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Raiders begin training camp

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Chairman might enter the race

Regional chairman Pete Pomeroy is considering putting his name in for the provincial PC riding of Halton-Burlington. See Page A8.

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Town plans JET birthday

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Six assault charges

Acton youths to charge police

By ROBIN BAKWELL

Herald Staff

Toronto lawyer Albert Bickerton and his partner Wayne King are in the process of having their clients lay charges against four different Halton regional police in the latest development with the Acton loitering situation.

Mr. Bickerton said the officers will be charged this week with six different assault charges and a possibility of other charges pending.

The assault charges are a result of what complainants are calling excessive force used by the police. Most of the complaints stem from loitering charges laid by

hard evidence and the defendant must be guilty "beyond a reasonable doubt."

"If there is a genuine breach of the law let it be under the criminal code," he said.

Last Sunday, at a public meeting held in the Acton Citizens Band Hall, local citizens had a chance to speak up on the situation.

One of the first people to address the hall was a woman who openly admitted phoning the police on some of the youth in Acton.

"I feel a handful of lads in town need straightening out," she said.

Stating some nights she can't sleep till 3 a.m. because of noisy cars and language, her solution to the problem is a place where the youth in Acton can meet.

"Some people have said I'll get my windows smashed for talking like this but I don't think so," she said.

The youths who spoke at the meeting generally complained about police harassment.

One young mother said police asked her to move along as she talked to her babysitter at a bus stop while taking her baby for a stroll. Other youths complained about being harassed for sitting on park or street benches.

"On the evidence heard today I feel there are no rights in Acton," Mr. King told The Herald after a private meeting with his clients on Sunday.

"There is a very small portion of the force going well beyond the scope of their duty," he said.

Mr. Bickerton said the situation between the youth in Acton and the police has subsided since the August 25 meeting attended by three members of the force, local merchants, concerned parents and himself.

Kayla Popp has been working for the youth of Acton in trying to set up a free community centre. She has been talking to a woman in Burlington who started one up which became a huge success. A meeting with her is expected soon.

There were no police, town councillors or merchants present at the September 9 public meeting.



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police under a municipal bylaw.

Calling the evidence against the police "overwhelming", Mr. Bickerton said there are 17 witnesses between the ages of 16 and 33 who are prepared to testify in court.

Sergeant Bill Gall of the Halton regional police said there have been a total of 19 loitering charges laid in downtown Acton over the two month period between mid-June and mid-August.

The fine for loitering under the municipal bylaw is \$53. Mr. Bickerton said it is easier to get a conviction under the municipal bylaw and feels offenders should be charged under the federal laws concerning loitering.

He will "attack the validity of the bylaw" when representing his clients.

He said in a criminal charge there has to be



One of the Canadian Tire stunt drivers is shown here making a convertible of a station wagon. Although many cars were written off during the performance, no-one was injured. The stunt driver's show was considered a highlight of the Georgetown Fall Fair. Also popular this year was a break dancing competition and the Fabulous Fun Tent for children. (Herald photo by Robin Bakewell)

Georgetown Fall Fair

'Fun alley way' keeps 'em smiling

Herald Staff

An 'alley way of fun' was the way Georgetown Fall Fair president Ian McCallum described an area where children walked with glee from one tent to another.

The president was satisfied with the weekend event that was highlighted with a variety of new programs to entice adults and youths to come to the fairgrounds. Attendance was estimated at 11-12,000.

It was intentional to put the annual favorite Old McDonald's Farm beside some new events popular with youngsters, Mr. McCallum said.

Adjacent to the farm animals was the Fabulous Fun Tent and beside the tent the break dancing exhibit took place.

The alley way was unique to kids and gave them an opportunity to find something interesting at each area, he said.

The Fabulous Fun Tent was a success as a first time event and it will probably be continued in next year's program, Mr. McCallum said. He felt that youngsters were able to go away from the tent with a happy face because everyone won a prize regardless of their skills which was different from

the midway, he said. Attendance figures were probably a bit better than last year, he said.

Saturday was a hot and sunny day where crowds were treated to Kinsmen Girls' softball, hunter and western horse shows, beef and dairy cattle displays, a sheep show and a band called Grassworks. The Canadian Tire Stunt Drivers highlighted the day's events with a breath-taking display of precision driving.

"The stunt drivers were thrilling without being dangerous. It was a real crowd pleaser,"

Mr. McCallum said. The stands and all along the racetrack were filled with people. The crowds Saturday night contrasted with a poorer showing Friday at the opening in the evening when the band Jubilee performed along with the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band and a magician named Eddie Dillon.

A break dancing competition brought out many spectators Saturday afternoon and Ronald McDonald Sunday at 2:30 highlighted the events at the Fabulous Fun Tent.

"The attractions we had all worked out nicely in my mind, better than other years," Mr. McCallum said.

The highlight of the fair for the president was to see people enjoying the events and having a good time.

Agricultural entries such as dairy, beef, goats and sheep were up from previous years, but the exhibit hall entries were down, he said. The quality of entries for the exhibit hall seemed to be better than last year, Mr. McCallum said.

ABOUT THE HILLS

Boy struck by truck

A Limehouse boy is in critical condition at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto after he was struck by a light pick-up truck while riding his bicycle last Sunday.

Just after midday, Ronald Batchelor rode his bike onto the 5th Line from a hidden laneway and was hit by a 1983 Toyota pick-up.

He was taken to Georgetown District Memorial Hospital from which he was transferred to the Hospital for Sick Children by air ambulance with head injuries.

There were no charges in the incident.

Super Loto winner

Herald Special
A Georgetown resident has become a Super Loto bonus prize winner.

Steve Bodnar of Stockman Crescent claimed a \$10,000 prize in the August 26 Super Loto bonus draw. The draw offered 500 bonus prizes of \$10,000.

Super Loto draws also feature regular prizes of \$1 million and \$100,000, and thousands of other prizes ranging from \$10 to \$50,000.

Drinking, driving forums

Georgetown's Dr. Boyd Heddinot, a family practitioner, will be one of two speakers that will be at drinking and driving forums in Oakville and Milton.

The other speaker is Jim Treleven, a crown attorney in Milton. The Halton District Health Council is sponsoring the forums Sept. 18 in Oakville and Sept. 20 in Milton.

Tyler Transport are providing a bus service for Acton and Georgetown residents to Milton High School free of charge.

A bus will leave McKenzie Smith Middle School in Acton at 6:30 p.m. and from Georgetown High School at 7 p.m.

The forum is to increase public awareness of the issue of drinking and driving and to encourage public participation in planning programs to reduce the problem in Halton.

The general public and representatives of community agencies are invited to attend.

Up the creek

Leaving the 1976 Lincoln a Georgetown woman was driving while she posted some letters has resulted in an estimated \$2,000 in damages when the vehicle slipped into gear and ended up in a creek near Ann and Ontario streets September 6.

Fried by council

Fast food got the fast lines Monday night from town councillors who punned at the expense of an Acton man wanting to operate a chip truck in town.

Coun. Mike Armstrong commented that the French fry operator had appeared to come in with a chip on his shoulder.

After the poor fellow's request was turned down, he was chastised by Coun. Harry Levy.

"Next time, bring samples," Coun. Levy scolded the man in jest.

Santa Parade plans

It's not even fall yet, but Georgetown Lions Club members are laying their plans for the Santa Claus parade. They're inviting you to be early birds too.

To be held Nov. 24, this year, the parade's theme is "Christmas dreams of the last 120 years", in connection with Georgetown's 120th birthday.

Individuals and corporations will find application forms for float entry printed in The Herald October end.

For more information, contact Tony DeGabrielle at 877-8309 or Derek Ezekiel at 877-0350.

94 balloons

Glen Hopkins is the happy winner of a contest sponsored by BTS Driving School at the Georgetown Fall Fair last weekend.

The contestants had to guess how many balloons were inside a Pontiac Acadian. The answer was 94 balloons. Mr. Hopkins won a free set of driving lessons courtesy of BTS Driving School. He started the course Monday.

Disarmament meeting

Halton Hills Action for Nuclear Disarmament will begin its first fall meeting with the short film "Gods of Metal", Tuesday Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m. at Trinity United Church on Mill Street in Acton. All are welcome.

From Halton Hills

Bus loads travel to view the Pope

By ROBIN BAKWELL

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Both Holy Cross Church in Georgetown and St. Joseph's Church in Acton are taking members of their parish to the Downsview airport for the Mass held there by the Pope.

Father Ralph Diodati of St. Joseph's has arranged for a bus which will take 46 members of the parish for the Saturday event.

He said a great deal of interest has now been shown in the Papal visit over the past couple of weeks but it is too late to order more busses for the occasion. The bus which will be used was ordered three or four months ago.

"I think it's a very great thing for all of Canada. The man is instrumental in helping us reflect in peace and peace within ourselves. The man goes beyond the Catholic faith," he said.

Father Diodati will be attending the clergy meeting at St. Michael's Church in Toronto on Friday.

ting our role as priests. It will be a good pep talk I assume, which is needed now and then."

Father Dave Cote of Holy Cross Church said his parish has been thinking and praying about the Papal visit.

Arrangements have been made for two buses to take members of the parish to Downsview airport for the occasion. Both buses are full and Father Cote said there are probably twice the number of people going to the mass by transportation of their own means than there are on the bus.

He also expressed a greater interest in the Pope's visit by parishioners over the last few weeks.

"I think it (the visit) is great, it's super, not only for us but for all parishioners. I think what the Pope represents for Catholics is what he represents for all the people of the world; peace and individual freedom," he said.

Father Cote will be on hand tonight (Wednesday) for a discussion on the Pope and his role in the church at St. George's Anglican Church on Guelph Street in Georgetown.

"He may have something very specific to say about the area but I think he will talk on reasser-



JUMPING FOR JOY

The thrill of victory. A jubilant Scott Lescaque (3) and other members of the Shaw Trophy Indians clear the fence to join their teammates in the celebration. Indians defeated Mariners 5-4 to win the Major Tyke boys baseball title Sunday at the Fairgrounds. For further details see story and photo on page C3.

Town committee

Recommends drinking age set at 21

By KAREN HEWER

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Nineteen-year-olds may have to wait until they are 21 to drink, if a series of recommendations calling for stronger deterrents to drunk drivers receive provincial approval.

The recommendations from the Halton Drinking and Driving Committee were heartily endorsed by members of council at their Sept. 4 meeting.

The recommendations also request an amendment to the Criminal Code, reducing the maximum quantity of consumed alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood from 80 to 50.

Increased funding to police departments across Ontario for alcohol detection equipment and drivers licenses with photographs are also recommended.

Asked why the committee recommends raising the drinking age, the reduction of the Coun. Sheldon argued criteria for impaired driving, Coun. and addressing drinking and driving together as an Pam Sheldon explained that it would reduce the high number of so called "fudge factor", unemployed youth in the That is, persons found area, driver's licenses driving with 80 milligrams of alcohol in their

blood are often let off with a warning, even though 80 is the impaired level by law. Reducing this to 50 would reduce the "fudge factor" to 60 milligrams of alcohol.

In presenting the report on behalf of the committee, Coun. Sheldon noted the committee's credibility was supported by the strong representation from many facets of the community, including a minister, doctor, Alcoholics Anonymous, service clubs representative and a homemaker.

Commending Coun. Sheldon and the committee for its efforts, Coun. Armstrong said he was happy to see the committee make additional recommendations to those made by the town and county of Milton.

Asked why there was no reference made in the recommendations to raising the drinking age, the reduction of the Coun. Sheldon argued that the committee was driving, Coun. and addressing drinking and driving together as an Pam Sheldon explained that it would reduce the high number of so called "fudge factor", unemployed youth in the That is, persons found area, driver's licenses driving with 80 milligrams of alcohol in their employment.