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ALL THE INGREDIENTS OF A GOOD FAIR

The Georgetown Optimists, these three young ladies would agree, sure know how to throw a party: cotton candy, exciting rides, interesting things to do and a fireworks display to boot. Bang-O-Rama was another smash success as bad weather was thankfully steered

away. The Optimists have been putting on the show, which always ends with a spectacular display of fire works, for seven years. From left, Cathy Tucker, Peggy Sevenster and Lorna Richards are looking forward to more fun next year. (Herald photo by Chris Aagaard)

Wrigglesworth teacher pleads guilty

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff Writer

A special education and library teacher at Howard Wrigglesworth Public School will be sentenced June 27 on a charge of indecent assault.

John Spearman Winter, 47, of Port Credit, pleaded guilty Wednesday morning in Milton provincial court to the charge laid by Halton regional police Dec. 10, 1982.

Crown attorney John Ayre said a ten-year-old male student who did part-time volunteer duties in the library had been invited on more than one occasion during last October and November to a small office in the back of the library. There, according to the student, he was kissed on the lips by the accused.

The son of a single mom

with two other children, a daughter, 9, and a son, 13, the youth was entrusted on several occasions to the care of Mr. Winter.

Mr. Ayre said the accused volunteered to babysit and help with the children, something the working mom appreciated.

"She thought it was too good to be true, and enjoyed the big brother situation," Mr. Ayre said.

COTTAGE TRIP
On one occasion in November, the youth was taken to the accused's cottage in Barrie for a weekend, where he was kissed on the lips and given a sponge bath by the accused, Mr. Ayre said.

Babysitting often, the arrangement grew so that Mr. Winter would sleep over in the basement of

the family home, he said. The issue was brought to a crisis, Mr. Ayre said, when the young lad went to the library Dec. 10 at lunchtime to get a book.

He was led to the library office where the door was closed behind him. The accused kissed the youth and touched him, Mr. Ayre said. The youth broke away and told his mother about the incident.

Etobicoke lawyer Robert Stewart, representing Mr. Winter, said the facts presented by Mr. Ayre were all admitted to by his client, except the Dec. 10 incident. He said the accused denies those facts completely.

"Mr. Winter has bathed and babysat the children on the request of Mrs. Winter," Mr. Stewart said. (There is a ban of publication of

the victim's name, granted by Judge W.S. Sharpe.)

Mr. Stewart noted that the victim's older brother didn't get along well with the accused and was the one who brought up the matter.

The maximum sentence assault on a male is ten years imprisonment, Mr. Ayre said.

Mr. Ayre noted there were complaints from other children at the school as well.

Mr. Winter was hired by the Halton board of education in January,

1982, and taught at McKenzie-Smith Middle School in Acton before beginning in September 1982 at Howard Wrigglesworth.

The accused was suspended with pay following police arrest and the board asked for his resignation, although he had yet to be convicted, Mr. Winter subsequently resigned from the board.

Superintendent of instruction Rae Stoness said this is the first indecent assault case involving students ever facing a Halton teacher.

Trail bike 'heaven' causes ire

By CHRIS AAGAARD
Herald Staff Writer

Trail bikes are beginning to bother residents in at least one part of Georgetown's Ward 3, but complaints raised by homeowners at last Wednesday night's drop-in with Councillors Finn Poulstrup, Phil Carney and John McDonald may indicate only the tip of a much larger concern across town.

"Trail bikes are posing a problem not just in town," Coun. Poulstrup commented, "but all over the province as well."

He described one area of concern, some open fields in the Ewing and Ontario Streets area, as being "trail bike heaven" and added that he had heard about children playing in the area being harassed by bikers.

But without tougher provincial laws, it's difficult to crack down on trail bikers who are trespassing and making too much noise.

Help may be on the way, a provincial ministry of transportation and communications spokesman told The Herald Friday.

TOUGHER LAWS

Legislation which would require two and three-wheeled recreational vehicles to be licensed has been proposed by MTC staff, safety and public information manager Orville Harron said. It suggests that drivers be over the age of 16 years and license plates would be issued when the bikes are registered. License plates would lead to the identity of the

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Husband in critical condition

Woman, 44, dies in Trafalgar crash

A 44-year old Georgetown woman is dead and her 46-year old husband is in critical condition at Sunnybrook General Hospital, following a single vehicle accident on Trafalgar Road, one kilometre north of Maple Avenue, May 18.

Valerie Stoddart of Hyland Avenue sustained fatal injuries in the crash and was pronounced dead on arrival at the Georgetown Memorial Hospital.

Her husband James Stoddart was transferred to Sunnybrook for treatment of serious injuries.

Sons Chris, 12, and Andrew, 14, also in the car at the time of the collision, were treated and released from Georgetown Memorial Hospital.

Halton regional police said the accident occurred at 11:30 p.m., when the vehicle left the roadway, sheared off a hydro pole, rolled over and came to rest upright.

A police investigation is hoping to determine the reason for the accident.

An unselfish 'hockey mom'

Scores of saddened residents paid tribute to Valerie Stoddart whose funeral was held in St. George's Anglican Church in Georgetown following a fatal traffic accident Wednesday.

Mrs. Stoddart was described by eulogist John Roe as an extraordinary woman whose unselfish volunteerism had endeared herself to school children and residents in the community's Moore Park area.

Born in Welland Garden, England, Mrs. Stoddart was an only child. Following her training as a nurse, Mrs. Stoddart came to Canada in the mid-1960s and eventually met her future husband, Jim, in Toronto.

They were married in 1967 at St. Timothy's Anglican Church. Residents of Hyland Drive, the Stoddarts were one of the first people to settle in Moore Park when they came to Georgetown 14 years ago.

For years, she worked part time at the Bramalea Medical Clinic and most recently was a valued volunteer driver, transporting area youngsters to Stewarttown school.

She also had a distinguished association with Georgetown Little Theatre (GLT). Many residents, young and old,

will recall her 1975 performance as Glinda, The Good Witch of the East, in GLT's Christmas show

"When We Were Married", "Summer Of The Seventeenth Doll" and her last performance as Miss Cooper in "Separate Tables" by Terence Rattigan.

As the Stoddarts' sons, Chris, 12 and Andrew, 14, grew older, Mrs. Stoddart devoted more time to activities involving her children. In addition to her work for Stewarttown students, she was a popular "hockey mom".

She was also involved with the Georgetown Cricket Club and the Scottish Country Dancers. Mrs. Stoddart is survived by her immediate family and her father.

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VALERIE STODDART

Region will renew pressure for landfill site funding

Halton region will renew pressure on the provincial government to fund 75 per cent of the region's ongoing environmental assessment of its landfill sites.

Angered that the assessment's costs are rapidly closing in on \$1 million, regional council last Wednesday maintained that because the region's study will be used as a "blue print" for others, the provincial government should have some responsibility to pay for it.

Council approved spending another \$103,000 on a further phase of the assessment being carried out by Walker, Wright and Young Associates, a planning consultants' firm based in Toronto. About \$83,000 has been spent on the assessment so far since it was launched late last summer.

Under the terms of the Environmental Assessment Act (EAA), the assessment is an exhaustive analysis of alternatives and other concerns for projects which could have a major impact on environment.

The region had hoped to study a site in Milton as a possible new sanitary landfill location under the terms of the Environmental Protection Act.

That analysis would have been mainly concerned with environmental concerns in the area

immediately surrounding the site.

In 1981, the province ordered the region to use the EAA as a guide for its landfill site search.

Both Acts are administered by the province's environment ministry.

Regional chairman Jack Rafis, solid waste management committee chairman, Russ Miller and Halton's chief administrative officer, Dennis Perlin have also been asked to discuss the issue with Halton's three MPPs, Tories George Kerr and James Snow and Halton-Burlington Liberal MPP Julian

Reed.

Halton's only remaining landfill site is in Burlington, but it's due to close next March. A site in Oakville closed at the end of December, 1982.

However, Coun. Miller said, the region may consider expanding the Burlington site while it waits

for provincial approval of a site which will eventually be chosen by regional council for the new landfill site.

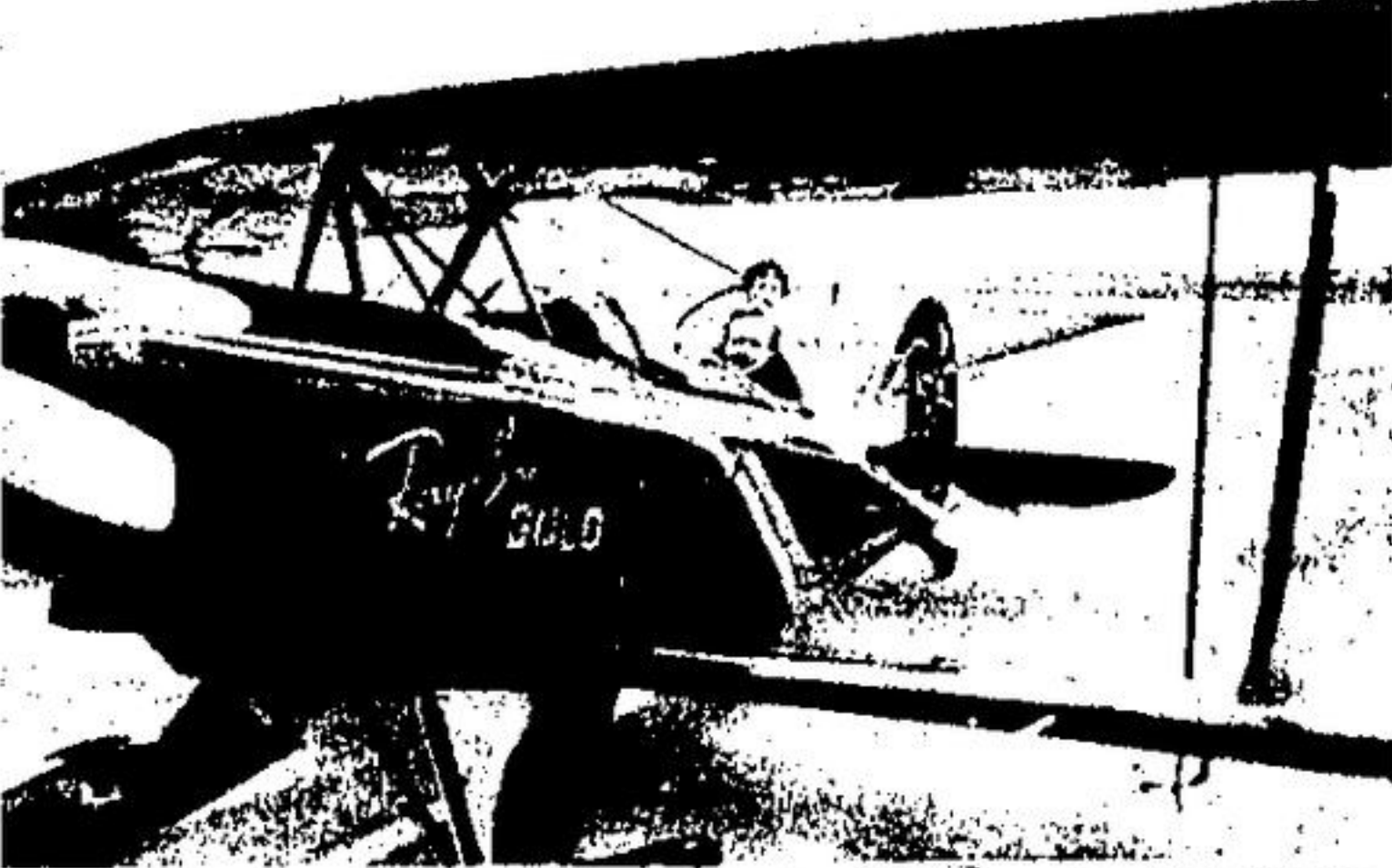
In addition to the assessment costs, the region will have to face costs in constructing the landfill site.

Car collision

A 22-year-old Georgetown man was arrested for impaired driving following a collision which caused \$5,000 damage to his vehicle and caused him minimal injuries, Friday at 1:30 a.m.

Halton regional police said the man was driving just north of the double railway tracks on Trafalgar Road when an attempt to avoid an oncoming vehicle in his lane put him into the ditch where he hit a pole.

GOOD AS GOLD



The Ray Ban Golds aerobatic team were at the Brampton Flying Club's headquarters at RR2 Cheltenham Monday. The Golds and World War One replicas performed a flypast after which the Golds departed for an airshow at Canada's Wonderland. The Great War Flying Museum at the Brampton Airport opened its doors Monday to the public.

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Police squad disarms man

The Halton Regional police tactical and rescue unit seized a 22 calibre rifle and arrested a 57-year-old Acton man May 18 at approximately 9 p.m.

The man was charged with pointing a firearm and dangerous use of a firearm following police investigation of a threatening complaint on Acton's Cameron Street. There were no injuries in the incident, and no shots were fired.

Police said the man's wife and a male friend of the family had been threatened following a verbal dispute around 6 p.m. The man was detained in police custody Thursday after his bail hearing.

Students wash

There will be a student car wash in support of a high school formal this Sunday May 29 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Sponsored by Zellers and held in their parking lot, cars can be washed for a \$1 minimum charge.

'Beespace' weekends

Imagine having to look after 200,000 children at one time. It's easy - for the Queen Bee! See her and her workers in action at the Kortright Centre, near Kleinburg, during the "Bee Space" program on weekends May 14 through August 28, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information call 661-8600.

ABOUT THE HILLS

Hospice meeting

North Halton Hospice presents a public forum May 30 starting at 8 p.m. at Milton and District Hospital.

The topic will be Widows and Widowers; what they need, what they feel, what they face.

Guest speaker will be Nancy Brown, executive director of Halton Family Services. Everyone is welcome. Admission is free.

Correction

In a story Wednesday May 18 on page 13 of The Herald, mention was made of a street dance to be held Saturday night. The street dance is Friday night and not Saturday.

Holy Cross activities

On Sunday, May 29, Holy Cross Church will celebrate the sacrament of 'Anointing of the Sick' for those who are ill, in pain, or in weak condition because of advanced age.

This service will begin at 2 p.m. If transportation assistance is required, please call 877-4681, 877-9123, or 877-7430.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Holy Cross Parish will conduct a 'Green Bag' collection of donated new or used clothing during the morning of Sunday, May 29.

A suitably decorated truck will be parked in front of the church at 224 Maple Avenue to receive all offerings.



LION'S ACT

Lions Club members Ron Breen (left) and Fred Zorge had their act all buttoned up May 17, as Mr. and Mrs. Pearly King and Queen. The two brought the popular competition in London to Georgetown, donning their special pearl-button decorated suits to charm local seniors feasting on fish and chips in the Georgetown Lions Hall. Georgetown's George Inglis said he found them to be a charming couple. (Herald photo)