

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jr. B hockey needs support

Dear Editor: To Georgetown hockey fans.
Do you or don't you want a Junior B hockey team?
We have a young Junior B hockey team trying to make a good name for Georgetown. But we need your support in this challenge. They are a young hockey club trying to do their best, for yours and my pleasures.
I think it is hard for a young hockey team to win when every time a player looks around he gets the feeling that the team's hometown fans are not with them 100 per cent.
I do not believe the Georgetown fans are like that but the only way they can prove to their junior 'B' hockey team, is to come out on a Saturday night and give them the support they need.
I think with your support we can help the team to a winning streak and possibly a playoff spot.
They want to win as much as you want them to win, but they need your support to make this successful.
I hope to see more fans come out in the future, because we need your support. If we hope to have a Junior 'B' hockey team in here future years.
Yours truly,
Ken (Crowbar) Fendley

Pool tables no problem

To the editor of The Herald:
In regards to your article of Nov. 6, 1978 titled "Three Hotels want Billiard tables." I think it's very unjust that these places should be forced to refuse to allow their customers to play billiards. I am a former employee of the 747 dining lounge in Acton, one of the establishments in question. This "bill" about unspecified evidence. If someone was trying to take away part of my means of earning a living, I would want a very good reason not because of "unspecified" evidence, or because Halton's so called finest thought it was a good idea.
I think I should tell a little about how the 747 is run in regards to the playing of billiards. Since it is a licensed premises, they keep a special eye for the youngsters in for a plate of chips, and a game of pool. For example, if a 15 year old boy comes in, with his 19 year old brother and they are going to play pool together, that's fine, but if that 19 years old orders a beer, the 15 year old must sit at another table. No minors are allowed to sit at a table where liquor is being served. They even have a grandmother who comes in to play pool with her grandsons.
In all the time I worked for Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow, the owner's I have never witnessed any trouble from the youngsters who frequent the 747 for the purpose of playing billiards. I have had babysitters for my son who didn't supervise him as well as the Bigelows supervise the young people who spend time at the 747. Bad language or improper behavior is not tolerated by any of the staff there, and personally, I'd rather have my son under the supervision of the Bigelows, playing pool, the standing on the street corners like much of Acton's youth does. I think these people should be allowed to keep the billiard tables or at least be given a damn good reason why not.
Mrs. Gloria Warren



GIFT IDEAS FOR YOUNGSTERS

Children's librarian Sharon Naylor showed Joan Parkinson and Judy Payne some of the books on display at the Georgetown Library Friday evening during a display of children's books and toys which would make suitable Christmas gifts.

Homeowner questions handling of project

To the editor of The Herald:
This letter would like to bring to the attention of the citizens and rate-payers of the municipality of Halton Hills a matter of sufficient importance to warrant full disclosure and complete coverage. It concerns itself with the efforts of the International Bible Students Association (Jehovah Witnesses) to move their headquarters from Toronto to Georgetown and more specifically to a piece of land fronting on Hwy. 7 between Main St. and Trafalgar Rd.
This writer and others maintain that the proposed project, constitutes a major change of present land uses and consequently a change to the Official Land Act. The area including the plot of land, is and has been zoned for agricultural and single family dwellings since inception. They now want it changed to commercial and institutional use. They plan to establish a printing plant, garages, service and utility buildings and a dormitory style type of structure to house some employees and to quote the local press "some of the rooms would be for workers who have spent more than 30 years with the organization" or in other words a home for their own senior citizens. The total floor space involved would exceed 300,000 sq. ft. and would likely result in one of the buildings (the dormitory) having four stories; possible the highest or one of the highest in Halton Hills (35 ft. in height). The proposal calls for an expected increase in space and rooms as time goes on. There is some difference of opinion as to whether the rooms in the dormitory will be let out to gain revenue or not; no doubt the Federal Income Tax Dept. will clarify this point. The project includes parking space for more than 200 cars, which would add to an already hazardous state of affairs and would necessitate at the towns expense a set of costly traffic lights; the situate at the towns expense a set of costly traffic lights; the printing plant would compound a destructive and deteriorating ecological problem. In the matter of financial feasibility of the project, it should be noted that the same piece of land, if development is indicated, would draw in tax revenues well over \$200,000 per year as a housing project, far in excess of what would be realized from this suggested change. It should be kept in mind that the proposed change of Official Plan and zoning would indelibly stamp on the area for all time the commercial and institutional nature of the scheme. It would change the existing life style and the nature of the surrounding area and drastically and adversely affect land values and future development. The town is presently showing great concern about infilling (for which there is adequate facilities) and is attempting to avoid strip development; this project would add to our already considerable and perhaps insolvable problems. All in all there seem to be little of value and much of distress by the scheme.
The hurried, secretive and inconsiderate manner in which the scheme was passed by local council is questionable. At the local level there were no official notices, no consultation or deferment to area residents, not even to those whose lands abut the project. Our representative made no moves to acquaint us with the forthcoming changes; although the rezoning was not passed in camera the results were the same. It is the opinion of this writer that all governmental and elected bodies are the servants of the people and have the responsibility to take people into their confidence. It is the obligation of those who are close to and familiar with the processes of power to make doubly sure that the electorate is fully informed and totally aware of what transpires before decision are made, so that there may be at all time sober second thoughts and ample time for deliberation.
S. Heller
R.R.1 Georgetown



OPERATION MAPLE FLAG

...MAPLE FLAG - Private S.D. (Steve) Waldrum, 19, of Georgetown, Ont., checks CF-101 jet intake for foreign objects during exercise Maple Flag now in progress at Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake, Alta. Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Waldrum, 17 Hickman Road, Georgetown, Ont., Private Waldrum is an aircraft servicing technician at the northern Alberta base. About 40 U.S. Air Force and Marine Corps aircraft plus about 500 U.S. personnel participated in the training along with aircrews of the Canadian Forces. The month long exercise which will end Nov. 14 was designed to test fighter interceptor techniques.
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