlo night in aid of Leathertown are progressing. It will be held May 1 at Acton Community Centre and the cost is \$10 a person.

The Chamber has received verbal approval for a licence to stage the event and is pursuing a liquor licence.

Some tremendous door prizes are being lined up, including a trip to Las Vegas, sessions in a tanning booth, a color television, a stereo package, a side of beef, a steer hide rug, leather chair etc. In all there will be about 150 door prizes. There will be 30 games of chance.

"It looks like a go. It's really taking off fast," Chamber president John Allinson said at a Leathertown meeting last week.

Esplen found not guilty

A verdict of not guilty ended the manslaughter trial of 50-year-old Robert Marshall Esplen in Milton Supreme Court Thursday morning.

The jury was ordered to spend the night in a hotel following nine hours of deliberations without reaching a verdict Wednesday in the case of the Toronto area car dealership partner charged in connection with a shooting incident May 11 which resulted in the death of Andre Wysman, 23, of Milton.

Mr. Wysman who died several hours later the same day in Milton District Hospital was with his brother Leo and a friend, George Beaulieu, 24, fishing at the private pond on Mr. Esplen's property at Highway 25 and Number 10 Sideroad when the incident occurred.

Mr. Esplen testified he fired two shots from his .22 calibre rifle one at the pond and one in the air to make a noise and scare the men from his property.

He said the third shot which wounded Mr. Wysman fired accidentally when he took a step forward and slipped on the wet grass. The three Milton men were seen at the pond by Mr. Esplen's wife when she got up at about 6.10 a.m.

Mr. Esplen testified he was not aware that anyone was hurt and thought a trick was being played on him when Leo Wysman, brother of the deceased, approached him and asked an ambulance be called.

He went to the house however to call police. Mr. Esplen learned from Halton Regional police detectives later that evening of Mr. Wysman's death.

He said in testimony, that to this day, he can't believe it happened. Defence lawyer David Humphrey in his final argument called the incident a fluke of all flukes accident.

The Esplens will be selling their Halton Hills property according to Mr. Esplen's wife Patricia who broke down when the verdict of the seven woman five man jury was announced Thursday. She said the country home which was built in 1973 by her husband held too many memories. When Mr. Justice Patrick Galligan charged the jury Wednesday he said if they thought it was a case of accidental discharge or had reasonable doubt they must find the accused not guilty.

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Notice is hereby given, that the 23rd Annual Meeting of Halton Community Credit Union Limited will be held at the Optimist Centre, 311 Commercial St., Milton on the 4th of April, 1981 at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of receiving Reports and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31st, 1980.

Also on the agenda will be the Election of Officers, Appointment of Auditors, and any other business of an annual meeting.

Signed at Milton, Ontario this 18th day of March 1981.

C.H. Stuehl,
Secretary.

The meeting will be followed by the Annual Spring Dance starting at 9 p.m. with a midnight buffet. Tickets available at the Credit Union offices.

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Pictured above are the winners of the Science Fair conducted by Ron McGregor's class at Robert Little Public School last week. From left to right are Mandie Patterson who finished first, Andrew McVeigh who received an honorable mention, Chris Griggs, who placed third and Lesa Lejourneau who also got an honorable mention. Absent was second place winner Wendy Russell.

\$100 for debates

One hundred dollars was found Thursday by Halton Board of Education trustees for the Ontario Students Debating Union Finals.

The debate's topic is: "Be it resolved that Canadian governments take measures to ensure that by 1990, at least 50 per cent of leadership positions within business, industry and government be held by women."

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