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Herald editor

Thriving theatre

It will be still a while before they re-name Main Street the "Great White Way", but, the current boom in local entertainment productions goes a long way towards establishing Halton Hills as a little theatre hot bed.

The Georgetown Little Theatre group have just wrapped up their second production since October with their final performances last weekend of the Haltonized version of "Cinderella." The GLT's packed program calls for two more productions before they wrap up their season at the end of April. "When We Are Married," a comedy and "Veronica's Room" a thriller will round out the group's busy schedule for this year.

FOUR MORE PLAYS

Four full scale plays in the space of seven months is an impressive output for any type of theatre group, professional or otherwise. When you consider that the GLT is made up entirely of volunteers, the group's output is even more impressive.

From all reports the performances have been well worth the effort.

On top of the GLT's output, the Georgetown and Acton high schools are both involved in local stage productions. GDHS students and staff recently wound up a production of "Bye Bye Birdie" and students at Acton High are preparing for a musical of their own to be performed in the spring.

Add to this list of local entertainment, the annual Christmas production of the Choral Society and you can see that Halton Hills theatre goes would have a pretty busy schedule if they tried to take in every local production.

KNIT COMMUNITY

Little theatre groups go a long way towards knitting a community together. A quick look at the program for the GLT's "Cinderella" shows that literally dozens of people were involved in the production and cast of the show. Add to this, the families of those involved in the show and you already have a long list of people involved. In addition to those directly involved in getting the show on the boards, several hundred more local residents become involved in the production's audience, which for "Cinderella" were quite sizeable.

Local theatre also goes a long way towards linking members of the community from divergent backgrounds and age groups. The GLT have many high school students working hand in hand with older members of the community. The theatre group also unites those who work in-town with commuter residents.

When you consider that the local entertainers are accomplishing their successes without adequate production and staging facilities they become doubly impressive. Let's hope the new Halton Hills council gets down to taking serious steps towards renovating the Howard Wrigglesworth School auditorium to provide local performers with proper facilities. Who knows what they will then be capable of?

Herald changes

PAYS TO CHANGE — It never pays for a newspaper to remain totally static which is why The Herald introduces two somewhat major changes this week.

The most noticeable change will be sports editor Tony Panaceo's byline. "Sports Week" Tony has been telling me ever since I was appointed Herald editor that this town is sports mad. It's only taken a little less than two months to convince me of that which is why this week we introduced "Sports Week" with its expanded sports coverage and "pullout" format, to give local sports fans their own "special place" in The Herald.

At the same time we have added a new community section to the newspaper, to centralize all of our community news in one section.

We hope that with the new format it will be easier for our out of town readers to find news about their area. We also hope that in-town readers will use this space to let the rest of the town know about weddings, graduations, and other community news.

We hope you like the changes, and keep your eyes open for more.

Writer knocks cab union

To the editor of the Herald:

I would like to take this opportunity to relate to our somewhat confused and puzzled public as to who is entirely responsible for these disappointed and unemployed TAXI DRIVERS.

I wonder if our readers and customers are aware of the reasons for the cause and concerns when one day shortly after school started their children were extremely late being picked up and the same thing on their return.

My fellow readers, the ones to blame for this particular despicable incident are the very ones you have heard so much about. When they are screaming about DISCRIMINATION and INTIMIDATION you are not being told these things. I am speaking of the day these persons walked off the job at the peak of the general business hours, leaving nothing of the scheduled school runs, leaving management with only one driver, having to recall the driver who previously had worked until two a.m. to help handle the workload normally covered by six drivers. They at that time gave their employers no indication nor did they have their permission. These people were allowed to remain on the job. Does this sound like management is trying to take advantage of them?

When you think of some of these children being somewhat handicapped and looking forward to their respective places of activities, the high-light of their day. Can you imagine the disappointment to these youngsters?

This is not the way responsible, reliable people work, not in my estimation anyway. Up until this point there has been no mention of incidents occurring to the anti-union employees. I would like to relate one morning my husband went out to his car 5:45 a.m. only to find he had two flat tires COINCIDENCE? Maybe.

In my estimation anyone who involves themselves with such unfair tactics, as inviting themselves the way Orfield did without the consent or the knowledge of all the drivers and dispatchers certainly leaves a lot to be desired as a human.

So I ask my fellow readers please don't be so ready to judge all GLEN TAXI employees by a very disappointed defeated group.

Signed
Ellen M. Napier.



TREE SQUEEZE

Friends of Georgetown's John Fanning should know what to give him for Christmas — a bigger car. That is, at least if he intends to continue hauling Christmas trees in his tiny VW Beetle.

Mr. Fanning was making his tree purchase at the Kinsmen Club's Christmas tree lot near the ACP store on Guelph Street. (Herald photo)

Senior citizen wants council action to eliminate 'dangerous' corner

The town's regional councilors are going to try and find a quick answer to the problem confronted on a daily basis by the residents of a senior citizens home near the Delrex Market who must cross Mountview Road to do their shopping.

Ann Ferwerda of the Sargent Road seniors' apartments reiterated her explanation of the problem in a letter to town council similar to her recent letter to The Herald.

Pointing out that many senior citizens find it too far to walk from Sargent Road north to Campbell Gate or south to Sinclair Avenue before crossing over to the shopping centre, Mothers with children and citizens of all ages end up crossing Mountview at the midway point, Mrs. Ferwerda added, where there is no designated pedestrian cross-over to assist them.

"Two white lines separated by the width of a sidewalk are the only indication of a crossing and are not easily seen by a driver watching oncoming traffic," she wrote in a letter to The Herald's editor.

General committee chairman Mike Armstrong explained Monday that plans for the construction of a townhouse subdivision at the rear of the market centre and facing the Sargent Road apartments are currently in limbo. Those plans, he said, will ultimately include some provision of a pedestrian cross-over along Mountview Road.

In the meantime, Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson said, interim measures should be taken to alert motorists travelling along Mountview that pedestrians are crossing ahead.

Town engineer Bob Austin

reminded the committee that Mountview Road is a regionally-controlled road and, as such, the town has no authority to make changes. Mr. Austin further reported that the region has no pedestrian cross-overs on any of the roads under its jurisdiction.

Regional Coun. Roy Booth suggested that Mrs. Ferwerda's correspondence should be forwarded to the regional public works department. Coun. Armstrong, who represents the Ward 4 area in question on regional council, offered to alert the regional works committee, of which he is a member with Coun. Russ Miller, of the need for some form of warning sign along the road.

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Police beat

Cash, car stolen in town

An envelope containing almost \$600 in cash was stolen from a vehicle parked behind 45 Main St. south last week.

The owner of the car left it parked for about one half-hour, and when he returned, the envelope was missing from the car.

One of the supervisors at the Georgetown Pool reported the theft of her wallet from her purse. She left her purse on display in the office, and when she returned, the wallet was missing. It was later found in the men's dressing room with \$35 missing.

A Milton residents' car was stolen from the vicinity of Main Street and Church Street last Tuesday. The keys were left in the ignition. The car was later found abandoned on

Highway 401 eastbound near the Halton-Peel border by the OPP.

An Acton woman parked her truck and camper in the parking lot at the rear of the McGibbon Hotel, and when she returned, discovered a hole in the rear top of her camper. Damage was estimated at \$300.

A police officer performing a routine check of the premises in a restaurant found two pool tables in operation, and knowing the owner did not have a licence from the town to operate the tables, approached him and asked him to close them down. The owner refused and told the officer to contact his lawyer. The owner was charged with contravention of a licensing bylaw.

Two gas stations reported the theft of gasoline by men who had their tanks filled and then drove off without paying for the gasoline. One station reported the theft of 14.3 gallons and the other, 8.3 gallons.

Three hubcaps and a CB antenna were stolen from a car parked at the rear of the Dominion Hotel in Acton. Total value of the items taken were estimated at \$117.

A store on Main Street North in Georgetown was broken into on the weekend. The burglars gained entry by breaking the front window. A socket and wrench set, a hand saw, a screwdriver, two Sun Tachimeters and an Indy four-function computer, with a total value of \$255 were stolen. Three suspects were seen driving away from the scene, possibly in a dark-colored Toyota.

A woman reported that she parked her car behind a build-

ing on Guelph Street and reported for work. When she returned, she discovered that her eight-track and FM stereo tape player had been stolen.

A man who parked his car behind a building on Guelph Street returned and found the CB antenna and the V.F.F. fender light broken. The damage was estimated at \$85.

Approximately 45 gallons of gasoline was stolen from vehicles parked in the laneway of a residence near the YMCA in Acton on the weekend.

A man leaving the Way-Jay Club in Norval in the company of another man said the man became violent and started to punch him in the face. When the victim fell, his assailant kicked him several times in the head. The suspect left the scene in a green Javelin.

Vandalism broke the front turn signal lens and scratched the roof support on a 1978 Plymouth parked in the owner's driveway.

A Shelby Street resident received a phone call allegedly from a gas company, saying they would like to check the furnace. A check was made with the company and the company reported they do not make such checks. Police are looking into the matter.

Reader thanks police

To the editor of The Herald:

I feel compelled to compliment all members of Halton Regional Police involved in the recent recovery of my car. The vehicle was stolen about noon Tuesday, Dec. 5, and recovered by 8 p.m. that same date.

Surely only honest, dedicated effort can produce results like that.

Mention should also be made of the courtesy extended by Fred's Towing, who brought the car back from where it had been abandoned on Highway 401.

Not only was the fee of \$25 surprisingly light, considering the circumstances, but the operator made a special trip from the pound for gasoline for me, and stayed until the car was running, all at no extra fee.

Final thanks to all involved. Larry N. Martin, 324 Kingsleigh Court, Milton, Ontario.

Please Note!

In order that our staff may enjoy the Christmas Holidays with their families, The Herald will be printed for press on Saturday, Dec. 23. Deadline for ads and copy for the Christmas issue will be Friday, Dec. 22 at 4:30 p.m. Your assistance will be gratefully appreciated.

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New regional committees will reflect recent decisions

Halton Hills' regional councilors are aligning their membership on committees of council at both the regional and local levels in accordance with a recent decision to expand the size of regional committees.

Regional council agreed last Wednesday to have at least six councilors on each of its four committees and decided that Milton's three regional representatives can join more than one committee and have representation on all four for the first time.

Halton Hills Ward 2 Coun. Russ Miller is among the regional representatives who are taking advantage of the new ruling and joining more than one committee. He will continue as a member of the health and social services committee, where he will be joined by newcomer Coun. Ed Wood of Ward 1, and will also serve on the public works committee alongside Ward 4 Coun. Mike Armstrong.

As a member of the public works committee, Coun. Armstrong

will be aligning his efforts as a member of the town's own public works committee, a post he has held for the past four years.

Ward 3 Coun. Roy Booth was elected chairman of the regional planning committee last week by his fellow committee members. Coun. Booth was chairman of the town planning board last term and vice-chairman of the regional planning committee.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy will serve as a member of the regional administration committee along with Milton Mayor Don Gordon, Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett and Burlington Mayor Holy Bird. Other members of the administration committee, under the chairmanship of Oakville's McLean Anderson, are Bonnie Brown of Oakville and Steve Toth of Burlington.

Chaired by Coun. Ron Planché of Oakville, the public works committee will include Burlington's Pat McLaughlin, Oakville's Laurie Mannell and

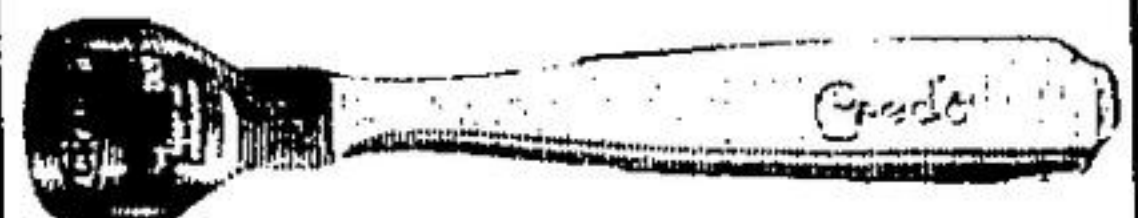
Milton's Bill Johnson, as well as councilors Miller and Armstrong.

Under the chairmanship of Coun. Booth, the planning committee will consist of councilors Ted McDonald, Vern Connell and David LaCombe of Burlington, Carol Gooding and Terry Mannell of Oakville and Gus Goutowski of Milton.

With Burlington's Walter Mulkevic in the chair for a second term, the health and social services committee will include councilors Miller and Wood, Goutowski from Milton, Gooding and Brown from Oakville and Burlington Coun. Jim Grievie.

Once the voters of Burlington's Ward 2 elect someone to replace new regional chairman Jack Rafis as their regional councillor, he or she will serve as a member of the administration and public works committees. Chairman-elect Rafis was head of the public works committee last term.

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10:05 a.m. Guelph Street Plaza
10:10 a.m. Georgetown Market Centre (Zellers)



Return

12:25 p.m. Guelph Street Plaza
12:30 p.m. Leaves Georgetown Market Centre (Zellers)
12:35 p.m. Durham Street (return from Market Centre)
12:40 p.m. Moore Park
12:45 p.m. Main & James Streets (Downtown)
12:50 p.m. Park Public School
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