

Murderer also charged with robbery

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 Ten days prior to gunning down Georgetown Anthony Babakos, a Brampton man pleaded guilty, last week, to robbing Mr. Babakos' Brampton restaurant.

Laurence John Stocking, 25, pleaded guilty in Brampton County Court to holding up the Vega Restaurant 10 days before the murder of Anthony Babakos in August 1982. Mr. Stocking is currently serving a life sentence for murder.

Ineligible for parole for 25 years, Mr. Stocking was sentenced to four years for the robbery and another year for using a fire-arm.

Despite the fact he is now serving the maximum amount of time allowed by law, the additional sentence can affect Mr. Stocking's chance of parole later on.

A Canada-wide warrant is out for the former common-law wife of Mr. Stocking, Brenda Lee Poulin, 23, didn't attend Brampton Supreme Court last month when she was up on a charge of conspiracy to commit murder.

A charge of first degree murder against Poulin was postponed last October.

Backyard boatbuilders strut their stuff

Crazy Boat Race this Saturday

By DAVE ROWNEY
Herald Staff
 Sea-loving backyard boatbuilders will have their chance Saturday to captain their craft down the Credit River.

April 14 marks the date of the Jaycee's annual Crazy Boat Race, a contest between warm-blooded swashbucklers intent on staying afloat in whatever way possible.

Complete with costumes, masks, oars, iron lungs and wet feet, the crazy boaters begin their fun at the 10th Line bridge starting at 1:15 p.m. The canoe competitors in class A start their boats at 12:30 p.m. near Cheltenham on Sideroad 27.

For spectators, the crazy boat race has been a zany way to have some of our braver folk usher in spring in a parade of color and flare.

Response for entry forms has been excellent, says Jaycee Bob Sullivan. The weather has been co-operating and water levels should be good for race day, he said.

DANCE
 After the race, which ends in Glen Williams, there will be a dance and trophy presentations at Sacre-Coeur hall starting at 8:30 p.m.

The boats are judged in four different categories. The paddlers vie for the trophy given

to the first canoe to cross the finish line. In the other categories (comic crazy class, boats of all types, commercial or service clubs) awards are presented for the best presented and first across.

For the third consecutive year, registrants will be searching out sponsors to help the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. Last year on race day about \$4,000 was raised by the buoyant crews.

Spring sailors who manage to raise more than \$50 for MS are allowed to waive their \$10 entrants fee.

MS is the most common nervous system disease of young adults in Canada. More than 35,000 have multiple sclerosis, for which there is no cure. MS interrupts the brain's ability to control walking, talking, seeing and other important functions.

To ensure there will never be a dull moment on land, the Jaycees have brought back the unflappable radio personalities Pete and Geats from CFNY to officially start the race.

The Jaycees have a safety patrol on shore to help out with any boats in trouble during the race and sweep canoes trail the boaters to pick up debris and anyone who has fallen overboard.

For more information on the race call Bob Sullivan at 877-9602 and Bill Lee 877-1011.



Rafts like this Floatstones entry from last year can be seen on the Credit River Saturday afternoon starting at 1:15 p.m.

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George Henderson, "Trees for Canada" co-ordinator for North Halton, is joined here by (left to right) Mark Henderson 1st Acton Cubs, Paul Johnson 1st Georgetown Cubs, Stephen Atherly 1st year the trees behind these boys were planted. (Photo by Jean Layman)

Scouts plant Trees for Canada

By JEAN LAYMAN
 Cubs and Scouts in north Halton district will be canvassing this week and next for their annual "Trees for Canada" project.

Co-ordinator for the 1984 event is George Henderson who says planting day is scheduled for April 28.

Trees for Canada started in north Halton in 1972 and has continued every year since.

Hilton Falls Conservation Area, Erin and Caledon were chosen for the first planting and many of the trees have grown 25 to 30 feet tall.

North Halton was one of the first districts to plant trees, with other areas across Canada following suit. There are now over 18 million seedlings being planted from coast to coast by over 500,000 members.

Trees help to reclaim many acres of waste and eroded land and provide added shelter for wildlife. In addition, the planting project has increased the image of Scouts Canada in many areas of Halton.

Budget time

It's official: count on \$21 region hike

By ANI FEDERIAN
Herald Staff
 There'll be an extra \$21.64 to pay in regional taxes this year if you live in Halton Hills, making the regional tax bill for a home assessed at \$5,500 a tidy \$179.82.

Last year, taxpayers forked out \$158.18 in regional taxes.

Regional councillors passed their 1984 budget last week, adding \$3.38 to their preliminary \$18 tax increase over 1983.

The \$3.38 is being collected for a special Energy From Waste reserve fund. The region anticipates building a plant by 1988 that would transfer garbage into energy, instead of more material for landfill dumping.

Another \$4.02 is going for the Credit Valley Conservation Authority projects for 1984 that town councillors recently approved. They include work on the paper mill dam and channel and the Glen Williams Cemetery.

The mill rate subsidy the province has been giving Halton Hills since 1980 is being phased out and that's added an extra \$7.59 to the tax bill of Halton Hills residents.

The provincial subsidy had tried to ease the effect of equalized taxing which created significant shifts in Halton Hills tax assessments.

This is the last year of the subsidy, making a \$122,000 sum to be made up by local taxpayers.

Snow budget overspent

There's more reason to grumble about Halton's above average snowfall this winter, besides the back pain it caused.

The 110 cm snowfall, recorded as of Jan. 1, has cost the region \$110,000 more than they'd anticipated spending to plow, sand, salt and remove snow.

Support lacking for town study

Fear of losing hard-won regional seats stamped out a proposed town study into council representation in Halton Hills.

Coun. John McDonald recommended to general committee members Monday night that town staff compare the number of councillors and their work load with the set-up of other towns with a similar population.

"If you institute a study like that up here, it will have a rippling effect at the region. They'll want us to look at the whole thing and Acton and Esqueving will suffer," Coun. Dave Whiting said. "I can't support even looking at it."

He said Burlington councillors are fighting for more regional seats. They have councillors representing 19,000 people each, compared to Halton Hills regional councillors who represent half that population.

Burlington Mayor Roy Bird "would love it," Coun. Whiting warned. He said the study would give Mayor Bird the impetus to go for Acton's regional seat.

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller didn't think the study would affect regional representation and supported the study.

Six months later... Leslie farm rebuilds after tragic fire

By ANI FEDERIAN
Herald Staff
 When the ringing started, Terry Leslie thought it was just the morning alarm, but his wife Lora knew exactly what it was.

It was the smoke detector in the barn behind their historic brick home that was ringing at 3 a.m. on that tragic day Oct. 25, 1983.

They had 20 minutes to get their 40 head of registered Holsteins out of the smoke-filled barn on Sideroad 17.

Running to the stable, the couple began unchaining the cows one by one and leading them out.

"The cows weren't panicking. They were all standing up," the fair-haired farmer said.

"The alarm had been buzzing for 15 minutes and it had them alerted to something."

Flames were dropping through knotholes in the barn ceiling at Leslieville Farms when the couple dashed out. It was the fall harvest of hay stockpiled above the stable, on the barn's second floor, that was burning.

It seemed like forever to Mr. Leslie, but Halton Hills firefighters soon arrived on the scene and took over, rescuing seven calves the Leslies had given up on in the ever-thicken-

ing smoke.

"The alarm is meant to save the cows and that's what it did," Mr. Leslie, 38, said. "Because if you have to replace the cows, it's years and years of breeding."

A neighbor down the road wasn't so lucky. Don Moddison lost most of his Holstein herd in a fire last spring.

Mr. Leslie estimates his loss in the barn fire was \$200,000. Besides losing a 98-year old barn, he lost his winter feed, some implements, and three calves. His insurance covered only a third of the loss.

Firefighters were able to save a full grainery and silo stuffed with hay.

Two weeks ago, Mr. Leslie's Holsteins moved back to Leslieville Farms and into the newly constructed single-storey barn.

The new barn is as fireproof as it can be. Built approximately where the original barn stood, the stable area is larger. Mr. Leslie has his hay stored in a separate, smaller building behind the stable. There's a 12-foot breezeway between the two buildings.

Rebuilding the barn took all winter and proved the community spirit is as strong as it ever was in the rural area.

"Our neighbors have been tremendous," Mr. Leslie said. "People brought us hay and straw bedding. A lot of them did the labor, dumping in cement and putting in the plumbing, so we didn't have labor costs."

"And they're still helping," he said, gratefully. "After the fire, most of the cows went to neighboring farmer George Dixon's empty barn. Mr. Dixon had just sold his herd of dairy cattle to go into cash cropping and beef cattle and his dairy equipment was still set up.

The calves were cared for at four neighboring farms.

Mr. Leslie said the fire and the change in barns didn't affect his Holsteins much.

"They settled right in. There were no injuries, though some insignificant burns, and no lung damage, really," Mr. Leslie said.

For a day or two milk production was affected, but the cows settled into Mr. Dixon's barn easily and again into the new Leslie barn.

"After a fire, you don't want to go through another one again. It sure knocks you, but it's not as bad as death," Mr. Leslie concluded.



A new barn has been erected on the Terry Leslie Farm and the Holsteins are already comfortable in their stalls. The Leslie barn burned down last October causing \$200,000 damage. Proud of their modern new barn are (left to right) Terry Leslie, son Graham, 5, and wife Lora.

Man wins \$10,000

TORONTO - A Georgetown resident has won \$10,000 instantly in Ontario's newest lottery, Shoot to Score.

Philip Parker of Maple Avenue East claimed one of the 250 \$10,000 instant prizes offered in the game.

Shoot to Score offers more than two million instant prizes, ranging from \$4 to \$10,000. The tickets are also eligible for 20 bonus number prizes of \$100,000 to be drawn on April 17, 1984.

Tickets for Shoot to Score, the Ontario Lottery Corporation's first instant game, went on sale March 5, and the game is expected to run for 13 weeks.

Profits generated from the sale of Shoot to Score tickets are dedicated to physical fitness, sports, cultural and recreational activities throughout the Province of Ontario.

Senior citizens night

There will be a senior citizens' night sponsored by the Georgetown Lions Club April 24 starting at 7 p.m. at the Lions Hall.

All seniors are invited for the dinner and entertainment. Transportation is available. Phone 877-3562 (until 6 p.m.) or 877-6563 (after 6 p.m.).

Public meeting

Although some of the work required to install traffic lights at the Delrex Boulevard and Guelph Street intersection was done in 1980, the province still doesn't consider lights are required there.

Deputy engineer E.C. Ballinger said a provincial warrant to install the traffic signals means the town only has to pay 10 per cent of their cost.

However, councillors don't have to wait for provincial permission to install lights if they're willing to pay for 100 per cent of their cost, he said.

Lights not sanctioned

Town staff and consulting engineers will be at the town's Trafalgar Road chambers April 26 to listen to concerns of the public regarding reconstruction plans for the Guelph Street and the McNabb and Albert Streets area.

The public information meeting begins at 7 p.m.

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