

New market receives planning board's approval

A Bramalea businessman found himself on the losing end of the bargaining last week as he got down to bartering with the town's subsidiary planning board about a fruit stand he hopes to build in Halton Hills.

Sandy Draga, a partner in a large fruit and grocery store on Highway 7 in Bramalea had hoped to locate a similar grocery operation on the highway between Georgetown and Acton. He found, however, that the planning board was more concerned with growing fruits and vegetables than selling them.

Mr. Draga, through his spokesman, John Lyonde, had requested approval for re-designation of two lots in Concession 8 fronting on Highway 7 from their present zoning as agricultural land to "highway commercial" property.

Because Esqueusing regulations state that any farmer can set up a market to sell his own produce Mr. Draga has already begun construction on the building. The planning board, while budging slightly, didn't give Mr. Draga what he had hoped for. They agreed that the property could be rezoned for commercial use, but only for certain items and only for part of the property.

Councillor Dick Howitt objected to the property being given a total "highway commercial" zoning. Noting that such zoning could allow a motel or gas station to be built on the land Councillor Howitt concluded, "It takes in too much."

After Mr. Lyonde had stated that a market such as the large Pirri's Town Festival fruit market on the Lakeshore was what was planned for the site, Councillor Roy Booth warned, "We could be creating another Knob Hill Farms."

A compromise, which Mr. Lyonde admitted was not totally to his liking was worked out by the planning board. The commercial designation will be given to the property but only for the sale of fruits, vegetables and groceries.

Following an objection by Councillor Len Cox to the entire two lots being given the designation, the planning board also controlled the size of the market by allowing only one lot to be used for the market while the other must remain in production.

"That is good agricultural land intended for growing fruits and vegetables. We don't want to end up with a 300-foot store spread across it."

Clergy Comments Revelations

By Fr. Oiger Devent
Pastor of Holy Cross Catholic Church

If revelation were a collection of eternal and necessary truths concerning God, the soul, and immortality, the proper style of theological speech would differ from that of philosophy. If the stuff of revelation were common historical facts, theology could speak the language of ordinary history.

But revelation has to do with the hidden God and the ways in which He calls man into union with Himself. Its doctrine is, therefore, sacred doctrine; its history, sacred history. At every point the subject matter of theology touches on mystery. And how can mystery be expressed? Unlike historical or abstract truth, mystery cannot be described or positively defined. It can only be evoked. Religious languages must contrive to point beyond itself and to summon up, in some fashion, the gracious experience of the mystery with which it deals.

The Bible employs a great variety of literary forms. It is a small library containing historical records, poetic effusions, theological meditations, dramatic dialogues, hortatory epistles, etc. But in practically every biblical book we find exceptionally vivid and imaginative speech. The inspired imagery of the Bible may surely be reckoned as one of the main sources of its spiritual power. The biblical images astonish our expectations, grip our attention, challenge our receptivity, haunt our memory, stir our affections, and transform our attitudes. While the Bible is not lacking in doctrine, its language suggests far more about God and His ways with man than it conveys by express concepts.

The central theme of both the Old and New Testaments is quite evidently the great series of mighty deeds by which God manifested His mercy, His loving power, and His enduring fidelity toward the people of His choice. These deeds may be called God's gestures in history, and, like human gestures, they are symbolic. The divine deed par excellence is the miracle. A miracle, according to the biblical conception is a sign-event in which a properly attuned religious consciousness can recognize, so to speak, the handwriting of God. The only way we can see this is by reading the Bible.

It is good for us to set aside a few minutes each day to read and try to understand the Bible. Only by doing this can we really see the work of God and the reason behind it.

Georgetown fills one truck for Vietnamese

People do care. Within 24 hours of issuing a plea for help the Georgetown Alliance Church received 24 calls from people of Georgetown wishing to make donations towards the Viet Nam Heartbeat project. Within two weeks a total of 59 calls resulted in their first, fifteen truckload of aid.

Viet Nam Heartbeat is aimed at helping the over 4,000 refugee families in Montreal, many of whom came to Canada with literally one suitcase per family. Alliance Pastors and Missionaries have been working together trying to aid these people. Pastor Peter Ralph, convinced that Georgetown would help out, decided to get involved.

The Georgetown Alliance Church was aiming at assembling a total two truckloads of donations. However, in a period of two weeks one load has already

been accumulated. Hopefully this is only the beginning.

The Alliance Church, working together, sorted and boxed all the material on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night of the past week. Along with about 30 boxes of clothing, other donations included six beds, four stoves, three baby strollers, a living room suite, a crib, three chrome sets, carpet, kitchen utensils, a television set plus more.

Wes Palmer of RR2 Georgetown will be driving the truck to Montreal in the near future.

Pastor Ralph noted that donations are still greatly needed. Some of the articles needed are: any type of household furniture; all types of household utensils, children's clothing; women's clothing up to size ten; men's clothing (size small) and boy's clothing (size for an average boy of 15 years of age); any winter

clothing in sizes mentioned above, and bed and bath linen.

Pastor Ralph explained that because many of the Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees are somewhat smaller in stature the smaller sizes of clothing are needed. Any donations will be picked up if you call either 877-2306 or 853-3923.

Pastor Ralph also pointed out that many Alliance Churches in Ontario are involved in this project. However, of all the churches of the same size as Georgetown's, none have collected as much material as the Georgetown Alliance Church. This only goes to show that Georgetown is concerned and willing to help.

Pastor Ralph wished to thank the community and all the young people of the Georgetown Alliance Church and of the Mountainview Baptist Church for the great amount of work they put forth. "A nice thing I have found out about Georgetown is that the people really do care," stated the delighted Pastor.



IF NOT BY POLE THEN BY HAND! Barbie VanderVelde tries her 'hand' at fishing for fish, single-handed. Keeping watch for any prospective biters is Cindy Vanbodegom.

Both girls were with their families at the Terra Cotta Conservation Area last weekend for the Vanbodegom family reunion.

Changing part of town from industrial zone to residential

A residential area by any other name is...a manufacturing zone? According to Georgetown's official zoning bylaw, it could be.

A number of areas throughout the town are officially zoned for manufacturing purposes and yet are actually well populated, residential areas. However, slowly but surely, the planning department is bringing officially and actually into line.

One such area is located in the strip north of the Abitibi and Donmar plants and south of Smith and Stone. It includes homes fronting on Academy, College and John Streets. Although it is officially zoned for M2 industrial purposes the only manufacturing firm located there is Die-Mold Tool

Ltd. The rest consists largely of single family homes which should be located in an R3 zone.

Ron Burnett, assistant planner for the town, told the subsidiary planning board last week that that particular area is just one of many the planning department would like to see re-zoned to their actual instead of official use.

Many such re-zoning amendments will be included in the new Official Plan for all of Halton Hills which, Mr. Burnett noted, is presently being worked on by the department. It's expected that the town's new Official Plan could be ready sometime late this year.

"That's still a fair distance down the pipe," said Mr. Burnett. In the meantime, he

added, the planning department will be considering re-zoning incorrectly labelled areas on an on-going process.

Councillor Roy Booth questioned the advisability of applying to the Ontario Municipal Board for a number of separate re-zoning requests instead of just presenting the completed Official Plan when it's ready. "What you're talking about could affect

about 50 areas of town. To put through 50 separate amendments could take a long time."

The planning board, however, decided to proceed with work on a re-zoning bylaw for the Academy, College and John Streets area.

"It could be embarrassing if someone came along and asked to put an industry in there," said Councillor Ern Hyde.

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Rexway BP closing down

After 13 years of dedicated operation, serving over 250 regular customers, the Rexway BP on Highway 7, locked their doors for the last time Thursday evening.

Dave Sharpe, proprietor of Rexway BP for the past five years, decided that he needed more time for private life. "You have to devote a lot of time to running a service station. It's been five years of many long hours," stated Dave.

However, it was not only the long hours involved which persuaded Dave to 'close up shop'. "The day of the service station, as we know it, is coming to an end. So I just decided that the time to make a move is now," explained Dave.

This is not to say that Dave will not miss the service

station or his many customers. "The only thing I'll miss are all the people I've met and dealt with over the years. I've met so many nice people and I hope I'll be seeing them all from time to time."

Dave will be taking over the position of service manager at North Halton Motor Sales Ltd. "I'm looking forward to seeing a lot of old friends and customers," concluded Dave. Prior to Dave, John Ellis was the proprietor of Rexway BP for eight years.

If Dave wasn't fixing cars or pumping gas he was talking to the many friends who would just drop in for a friendly chat.

As of yet it is unknown what will happen with the station but it is for certain that the Rexway BP and 'the boys' will be greatly missed in Georgetown.

Sargent Road to begin in 2 weeks

Sargent Road residents will be much happier very shortly.

The town has received word that the ministry of transportation and communications has approved work on Sargent Road. Under terms of the approval work must begin within two weeks. Thus Sargent Road will begin to take a turn for the better by August 14.

Town police wait for Moped regulations before taking action

Mopeders, for the moment you're safe.

While Queen's Park puts the finishing touches on the new legislation governing the use of mopeds throughout the province, Halton Regional Police and other police forces are not enforcing the recommendations released in a brief on the new laws.

Once the bill is passed making the recommendations law, police will be required to enforce the rulings.

"To operate mopeds the

driver must have a valid driver's licence, and insurance," explained Sergeant Jason Fields of the Georgetown detachment.

"Also, the bikes are not to exceed 30 miles per hour, and once helmets have been ap-

proved by the ministry of transportation they too will be required by law."

As soon as Halton Regional Police receive word that the new law is ready to be enforced, moped operators must abide by the regulations.

Alva Allen students pass piano tests

The following pupils of Alva Allen have successfully completed music examinations set by the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto.

Theory

Grade 3, Harmony: Evelyn Allen, Honors; Margaret Armstrong, Honors; Eileen McAuley, First Class Honors. Grade 2, Rudiments: Karen Gregson, Honors; Deborah Phipps, First Class Honors. Grade 1, Rudiments: Andra Cleave, First Class Honors; Suzanne De Groat 100 percent; Patricia McKee, Honors.

Piano

Grade 8: Robert Cleave, Honors; Karen Gregson, Honors; Edith Klee, Pass; Sharon Schoffelemer, Pass. Grade 7: Shirley Smallwood, Honors.

Grade 8: Heather Gregson, Honors; Suzanne De Groat, Honors; Patricia McKee, Pass; Deborah Phipps, Honors. Grade 5: Kelly Murumants, Honors. Grade 4: Rosemary Wilcox, Honors. Grade 3: Lisl McClure, Honors. Grade 1: Stuart McClure, First Class Honors.

Hugh Cree in 31st place

With one race still to run in the Player's Challenge Series, Hugh Cree of Georgetown is tied for 31st spot with three points.

The series is for the Canadian Automotive Sport Clubs Canadian driving championship.

Should Cree enter the sixth and final race in the series, scheduled for Halifax, August 16, he could, in theory, pull himself into the top 10 in total points.

Bertil Roos of Sweden presently heads the pack with 94 points, and is unreachable. He has won \$13,500 in prize money. Cree has won \$500.

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