

This week thru the lens



Sarah Lindsay and Brent Patey exchange Valentine's Day cards.
Peg Graham's grade 1 and 2 St. Joseph's School class says Happy Valentine's Day



Jennifer Gavin pastes her Valentine together.



Jessica Broje has a message for Mom and Dad.



Mark Hachey is busy cutting his Valentine.



Carl Chard contemplates the message on her Valentine's card.



Susan Kinat drew the Actario tickets Saturday morning.

Actario winners

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson, 182 Tyler Ave., won the weekly Actario draw for \$350. Bonus merchant vouchers from A-B Foodland, J & T Sports, Acton Bowling Lanes, and Acton Family Cleaners were won by Lloyd and Shirley Broostad, 44 Nelson Cr., while Mr. and Mrs. Zyg Luty, 223 McDonald Blvd., won vouchers from Stedman's, Acton Pharmacy, Family Cleaners and Freezer Frenzy. Jack Ridley and May Laing shared a ticket which won vouchers from Jolliffe Shoes, Jug City and Emily's Natural Foods. Super shopper vouchers from IGA, Home Hardware, Acton Family Restaurant, Nielsen's, Acton Photo and Camera, Ed's In 'N Out, and Family Cleaners were won by Helen Murray, 55 Greenore Cres.

Feds not probing emergency landing

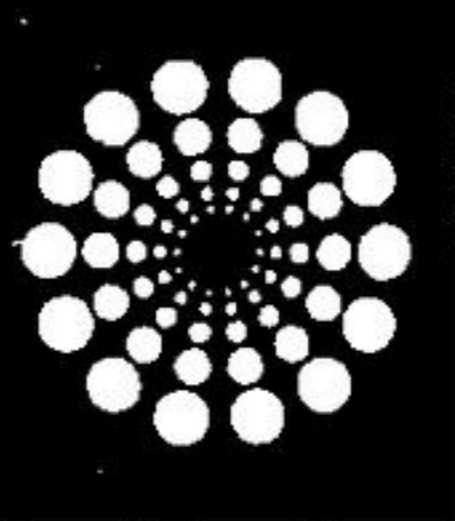
Transport Canada did not investigate the emergency landing of a Cessna 172 on Fairy Lake on January 21. George Lilley, spokesman for Transport Canada said the emergency landing was reported by pilot Emil Meshberg, Toronto, and since there was no breach of federal regulations there was no investigation. It was reported in a Toronto newspaper last week that the emergency landing was being probed. Pilots are expected to always report emergency landings, Lilley explained, and added there was no damage to the plane, it landed simply because of mechanical difficulty. Transport Canada would have become involved in the incident only if the aircraft had been damaged because it would have to be re-certified for air worthiness before taking off from the lake. A frozen gas line caused the emergency landing and the plane was flown away five days after landing on Fairy Lake. Meshberg and his student Inga Izsica, Mississauga, had flown to Guelph from Toronto and had left from Guelph when the engine began sputtering over Acton.

Despite objections

Arcade approved

A pinball arcade will be permitted in an old gas station east of Churchill Rd. South despite objections from a school principal, a minister and parents. However, the operation of the arcade is conditional on gasoline and oil not being sold at the site. Co-owners Mark Edwards and Dennis Devine appeared before Halton Hills Committee of Adjustment last Wednesday evening in defense of their operation in the old Chalet gas station at the corner of Highway 7 (Queen St.) and Churchill Road. There was no one else at the meeting voicing an opinion on the arcade. Exemption from the present bylaw governing the site was needed before the arcade was permitted to operate. Committee had previously looked at the zoning of the site of the arcade, and heard complaints from McKenzie-Smith middle school principal John Simpson and Bethel Christian Reformed pastor John Cooper telling of youngsters who are supposed to be either at church or at school slipping off to the arcade. School children are late for classes following the lunch hour Simpson said and Pastor Cooper noted in a letter to the Committee that the games tempt the children to "lie about their whereabouts, steal change wherever they can find it, and the influence older children may have in smoking, drinking, drugs, etc.," are concerns. The arcade has 15 video games and 15 pinball machines with about \$100,000 invested in the operation. The arcade has been open for some time, but was only brought to the municipality's attention in late 1981. Edwards pointed out he and his partners Devine and Bill Welsby were not aware it was operating illegally until it was pointed out to them. At the first meeting with the Committee of Adjustment, Edwards told members they hoped to get the service station back in operation as funds permit. Committee deferred the matter at that time until reports came back from the fire chief Mick Holmes and by-law enforcement officer Jack

Lusty. Lusty pointed out the property is zoned to permit a service station and if the owners plan to sell gas and oil they would have to acquire a further license for that purpose. Fire chief Holmes noted that the building as an arcade does not violate any fire codes, but if gasoline is also sold his department would have to do a further review and comments would be necessary. At Wednesday's committee meeting, Devine explained he had been in contact with principal Simpson and it boiled down to five or six students causing a problem. They have been barred from the premises during school hours for this reason, he said. The operation is currently making about \$500 a week, Devine told the group, and it will take about one-and-a-half years to build it up. Committee chairman Roy Hill asked if the gasoline is the key to the financial viability of the business. Devine told him the arcade is the main concern, but a comfortable living will be made with both. He said he doesn't know if a living could be made on one or the other of the operations. Committee rendered its decision after meeting in-camera. When contacted later by this newspaper, Simpson said he was happy for the owners of the arcade. He explained Edwards and Devine have met with him on several occasions and are genuinely interested in staying off any problems. "Mark and Dennis are just great," he said. The principal said the co-owners are not allowing in children whose parents do not want them there. Pastor Cooper said there will be no appeal to the Committee of Adjustment on their decision. "But it will be our (the church elders) responsibility to help our own families to help the children to reinforce the Christian value system," he said later. Pastor Cooper compared the arcade to pornography which becomes a thermometer on which to gage the sick people in our world. "Something must be missing in our lives, if we need places like that," he said.



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Health education

Halton's public health department is taking another step into the business of education. Dr. Peter Cole told members of the health and social services committee recently. Dr. Cole said the department has started a series of pre-and post-natal classes for expectant parents in the region.

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