

Sunday store hours still open to debate

Halton Hills store operators will get their chance to be heard regarding the controversial question of Sunday retail store operations before the provincial government acts in the matter.

Julian Reed, MPP for Halton-Burlington is anxious to receive written comments regarding this issue so that he may represent the riding when the final document is prepared.

This Thursday a select legislative committee, of which Mr. Reed is a member, will begin tackling the delicate problem followed by public input from citizens and

merchants of the province.

"There will be an ad placed in papers inviting people to forward their comments to their MPP regarding Sunday store hours," explained Mr. Reed.

A final decree on the situation will end the battle that is currently underway with Christopher Vito, owner of Chris's IGA on Guelph Street and the town of Halton Hills. The charges were laid by other concerned businessmen of the town under the current bylaw that stipulates that large food stores should be closed on Sunday because they do not

fall into the class of convenience or milk stores.

The milk store category is derived through the majority of sales being the one product, milk.

Attorney for IGA, Robert Goldin, in an earlier court appearance stated that stores such as Becker's and Mac's Milk invented the milk store concept to beat local bylaws. "The stores have the same goods as my client does, but they are permitted to be open."

Managers of both A&P and Loblaws in Georgetown are not in favour of Sunday openings and are resisting customer

pressure to open on Sundays following IGA's example.

"Many of the stores only open because they feel the other store has forced them into the position to remain competitive," furthered committee member Reed.

Loblaws employees recently dawned buttons bearing the slogan "We respect Sunday, it's our family day too," reflecting the opinion of the major food chain.

"The question of Sunday store operation is a difficult one to handle," explained Mr. Reed. "It is not just the Lord's Day Act, but Sunday has come to mean a day of rest for many, regardless of their religion."

"By the same token as the Sunday closing bylaw, Orthodox Jews could be made exempt since their Sabbath is Saturday and they are not open for business."

Once the provincial decree is prepared and passed police will be able to take a stand in the prosecution of offenders, but the present situation, has forced them to stand back from the problem until some action is taken.

The three charges against the IGA have yet to come to court for the second time, and may not, until the province acts.

From the consumer's point of view, Sunday shopping is to say the least, convenient. But in actual fact it is done by people who know that they now can do it on a Sunday and wait until then.

"If they can't get into the store on Sunday most people will find a way to do it Saturday," stated Mr. Reed.

The pricing situation which has upset the local merchants is also one of the questions Mr. Reed and his committee will be seeking concrete answers to. "The costs of operating a large store in terms of necessary staff, added heating and lighting will raise food prices," explained one downtown merchant.

While some stores can get away with lower wages and awkward hours, both A&P and Loblaws are union stores and must operate under guidelines set by the governing body.

Full crews must be available to serve customers and according to present union regulations, an overtime salary which varies from time-and-a-half to double time, must be paid.

Although the committee has yet to sit on the Sunday store hours act, several suggestions have already been announced and public input seems to be favourable.

Store size could be a governing factor, with 2,400 square feet as the maximum store area that would be permitted to be open Sunday. A store with less than three employees could also be exempt from the ruling.



"WE RESPECT SUNDAY" Joy Howatt is just one of the Loblaws' employees proudly displaying the company's stand on Sunday shopping. The large grocery stores in town are not in favour of opening extra hours and hope that they will not be pressured into the Sunday shifts.

Too many diplomas—Bodnar Don't take secondary diplomas at face value

Too many students attending General Wolfe and General Brock High Schools are receiving secondary school graduation diplomas.

The result, Georgetown trustee Ernie Bodnar told Halton Board of Education last Thursday night, is a growing doubt among employers about the worth of a secondary school graduate.

Employers are having trouble differentiating between regular graduates from the regular high school program and those from the vocationally-oriented courses offered by Brock and Wolfe.

"It's creating serious doubt among employers about our educational standards," Mr. Bodnar said.

When the special education courses for students having trouble in the regular high school courses were first set up at Brock and Wolfe, he pointed out, a high school graduation diploma for a graduate was

supposed to be "more the exception than the rule. Now it's more the rule than the exception."

Approximately 50 secondary school diplomas were awarded at General Wolfe's recent commencement exercises the board was told.

Superintendent of programs, J.W. Boich, explained that under current ministry of education regulations a student does not have to take a level 4 or 5 course (Grade 12 or 13) to obtain a secondary school diploma.

"His diploma could be made up entirely of level 2 courses," he said.

"A secondary school diploma must not be taken at face value any more," Mr. Boich continued. An accompanying list of the student's actual courses and the results in each is the important document to look at.

Mr. Boich, also expressing some concern with the existing diploma system, advised the board that a special report on the philosophy of graduation standards be carried out.

They want snow



READY FOR THE SNOW Johnathan Morwick searched for skis with the other members of his family at the Y on Saturday.



TRYING THEM ON FOR SIZE are Rebecca and Cindy Halonen who were just two of the many who came to shop for skates at the Y's annual ski and skate exchange held Saturday at St. Andrew's United Church Hall.

Plaza studied

The L-shaped plaza and Goodyear Tire Store planned for the area to the east of the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena is still being reviewed by the planning department.

Planning board referred the plans submitted by developer Al Pilutti back to the planning department for further review Tuesday night.

Outlining his plans for the plaza Mr. Pilutti later explained that a supermarket would be located in the section of the building running parallel with Highway 7.

Connecting the food store with the Goodyear store, located directly beside the highway, would be a 33,214 sq. ft. plaza containing a boutique, bank and additional sales space.

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DATED at Georgetown this 10th day of November 1975.
John Kousipetkou
Michael Kousipetkou
and James Kousipetkou
Applicant

99 Mountainview Rd. N. Georgetown, Ont.

Carnegie reservations

Reservations for the Halton Hills area's second Dale Carnegie class are now being accepted. It was announced this week by class manager Teresa Holland. Mrs. Holland, with K.D. Crone and Associates who present Carnegie training here, will be appearing as guest speaker before several local groups and organizations in the next few weeks during the forming of the Halton Hills class.

"Inquiries already received in the Herald office indicate a high degree of interest in this world-famous adult education program," Mrs. Holland told the Herald.

"Since enrollment is limited in a Dale Carnegie class, anyone interested in knowing more about the course should call the Herald as soon as possible," she added.

The course is being offered in this area under the sponsorship of the Herald as a community service.

Smith and Stone questions rezoning

A communications gap between Smith and Stone and Halton Hills was smoothly overcome at last Tuesday night's subsidiary planning board meeting.

Tom Creaghan, general manager of Smith and Stone, met with the board to clear up some questions that had cropped up over plans by the town to rezone part of the company's property adjacent to its main Glen Street plant for residential use.

He commented that he hoped that "senior citizens of this town, such as Smith and Stone" did not have to resort to "rear guard actions" against the decisions of planning board or hire lawyers to "communicate with the town."

A parking lot across from Smith and Stone's main building was to have been included in a general rezoning of the northcentral section of Georgetown to residential use, explained planner Mario Venditti.

However, because the lot is part of the company's present operations, it could be excluded from the general RS moderate density residential designation which the planning board has suggested for it.

Planning board members unanimously agreed with that recommendation.

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