



THE HAND OF THE LAW. Halton Regional Police Superintendent Floyd Schwantz picks the lucky tickets for the Opt-Mrs. draw held as part of the bake sale last Saturday. Opt-

Mrs. Jeanne Gotty stands with the superintendent. Ticket winners were, Penny Keough of town, Kay Anderson of Ballinacraig and G. Wood of Mississauga.

MPP Reed discusses conservation with UWC

By Helen Tazman

Julian Reed, Liberal MPP, spoke to the University Women's Club following a pot luck supper at St. Alban's in Glen Williams. On the theme of survival, Mr. Reed was optimistic while recognizing the problem.

Declining resources which in turn bring declining standards of living was seen as the most pressing problem. Yet, there is no need for humanity to regress to the Dark Ages. If action is prompt, man can surmount the problems and maintain an acceptable standard of living.

The challenge, Reed claimed was to convert from the use of non renewable resources to renewable resources. Authorities have estimated

that man has about ten years left to develop the technology necessary before shortages become acute.

Some renewable resources already in use may provide for man's energy requirements on an expanded scale. Wind power, for example, has been harnessed in the Netherlands for centuries. Last year, Canada spent \$30,000 on the development of a wind turbine. Solar power another renewable resource, may solve heating problems in the future. Already it has been used in a U.S. housing development. Last year in Ontario, \$50,000 was spent on one experimental solar home. The ministry felt that this was too expensive. However, mass production might be expected to bring down the cost.

Reed also suggested a method to alleviate some problems with hydro. He recommended a plan currently in operation in Northern Ireland. There the cost of hydro is on a curve. Hydro consumption during peak hours of the day is six times as expensive as it is during slack periods. In Ontario, a better distribution of the hours of consumption might reduce some of the need for hydro expansion and, thus, reduce the cost.

Government policy must be directed towards solving the energy crisis. The technology to utilize new resources must be developed without delay. To wait for the U.S. to do it for us is to undermine our self sufficiency and increase our chances of suffering real privation.

South Pacific

The Brampton Musical Society will begin preparations for its second production of the season, "South Pacific" with artistic director, Rod Maxwell and musical director Dale Robertson, organizing a run-through of the famous musical Wednesday, December 3. The meeting will take place in the band room of the Civic Centre Bramalea at 8:00 p.m. New members are welcome to attend this and the general meeting to be held December 10. Auditions for "South Pacific" are scheduled to take place December 17. Information can be obtained by calling 877-7309 after 3:30 p.m.



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Christmas, most dangerous time of year

Christmas is a joyous, carefree time of year but don't make Christmas a careless time of year, leaving your family, your home and yourself wide open for fires due to carelessness.

In the festive season homes are more susceptible to fires, however if a level-headed attitude is taken and practised, fire is and can be eliminated.

One of the most dangerous fire traps in your home during the season is the Christmas tree. As beautiful as it may be, a real tree is a potential torch. Fire Chief Ken Buikema outlined a few pointers to practise whether a real or artificial tree is decorated in the home.

"Everything will burn, it's just that some things burn faster than others. So, it is not really correct when it is said that artificial trees cannot start on fire. However, artificial trees are safer than real trees because they are less apt to catch on fire. But, remember, that is not to say that they cannot catch on fire," warned the Fire Chief.

When selecting a real tree try to pick a fresh tree. The only guaranteed way in knowing your tree is really fresh is by cutting your own. There is a way which, by

testing, can reassure you slightly whether the tree is two weeks old or two months old. Bend one of the needles gently. If the needle bends instead of breaking, the tree can be termed relatively fresh. Should the needle snap, it indicates a dry and brittle state which is not suitable.

Do not bring the Christmas tree inside the house until the day it will be decorated. Store the tree outdoors until ready for use. When it is time to adorn, make a new diagonal cut at least two inches from the butt before setting the tree up. Stand the tree in a container that holds plenty of water. Refill the container with water every day because the dry humidity in most homes absorbs the liquid.

Where the tree is placed is another important fact to keep in mind. Do not place it by any source of heat. Heat will dry out the tree making it that much more of a waiting trap. Do not place the tree by any doorways, passageways, windows, stairs or any other possible escape routes.

Do not place the tree by curtains or any such material which could quickly begin to blaze. Anchor the tree securely so that it will not easily topple

over. Decorations and ornaments on the tree are just as dangerous if not chosen and placed properly. Check last year's lights. Make sure that the wires are not frayed nor that the sockets are the least bit damaged. Replace your lights every three or four years.

When choosing Christmas lights for inside use, use the smallest bulbs possible. The smaller the bulb the less amount of heat created. Do not use a floodlight to light a real tree inside the house for it tends to dry the tree out excessively. Use only electric lighting sets that bear the C.S.A. mark of approval. When placing the lights on the tree, if a real one is used, do not place a light too close to any branch or needle. Do not place any other tinsel, angel hair, etc. close to the lights.

Never, leave the lights on when no one is home. It only takes a second for that tree or the curtains to ignite. Unplug the lights when going to bed, and use only 15 amp fuses on the circuit serving the tree.

When choosing ornaments and trim buy only the non-flammable types and remember to position them as

advised. Why take unnecessary chances?

Dismantle and remove the tree as soon as it has served its purpose. Fire Chief Buikema believes that the tree should not be kept in the home any longer than after the first week of January. Store the used tree outside until it is picked up or taken away for garbage.

With the cold weather many homes begin to light their fireplaces once again. Before doing so make sure your chimney and fireplace are in clean, undamaged condition. If artificial logs are being used, Chief Buikema warns to use only one log at a time. Too much heat is given off when two or more logs are used and the chimney and fireplace are not designed to handle that great amount of heat.

Real logs can be used two or three at a time, however do not overdo the usage of these logs either. Above all, make sure the fireplace screen is good and tight.

If your fireplace is in excellent condition and the logs are just smouldering, almost out, they can be left to burn out themselves while the family goes to bed. However, the chief warned that, when in doubt, place the log in a tin garbage can and place outside away from any burnable

structures or objects.

If by chance a fire does break out in your home, be prepared. Discuss with your family what to do in case there ever is a fire. Discuss fire exit routes, and go through a number of fire drills to make sure everyone is fully aware of the planned procedures.

If a fire does occur, get everyone out of the house as quickly as possible, avoid panic. Close the doors behind you when leaving the building. When everyone is clear of the blaze, phone the fire department.

If somehow you feel capable

of fighting the fire yourself, a garden hose with a nozzle attached, inside the home is the best weapon. Keep fire extinguishers on hand at every level of the home. Instruct the members of your family on the proper use of the fire extinguisher.

"Remember it is not the flames or the lights that are the cause of fires, it is the people. Be careful. Use commonsense and make your Christmas a happy time of year, not one which will be remembered as the one destroyed by fire."

"The men of my department and myself are pleased to

report that there were fewer fires this year than last. It shows us that people are becoming more safety conscious. Through the Christmas season be extra careful. After all, our men would like to enjoy Christmas in their homes not battling someone else's home fire. This is our way of wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy, fire-free New Year," wished Fire Chief Buikema.

Town gets better deal on uniforms from St. Catharine's company

Everything being equal the town will buy from local merchants. But when the difference in price between a local merchant and an out of town merchant amounts to over \$30 per item, and the town's planning to buy 25 of these items, the town will select the lower bid.

Hugh Patterson, the town's purchasing agent, reported to the personnel and finance committee Monday night that his department had closely reviewed two submitted tenders for 25 uniforms for

members of the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department. One bid from a St. Catharine's firm was \$51 per uniform lower than a verbal bid submitted by Henry Stanley who has been supplying the department's uniforms for many years.

Mr. Patterson explained that the St. Catharine's firm guaranteed that the uniforms would fit and had arranged for a company representative to come to Georgetown to properly fit all the firemen. Should the uniform still not fit

after it was made it could be returned and proper adjustments would be made at no charge.

The firm, he said, had been recommended by a number of other municipalities throughout Ontario. Because the uniforms had to meet specified standards Mr. Patterson felt that the savings warranted going out of town.

Councillor Russ Miller supported the decision. "I know that I'd certainly go out of town if I was looking for a better price.

"We've got to be very careful spending taxpayer's dollars. I could see buying locally if the prices were even close but the difference in this case is outstanding."

Councillor Ernie Sykes questioned whether the price difference was actually \$51 to which Mr. Patterson noted that, after several requests for a bid from the local clothier, he had received a verbal bid that was \$51 below the St. Catharine's firm's tendered price.

Holy Cross parents discuss child raising

"Raising Your Child Today" is the theme of a panel discussion being held tonight (Wednesday) at Holy Cross School.

The Teachers and Parents Association of Holy Cross have drawn together a panel representing almost all aspects of child raising including: Dr. Murray McGovern, child psychiatrist in Oakville; Mrs. A.

Dizdram, family counsellor, Mr. P. Doherty, family counsellor; Mrs. M. Silk, nurse with the Halton Health Unit, Sgt. A. McQueen, the law and Mr. Barry Gowan, principal and teacher. Panel moderator will be Tom Ramautarsingh, president of the parents' association and former president of the Halton County Secondary School Teachers Federation.

All parents are invited to attend the discussion as well as to submit written questions. These questions can be left in the office at Holy Cross School.

According to Mr. Ramautarsingh, "This is a timely topic and it is our intention to get as many parents to become more aware of their responsibilities to their children and society. "We can only gain through

an understanding of our roles as parents. Your children deserve a little of your time." The meeting is scheduled to start at 7:30.

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