

'Car Wars' not on bill

Car Wars III, Retreat of the LTD played before an unenthusiastic crowd at Halton Regional Council last Wednesday and it won't be back for a repeat engagement in 1984.

The debate over Regional Chairman Pete Pomeroy's car, which some councillors have blasted as an embarrassing waste of time, came to a close when council reversed an earlier decision and voted not to lease a Ford LTD, or any other vehicle, for the chairman's use.

Instead, Pomeroy will be given an annual car allowance of \$4,982 from which he is expected to provide for his own transportation needs and expenses.

Postpone decision

Ten other videos, which Halton police seized from H and H Video, have been seen by the judge, but not in open court.

Randy Humeniski, of Elena Court and Millie Adams, of Lynden Circle, face two counts of possession of obscene matter for the purpose of circulation. They also face one count of unlawfully circulating obscene matter when they operated H and H Video last May.

Pleas of not guilty have been entered. Bev Boulton, of Park Avenue, was originally charged with unlawfully circulating obscene matter but the charge was dismissed last week after the Crown offered no evidence.

"I am willing to live with it," said Pomeroy in an interview, adding that he hoped the matter was settled.

Council originally voted December 21 to lease a Ford LTD for Pomeroy at a cost of \$280 a month. But when Pomeroy tried to lease a more expensive Mercury Grand Marquis and pay the additional expense out of his own pocket, a number of councillors balked at the plan.

Led by Halton Hills Councillor Mike Armstrong, they objected to Ford being favoured with the lease without allowing competing dealers to bid on it.

When a car was leased for the Halton's

Business Development Officer, a Ford product was leased as an expression of thanks to the car manufacturer which has a manufacturing facility in Oakville.

Armstrong and Burlington Councillor Joan Little both said two weeks ago at an Administration and Finance Committee meeting that they had misunderstood council's original decision, thinking it called for the leasing of a car like an LTD but not specifically an LTD. They also assumed the lease would be put up to bids.

In the face of these objections, Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett suggested at the committee meeting that instead of leasing a car for Pomeroy, the region give him an allowance and let him do what he wanted with it. Armstrong proposed this at the council meeting and it passed with little debate.

Overall, it seems likely the minor controversy will end up having little effect on the original goal of having the regional chairman behind the wheel of a Ford product.

"I am going to lease a car and it will be a Ford product for sure," said Pomeroy in an interview.

Compared to other regions in the area, Halton has chosen to vary from the standard practice of providing for a chairman's transportation needs. Cars are leased and expenses paid for chairmen in the regions of Peel, Waterloo and Hamilton-Wentworth. The regional chairman of Hamilton-Wentworth also gets a chauffeur.

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Ballinafad

Hank Burnett elected Hall Board chairman

The service of worship was well attended on Sunday. The children filled the first two seats at the front as they came up to listen to their story as told by the minister. Willa and Fred Shortill, Pat Kerr and Emmerson Clarke delighted all by singing a beautiful hymn. Eileen McEnery played the organ for the quartet.

The message given by Dr. Bandy was both interesting and inspiring. It was announced that there would be a special meeting at the church next Sunday, January 29 at 7:30. This will be an important meeting. The purpose is to discuss the proposal for an Upper Room addition to the church. Church members will be voting on this issue and all members are asked to attend.

The Ballinafad Church extends an invitation to a "coffee break" at 11 a.m. next Sunday to give everyone, members and newcomers alike, a chance to visit before the 11:45 service. All are welcome.

It was also announced, that a week from next Sunday, February 5, there will be a meeting on "Ten Days for World Development", all denominations are affiliated with this organization. It will be held in St. George's Anglican Church, Georgetown. There is to be a pot luck supper and the speaker will be Father Robert Stark.

The beautiful basket of assorted plants were placed in the sanctuary by Mrs. Christine Massie, in memory of her late husband, Lorimer Massie, who passed away one year ago.

Board meets

The Ballinafad Community Hall board elections were held at the annual general meeting on Sunday afternoon, January 22 at the hall. Following lunch and a discussion about plans for 1984, the following new board members were chosen: Chairman Hank Burnett, Secretary Betty Andrew, Treasurer Helen Lakusta, Maintenance Jim Bailey, Entertainment Gerry Burgan, Members at large are Andrew Dimonte, Elizabeth Dunn, Reg French, Martha Lewis, Paul Schwarz and Carl Volmar. News letter will be by Bonnie Walker and committee.

Please watch this column for notices of several special new activities for all ages. Other information will be at the general store and in the next local newsletter.

Exchange vows

A happy event took place in the village on Saturday, January 21. A wedding took place at the church, when Penny Shortill, daughter of Viola Shortill and the late Harry Shortill, exchanged vows with John Douglas Reid, son of Wayne and

Lenora Reid, from the Orangeville District.

Dr. T.G. Bandy officiated for the ceremony. Eileen McEnery played the organ. Paul Schwarz sang a beautiful solo. Later the wedding party went to the community centre for the reception. The wedding supper was catered by the UCW.

A dance followed and later in the evening refreshments were served to the guests.

We extend congratulations to the happy couple on their marriage and wish them continued happiness in the future.

Personals

Congratulations to Grant and Laura Wright who became grand parents on Sunday, January 22. Their daughter Joan and son-in-law Lindsay became the proud parents of a nine pound son, born in Simcoe General Hospital. He will be christened Joshua Lindsay Gatto.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Bird and family. Mrs. Bird's father passed away in Nottingham, England, last week. She returned home on Monday after attending the funeral.

Sorry to hear Lola Marshall had to return to hospital early last week for further tests. Her many friends sincerely hope she may be able to return home shortly with much improved health.

The WI sponsored meeting at the community centre last Wednesday evening on "Money Matters" was well attended and proved to be helpful for those seeking help or advice when making out their income tax.

Ballinafad Soccer

Soccer in Ballinafad will either die in 1984 or operate on a vastly different basis. Georgetown Youth Soccer have indicated that they wish all Ballinafad players to register in Georgetown in 1984. It may be possible after registration, if area coaches and managers are committed for the season to assemble teams comprising of a majority of Ballinafad area boys in one or two age groups.

The Hillsburgh minor soccer group has offered an alternative to this situation. Teams could be registered in Ballinafad, as in the past and play with the Hillsburgh league. Some travelling to Rockwood, etc. would be required. It is suggested that teams be registered and controlled by those persons who would coach and manage the team for the season.

Anyone who is interested in assuming such a position or who have comments, or suggestions on the future of soccer in Ballinafad, please contact Ivan Bird at 877-4985.

Bannockburn WI

The January meeting of Bannockburn Women's Institute took place at the home of Dorothy Hilton. At 1 p.m. a lovely dessert was served by Dorothy and Edith.

The meeting opened with a reading by Linda Cairns about New Year's resolutions. Roll call "A First Aid Remedy I Rely On" brought many valuable hints. Some of the remedies had been passed down from generation to generation.

The ladies have been participating in a course put on by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food called "More Cents than

Dollars", where you can use more sense to save dollars in cooking and preparing economical main dishes. Summary day was held in Milton yesterday (Tuesday).

A euchre party is planned for February 14. The speaker for the afternoon was Ted Hilton. He gave a good question and answer talk about safety first at accidents. The meeting closed with a good verse by Linda called "Psychedelium", how simple English words have totally different meanings today.

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