

\$5,000 fire

An RR2 Rockwood, Lot 5, Concession 25, home sustained \$5,000 fire damage Saturday night. The fire started in a Franklin type stove, and spread to the living room and attic, Halton regional police said. The home was owned by Dolores Soulier. Nobody was injured. Milton and Rockwood firefighters put out the blaze.

Birthday honors

It was an 80th birthday for Bernadette Mandarino Sunday and her relatives and friends gathered for a sit-down dinner at the Crombie Place home of her son Joseph. The KinCourt resident received a big birthday cake and several presents in honor of the occasion. The event was video-taped by a modern relation.

Downtown winners

Five winners were announced this week in the second draw of the Georgetown Downtown Dollars contest. Each winner will receive \$100 in Downtown Dollars, redeemable for merchandise in participating downtown BIA stores. The winners are: May Ritchie, 54 Prince Charles, A Jopp, 79 Main St., Yvonne Henderson, 133 Moore Park, J. Pearson, 21 Byron, T. Baines, 56 Mary St.

Town hall funding

Town rejects Tyler's proposal

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Bought from Halton Hills by Heritage Acton for one dollar, the town hall is nearly ready for use, Mr. Tyler said, apologizing that the building won't be ready for a gala New Year's Eve Dance as originally planned. But, he said at least four Acton groups including the Acton Golden Age Club and the community's Business Improvement Area board of management, have expressed an interest in leasing parts of the building. In addition to supporting Heritage Acton's bid for a \$2,000 grant from the province's "Building Rehabilitation and Improvement Campaign", council endorsed an application for a long term special occasion liquor permit for the town hall.

Clerk-administrator Ken Richardson said he would also investigate delays in getting Heritage Acton the deed to the town hall property. **COSTS LESS** The restoration, Mr. Tyler commented, is going to "cost less than half what the consultants said it would."

Of the restoration costs, about \$117,000 has come from the federal government, with another \$11,000 anticipated shortly; another \$40,000, Mr. Tyler estimated, has come from private donations, mostly through Actario, a fund-raising lottery for the town hall project. "There's a good many communities around the world that would love to have our building...and would welcome what

we're trying to do," Mr. Tyler said. Items referred to the town's budget committee often never make it to the final budget, Coun. Harry Levy warned. He added that council faces an especially difficult task to find enough money to run the town next year. Most of the wiring, insulation and dry-wall work has been done on

the building's interior. Brick work on chimneys and walls is just about completed outside, Mr. Tyler told The Herald. Once the restoration of the old building is finished, he hopes work crews can begin construction on a new foyer facing Willow Street. The foyer will allow easy access to the old town hall for physically-handicapped citizens.

Citizens' group delay comments

A citizens' group reviewing the town's recent purchase of a 30-acre Georgetown property is expected to present its comments to the town's general committee Jan. 9.

Spokesman David Page said the presentation was delayed at the request of Mayor Russ Miller, agreeing that Monday's council meeting would be lengthy because of swearing-in ceremonies for newly-appointed councillors Jake Kulken and Peter Norton and Mayor Miller himself.

Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson was the only councillor to express regret that the citizens' group wouldn't proceed with its comments this week. "I was looking forward to getting it over and done with," she said.

Only three councillors, John McDonald, Russ Miller and Rick Bonnette opposed the purchase of the land, known as the Stevens' property, this fall.

Ring in '84

Nothing identifies Acton's old town hall better than the belfry overlooking Willow Street. Along with a major restoration of the 100-year old building, work crews are giving the belfry a facelift, too. And, Heritage Acton's Ted Tyler hopes that his group will be able to ring in the new year after the original 800-pound brass bell is re-installed shortly. Foundry markings on the bell date it to 1882.

Too costly

Halton shelves plans for Oakville refinery

By CHRIS AAGAARD Herald Staff Writer

An abandoned oil refinery the region has considered purchasing may not provide the windfall benefits expected, a report to Halton's planning and public works committee says. Using the Oakville refinery (closed recently by Shell Canada Ltd.), as a sewage treatment facility or an energy from waste plant may be more costly in some aspects, than building completely new facilities, the report maintains.

In addition, Shell Canada wants to sell all of the 400-acre site, and a smaller amount the region would need for sewage treatment or garbage incineration. Regional council agreed to begin the first phase of a two-phase study into the potential use of the refinery in October.

CANCELLED If council endorses the committee's recommendations to drop its interest in the refinery, the second half of the study will be cancelled. Council had set a limit of \$90,000 for the two phase review and spent about \$10,000 to conduct a preliminary investigation. In addition to the research of Halton's own staff, Envirosearch Ltd. was also hired to do the study. The Envirosearch

report estimates that it would cost about \$7,925,000 to build the large sewermain and pumping stations needed to supply a treatment plant at the refinery. It had been suggested that the empty oil tanks could be used in the treatment process.

COSTLY Refurbishing the oil tanks would cost about \$1.5 million, Envirosearch's Glen Pearce told the planning committee. The project may be feasible, he added, if the proposed plant treated waste from Milton.

Mr. Pearce noted that other sites in the area are more suited to an energy from waste plant. Halton had considered using the smoke stacks at the refinery, but Mr. Pearce said

Bulb thief

Five youths trying to steal \$2.50 worth of Christmas bulbs from a Regan Crescent home Friday were apprehended after a footchase at 10:30 p.m.

Intoxicated

Three men weaving down Georgetown's Maple Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Saturday night were charged with being publicly intoxicated.

they would have to be re-lined to service an incinerator. Committee members, pointing out that the stacks are about 25 years old, questioned their condition after years of acid deterioration.

By looking at other sites, Mr. Pearce commented, Halton would not have the benefit of the stacks, but might save money anyway.

Dennis Perlin, Halton's chief administrative officer, noted that other sites in the area may be more suitable to at least one potential customer for energy

generated from burning garbage: a nearby Petro-Canada refinery.

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Police beat

Youths flee

Two male youths fled after being observed breaking covers off a Sargent Road lamp post Saturday after midnight. Halton regional police are investigating the willful damage.

Oven stolen

There was \$1,500 worth of goods including a microwave oven, video cassette recorder and portable generator stolen from a trailer at DeBoers Movers on Georgetown's Sinclair Avenue between Dec. 13 and 14. The theft was reported Friday.

Impaired charge

A 25-year old Mississauga man was charged with having the care and control of a motor vehicle while impaired, Saturday. He refused to take a breath test when stopped on Sideroad 10, west of Trafalgar Road, and was charged for that too.

LEGION LINES

By LLOYD HOUNSELL Herald Special

Last week was busy for the Branch, apart from our normal activities, we had an awards night for the winners of our Poppy Poster and Poems competition amongst the school children in the area.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the schools and all those children who participated in the competition for their fine efforts, they put up a real grand show and the judging was real difficult.

Dec. 15 we held our children's Christmas party to a really packed house. The children while waiting for Santa to arrive were entertained by Jo Hubbard and her puppet, and then the big moment of the evening, the arrival of jolly old Santa himself to the great delight of the children. During the distribution of the gifts Santa managed to speak with each child and sat most of them on his knee.

CHRISTMAS DRAW WINNERS: \$50 - 537 Al Murray; 340 Bob Reynolds; 1188 Bill Kirk. \$10 - 403 Doug McLean; 1843 John Holt; 2214 Loraine Marchmont; 963 Ada Ward; 2573 Eddie Clark.

HOUSE TROPHY: The Sam Gatsby Shuffleboard Trophy was won by Keith Toet and Woody Hamilton.

EUCHERE: Played Friday Dec. 9. 1st Darryl Kavanagh and Sharon Jennings. 2nd Anna Swinkles and Bob McEachern, and the Booby going to Mary and Chuck Tutty.

CAR DRAW: (For \$150) - 269 Geoff Fletcher. 148 Joyce Engo. 303 George Henderson. 316 Hazel Dumper. 74 Jim Atkinson. 23 B. Baxter.

SICK LIST: Georgetown Hospital - H. Allen Sr.; Fred Weaver and Bill Wayson. Toronto General - Ed Shorhill. Brampton Hospital - Lorne Crosse. Henderson Hospital, Hamilton - Phoebe Collins.

GREETINGS: The Branch President, Norm Ward wishes to take this opportunity to wish all Branch members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, also Flo Carswell, the President of the Ladies Auxiliary and her executive wish all the members of the Ladies Auxiliary a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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