

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cold hard facts on cold cash for library proposals: Booth

To the editor of The Herald:

This is the first time since I became an elected official in 1973 that I have written a letter to the editor. I don't feel that the press should be used by anyone to further a cause. However I do feel that the public should be completely and accurately informed on issues and in this case I must make an exception to myself imposed rule.

The following are COLD HARD FACTS dealing with COLD HARD CASH:

FACT: The town of Halton Hills has sitting in the bank a \$400,000.00 amount, raised by debenture, for the purpose of the expansion and reconstruction of the old library. The town is now paying, out of taxpayers dollars, \$49,795.00 per year and will be paying a like amount for the next 19 years to repay that debenture.

FACT: The town has accumulated \$300,000.00 in Lot Levies at this time. It has been recommended that the \$300,000.00 plus the \$400,000.00 be turned over to the Library Board so that they can START construction of a new library.

FACT: It has been recommended that the town apply for approval to acquire an additional \$264,000.00 in debentures in pay for such things as parking property, fire protection services, road construction etc. These projects are needed in other parts of the town.

FACT: The proposed addition to the library would provide a combined total floor space in excess of 13,000 square feet. The proposed new library would provide 18,000 square feet (a difference of only 5,000 square feet).

FACT: The architect's ESTIMATED costs on the new building are as follows:

Building construction	\$720,000.00
Shelving	20,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	52,000.00
Fees (architectural and engineers, etc.)	\$4,000.00
TOTAL	\$806,000.00

Divide that total by 18,000 (square feet) equals \$44.66

per square foot, not \$40.00 per square foot as suggested in a recent letter to the editor.

FACT: The above figures do not include such things as landscaping, parking lot construction and paving, road relocation, sewer, and water line relocations, services to the building, etc.

ASSUMPTION: From that same letter that the cost of the additions and renovations would be conservatively \$600,000.00.

CONCLUSION: I have discussed these projects with finance people and contractors and since I don't profess to be an expert in their fields I will relay to you THEIR opinions.

a) The estimated costs for the completion of the new library facility will be in excess of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

b) The estimated costs to reconstruct and provide the addition to the old library will be, at the very extreme, 20 per cent higher than the original tender, which was \$374,000.00 or a total of plus 20 per cent which equals \$448,000.00 let's be charitable and say \$500,000.00 (that's half a million dollars less than what's required for the new one).

Finally, I will leave it to you, the taxpayer, to decide:

Are you willing to pay an extra half a million dollars to build a new library that will destroy a beautiful recreation area? Are you willing to pay half a million dollars extra to build a library that will require almost all of its patrons to drive to it? Are you willing to pay an extra half million dollars for a new library when the schools in our community are continually providing bigger and better libraries? Are you willing to pay an extra half million dollars to get only 5,000 extra square feet (it's now just over 3,000 square feet) and retain the Georgetown atmosphere but still provide the much needed space.

Thank you
Yours sincerely,
R.E. Booth
Councillor
Town of Halton Hills



SACRE-COEUR PUPIL WINS SPEAKING CONTEST

Caroline Shultis won the public speaking contest held at Holy Cross School, Wednesday, with an interesting topic on "How do Animals Sleep?"

"While we are asleep in our beds, animals are asleep in the fields or in the forests. Some animals sleep on the ground, in the water but never in a bed like us. If we must sleep standing up we would fall down, but horses and gazelles sleep standing up." That's part of her speech. Miss Shultis is a student at Sacre-Coeur school.

The schools which entered the contest included Holy Cross, Sacre-Coeur, St. Francis of Assisi, all of Georgetown, From Okaville, George Vanier, St. Ann's, St. Dominic's, St. James', St. Joseph's, St. Mary's, St. Michael's, and St. Vincent's. The other contestants were given regional awards.

Robert Soroko, principal of St. Francis of Assisi school presented the trophy and award to Caroline Shultis.

Two GDHS students travel

When the Ship's School Educational Tour takes off for Hawaii on March 18 it will include two Georgetown girls, Pam Kavenagh and Tracy Thorpe. They will be gone for ten days.

The girls will travel with students from all over Ontario and be chaperoned by a teacher, probably from Toronto.

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New resident supports library need

The following text is a letter sent to Councillors Roy Booth and Walter Blehn.

To the editor of The Herald:

It has been three years since we moved to Georgetown, and

one of the first places we visited then - with some anticipation - was the library. But it was so pitifully small for a town such as this! So we followed with great interest the news of plans for a new, larger library. Sadly, these

plans seem to be crumbling. Have certain of our councillors visited the libraries in towns such as Brampton or Brantford? Have they observed the excitement and vitality of institutions which have become "action central" for

their communities? Have they seen the marvellous facilities there? Books, records, tapes, periodicals, films, and framed art reproductions are all available for borrowing. Pleasant reading rooms, work and study areas, a children's centre and meeting rooms all draw a steady stream of people who regularly use and enjoy their library. Cramped space prevents our library from providing similar facilities, so it is little wonder that there SEEM to be few visitors there, as one newspaper reader has observed, and it is little wonder that some of us go outside of Halton Hills to find a better selection.

1,524 attend assembly

The building of a close personal relationship with God requires a diligent study of his Word," stated Lloyd Payne, District Supervisor of Jehovah's Witnesses.

The subject of Mr. Payne's discourse was "Follow the Way to Life" and was attended by 1,524 at the Assembly Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, two weeks ago.

Mr. Payne stated that those who take the time to examine the evidence believe that God is about to intervene in man's affairs. "In the Bible," he said, "God makes clear what His requirements are for those who will have his approval."

Saturday morning saw a model, Theocratic School of five students speaking on a variety of Bible subjects.

LEGION LINES

Don Parsons wins \$1,000

Last Friday night's Legion Stag proved to be very successful to the Branch and entertaining to those who attended. One person who has more reason to remember this particular night is Don Parsons since he was the holder of ticket number seven which matched the last stub left in the drum at the end of the elimination draw and this entitled Don to the \$1,000 first prize.

In addition, there was a draw held for a Citizens Band Radio which was won by holder of ticket 190131 and second and third prizes went to ticket holders 190196 and 190615 respectively.

If you hold any of these tickets you may claim your prize at the Branch by producing your ticket.

Doris Chamberlain is holding a meeting of the Car Club Captains at the Branch on Tuesday, 15 March at 8:00 p.m. and since this will be the final meeting before the draw, Captains are asked to have all money collected and ready to be turned in at that meeting.

Next Saturday night we are holding the combined Imitation and Honours and Awards night which will be followed by a dance. Admission for members and escorts is free so come on down and enjoy the facilities of the Branch.

The Provincial Service Officer will be in the Branch at 1:00 p.m. 4 April, 1977 for the benefit of Veterans or their families living in the Georgetown area, who may

CVCA Note

Farming has been phased out in the Silver Creek Conservation Area, but Alexander Kier will remain living on the farm working on the field stuff, as a caretaker and doing minor repairs.

require assistance or advice regarding War Veterans allowances or pensions. Anyone who would like to speak to the Service Officer is welcome to attend that day and no appointment is necessary but if you have any questions or require more information you can contact the Branch Service Officer, Lloyd Boyd at 877-4609.

The Thursday night dart Steak Shoot continues to be well attended but Gib Telford says there is still room for more players.

You don't have to be a dart player to take part since everyone is shooting for a hidden score and so long as you can hit the board with three darts you have a chance to win a prize. One dollar covers seven games and a whole evening of enjoyment.

The Branch requires part time doormen to work evenings from approximately 8:00 p.m. to midnight. Applicants are expected to wear Legion dress while on duty and they must be acceptable to the executive.

Applications should be in writing and addressed to the Branch Secretary.

Bramalea won the Zone Dart tournament which was held in Bramalea last Saturday but Georgetown did manage to qualify three teams to go on to the District playoffs.

Winners of the twenty-sixth weekly Car Club Draw were: 475 Dunc Robinson, 36 B Ward, 357 Gord Reid, 27 Russ Miller and 52 George Greig. Pete Edge will be in the lounge next Friday followed by the "Arrow" on Saturday night.

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TIME: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM and one-sit-down party (milk provided at lunchtime)

WHERE: Rose Room above the Georgetown Memorial Arena

COST: \$20.00 person
30.00 2 persons (Same Family)

School Break Survival

If you and your friends are looking for a great way of surviving the school break, then the Recreation & Parks Department has just the program for you. For five fun-filled days enjoy companionship, sports, games, crafts, swimming and skating.

Registration will take place in the Gordon Alcott Memorial Recreation Complex Hall on Wednesday March 16th, 1977 from 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

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