

Good business Sunday say video operators

Sunday is one of the best days of the week in the video rental business say owners of three Halton Hills video outlets charged for keeping their stores open in contravention of the province's Sunday closing laws.

H and H Video in Georgetown and Acton, along with The Video Station in Georgetown were charged by police for being open Sunday, Jan. 8 and 22. All were warned in December that they faced charges if they continued to stay open on Sundays.

Barb Patcheson, who along with husband Vince owns The Video Station, said 90 per cent of their 500 video rental club members indicated in a survey that they wanted to be able to rent movies on Sundays.

"Sunday was a good day and it was getting better," she said of business.

Millie Adams, co-owner of H and H Video, said they were not challenging the law, despite the fact they ignored the police warning. She said they were just observing the request of their customers that they stay open.

H and H Video has about 1200 club members and Adams said the stores are only open to members on Sundays.

"Our members would be very upset if we didn't stay open on Sunday," she said.

"People want to watch movies when they aren't working," she explained.

H and H Video has remained open the last two Sundays since being charged. The Video Station has remained closed.

Patcheson said she objects to video stores being charged when Shopper's Drug Mart in Georgetown rents videos on Sunday without a problem because as a pharmacy it is exempt from the Sunday closing law.

She noted that in Toronto, variety stores and gas bars, also exempt, are renting videos on Sunday as is a bowling alley in Milton.

She said there is no difference between renting a video and going to the movie theatre on a Sunday.

"You pay admission to see a show," she said. "This way you rent a movie and take it home at considerably less cost."

She added that employees are not being forced to work in their store on Sunday because "it is only myself and my husband involved."



Glenn Archer (left) and Jim Johnston (right) have been improving and designing a computer program with their teacher Paul Tamblin. The program has proved so successful the Ministry of Education has decided to use it and Commodore Computers may want to use it as well.

AHS computer whizzes sell program to Ministry

Two local high school students have amazed their teachers and colleagues by perfecting a computer program that both the Ministry of Education and Commodore Computers want to acquire.

Jim Johnston and Glenn Archer joined their computer sciences teacher Paul Tamblin on the project two years ago as part of a class project and the program mushroomed into two years of intensive designing.

The overall project is divided into four separate programs that will assess a home's energy efficiency. The computer recommends solutions to solve energy use problems and costs associated with conserving energy.

Tamblin said he decided to design the program because part of his environmental studies course required students to collect and assess all the data on home energy conservation by hand and many of the students found it difficult, if not impossible, to keep all the figures straight.

It was three years ago that he began writing the program, which he thought might take a few weeks, that is just now being completed.

Archer and Johnston joined Tamblin in the spring of 1982 and have been rewriting, designing and cleaning up the program ever since.

from the first program to a simulated home and the third program allows students to input information about their own homes for assessment. The third program also lists possible improvements, their costs and the time needed for a return on investment through energy saving.

"The fourth program is geared more to teachers and homeowners who need lists of various insulating materials, construction techniques and heat sources and fuels," said Tamblin.

Archer, who has an Apple computer at home, was already familiar with writing programs before he began the project and he hopes that any money he may receive from the sale of the program will buy him another computer system.

Johnston said he didn't know very much about computers before he joined Archer and Tamblin, but watching people working on the numerous computers in the school helped him pick up the skills.

Both Archer and Johnston said they are considering a career in a computer field after graduating.

With the acceptance of the program by the Ministry of Education, both boys will receive \$800 and if Commodore accepts the program they will receive royalties on the sales as well.

Proposal to relieve the Mill - Main bottleneck

Steps should be taken to solve a traffic bottleneck at the intersection of Mill and Main streets, according to Councillor Jake Kuiken.

There are two southbound lanes on Main St. North in front of Acton Pharmacy. The right lane is for traffic turning right onto Mill St. West or going straight south on Highway 25. The left lane is supposed to be for left hand turns, however Kuiken says many drivers are going straight south from that lane too.

With two vehicles going straight south from two lanes into one lane, this is a danger. Kuiken observed he has almost had accidents because of this problem and he

has witnessed other near misses. This problem has also been brought to his attention by citizens.

Kuiken thinks since the Town is considering putting in walk-don't walk traffic signals at the intersection during this year's budget deliberations, an overhead sign stating the left lane is for left turns only is also worth considering.

He also thinks since there is a big parking lot beside IGA it would be wise to remove the street parking from in front of the lot and IGA. He says this would allow an earlier start for the right hand lane and make the area safer.

Kuiken last week asked Town staff to report to council on his two suggestions.

Invite McMullin to council

New Esqueving regional councillor Jake Kuiken thinks the head of the Niagara Escarpment Commission should be asked to come to Halton Hills council to talk about the International Peace Camp proposal.

Recently Kuiken asked at Halton Hills council that Ivor McMullin, chairman of the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC), be invited to council to "clue" councillors in about International Peace Camp (IPC).

The NEC, at the strong urging of Halton Hills and Milton, rejected IPC's plans for a large multi-ethnic cultural-recreation centre south of Speyside on the old Twin Lakes property. IPC last month dropped its

appeal of the decision and indicated it will go back and do various requested studies and then apply for development permits again.

Kuiken said he and fellow newcomer Peter Norton would be able to get a lot of background and have questions answered if McMullin came to council.

He says this would be preferable for him and Norton, compared to the option suggested by other councillors, going through planner Ian Keith to get information about the proposal.

Kuiken explained he'll talk with Keith, but expects he'll again be asking council to have McMullin attend a council meeting.

Clergy Comment

by Rev. C. Hodgson

I John 4:7, 8 states "Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."

Love is taught, always by precept, sometimes by example. Then, hate, which no one meant to teach us, comes of itself. It is true that if we say "I love you," it may be received with doubt, for there are times when it is hard to believe. Say "I hate you," and the one spoken to believes it instantly, once and for all. Then say "I love you" a thousand times to that person after and mean it every time, and still it does not change the fact that once we said "I hate you," and meant that, too. It leaves a mark on the surface love had worn so smooth with its eternal caresses.

Let's make sure our heart is right with one another, and with God. Psalm 139:23, 24 "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way ever-lasting."

Parade Sunday

The annual Acton Scout and Guide parade will be held this Sunday afternoon.

The parade starts at 1.30 p.m. at the Scout Hall on School Lane and proceeds down Main St. North to Mill St. and over to Trinity United Church. There will be a police escort.

Chamber annual is February 27

Tourism will be the big topic of discussion at the Acton Chamber of Commerce annual meeting on Feb. 27 at the Acton Legion.

Acting deputy minister for tourism, Michael Baker, will be the guest speaker. A film will be shown dealing with municipal tourism development.

The annual general meeting is under the direction of Membership and Functions chairperson Jennie Kuiken and committee members Cory Herrington, Marlene Graham and Dave Manes.

The evening will include a cocktail hour, dinner, guest speaker and film presentation, as well as Chamber business such as electing the 1984 board and the upcoming year's program.

Tickets are \$10 a person and may be purchased at Halton Hills Furniture, J and T Sports, Acton IGA and the Hide House.

Blame icy roads

Two Acton and area men escaped with minimal injuries after their small pick-up truck spun out of control on an icy patch and struck a snowbank early Saturday morning.

Milton OPP say Perry Steel, 23, of RR 3 Acton, the driver, and his passenger, Mark Holmes, 21, 65 Greenore Cres. were southbound on Highway 25 about 2.30 a.m. when the accident occurred. Police say the roads were icy, but in good condition.

Police estimate \$2,000 damage to the truck's taigate, left front and left side. No charges were laid.

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