



CANTANTE CONCERT SUNDAY

The Cantante Singers have been rehearsing diligently for this Sunday's concert, "A Yuletide Songfest", at St. John's United Church in Georgetown at 8 p.m. The concert will include a performance of "Magnificat", featuring soloist Carolyn Simmons from the Georgetown Choral Society, but the program will otherwise be devoted to light Christmas music. Cheryl Hauser, who has been an accompanist with the group, will also assist with the conducting this time out. (Herald photo)

Board's business director resigns

The Halton board of education's superintendent of business and finance, Bruce Lindley, has submitted his resignation, effective April 30. Mr. Lindley is retiring after 35 years working with education in Halton. He joined the Burlington board of education in 1946, working part-time for the board and running a fruit and vegetable farm. Mr. Lindley was hired as the superintendent of business and finance of the Halton board when the board was created in 1969.

"My 35 years of involvement in education in Halton has been an interesting, challenging, rewarding and fulfilling experience," Mr. Lindley said in his letter of resignation. "Needless to say that over such a length of time, there have been numerous and significant changes in every aspect of the education field."

"During this period, it has been my privilege to serve a number of boards made up of many trustees, all of whom have been dedicated and sincere persons working conscientiously in the interests of the pupils in the schools and being cognizant of the ratepayers whom they represent."

Golden Arches summon firemen

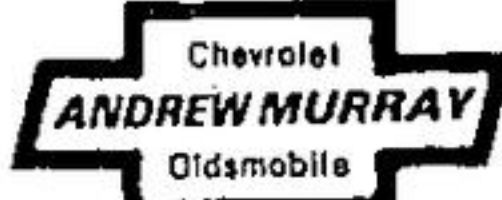
Area 2 (Georgetown) fire-fighters were called out to McDonald's restaurant on Guelph Street Sunday evening, but there was no fire.

A malfunction in the furnace apparently caused a lot of smoke which spread into the restaurant. There was no damage.

The only other call this week was a chimney fire on Rosefield Drive. There was no damage.

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Armstrong back in chair

Ward 4 Coun. Mike Armstrong was acclaimed chairman of the town's planning board for another year at the board's meeting last Tuesday. Coun. Armstrong thanked fellow councillors and members of town staff for the help they gave during his past two years as chairman, but warned that council will have to be "very, very careful" with planning in both urban and rural areas in the future. Council, he said, must be prepared to take nationally-depressed economic conditions into consideration when new project proposals are presented to the board. Coun. Armstrong will be assisted by vice-chairman Ross Knechtel.

Merity homes meeting

The town planning board will hold a public meeting Jan. 13 on a proposed change in the zoning bylaw for a housing development at the southeast corner of Margaret and Edward Streets in Georgetown. Merity developments of Etobicoke wants to build 11 semi-detached homes on a four-acre lot originally zoned for 29 single-family dwellings. Town planning director Mario Venditti told the board last Tuesday that if plans for the development are approved in February, engineering and construction could begin next summer.

Acton shopping study

Concerned that a consultant's report commissioned by Landawn Shopping Centres Ltd. examining the commercial viability of a shopping plaza in Acton is biased, town council has approved a planning board recommendation to look into getting a study of its own. Although there was some suggestion during last week's board meeting that Landawn may not challenge the town's refusal to grant the necessary zoning amendments for shopping centre before the Ontario Municipal Board, town planning director Mario Venditti told council that the town may need its own "expert witness". Larry Smith Associates will be retained by the town to advise on the kind of marketing study needed and its approximate costs.

Stewarttown plan

Approval in principle of a draft plan for a proposed 35-unit subdivision in Stewarttown will have to await further discussion at the town's next planning board meeting Jan. 13. The additional time will give town staff time to clear up lingering questions concerning properties adjacent to the 27-acre development located at the southeast corner of Trafalgar Road and Maple Avenue in Georgetown.

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