



WINDOW ON WINTER

A frost encrusted window looking onto a blustery white world outdoors told the tale of the downward dip in temperatures Halton Mills experienced this past week. The whole of Ontario faced winter chills that made the outdoors inhospitable. (Herald photo)

Council Notes

Police car repairs

Regional staff have been instructed to continue examining the possibility of centralizing police car maintenance in Halton. Currently, the regional force retains a number of garages to keep its 91 vehicles on the road, but there's been some discussion of having the cars serviced with other regional vehicles at Halton's main garage in Milton. A recent report on the fleet's operation indicates that garages don't give the police cars any more priority than other vehicles. The study, pointing to other regions which already have centralized maintenance programs, says the region could save taxpayers several thousand dollars per year. Peel region (according to 1980 figures), with a fleet of similar size, spent \$139,952 on their cars, about \$39,600 less than Halton. Waterloo region's police car repair costs during the same period were about \$51,000 less than Halton's \$179,000 maintenance total for the regional force.

Pay up or 'ouch!'

It's going to cost you more to pay overdue bills at the region in 1981. Halton's administration and finance committee last week agreed to boost penalty charges on overdue accounts (not tax arrears) to about two per cent per month, hoping to encourage prompt payment of all bills. Regional treasurer Gerry Lawson told the committee there is \$1.8 million in outstanding accounts left over from 1981 and, while the amount, he says, is higher than he likes it, it's not abnormal for this time of year.

Region borrows \$10 m.

Pending the 1982 interim tax levies, Halton region has borrowed \$10 million to bolster its operating budget. The money which will be repaid once all the levies are collected, will be borrowed from banks and other lending institutions. The bylaw approving the interim loans is expected to be passed by regional council this (Wednesday) afternoon.

Georgetown man goes on trial Feb. 3

A Georgetown man charged with dangerous driving, impaired driving and having more than 88 per cent alcohol in his blood following a fatal accident in Brampton the week before last will appear in provincial court Feb. 3 to set a date for trial.

Mr. Galbraith wasn't injured in the collision that caused \$8,000 damage to both cars.

Randall Gordon Galbraith of McIntyre Crescent was driving westbound on Queen Street West when his vehicle crossed the centre line and struck another car at the Kimbark Drive intersection. A 15-year old Brampton youth in the eastbound vehicle was killed in the accident, and another seriously injured. The other five youths in the car escaped injury.

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Lottery Act requires changes

Comrades in Georgetown Hospital are Roy Wiggins, A. Emmond, Stan Swan, T. Gadd and Jim Moran. Winners of the carclub draw are U. Casselman, L. Wright, J. Fisher, John Bonia, Jack McFarlane and Kay Hill. Owing to the cost of cars, the next car draw donations will be increased and an increase of the weekly draw winners will be made at the same time. This is to stay within the rules of the Ontario Lottery Act. The changes will be reported later, well before the new draw commences.

The Arrow will be entertaining in the Lounge Saturday night. Members who paid their dues before Dec. 20 may pick up their new cards from the bar.

Here are a few facts about the Royal Canadian Legion. Did you know the membership is approximately 450,000 made up of ex-service personnel, sons and daughters and those still serving? There are also approximately 100,000 members of the Ladies Auxiliary and roughly 90,000 fraternal affiliates. All these members are in over 1,800 branches across Canada and in the U.S. Did you know there are over 1,000 service officers serving ex-service personnel and their dependents? Each year over \$1,000,000 flows to veterans and their dependents through the efforts of these service officers.



LEGION LINES

By Tom Elliott

More "Did You Know" information: The largest membership participation sport in the legion is curling, in which over 900 branches take part. In addition, darts, golf and eribage are popular sports among legion members. Did you know the ladies auxiliaries to the legion contribute over \$2 million a year to legion projects?

Jean Mills heads new PWP exec

Elections were held Monday night at Mountainview Baptist Church for the Georgetown area chapter of Parents Without Partners. Replacing Anne Macdonald of Milton as president of Chapter 167 is Jean Mills of Georgetown. Lana Bonasuit of Georgetown was elected vice-president, Carol Smith of Milton secretary and Lori Ryan of Georgetown treasurer.

Georgetown's Joan Blight will take on the role of membership director and Gerald MacMillan that of new membership director. From Speyside, Stan Luciw

will direct adult activities and Anne Stedman of Milton, family activities. Don Jamieson will be the new education director, Keith Meadows will be in charge of publicity, and Gordon Pollock takes care of grievances and ethics.

The newsletter editor is Georgetown's Marg Moens. An installation dance is to be held Feb. 6 at the Lions Hall on Georgetown's Mill Street for PWP's 58 members. The chapter plans to hold dances the first Saturday of each month in the new year at the Lions Hall and all are welcome.

Fire in vehicles keep brigade busy

It was a busy weekend for Georgetown's firefighters, with the extra cold snap seeming to increase calls to the fire department.

A 1967 Chrysler Newport car stolen from the Hollywood Hotel in Norval was set afire at Lot 15 Concession 11, about a half mile away, Saturday night. Firefighters put out the blaze and assessed damage to the abandoned car at \$1,200. The RIT

Georgetown owner had left his car at the hotel and been driven to Brampton by a friend. Halton regional police haven't laid charges in the incident yet.

Portable heaters placed in the back of a truck owned by Vito's Fruit Market in Moore Park Plaza, to keep fruits and vegetables from freezing while being transported in the cold weather, caused a truck fire Sunday with \$3,500

damage. There were no injuries.

Also Sunday, at 10:45 p.m., firefighters were called to another truck fire, this time at Sideroad 22 and Concession 11. Firefighters arrived to find a passerby had already extinguished the fire started when the vehicle backfired and ignited the engine area. There was \$1,000 damage to the truck and no injuries.

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