

**POLICE BEAT**

**Speakers stolen**

An Audiovox radio and speakers with an estimated value of \$100 were removed from a 1979 Omni which was parked in the lot at Agnes and Elgin streets in Acton, sometime over Saturday night and Sunday morning.

**Restaurant robbed**

Approximately \$300 in cash and 15 cartons of cigarettes were taken from the Open Kitchen Restaurant in Georgetown after a window valued at about \$20 had been broken.

Total loss in the Sunday night Monday morning incident is set at approximately \$550 to the Guelph Street restaurant in Georgetown.

**Lost control**

A Georgetown man is in satisfactory condition at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital after his 1980 Toyota left Trafalgar Road, south of 5 Sideroad, and collided with a culvert in the ditch, Friday afternoon.

The 39 year old Hyde Park Drive resident apparently lost control of his vehicle causing an estimated \$5,000 in damages.

**Cassette stolen**

An RCA video cassette recorder with an estimated value of \$600 was stolen from the Zellers department store on Guelph Street in Georgetown, Thursday morning.

Witnesses saw two male parties leaving the store and entering a vehicle. The theft is presently under investigation by Halton regional police.

**ABOUT THE HILLS**

**Roller skiing at Terra Cotta**

There will be a cross country ski preparation clinic Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. at the Terra Cotta Conservation Area.

Bring your ski boots (75 mm Nordic norm) and instructors will let you try the sport of rollerskiing.

Also included will be a film on cross country skiing. Tips on ski waxing techniques and types of ski equipment will be offered by an instructor.

There is no charge. For more information call 877-9650.

**Golden Triangle bazaar**

By MADGE WHITFIELD  
Herald Correspondent

It proved to be another successful bazaar by the Golden Triangle Club, the Seniors Citizen Club of the Georgetown YMCA. There was an abundance of baked goods and dainty plates of salad to take home for supper on the bake table.

The many crafts and knitted items were more than proof of the skill of these seniors. There were books and games, plants and 'white elephant' items. You could have your future revealed by having your tea cup or cards read following delicious refreshments in the Tea Room.

A Money Tree decorated with \$1 bills and pretty bows was the main prize of the lucky draw and was won by Ralph Tripp. Second and third prizes were won by Florrie Alcott and Florence Inglis.

A vote of thanks go to our many helpers and especially to volunteer Betty Davies and her two able assistants.

**Two bus tours**

Golden Triangle Club members are reminded of the two bus trips coming up: Dec. 12 to the Geritol Follies in Hamilton and Dec. 14 to the Rainbow Shopping Mall in Niagara Falls, N.Y. and tour of the Christmas lights.

There still are openings for both these outings at present, contact 877-3880 or 877-4055 for more information.

It was announced that the annual Christmas dinner will be held on Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. at the Y.

**IN YOUR OPINION**



**PETER GARDINER**  
(teacher)  
"It has to be the terrific reaction from the whole student body. There's been lots of enthusiasm."



**DEREK WOOLGAR**  
"When we were half-way done we started blowing our horns and partying."



**VALSABO**  
(he's cute). Everyone's just talking and doing their own thing and having a good time."



**ALICE OGDEN**  
(teacher)  
"The observation of the high and low stage the students go through, especially their facial expressions."



**ADRIAN PUSIAK**  
"The music."

Question: What has been the most fun you've had at Centennial's Rock-a-Thon?

**Singers needed for Carolfest**

Only 102 of the expected 190 choristers have attended rehearsal for this year's Carolfest. This leaves a gap of almost 100 choristers who have not been heard from. The final two rehearsals for the occasion will take place at Knox Presbyterian Church at 7:30 on the next two Mondays, Dec. 3 and 10, respectively.

The logistics of the occasion are such that singers will stand throughout the performance so, while we look forward to hearing their voices in the audience, this presents an obstacle for some of our choristers.

Carolfest itself will be held on Dec. 17, at Holy Cross Church, starting at 7:30. Tickets will be \$2 and \$1 and children under 12 will be admitted free.

**Hospital grant will cost \$10 for average taxpayer**

By ANI FEDERIAN  
Herald Staff

Capital grants made by the region to its four hospitals are going to cost the average Halton taxpayer \$10.17 over the next four years.

Regional treasurer Joe Rinaldo managed to convince councillors at the finance and administration committee meeting last week to keep hospital grants under one and one-quarter mills of the region's weighted taxable assessment.

The average mill rate increase to 1988, therefore, is 5.3 per cent.

Efforts were made to convince councillors to drop the clause that specifically limits the region's contribution for hospital capital projects and hospital debentures.

"We think that limitation of one and one

quarter mills is restrictive," Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital board member Ken Needham told councillors. "We understand the region needs guidelines, but we think... regional council could be faced in future years (with a situation) that you want to assist a hospital with more, but the bylaw won't allow you."

Mr. Needham said spelling out a limit wasn't necessary, and noted that previously there had been no limits and that that hadn't been a serious problem to the region "to our knowledge".

Treasurer Rinaldo stressed that having a limit helps the region keep within the rate of inflation when it comes to mill rate increases, and at the same time, allows for funding increases at the same rate as the growth in assessment.

"The one and one quarter mill wasn't a magic formula," Mr. Rinaldo said. "It was an attempt to minimize the impact on the (region's) budget."

He said it wasn't the region's intention to restrict funding. If there's a shortfall, it will be provided for in subsequent years, Mr. Rinaldo said.

"They'll have the funds available in the future, as we have funds for it," he said.

The hospitals also questioned why the region wanted a six year forecast of projects, calling it "unrealistic due to economic conditions, demographic and technology changes."

"We understand your concerns, but perhaps it's more meaningful to ask hospitals to prepare a five-year forecast which is consistent with what most municipalities do, rather than six

years," Mr. Needham said.

Treasurer Rinaldo said an indication, even if not accurate, will help him conduct sensitivity analysis and do his 10-year budget projections for the region.

"It's only for an indication; it's not to say I'm going to hold you to it; it's just to provide us assistance in developing financial plans for the future," Mr. Rinaldo said.

Mr. Needham noted hospitals do not, by law, carry depreciation reserves.

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**Stereo stolen**

A complete Jansen stereo system with an estimated value of \$600, was stolen from a 1969 Buick after it was parked on Union Street in Georgetown between Nov. 17 and 19.

**Tools stolen**

A small red tool box and various tools with an estimated value of \$80 was taken from a vehicle while parked at the underground parking lot at 60 Park Avenue in Georgetown, sometime over Thursday night and Friday morning.

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