



BAZAAR RAISES FUNDS FOR CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Flower sellers Rita Aalders and Albert Filkema were just two of many Georgetown District Christian School supporters who helped organize and run the big fund-raising sale and carnival Saturday in the Holy Cross Church auditorium. Hundreds of residents of all ages browsed among the sale tables, enjoyed games of skill and chance and rested in a dining area over coffee and refreshments. Streamers and balloons added to the festive atmosphere. (Herald photos)



Region's suggested cuts could limit HRCA programs

By CHRIS AAGAARD
Herald Staff Writer

The Halton Region Conservation Authority (HRCA) has been asked to hold an increase in its 1981 budget to 15 per cent, a move which, its general manager says, could force serious program cutbacks.

Speaking to the region's finance committee last Wednesday, Murray Stephens said its general levy portion of the budget, pegged at \$1,204,219, is already "at the bottom line" without sacrificing a much-needed land expropriation and a new maintenance garage project.

Alarmed that the increase in the general levy is 24 per cent

more than in last year's budget, committee members suggested that the Authority re-examine its proposal, holding to a 15 per cent guideline which the region has set for all department budgets.

Later, Mr. Stephens said the region is ignoring the fact that the Authority has reduced the special levy portion of its budget this year by 57 per cent and said that its combined budget is actually one and a half per cent less than the one presented in 1981.

Like the Halton Children's Aid Society and the regional police commission, the Authority's budget is prepared independently from the region's

administration. The region can only recommend changes in the budget but cannot demand cuts, Mr. Stephens pointed out when contacted by The Herald Thursday.

The Authority began looking at proposals for a new maintenance centre for its equipment last November, noting that the province's labor ministry was unhappy about the conditions of garages located at the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre near Campbellville. Meanwhile, the Authority is also planning to build new administrative offices near the Hilton Falls Conservation area.

Although regional chief administrative officer Dennis Perlin suggested the Authority use regional garages located along Steeles Avenue in Milton to repair their equipment, Mr. Stephens argued that Authority trucks, lawn mowers and other tools would likely take a lower priority to repair demands for the region's trucks.

Operating year-round, and throughout weekends, the Authority maintains about 7,000 acres of property in Halton and surrounding regions and townships. At a twin-bay workshop near the Mountsberg Centre, mechanics keep about 30 trucks and 40 smaller pieces of equipment under repair.

Meanwhile, the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) had its 1981 budget request granted by the committee, although it awaits final approval from regional council today (Wednesday).

The CVCA has asked the region for \$39,570 this year, mostly for water control projects in Halton Hills as well as approximately \$3,000 for work planned in Oakville.

CVCA general manager Glenn Schwarz said the amount is well below the 15 per cent increase guideline recommended by the committee, adding that about \$6,000 will be trimmed from Halton's share by a provincial treasury subsidy.

Self-help for blind citizens

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with their dogs.

"But the hassles didn't spoil their good time," Chataine recounted. "In Norway, an understanding female guide took them on a private five-and-a-half hour tour of the Trondheim Musical Museum and let them play some of the old instruments. In the Louvre,

somebody fetched a chair so they could stand on it to touch the cool marble body of the Venus de Milo. They climbed mountains, talked with children, smelled country flowers, ate wonderful food, met good people."

The odyssey produced a book, "No Dogs Allowed", which the couple sold to Methuen press.

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Acton church drops Bank of Nova Scotia

Trinity opposes apartheid

By MAGGIE HANNAH
Herald Special

Trinity United Church, Acton, will change its bank in an effort to pressure for changes in South Africa's apartheid policy although the United Church in Canada may not make the same decision when its banking services are tendered later this year.

Bill Davis, treasurer of the United Church in Canada, told a congregational meeting Sunday that while the general assembly passed a resolution last summer opposing loans to South Africa, the national body won't let that criteria be the

sole reason for its decision when its banking goes to tender.

"It wouldn't be fair to ask our pensioners to bear a loss (in interest paid) just to be a conscience of the church," he said.

Sunday's 40-36 vote in favor of shifting Trinity's bank account of about \$50,000 from the Bank of Nova Scotia was not taken lightly. Scotiabank president J.A.G. Bell visited the congregation to discuss the matter.

Eldon Comfort, a parishoner, said he raised the issue of shifting the church's funds

because he feels the church has a moral obligation to help South Africa's blacks.

Banks, he said, are seen by the church as an organization that can bring about change. Churches will soon shift banks with increasing frequency and he wants Trinity United to be in the vanguard.

When it was pointed out that cashing in securities deposited with the Bank of Nova Scotia could cost the Acton church money, Mr. Comfort amended his motion so that only the current account will be changed immediately.

Other investments will only be moved when they reach maturity unless Scotiabank has not changed its policies.

Mr. Comfort and other speakers stressed that while Toronto-Dominion is seen as the 'cleanest' of the banks because they promised a year ago to make no new loans to South Africa, there is no moral purity in the issue among Canadian banks.

Arlene Bruce, chairman of the church board, said that taking no action is the same as favoring apartheid.

Roes Knechtel, a Halton Hills councillor and former church board member, opposed the resolution because he feels boycotting banks is an unfair secondary boycott.

Rev. Charles Beaton, Trinity's pastor, said if the bank sees the church's decision as important enough to make them send out their president to discuss the matter, then he hopes actually making the change will cause banks to take a serious look at supporting South Africa with loans.

"They're a big corporation and losing our little account won't hurt them," Mrs. Bruce said. "The bank president even told us that. But we can't go on doing nothing. That's as much a statement in favor of the system as this is against it."

The church board will also examine the banking practices of the local credit union before it decides where to shift the church's account.

A decision on where the funds will go is to be made May 3.

Man's brief disappearance tightens rest home rules

Herald Special

Halton region's health and social services committee made no recommendations last Tuesday on how staff should deal with the conduct of regionally-supported rest home residents.

A resident at Cher's Rest Home, Acton, left the home to spend his 681 monthly comfort allowance on alcohol, then sought social services assistance and refused to return to the rest home.

The Acton rest home was not officially notified of the man's whereabouts until four days later despite his receiving aid from several agencies.

Committee was told the man, a 50-year-old alcoholic, disappeared March 5 and went to the Acton Community Services Centre seeking help and was sent to the Salvation Army which housed him briefly in a Guelph hotel.

The man then turned up at Acton Seniors' Residence, a rest home on Mill Street west, March 9 and was taken to the

regional social services office in Oakville but refused to return to Cher's and agreed to go to a rest home in Hamilton by bus.

He got off the bus in Burlington and was reported as missing until he called the Hamilton rest home looking for guidance. He was collected from Burlington two hours later.

Guelph rest home operator Katherine Kelly spoke on behalf of operators of Cher's Rest Home in Acton, when she questioned whether it was a policy of staff to send Halton residents out of the municipality if they were receiving regional assistance.

David Swarc, a member of social services staff, said the resident had been sent to the rest home in Hamilton because there wasn't room to accommodate the man at Halton Recovery House, a half-way house for alcoholics located at Milton.

The man refused to return to Cher's Rest Home, Mr. Swarc

said, and was willing to travel by bus to a rest home in Hamilton. The places to shelter transients in Halton are limited and when no place is available these people have to be sent outside the region.

Mr. Vivian said that "patients are not sent or committed to rest homes by a court order. They come and go on their own," and for social services staff to tell them where they should stay is improper.

Mr. Vivian said that Mrs. Cherwoniatk would receive funds owing her under the proposed purchase of service agreement as soon as the ministry of health approves the contract.

Come to Church

<p>GEORGETOWN ALLIANCE CHURCH</p> <p>Sunday, April 5, 1981</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>Morning Worship 11 a.m.</p> <p>Come and Make Our Church Your Church</p> <p>Everyone Welcome</p> <p>P. RALPH 877-9816 853-3823</p>	<p>MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH</p> <p>PASTOR EDWIN H. MITCHELL 877-6888; 877-0320</p> <p>Sunday, April 5, 1981</p> <p>Every Sunday 9:45 a.m. Family Bible School 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Biblical Preaching, Praise and Fellowship</p> <p>Weekly Boys & Girls Clubs, Youth Activities, Ladies Coffee Hour, Recreation & Prayer Meeting</p> <p>Monthly Jolly Seniors - Missions Fellowship Visitors Always Welcome</p> <p>25 Years and Growing</p>
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