

## Never on Sunday?

Never on Sunday. That's the way it goes sometimes when you try something new, as the staff of Consumers Distributing, Mountainview Road, found out when the local store decided to participate in a province-wide Sunday, pre-Christmas sale.

Doors opened to the public at nine o'clock but were closed two hours before the scheduled closing time because of a complaint issued by other Georgetown merchants based on the Sunday closing bylaws.

Police arrived at the store to present a summons and close the store.

Charlie Crimes, chairman of the Downtown Merchants Association, explained that no store other than those carrying perishable commodities such as foodstuffs were allowed to be open on Sunday.

"You can't change the bylaw under any circumstances," added Mr. Crimes.

To amend the bylaw would take an act of council, and, according to the mayor's office, nothing was said.

Consumer's Distributing head office in Rexdale will receive notification that the Georgetown store has been charged with breaking the town bylaw by opening to the public on a Sunday.

"We'll just wait and see what happens," said Jim Kinsman, manager of the store.



**OLD-TYME CHRISTMAS**

CEDAR ROPING and pine boughs adorned with holly and pine cones make lovely natural decorations for the home or front door. Conny Verhey, an assistant at Fendley Florists on Mill Street demonstrates the technique of

utilizing the fresh green materials and adds a candle and a few silver balls. She'll be glad to show you how to create an old-time Christmas wreath or table centre.

## Council considers self-serve

After less than two months, a two-year freeze on self-serve gas stations here may be thawed out. The town's planning board agreed with a request from Texaco of Canada Ltd. to open a self-serve station.

The board reversed a council motion from last October, putting a two-year moratorium on self-serve stations to assess their value and safety to the community.

Earlier in the spring, council agreed to allow Sun Oil Co. to open and operate a station in Georgetown.

With a vote of 6-5 Tuesday, the motion was carried by the board and will be presented to council next Monday for approval.

J.D. Gibson of Texaco's Real Estate department, made a presentation to the board outlining the company's proposal to convert an existing station at 184 Guelph Street in Georgetown to self-serve.

Within less than two months, what was to have been a two-year freeze on self-serve gas stations in Georgetown has thawed out. Town council Monday night approved a motion prepared by the planning board to allow Texaco of Canada Ltd. to open a self-serve station on Guelph Street, in Georgetown.

The decision reversed a council motion passed last October which supposedly put a two-year moratorium on self-serve stations in order to allow time to assess the stations' value and safety.

The go-ahead for Texaco followed a similar approval earlier this spring which allowed Sun Oil Co. to open and operate a self-serve station in Georgetown.

Councillor Ric Morrow opposed the motion to allow the self-serve station in Georgetown. At the time the freeze was put on the building of such stations, he said, council was in a position to take a very objective look at the problems. "We decided to wait for two years to see what happened to the one self-serve gas bar already in town."

Councillor Ernie Sykes commented, "There is really no going to be any change in the function of the station we're concerned with at this time." He explained that the station's service bays and mechanics would all be retained. "The only change will be that the person getting the gas will be serving himself. This is an ideal situation to see the advantages of self-serve stations."

To that Councillor Len Coxie replied, "We have no guarantee at all that the service station will continue to operate as a service station and not just become another self-serve gas bar."

In a recorded vote, asked for by Councillor Morrow, council agreed to allow the Texaco self-serve gas bar by an eight to five vote.

J.D. Gibson of Texaco's Real Estate Department, made a presentation for the approval of the self-serve gas bar at last week's meeting of planning board. He outlined the company's plans to convert an existing station at 184 Guelph Street to self-serve.

"There will be no structural changes to the existing building," he said. "We'll continue to use the service bays at the station. In fact, self-serve will give the owner more time to work in the bays and provide better service."

Mr. Gibson added that a few changes are necessary at the station, including the construction of a control booth on the inside island. He said a new 5,000 gallon underground tank will be installed for no-lead gasoline.

Operated from the sales room," he said. "With our island control booth, council will have a chance to compare the two systems, and decide which is better."

Mr. Gibson told the councillors that someone will be on duty at all times to control the use of the pumps.

Councillor Roy Booth continued his strong opposition to self-serve stations, saying the two-year freeze should remain until council decides it has enough information to make an assessment. "The regulations outlined by the governing ministry say one person can control up to a maximum of 12 pumps," he said. "I don't see how one person, usually a teenager, can control 12 pumps."

Councillors asked how much money customers would save by using the facilities of the self-serve station if it was allowed to operate in town.

Mr. Gibson said the price would vary depending on the existing and surrounding gas prices, but usually the rates decreased between three to eight cents.

Councillor Booth pointed out that in Georgetown, the existing self-serve charges a certain price while "less than two-tenths of a mile down the road, another station charges the same price, but it's not a self-serve."

Councillor Ernie Hyde said people use self-serve to save money, and if they're not saving money, then they won't use the self-serve stations.

## IN HALTON

# Boundary changes could see three ridings

It's almost official. There will be three provincial ridings in Halton Region next year. The electoral boundaries commission is recommending an increase of one constituency in Halton.

The commission's decision have been forwarded to the provincial legislature and, if passed, will become effective prior to the next provincial election, expected in late 1975.

By increasing the region by one constituency, the commission rejected a request by Burlington's Mayor George Harrington to

divide the present two ridings in Halton into four ridings.

Members on the commission suggested the town of Oakville become one riding, the City of Burlington, south of the Queen Elizabeth Way a second, with the remainder of the region forming a third riding.

The decision is based on population equality said commission members Mr. Justice Campbell Grant, chairman, Roderick Lewis, chief electoral officer and clerk of the legislature and T. Robert Samson, of the University of Western Ontario.

The new divisions would allow for almost equal representation with Oakville's riding serving 65,000 people, Burlington's riding, 70,000 and the northern area about 65,000.

Mayor Harrington claims the population figures used by the commission are outdated.

He pointed out that the city's fast-growing population would result in under-representation before the next electoral boundaries change. He had proposed a second riding for the urban area in Burlington.

The present two ridings of Halton East

and Halton West are represented by Jim Snow, minister of government services, and George Kerr, solicitor-general.

Mr. Snow is faced with the difficult decision of selecting either the urban area of Oakville or the northern riding to run his campaign. He is a resident of Halton Hills.

Mr. Kerr has stated that he is satisfied to run in the Burlington urban area, even though his present riding includes rural North Burlington and the former Nassagaweya Township (now part of the Town of Milton.)

# McKenzie raps Booth for Herald comments

Councillor Pat McKenzie has taken exception to a comment made by Georgetown Councillor Roy Booth in a recent Herald article dealing with recreational facilities for the youth of Halton Hills.

In a statement scheduled to be released at Tuesday evening's meeting of town council, Councillor McKenzie commented that he took strong exception to Councillor Booth's comments.

"Councillor Booth," Councillor McKenzie's statement reads, "is reported to have said that this council was more interested in buying a \$100,000 computer than it was in providing adequate facilities for recreational purposes."

"I find this to be a very irresponsible statement."

"Recreation was provided with a responsible budget which I feel has been well administered by our Director Doug Collison. Additional staff have not been able to carry out a few of its projects but I'm confident that council will find a way to carry out these projects and their financing into 1975 without affecting their new budget."

"Besides the normal operating expenses we have seen one indoor pool that was completed this year and another indoor pool and an arena complex will open early in 1975. We have also taken the necessary steps to finance an addition to one of our libraries."

"With these facts available to any councillor, it is beyond my reasoning to understand how we, as a council, can be accused of not being interested in recreation."

"I maintain that we need the computer to enable our treasurer to operate an efficient department and initiate savings that will help us pay for the new recreational facilities which this council has provided."

Councillor McKenzie released a copy of his comments prior to the Tuesday evening meeting.

## Trees for dump

The Georgetown Boy Scouts have been granted permission to purchase trees to plant on the site of the former Georgetown landfill site.

Council granted approval Monday night for a Boy Scout Tree Planting Program first discussed last week by the subsidiary planning board.

Because the land is zoned for recreational use Councillor Ernie Hyde questioned whether the approval should be given before the plan is reviewed by the town's recreation department or engineering department.

"I'd hate to think they end up planting trees in the middle of what could become a football field."

Councillor Roy Booth, however noted the Scouts must order the trees before the end of the year and council should not hold them up.



Parking is always a problem at Christmas with the rush of shoppers, however the intention to park was not that of the driver of this particular car, Gurlmerme Cabral of Shelly Street. Apparently the driver swerved

to avoid collision with another vehicle on Mill Street and came into contact with the Bell pole located at the Hydro office. Policeman K. Woudstra makes notes of the unusual circumstances.

## Charge four after narcotics investigation

After two months of underground investigations a combined force of Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Ontario Provincial Police drug squads charged four area men Saturday with conspiracy to traffic in narcotics and trafficking in narcotics.

James Anderson of RR1 Limehouse and Newton Hurst, 25, of 285 Peel Street, Acton, were arrested Saturday night when police raided Hurst's Peel Street residence. Ten pounds of marijuana was seized.

They were scheduled to appear in provincial court in Burlington Tuesday for a bail hearing.

Two other area men have warrants outstanding and will be charged when police locate them.

## A pool's a pool but...

What's the difference between an aquatic supervisor, pool supervisor, pool manager or pools supervisor? Halton Hills council, after lengthy discussion Monday night, discovered that there was little if any difference at all between the four names, which in fact, all pertained to one person.

That person has yet to be hired by Halton Hills.

The entire discussion centred on a request presented by the town's general administration committee for permission to advertise for the position of pool manager for the new Georgetown pool scheduled to open in mid-March.

Councillor Pat McKenzie questioned the request asking whether the person hired would be in charge of just the Georgetown pool or was, in fact, an overall aquatic program co-ordinator for the town's recreation department?

Councillor Ernie Sykes replied that he understood that an aquatic supervisor would not only supervise the operation of the Georgetown pool but the entire swimming program in the town.

Councillor Roy Booth finally straightened the situation out when he explained that the person who will be hired in the new year would supervise the operation of the new Georgetown pool, the outdoor pool during the summer, and, if he or she proves capable enough, will act as overall co-ordinator of the swimming activities arranged by Halton Hills Recreation Department.

At present the town has one pool supervisor looking after the new Acton indoor pool.

## Fire in hospital kills man in bed

An investigation is currently underway by the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office and the Ontario Provincial Police into the cause of a fire which took the life of Edward McGonical, a patient at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

No official report has yet been issued but it is believed the patient was smoking in bed. The fire was discovered by another patient located across the hall from Mr. McGonical in ward B of the hospital.

Firemen were summoned at about 5:33 Friday evening.

The patient was immediately transferred to the burn unit at Toronto Western Hospital where he died Saturday morning.

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