



Robert Little public school secretary Betty Ashley pours some coffee for Pat Waskalik during the school's garage and bake sale Saturday morning. Mandi Patterson and Donna Van Der Heyden, at the left, are buying some goodies. Many teachers and staff helped with the sale. Customers lined up for a chance to get in and buy articles.

Ex-officer wins assault case

A former Milton police officer has won \$5,400 in damages in a civil suit against the Halton Regional Police Force and three of its members.

Russell Connor, a 44-year-old self-employed haulage operator from Acton, claimed he was wrongfully arrested and assaulted during an incident at Fifth Wheel Truck Stop in June of 1979.

On Friday, the county court jury of six awarded him damages, ruling the arrest was improperly handled by Milton Constables Arnold Van Cleaf, Rod Plant and former police officer Vince Burnett.

But the jury did not back Mr. Connor on his claim that police used excessive force during the arrest.

During his testimony, Mr. Connor said he had been struck by a billy club by one of the officers and suffered injuries that required medical attention.

All three officers denied Mr. Connor's claim that he was hit with a billy club.

Constable Van Cleaf said he grabbed Mr. Connor's necktie and held him by the cruiser door, as a last resort, when efforts to secure him with handcuffs failed.

He admitted he brought out his billy when Mr. Connor apparently made a threatening gesture with his handcuffed hands.

The jury stated police had "reasonable and probable grounds" to arrest Mr. Connor for causing a disturbance at the local gas station but that the arrest was not handled properly.

Mr. Connor received \$4,100 in special damages for financial loss related to the incident, \$700 in general damages for false imprisonment, \$500 in general damages for injuries and \$100 in punitive damages.

The incident arose over a dispute between Mr. Connor and gas station attendants regarding a wrongful billing.

Despite his statement to police that the matter had been cleared up, he said he was arrested without an explanation from the officers.

Mr. Connor was later charged with assaulting a police officer, causing a disturbance and causing wilful damage.

He was convicted last year of damaging the cruiser window frame (\$38) and was granted a conditional discharge.

The other charges were dismissed.

The case was heard before County Court Judge Thomas Quinlan with Milton lawyer Peter McWilliams acting on behalf of Mr. Connor and Toronto lawyer Murray Davison acting as defense for the police officers.

Grass fires threaten Crewsons Corners

Weekend rains have meant a welcome decrease in the number of grass fire calls to area fire departments.

The Acton fire department, in particular, has had a busy time with grass and scrub fires recently.

One of the most recent widespread grass fires broke out at Crewsons Corners Friday morning. Five to six properties on the north side of the CNR tracks were scorched by flames.

Flames reduced one shack and threatened two or three homes. A column of white smoke rose high into the blue sky as flames skirted Halton Hills Collision's car lot.

Acton firefighters battled the fire for about two-and-a-half hours. In the evening they were called back to the site because a shed broke out in flames again.

While firefighters were getting the Crewsons Corners fire under control, a wrecking yard fire commanded the attention of all the rigs in Georgetown. One of the Acton pumps finished off at Crewsons Corners and then drove the 12 miles to the Georgetown station where it was on standby.

Around suppertime Friday Acton firefighters were on call again; this time at the Restivo property on the Nassagaweya First Line south of 25 Sideroad. It was another grass fire. This time, though, a small one.

Erin and Hillsburgh firefighters also had to battle at least one blaze last week. Wind caught a spark from an Osprunge trash fire and started a grass fire.

CVCA funded

Halton Region will be asked to contribute \$38,570 to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority as its share as a benefitting municipality.

The increase in the grant is 9.94 per cent above the \$33,040 given last year by the region.

Conservation authority Glenn Schnarr told members of the Regional Administration and Finance Committee, which has recommended inclusion of the grant in the 1981 budget, that the figure being requested has been offset by a Provincial Reduction Subsidy of \$8,576.

Halton Region represents about 16 per cent of the watershed.

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Poster winners

In conjunction with their production of Superman, Acton High School held a poster contest for elementary school children, winners being announced each night of the production. Winners were Byron Bridle, Fergus, Sonia Smith, Longfield Rd., and Andrea Andres, Mill St. East, Lisa Georganes, Mill St. East, Scott McKee, Churchill Rd. North, Kim Hachey, Kingham Rd., Craig Cadenhead, Division St., Shelly Lindsay Tidy Ave., and Laura Masales, Churchill Rd. South, received honorable mention.

Dirty Dozen champs

"The Dirty Dozen," members of the Acton division of the Halton Regional Police, captured the championship of the Al Ruelens Memorial Volleyball Tournament at E.C. Drury High School in Milton Friday. Every time they had a huddle they chanted Acton, Acton, Acton. Members of the Dirty Dozen were officers Bill Cunningham, Art Goddard, Don Cousins, Bruce Richards, Nick Leoni, Alex Fishbein and Jack Pool.

Councillors speak

Acton councillors Ross Knechtel and Terry Grubbe gave presentations on municipal government to grade nine students in Keith Black's class at Acton High School on Thursday.

Music Machine entertains

The Music Machine group from the Sweet Adelines will entertain the Acton Golden Age Club tonight (Wednesday) at St. Alban's at 8 p.m.

Lawyer speaks

David Craig will discuss legal aid and family law at the Acton V take-a-break demonstrations and talks program next Wednesday afternoon, April 22. Craig will also talk about women and the law.

Wind falls tree

Acton Firefighters untangled a dead tree from high voltage wires on Lot 9 on the First Line of Erin Township Tuesday afternoon. High winds blew the tree against the wires.

Cunningham promoted

Constable William Cunningham, one of the 12 Halton Regional Police officers assigned to cover Acton this year, has been promoted to Sergeant.

Leathertown buttons

Leathertown organizers hope to have leather buttons out to all Acton school children in four weeks. A firm is now cutting dies for the buttons which will be printed on local leather. Leathertown chairman Chip Petrillo reports.

Science fair winner

Thomas Cox, RR2 Acton, of Erin High School, placed third in the senior division of the physical sciences category at the recent Waterloo-Wellington science and engineering fair. His project was the effect of temperature on the separation of cream from milk.

Library entertainment

The Royal Brass Quintet, featuring soloists from the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, will entertain this Saturday afternoon at the Acton Library at 2 p.m.

Nowlan advances

Scott Nowlan, Greenore Cres., has won at the Optimist zone level for public speaking. The 13-year-old McKenzie-Smith student now goes on to the district level of competition next month.

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The Covenant Players Produced moral skills for the congregations of Trinity United and St. Alban's Churches Sunday morning.

Board renews terms for eight consultants

Eight consultants used by Halton Board of Education can breathe a little easier. For a while. Halton trustees voted Thursday to renew term appointments for seven and add one consultant—but only after strong challenges from two Burlington members.

Burlington trustees Bill Herd and Bill Priestner took issue with the renewals. Herd wondered why mainly the same faces were rehired. Priestner indicated the term appointments were no different than regular employees.

Priestner also indicated that the original idea for term appointments was for a person to be appointed to a specific job.

With one exception all Non-union pact set

Halton Board of Education and the 72 employees who are non-union members agreed to one-year retro-active 10 per cent salary hike.

The contract covers supervisory staff, non-union clerks and secretaries plus bus drivers. Agreement was announced Thursday.

He was hired on again as of next September. The exception is the instructional media consultant. His job was declared redundant.

In his place is a French language consultant. The addition to the French staff is due to "needs arising from the expansion of Core French," according to Halton program superintendent Bob Dixon.

Trustee Priestner went so far as to give notice of a motion that would rescind the board's policy concerning term appointments for consultants because, as the policy is applied, the consultants are no different than other board employees.

The year terms were renewed for consultants in physical education, mathematics, art, music, and special education. A one year term was approved for the social science consultant.

From May 1, 1981 there will be a new procedure to apply for a CHIP home insulation grant

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