

A woman called her loan officer to report that she had received six pairs of men's ties in her bundle. "I'm not even married," the woman said. "We're sorry," said the loan officer. "We'll send a man out right away."

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A mobile crane, a truck with railway wheels, begins to clear wreckage from the two CN tracks leading into Georgetown station. The overpass in the background is Mountainview Road.

GO service disrupted by derailment

An early morning Canadian National Railway freight train derailed Friday, one-quarter mile east of the Georgetown station closed both CN lines and disrupted GO Transit operations. Cause for the derailment of five cars, the third of eighth of a 97-car train pulled by three locomotives is still under investigation. There were no injuries. The train was proceeding from CN's MacMillan Yard in north Toronto at Highway 7 and Keele Street to Windsor when the accident happened. A mobile heavy-lift crane was at the scene early Friday said Morris Sumas a CN representative. He hoped the line would be open later Friday. The derailment almost closed down GO Transit, Georgetown to Toronto service. "If the accident had happened a little later" said GO spokesman Joe Desjardins, then all four of our locomotives would have been trapped in Georgetown. As it happened we were able to route through Brampton. In place of train service, buses were used to carry GO Transit customers to Brampton from Georgetown. Many passengers elected to continue to drive to work or

the Brampton GO station. The derailment caused GO Transit to run only the second train at 7:10 a.m. and the fourth train at 8 a.m. from Brampton. Mike Matthews, a spokesman for the Canadian National Railways said Monday the cost of damages to the train that derailed in Georgetown on Friday will not be too severe, because the cars that did leave the track remained upright and only a few tipped over. The cause of the derailment is still unknown and it is under investigation by the Canadian Transport Commission and Canadian National. Service on the Toronto-Windsor main line was rerouted around Georgetown and two of the four 'GO' trains from Georgetown to Toronto were replaced with buses. Clearing of the lumber and other debris was completed about 5 p.m. GO trains were running normally for rush hour. GO Transit information officer Tom Henry said trains were running for rush hour, but the first train was 45 to 50 minutes late and the second was about 25 minutes late.



Looking east from the Maple Avenue Overpass.

MISSES THREE MEETINGS

Trustee Long loses seat

Skipping meetings of Halton board of education to attend to business dealings has cost trustee Don Long of Georgetown his seat on the board. In a telephone interview Monday, Education Director Emerson Lavender said an opinion on the matter had been received from the ministry of education which was "pretty clear." Mr. Long has lost his seat and the board is in the position of having to appoint someone to fill the vacancy, Mr. Lavender said. However, the board could reappoint Mr. Long if it so wished, he added. Board chairman Rev. Garry Morton said Monday that the matter may come up at the board meeting tomorrow (Thursday). Mr. Morton is still trying to get in touch with Mr. Long who is still in Calgary. The Herald has been unable to contact Mr. Long in Calgary for a comment. A question from an Oakville woman, Lillian Kilpatrick, during the board's public question period, Thursday revealed that a section of the Education Act says the trustee who "absents himself without being authorized by resolution entered in the minutes from three consecutive meetings of the boards...thereby vacates his seat." Mr. Long missed meetings on Jan. 5, 12, 19 and Feb. 2 and 16. He attended the Feb. 9 meeting. Board chairman Rev. Garry Morton said Mr. Long had told him in advance that he'd be in Calgary during January and February on business and asked if he should resign. Mr. Morton said he advised it was "not necessary" in the short term. Rev. Morton said the board has to consider if it is further ahead by following strict procedure which would lead to an appointment for the vacant seat, if Mr. Long was ousted, shortly before municipal election Nov. 13.

The key issue is that the Ontario Education Act had to do with small board of education years ago that met only about once a month. Mr. Morton said. Mr. Long is one of 20 elected representatives on the board and represents Wards 3 and 4 (Georgetown) Halton Hills. But the board would not intentionally operate in violation of the Education Act which requires a board-passed resolution for a leave of absence, Mr. Morton said. "I can't recall the board ever receiving a complaint on this matter," Mr. Morton said. Education Director Emerson Lavender, said he would have a legal interpretation for the board as soon as possible. But in talking to reporters after the meeting the board chairman indicated he believed that action had to be taken by the board at the time of the third consecutive absence until he read aloud section 202 of the Education Act which he interpreted to mean Mr.

Long was "automatically out", although there is an appeal period. There is no question leaves of absence for Mr. Long could have been passed by resolution, Mr. Morton said. The board may soon adopt the practice of the Halton Roman Catholic school board which has a resolution for absent trustees as part of the normal agenda, and thus not likely to catch unwary trustees, Mr. Morton indicated. Attempts by The Herald to reach Mr. Long for comment have failed.

Picked Up In Passing



Photo by Fishback Photography

50 years service

Jack Harrison, trainer for the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders, was awarded The Herald Portrait last week at a hockey heritage dinner. The award is presented by The Herald to recognize dedication and service to the hockey community. For complete coverage of the award ceremonies held in conjunction with the visit of the Yugoslavian National Hockey team turn to page 15.

Lost and found

The Herald offices on Main Street are becoming the local lost and found. We have in want of the right owners: one licence plate BNC 650; one galosh about size 10; one black boot; one pair of glasses; one 1964 datebook; and one hub cap. Please call at Herald offices or telephone 877-2201.

Tax reduction

Halton Hills ratepayers who want to ask council for a reduction of their taxes can do so between 7:30 to 8 p.m. on March 20, council decided Monday.

Hydro meeting

A meeting between Halton Hills council and Ontario Hydro to discuss activities associated with constructing a 500Kv line through the town has been called for March 29 at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers.

Pianist places first

Pianist Robbie Beaumont, 16, competed in the Kiwanis Music Festival in Toronto last Wednesday and walked away with top honors for the Under 16 class. He will be performing with the Georgetown Choral Society in their Potpourri of Melody at Knox Church Georgetown, at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Band seeks members

Acton Citizen's Band is looking for members. The band holds a few concerts and parades and has won many awards in competitions since its formation in 1872. An instructional program is offered where beginners can learn to read and perform for the price of the promise to work at it and most instruments are available on loan. Beginners practise every Tuesday and the band practises between 8 and 10 p.m. each Wednesday in the Acton bandhall. Non-resident members are accepted. Interested prospective members can call bandmaster George Elliott, 76 Bower Ave., Acton at 853-0355 between 6 and 7 p.m.

Halton students excel

Halton high school graduates who took part in recent literacy tests at Erindale college did better proportionately than about 650 students who took the test of which over 50 per cent failed. Bruce Mather, superintendent of the program, told Halton board of education Thursday that there were 28 Halton students in that test and 75.6 per cent of the group passed. However, Mr. Mather added that "really strong conclusions" couldn't be drawn from these statistics.

Open house

The grand opening of the new Georgetown Terminal Warehouse, 34 Armstrong Ave., will be held on Friday from 1 p.m. through 9 p.m.

Basketball contest

The Optimist Club of Georgetown is presenting its Sixth Annual Pass, Dribble and Shoot competition Saturday. The show of basketball skills will be held at St. Francis of Assisi School and all are welcome to attend. For further information contact John Shaw, 877-1272 or John Brechon 877-1849.

Re-apply for benefit

Federal health and welfare officials urge that old age security pensioners, presently receiving Guaranteed Income Supplements, to re-apply before March 31. Some 350,000 applications have been mailed out and only those recipients who re-apply, will continue to receive the supplement. The federal government's supplement is available only to persons receiving Old Age Security pension.

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Wow!
Raiders drop Yugoslavs 9-5
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Daley scores hattrick

Town seeks ministry aid for Metcalfe ravine erosion

Halton Hills should ask the ministry of natural resources if any funds are available to be used for Metcalfe Ravine, Coun. Mike Armstrong said Monday. "This spring there's going to be an extremely large runoff," Coun. Armstrong said. "Can it be classed as a flood and if so can we get additional money from the ministry?" Coun. Garnet (Pat) McKenzie said Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) is doing a study of the ravine now and that by calling the runoff "a special flood" you're not going to get two grants. Coun. Les Duby, a CVCA member, said he asked the authority to speed up reports from its staff on the ravine and also the Paper Mill Dam on the Credit River. He expected that the CVCA would be cutting from its 1978 budget any funds for Metcalfe Ravine. Council later passed a resolution asking CVCA not to cut funds for the ravine from its 1978 budget. "If we can obtain funds, let's find out now," Coun. Armstrong said. Coun. McKenzie said the CVCA budget needs to be approved at Richmond Hill and someone from the

authority would have to plead for the money to be kept in the 1978 budget. Coun. Duby said a resolution by council showing its support of the notion would aid. Council moved to request the ministry of natural resources to meet with the town to discuss the matter as well as

procedures for dealing with emergencies beyond the resources of the town to meet. Metcalfe Ravine is behind Metcalfe Court and the site in the past seven years of erosion which has caused backyards to slip down and the creek at the bottom to widen to 12 feet in places with steep banks.

POLICE SEEK WITNESSES

Halton regional police are seeking witnesses who saw what may have been a hit-and-run accident on Guelph Street involving a 14-year-old girl last Saturday evening. Supt. Floyd Schwartz said police want to hear from anyone who witnessed the accident, which took place between 7:30 and 7:45 p.m. Saturday night on Guelph Street near McDonald's Restaurant. They would also like to hear from the man who stopped to speak to the girl. "We don't know for certain that it was a case of the driver leaving scene because

nobody actually saw the incident, and the girl can't remember what happened," Supt. Schwartz said. "It's possible she was hit by a piece of ice thrown up by the wheel of a car." According to information the police have, the girl was crossing Guelph Street when the accident happened. She remembers crossing the street, but her next recollection is of lying in the roadway, with a man bending over her, asking her how she felt. She was injured on the side of her face. The girl doesn't remember what she told the man.

Limehouse parents meet over area school's fate

Limehouse parents have formed a committee to protest the possible twinning of their school with Joseph Gibbons school in Georgetown. At a meeting in the Limehouse Community Hall Monday a group of more than 60 parents listened to their school trustee H. H. (Bert) Hinton explain that a proposal will be put before the Halton board of education Thursday suggesting that one economy measure possible to cut costs in schools with dropping enrollment would be to twin the small school with another school and eliminate a principal's salary. The proposal suggests twinning Limehouse with Joseph Gibbons and Speyside with Robert Little school in

Acton, Mr. Hinton said. Board superintendent for the north area, George Heaver, told the group that the twinning proposal was an attempt to keep the schools as a viable, active unit in the community. Mr. Hinton contradicted him, however, and insisted that he sees the proposal as the beginning of a situation similar to the one in Norval which culminated in the closing of the Norval school. "Generally twinning schools should be seen as a short term solution prior to closing a school," Mr. Hinton quoted from material sent to him for information at tomorrow night's board meeting. "I don't believe the school will continue," he insisted, "because twinning only occurs

in schools with declining enrollments." Mr. Heaver pointed out that "naturally twinning is only used when a school enrollment drops" below the level where it seems practical to pay the extra salary to have a full time administrator in the school. If there is a figure at which it is no longer practical to employ a principal, there must also be a figure at which that principal could be returned if the enrollment climbs again, he said. Board predictions for enrollment in Limehouse see a decline from the present 196 students to 180 in September. Enrollments are expected to continue declining to 170 in 1979, and 162 in 1980. However, Continued on Page 10