Make people aware of ADD speaker urges

It took a personal tradgedy to make John Grey aware of the national problem of drunk driving in Canada and he hopes that through his campaign he'll be able to make other people aware of the problem before suffering an untimely death in the family.

Grey's son Neil, 14, was fixing the chain on his bicycle on a wide, well lit street a year ago when he was killed instantly by a drunk driver who didn't stop.

Grey, his wife and another son were shocked by Neil's death and for months withdrew from society. For several weeks following the tragedy the Grey family received condolences from people all over Canada who had had the same terrible thing happen to them and as a result Grey began one of the fastest' growing campaigns in Canada called Against Drunk Driving.

at St. Joseph's Hall last Tuesday, Grey,

president of Against Drunk Driving (ADD). pointed out that every 20 minutes someone, somewhere in Canada falls victim to a drunk driver and that new laws and public awareness must be instituted to effectively deal with the problem.

"We are far too lenient with drunk drivers," emphasized Grey, "a first offense means a fine of \$300 to \$500 and a suspended licence. Further repeated offenders can get a good lawyer and through plea bargaining they are tried as a first time offender for their second, third or fourth offense."

"Right now if an impaired driver is involved in an accident all he has to do is say nothing and he'li not be subjected to a breathalizer and no charges will be laid," Grey claimed.

Grey also said that loopholes in section 43 Speaking to a gathering of about 20 people of the Liquor Licence Act don't distinguish between an impaired and an intoxicated person so that giving impaired people more alcohol will be illegal.

"We have to make the public more aware of the potential danger of allowing drunks to drive," added Grey. "Did you know that between 1976 and 1981 there was a 28 per cent increase in fatal accidents involving drunk drivers," asked Grey, "and those numbers are growing."

Grey said he has had a positive reaction from the federal government for stronger laws but a total revenue of \$555,000,000 from the sale of alcohol is making many politicians hesitate on possible measure that may cut into that revenue.

If Grey has his way he'd like to see a mandatory jail sentence for first time offenders, lifestyle advertising on alcohol on television should be abolished and mandatory rehabilitation for convicted drunk drivers should be instituted.

"Raising the drinking age won't help," stated Grey because the average drunk driver is 24-32 years old and licence suspensions are useless because people drive without licences all the time without being caught.

As well as compaigning all over Canada Grey has also started Madiera House to help rehabilitate people convicted of impaired driving and a teen ADD program to reach people before they reach the age where they are allowed to drink said Grey.

Grey concluded saying that citizens have the same rights as the police when it comes to keeping impaired drivers off the road.

"So next time you see a man or woman, obviously impaired, getting ready to drive, take their keys from them and you'll be doing everyone a favor," Grey concluded.



John Grey, president of A.D.D. (Against-Drunk Driving), was at the St. Joseph's Hall last week to talk to local residents about his campaign.

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ACTON, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1984

Average tax up \$28 for Town

The average tax bill for Town (Halton Hills) purposes only is going up about \$28 in Acton and Georgetown and \$20 in the rural

Monday night Halton Hills struck its 1984 budget which results in tax increases of 9.9 per cent in Acton and Georgetown and 8.9 per cent in Esquesing.

Based on an average assessed home of \$4,482 in Acton, the tax increase for general Town purposes is about \$20 with around another \$8 added for the urban service area charge (crossing guards, garbage collection and street lights). It's the same story in Georgetown, though the tax increases are based on an average assessed home of \$5,617.

Based on an average assessment in Esquesing of \$4,621, taxes will jump for Halton Hills only about \$20. Esquesing resident's don't pay an urban service charge.

To these tax increases must still be added education and regional taxes when school board and the region budgets are struck. General government

The tab for general government, or Town administration this year will be \$1.2 million. The purchase of the Stone School in Acton for \$68,000 and \$10,000 for a computer improvement are the big items in this area of the Town budget. The increase in this area of municipal spending will be 5.6 per cent. Protection to Persons and Property

This area of the Town budget reflects the biggest increase in spending, 21.7 per cent and mainly covers the fire department. The total price tag for this area of municipal operations will be \$893,119. The major

projects will be: 1. a traffic signal control system for the Georgetown fire hall, \$6,500; 2. portable radios and chargers will cost \$6,500; 3. architects fees for design of a fire training tower to be eventually built will cost \$10,000; 4. replacement of mobile radios, \$5,000; 5. a recording system for the fire dispatch operation, \$29,000; 6. a fire hose dryer for use in Acton, \$5,500.

Transportation Services (Roads)

The roads budget is going up 2.5 per cent to \$2.6 million. Major roads expenditures include: 1. drainage reconstruction in the King-Albert St. areas of Georgetown, \$234,000; 2. purchase and application of gravel to roads \$178,000; 3. surface treatment of roads \$311,000; 4. road reconstruction on Meadvale Rd. and Westcott Rd. in the Glenlea subdivision of Acton \$206,000; 5. acquisition of property to make road improvements in the Mill St.-Cobblehill Rd. area of Acton and the vicinity of 27 Sideroad and Leslie Hill Rd., \$10,000; 6. construction of a sidewalk on John St., Georgetown, \$15,750; 7. phase four of the reconstruction : of Guelph St, in Georgetown, \$1,157,000; 8. pedestrian crossing signals and some road: work in the Mill-Main St. intersection, Acton, will cost \$15,000; 9. engineering for drainage reconstruction in the Union St., King St., Durham St., Ostrander Blvd., Sarah St. and Elgin St. will cost \$13,000; 10. Glenlea subdivision engineering for reconstruction of Roseford Terrace and part of Longfield Rd., Acton, will cost \$18,000 and 11. engineering for Byron St., Brucewood Rd. reconstruction; 12. equipment purchases, \$212,300; 13. purchase of Canadian Style Donuts building in Acton \$40,000; and

Stone School purchase okay

Halton Hills is buying the Stone School. Without a single comment about the \$68,000 building and land purchases, councillors approved the project as part of the 1984 budget Monday night.

Deputy-clerk Delmar French said there are still "certain conditions still to be satisfied" before the deal closes June 21.

The \$68,000 price tag was accepted by the seller, Halton Board of Education, some months earlier.

While there was no discussion of the purchase Monday at council, this project was reportedly the subject of spirited debate during budget meetings.

In the staff budget report it was noted buying the building will result in preservation of an historic building.

The purchase will also create a facility in Acton for use by community groups "based on a feasibility study" to be done later.

Fund established to aid Hargraves

A fund has been started in ald of George and Marie Hargrave, whose home was badly damaged in a fire last week.

The fund raising efforts were launched by the Order of the Eastern Star, Worthy Matron Gail Manuel explained.

A donation fund has been established at the Bank of Nova Scotia and already by Monday about \$75 was in the account.

As another boost for raising funds, a benefit dance is planned for April 6 at the Acton Legion. Mrs. Manuel explained Branch 197 is donating the hall and a percentage of the bar sales to the cause. Also a light lunch will be sold at the dance with proceeds going towards the Hargrayes. Ticket sales proceeds will also go to the

Tickets for the dance are \$5 a person, she said, and should be available later this week from Legion members, firefighters, Masons and Eastern Star members.

Funds raised will be used by the Hargraves to cover the gap between what they receive from the insurance company and the replacement cost of their lost possessions as well as to help them meet expenses while they await their insurance settlement.

The Hargraves have been highly regarded here for their community service and Mrs. Manuel said they're appealing to those who know Marie and George to make donations and attend the dance.

14. demolition of the house and building a parking lot, \$20,800, 6 Church St., George-Cemeterles Spending on cemeteries in Halton Hills will jump 14.1 per cent to \$103,980 in 1984. Social and Family Services

Municipal spending for social and family services will rise 1.9 per cent to \$72,700 this Recreation and Cultural Services Recreation spending is jumping just 2.8

per cent to \$1.9 million. Major projects will include: 1. installation of various creative playgrounds, \$14,000; 2. beautification of Remembrance Park, Georgetown, \$10,000; 3. renovation to various soccer fields \$10,000; 4. development of a soccer field on Elizabeth Dr. in Acton, \$12,000; 5. a creative playground for the Chapel St. area of Georgetown, \$10,000; 6, phase two of the walkways and footbridge project in Cedarvale Park, Georgetown, \$12,000; 7; new lights for the Glen Williams ball park \$24,000; 8. renovations to the Georgetown Memorial Arena lobby floor, \$8,500; 9. replacement of plexiglass at the Alcott arena, \$7,000; 10. sandblasting the surface of Dick Licatta outdoor pool in Georgetown, \$5,000; 11. a new heating system for the Norval community hall, \$6,000; and 12. resurfacing the Alcott tennis courts in Georgetown, \$10,000.

Libraries Council was going to give the library board an 8.5 per cent increase for a total of (Continued on Page 2)

Purchase donut shop, demolish for parkette

this week

A Moffett woman received a St. John Ambulance Award. See

Editor Gord to back with his popular From the editor's deak.

Knox Prosbyterian Churck bes a new minister. For story and

Adults turn back the clock and return to school. It's all on Poge

picturi see Page 8.

The Canadian Style Donut Shop at the corner of Main and Mill streets, which is now vacant, will be coming down.

Halton Hills and the Acton BIA are combining forces to buy the building, demolish it, put in a parkette and make some road improvements at the corner this year.

The Town is going to own the land, Budget chairman Ross Knechtel noted in making the announcement Monday night.

Engineer Robert Austin, who declined to say exactly how much was paid for the

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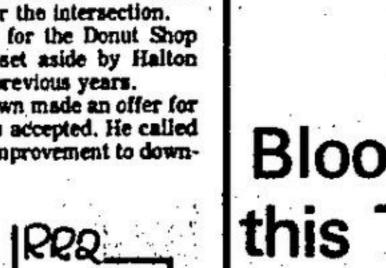
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building and land, said the cost of the entire project is over \$100,000.

He explained \$40,000 is coming from the 1984 Town budget while another \$15,000 in Town monies will go into adjustments to the curb radius and sidewalk and walk-don't walk traffic signals for the intersection.

Some of the money for the Donut Shop building project was set aside by Halton Hills and the BIA in previous years.

Knechtel said the Town made an offer for the building and it was accepted. He called the project a modest improvement to downtown Acton.



Blood clinic this Tuesday

A blood donor clinic will be held this. Tuesday afternoon (March 27) at the Acton Legion, from 5 to 8.30 p.m. This clinic will be sponsored by

Richard Telford Chiropractor. All types. of blood are needed. What better gift to give than the gift of life. For further information contact Alice. Schreiber, 853-0881.

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Plan small additions to St. Alban's Church

Balloonist and area resident Al Russell recently returned from participating in the making

of a Paul Newman movie in Switzerland. His hot air balloon Rainbow is a familiar sight in

Halton Hills as he skims the trees on a nice summer's day. Occasionally he touches down in

Swiss scenery

captivates man

There will be a couple of small additions made to St. Alben's Angilean Church over the next few months.

by Helen Murray

the Swiss Alps has spoiled a Halton Hills

man for everything else.

A three and a half hour balloon ride over

At Russell, who lives just outside Acton,

recently returned from Switzerland where

he not only had the ride of his life, but also

took part in the filming of Paul Newman's

latest, as yet unnamed, movie. All this

defending champion of the Canada Hot Air

Owner of The Balloonery, Al is the

because Al has discovered hot air.

farmers' fields as in this photo.

Monday Rev. Art Tribe announced the alterations to the building and unveiled the architectural drawings.

Currently there is a small, grassed area facing onto Willow St. between the church and parish hall. This area, about 10 by 29 feet, will be

enclosed and become the new Narthex (a greeting area) of the church. Rev. Tribe explained in this new Narthex there will be a spot where costs are hung up, will feature a new entrance to the church

and mean access from the back of the

church to the parish hall in the future.

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in wheelchairs, Rev. Tribe noted. Coffee hours will also be held in this new

Balloon competitions. In the past six years,

since he discovered that a hobby can pay for

itself. Al has gained world wide recognition

It was indirectly because of this reputa-

A special fun-competition was being held

in January at Chateau D-Oex, Switzerland,

by invitation only. Thirty balloonists from 15

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tion that Al was chosen to participate in

for his expertise in the sport.

Newman's movie.

The present walls will be moved back.

The pipes for the organ will be removed from the vestry room and placed in banks in the walls at the front of the church where false organ pipes are now located. The false

All of the alterations are going to cost around \$100,000 and the work, which should start fairly soon, is expected to take about

William Parker Construction of Guelph is

handling the work.

The Narthex will be accessible for visitors

The sanctuary, the area behind the altar railing at St. Alban's will be enlarged too.

pipes will be removed.

four months.