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## Lights recommended for Delrex intersection

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
Herald Staff Writer  
Cutting away part of a curb at the Maple Avenue-Delrex Boulevard intersection should be able to reduce a major traffic threat, members of the town's general committee concluded Monday night.

In a report to Coun. John McDonald, regional engineers say they'll recommend a flashing red and amber overhead light at the intersection, plus flashing amber lights over school crossing signs nearby.

If that doesn't reduce the risk of accidents, the report says the region may have to consider

cutting a curb on the southwest side of the intersection to improve the view of motorists turning right off Delrex on to Maple Avenue.

Coun. McDonald described the intersection as "one of the worst in the urban area", with a record of 13 collisions over a three year, nine-month period.

**NEAR MISSES**  
But, Coun. McDonald told the committee, that doesn't include the number of near misses poor visibility at the intersection has caused. The committee suggested that the region not delay cutting the curb as the solution to the traffic problem.

A triangle with a 16-

meter base and six-meter sides on Maple Avenue and Delrex Boulevard would have to be removed from the curb.

Private property would be affected by the proposal and the land would

have to be bought or expropriated by the town.

Traffic signals were rejected by the region because it is believed they could lead to other types of accidents.

Most of the accidents now occurring at the intersection involve front end collisions as Delrex motorists inch out to get a better view of oncoming traffic on Maple Avenue.

## 6 Church demolition could cost \$16,000

It will cost between \$16,000 and \$17,000 to tear down an old house on Church Street and turn the property into a parking lot for downtown Georgetown shoppers.

Private bids to restore the building with town assistance fell through when a job creation program rejected a

grant application for the work.

In a report from the town's clerk-administrator, the costs exclude erecting meters for the twelve parking spaces which would be created when the building is destroyed.

Metering the lot, the report says, would cost almost \$5,000. The demolition of the

building may not have to be contracted out. The Georgetown Optimist Club has indicated they would tear down the structure, recovering any salvageable material.

In 1980, the Club tore down a Market Street property to make room for the expansion of the Georgetown library.



### PLEASE RELEASE ME

Emotions ran high during this action-packed bout between Georgetown wrestlers Rich Sedore (left) and Rick Middaugh. Sedore out-pointed Middaugh to take this 125-lb. match, eventually winning second place overall for that weight

classification. Bishop Ryan won the 12-school meet, held Saturday at GDHS. The defending champion Rebels were second. For more details, see Sports Page B1.

(Herald photo by Gerry Timbers)

### CLARIFICATION

On Dec. 20, 1983, The Herald published a news report about the final summations of certain lawyers to a coroner's inquest which had been held in December into the death of Nic Bos during his employment at Maple Lodge Farms Ltd.

We regret that some of the comments cited by us did not fairly reflect the balance of the evidence which was presented at the seven-day inquest.

It was definitely not the case that all the tow motors at Maple Lodge Farms were found to be defective. Only some tow motors were investigated as a result of the accident. Of those, only a very few were ordered to be taken out

of service.

It cannot be determined with certainty whether Mr. Bos would have lived if the emergency button on his tow motor had been functioning properly. An inspector from the Department of Labor testified only that a function button would have increased his chances of survival. In addition, no evidence was presented that Ministry of Labor warnings last March or May were ignored by the company.

The Herald retracts any suggestion in its news report which would contradict our position as set out above, and we apologize to Maple Lodge Farms Ltd. for any unnecessary embarrassment it may have suffered.

### Religious organizations exempt

## Bible association launches tax appeal to recover \$255,371

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
Herald Staff Writer  
A Supreme Court of Ontario hearing set for June 13 will hear an appeal from the International Bible Students Association to have municipal taxes they paid in 1983 returned.

Agreeing to send town solicitor Fred Nelson to the hearing, general committee members speculated that the Association (which owns the Jehovah's Witnesses' Watchtower complex on Georgetown's western boundary) would argue that it should be exempt from taxes on the basis that it is a religious organiza-

tion. (Contacted by The Herald, a spokesman with the legal firm handling the Association's case said the appeal is being based on Section 5:3 of the province's Assessment Act. The section exempts grounds and buildings from municipal taxes if they are used as part of a religious purpose.)

In addition to the 1983 appeal which seeks the return of \$255,371, an Ontario Municipal Board hearing in the future is expected to hear arguments from the Association that the town should return about \$99,000 in 1981

taxes for the same reasons.

No appeal has been launched for the return of 1982 taxes.

The 64-acre centre is taxed as an institution. There are two main buildings on the property, as well as secondary structures. One building is an administrative centre with much of its space devoted to the composition and printing of Jehovah's Witnesses' publications such as Awake and Watchtower magazines.

The second building houses staff and students studying at the complex. The complex was opened in 1981.

## BIG plans underway

Preparations are underway for the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce BIG (Business in Georgetown) Celebration beginning with a birthday dinner June 14.

The dinner will mark Ontario's bicentennial and Georgetown's 120th anniversary.

During the past week registration forms have been sent out to businesses on the BIG Celebration exhibit at the Alcott arena June 15, 16, 17.



Tickets for the birthday dinner are available from chamber

members as well as from Canadian Tire, Shoppers Drug Mart, Robert Realty, Kentner's Catering, The Royal Bank and West Insurance.

More events are planned by the Chamber to round out the weekend events scheduled. For more information about BIG, call 877-6002.

### Halton export club

## Seeks to help small businessman

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
Herald staff writer

By sharing the cost of room, donuts and coffee, Halton businessmen can turn what they learn from a monthly meeting into jobs and profits.

The only pre-requisite for taking part is an interest in exploring export markets as a means of boosting company revenue.

Last Wednesday, 54 Halton businessmen including a number from Halton Hills, met at Oakville's Holiday Inn.

By the time the meeting closed a couple of hours later, the Halton Export Club had formed; even in its infancy, the club's informal atmosphere allowed an exchange of ideas and business leads that could well turn into healthy returns on such minimal investment.

**A POLITICAL**  
"This is not a political body," club chairman Peter Bush told reporters following the inaugural meeting. "It's strictly a private forum in which businessmen involved in exporting, or thinking of exporting, can exchange in a confidence their problems and their successes."

The Halton Export Club is now one of five which have formed across the province, although there are plans to open clubs in the immediate future in Hamilton, Durham region, Kingston, Peterborough and even the Ottawa area.

A club is also forming in Trois Rivieres, Quebec and one is being considered in Vancouver, B.C.

"This is a Canadian invention," Export club founder and Toronto banker Joe Janthur said.

"We started with five businessmen sitting down informally in Toronto 18 months ago.

But already we've had inquiries from American cities and expressions of interest from New Zealand and the

Chamber of Commerce in Cologne, West Germany."

**NO RIGID RULES**  
There are no membership fees and no rigid rules to follow in the Export Clubs, and it's not in competition with such powerful policy lobbies as the Canadian Exporters' Association.

Mr. Janthur, and other members who joined him for last week's press conference, emphasized the Club's role as an idea exchange. Encouraging "network-

ing", businessmen from one Export Club are urged to make contacts with other clubs, other Clubs, possibly planning business visits to cities to coincide with Club meetings.

Elsewhere in the province, there are Export Clubs in Windsor, Toronto, Sudbury and Niagara Falls.

"Halton is a region of manufacturers who really have an interest in exporting," Carl Nygren of Nygren and Associates Inc., a Tor-

onto area exporting agency, said. "Exporting means jobs for Halton - another week's worth of business for your factory by going outside the country"...

**NEW MARKETS**  
Halton region's business development department has been encouraging the region's indus-

try to find out how they can do business out of the country.

Mr. Bush, the Halton's Clubs chairman, is also Halton's business development officer specializing in export markets.

James Wade is the president of Sudbury's Ontario Centre for Resource Machinery Technology and a member of the Sudbury Export Club. He hopes the Halton club will attract not

only experienced exporters, but the "fire kickers" exploring export possibilities.

"The greatest hindrance to business is attitude," Mr. Wade commented. "You always hear people say 'it's too big out there'. With a club like this, you can learn from people with more experience in exporting."

"What we want to do is increase manufacturing and get people back to work here."

**FARM ROLE**  
Farmers would be welcomed and valued participants in Halton's Export Club, Oakville businessman Rene Kleeb added. There are number of farmers in Halton, the president of MacIntosh Ltd. added, who already participate in the export market and have important ideas to exchange.

One businessman also mentioned that "exporting" isn't limited to markets outside the country. Often leads picked up at Export Club meetings involve business in another city in Ontario, or elsewhere in Canada.



PETER BUSH



JOE JANTHUR



### CHARMING 'NEW GIRLS'

Although they play ladies of dubious repute, the acting and singing skills of (left to right) Marie Clouston (Mariky), Helen Atkinson (Lilly) and Jeanette Heilmann (Pearl) will charm audiences when Globe Production's "New Girl in Town" opens for a 10-night run Feb. 7 at the John Elliott Theatre. It was an underrated musical when it ran on Broadway in the late-1950s, but it has a solid literary backing (based on Eugene O'Neill's Anna Christie) and an appealing sally, ragtime tang. For ticket information, call 877-4323. (Herald photo)

## Ward 3 drop-in

Ward 3 councillors will be available for citizens to talk about any problems or queries they may have at a drop-in session tonight at 7:30 p.m.

John McDonald, Phil Carney and Finn Poulstrup will be at room 145 at Georgetown District High School at 7:30 p.m.

## Burial costs rising

Burial costs at Acton's Fairview Cemetery and Georgetown's Greenwood Cemetery are going up.

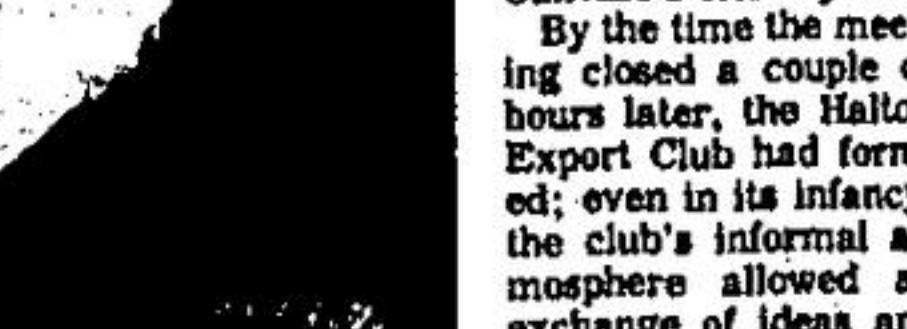
Endorsed by the Halton Hills General committee Monday night, the increases which hover about 20 per cent above current rates, will also have to be approved by the province's ministry of consumer and commercial relations.

The last time the rates were increased, a report from the town's treasury department notes, was in 1981. It says that a survey of six area municipalities show some with burial costs 50 per cent higher than Halton Hills.

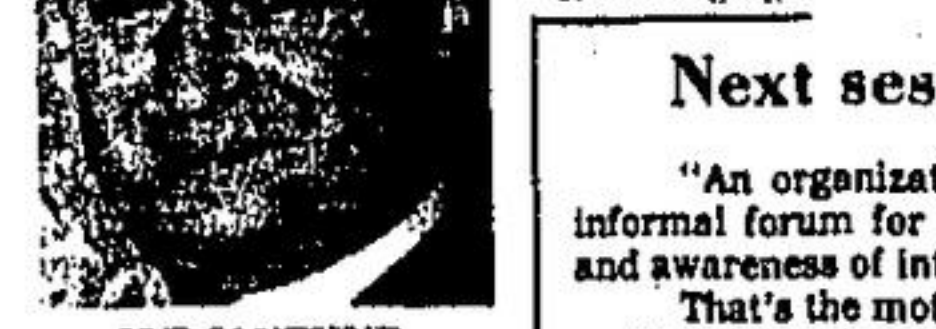
Plot prices for a 10-foot by three-foot, six-inch area will rise from \$175 with perpetual care to \$210 at both cemeteries.



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