

Speyside, Glen, Limehouse schools to be studied

Actonian faces assault charge

A Bower Street Acton man has been charged with assault in connection with an incident at his residence at midnight Wednesday.

Halton regional police said a 20-year old woman had been dating suffered minor injuries from being slapped across the face.

Police said she wasn't taken to hospital. The 38-year old man will appear in Milton provincial court Feb. 28.

Need counselling?

Halton Family Services is a United Way agency that provides counselling for individual, marriage, separation, parent-child, life-crises and credit-debt concerns. Offices are located at 168 Lakeshore Rd. E. in Oakville, also in Milton and Acton. For appointment call 845-3811 or 853-3310.

Ski with film

Those who enjoy skiing and photography will be able to combine their skills in the Glen Eden ski area photo contest.

The theme "skiing" enables amateur photographers to choose a subject matter having to do with winter landscapes, skiers, facilities or special events related to the ski area.

First prize includes a 1983-84 weekday ski pass valued at \$150. All entries must be postmarked no later than March 15. Registration forms can be picked up at the administration office at 310 Main St., Milton. For more information call 878-4131 or 878-5011.

Ideas welcomed

Parents will have a number of chances to voice their concerns about school closure through a consolidation study group, Halton school trustee Dick Howitt said last Tuesday evening.

Mr. Howitt told a parent-teacher meeting of about 40 people at Speyside School he suspects a board report will advise a consolidation study group be established.

Recently Speyside, Limehouse and Glen Williams public schools were rejected by the Halton board of education for closure studies, even though each of the schools have the least amount of pupils at present and projected in Halton Hills.

Instead, the board has said they will look at the north as a whole on the question of consolidation and not specifically closure.

Mr. Howitt told parents that recommendations made by the board might have been misinterpreted. "Recommendations didn't say the schools may be closed down," he said.

Once a consolidation study group is established public meetings are held which parents can attend, he said. Written briefs are also accepted by the study group, Mr. Howitt said.

TWO RATEPAYERS
The study group has two ratepayers on the committee who are chosen in a special election, he said. One of the ratepayers must be a parent.

Included with the ratepayers on the study group are two school board trustees, the superintendent

of school and one school principal, Mr. Howitt said.

Mr. Howitt answered by saying the concept of "small is good" is one of the areas that can be studied by the committee in assessing a school's strength.

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Board trims to 7.6%

Like a hot potato, the Halton board of education budget is back in the lap of the administration.

Pored over by trustees on the board's finance committee Monday night, the budget was returned for a \$450,000 trim by

administrators.

The trim will bring board spending to a 7.6 per cent increase over last year's budget.

"Nothing of any great importance was cut," Halton Hills trustee Betty Fisher told The Herald Tuesday. "We're able to run all our programs plus put in computers at the elementary and secondary levels."

Monday night, trustees pointed out \$600,000 worth of 1983 budget items that could be eliminated, and asked administrators to look at cutting at least \$450,000 of it.

With the trim, the budget will be approximately \$140 million for 1983. How it will affect the mill rate for taxpayers remains to be seen, as the mill rate is affected by grants from the provincial government and area assessments, neither of which are known yet.

The budget proposal will be brought to the board March 3 with passage expected March 17.

Deadline Feb. 28 for licence renewals

The Licence Bureau office in Georgetown hasn't been busy, although that's nothing new for this time of year, says Georgetown commission agent Beatrice Clark.

(the terminal) about as quick as a good typist when it's working properly," she says.

The Licence Bureau office is located at 120 Main St. 5. The office is open from 9-5 Mon-Fri. and 9-12 Saturdays.



STICKY STUFF

Beating the rush to the Georgetown licence bureau last week was motorist George Brayley. The 1983 stickers start a new ministry of transportation and communications method of avoiding long line-ups in February. The licence plate stickers come due on the car owner's birthday. (Herald photo)

Town prepares to sell off Church Street property

An agreement is being prepared by town staff which will allow the town to sell 6 Church St. to M.J. Allworth Electric of Mississauga.

Council Monday night agreed to arrange the sale, closely following terms suggested by Jeff Allworth at last week's general committee meeting. Mr. Allworth told committee members that, subject to certain conditions, he would buy the building for \$69,000 closing the deal within two years from the date renovations on the property are completed.

In a recorded vote, Ward 3 Georgetown councillors John McDonald and Finn Poulstrup and Acton's Rick Bonnette opposed the Allworth plan.

Mr. Allworth had suggested that the renovations on the building should be sponsored by the town, using a grant from the Canada-Ontario Employment Development (COED) program.

He has said that about \$20,000 should be enough to put the building back in useable shape for offices.

About \$4,000 of that would be the town's share of the project which Mr. Allworth says he'll reimburse when the sale is closed.

RENT FREE
Mr. Allworth would have rent-free office space in the building, while the town could lease out other portions until he assumes ownership of the property. The town would also get to keep the adjacent driveway and would be free to use (but not own) a patio proposed for the front of the house.

Coun. Poulstrup argued that the renovations will positively affect the building's market value. If the town is going to refurbish the building, it should sell it by calling openly for tenders and accepting the best price.

"We should try to get top dollar for taxpayers' assets," he said.

Coun. Poulstrup proposed "amending" the motion to sell, removing references of the Allworth firm and setting a March 16 closing date for tenders on the building.

However, Mayor Pete Pomeroy ruled that the changes Mr. Poulstrup was suggesting added up to a contrary motion, and could not be voted on unless council rejected the original recommendation to draw up a bylaw selling the building to Mr. Allworth.

Councillors Marilyn Serjeantson, Pam Sheldon, Mike Armstrong, Dave Whiting, Tom Hill, Ross Knechtel, Russ Miller and Mayor Pomeroy voted to arrange a sale with Allworth Electric. Councillors Marry Levy and Phil Carney were unable to attend Monday night's meeting.

REPORTED
Mayor Pomeroy noted that the Allworth proposal has been reported in local newspapers.

"There haven't been any great line-ups of other people to take on the project," he noted.

Meanwhile, the Georgetown Business Improvement Area (BIA) has

expressed doubts about the Allworth proposal.

In a letter to council, BIA chairman David Page said the BIA has the "view that the proposal is not viable and may create additional problems for parking". The town originally contemplated tearing the building down and turning the property into a parking lot.

While he stressed that the BIA does not oppose the principal of restoring old properties, including the 6 Church St. in the downtown core, 13 parking spaces in downtown Georgetown's southwest end would alleviate a chronic shortage.

The BIA, Mr. Page continued, is concerned that, although Mr. Allworth will be the sole tenant in the building initially, as more tenants move in the demand for parking space in the area will increase.

Council later approved a motion from Coun. McDonald asking the town's parking authority to re-

view downtown Georgetown's parking space inventory and suggest ways in which the town can add parking in the area.

Along with the sale agreement, town staff must also present council with a bylaw officially stating that the property is "surplus" to the needs of the community.

New Arte Quintet tonight

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