### Still waiting

Coun. Rick Bonnette still wants to see a regional report on what Acton can do if the Prospect Park well can't be used as a back-up source of water.

He asked for it last month and he's still waiting.

### Business after 5

What are you doing after 5? Businessmen in Halton are invited to a special presentation call-

ed Business After 5. Starting at 5 p.m., March 19, businessmen will have the opportunity to listen to what is new in the mobile phone industry. The event takes place at Oakville's Glen Abbey Golf and Country Club.

Bell Cellular is hosting a talk about their mobile phones. There will be demonstrations and special draws. For more information call 877-7119.

### St. Patrick's dance

The Golden Triangle Club is holding a combined St. Patrick's and Easter dinner March 18 at St. Andrew's United Church on Mountainview Road South. Dinner time is t p.m. Please bring your own plate and cuttery and wear a touch of green and your Easter bonnet. For further information call 877-4435 or 873-1504.

### Science whiz kids

Halton Hills has its share of science whiz kids and they'll get a chance to show their stuff March

A science fair is being held at Milton Ditrict High School for Halton students, Students from Acton and Georgetown high schools, plus Stewarttown and Brookville public schools will represent the northern area.

Judging begins at 1 p.m. At 4 p.m., the doors are open for the public to peruse the exhibits. An awards presentation starts at 7



Legion Lines

By RUBY BAILEY

Herald Columnist

President Norm Ward had the honor last Saturday of presenting keys to Maxine Pembleton winner of the car at the car club draw Friday night. The other prize winners were: \$50.00 216 Glen Shoebridge, 140 Gary Alton, 497 Ron Corbett, 159 Oliver Scragg, 158 C Himmen, 446 Lou Pankinen, 295 Charlie Armstrong, 035 Fred (Tut) Harrison, 050 Carol Powell 399 Jim Fallow. \$100.00 191 Larry Doucette, 467 Sherrie Faulkner & Elaine Jewell 302 Hal Hume, 053 Norma Porter, 421 Hellen Wright, \$200.00 368 Jack McQuarrie, \$300. Ethel Schenk, \$400.00 Alex Zillio, \$500.00 Chris Milne, Marion Carney would like to thank all the members that helped on the night of the draw and extend congratulations to all the lucky winners.

The steak shoot was held last Saturday with the winners of this event being Danny Smith, John Crawford, Bill Collier, Pat Chamberlain and Alex Tough.

There will be a mini bingo March 22 with the entertainment provided that evening by "Touch of Silver".

Euchre Winners - March 7. Ladies 1st Mid Brunski, 2nd Mary Lou Ireland, booby Dianne Queneville. Gents. 1st Bert Snell 2nd Ernie Queneville, booby Gary Alton.

The next general meeting will be on March 27, please make an effort to attend and support your ex-

Sick list - L. Hounsell in Georgetown Hospital, G. Bottoms in St. Mikes Hospital, I. Lee in the Toronto Western Hospital, P. King in Sunnybrook, Duke Wilson, Wm. Bryden, Bill Gibbs, Fanny Weaver in the Bennett Centre, S. Irvine, M. Hennesey, G. Hayes, Jack Watson, B. Lantz, L. Sadler, S. Nicholas and M. Gummerson at home.

Entertainment on Saturday by "Daniel Bruce"

# IN THE HILLS Trustees divided on 6% tax hike

Not all school trustees seem destined to support a budget that could raise taxes by 6 per cent.

Depending on Ontario grants, an increase per household could range from \$75 per year to \$97 for a home assessed at \$7,000.

Some Halton Board of Education trustees feel a 6 per cent increase is too much for taxpayers to handle and they won't accept the budget in its present form.

Other trustees believe a tight budget cannot be maintained for another year, because a 3.4 per cent increase last year was too restrictive.

The budget, to be voted on March 20, was discussed at Thursday's

board meeting in Burlington. Trustee Bill Priestner of Burlington says the increase over last year is not 6 per cent but 7.8 per cent. There is a 7.8 per cent increase in operating expenses. The fact the Board received \$2.7 million in debentures from the Ontario Capital Aid Fund makes the increase look like a 6 per cent increase, Trustee Priestner said.

#### Taxi fare increase

Taxi fares are on their way up. Councillors approved a fare increase to \$1.50 for the first one sixth of a kilometer and 20 cents for each additional one-sixth of a kilometer at Monday night's general committee meeting.

Right now, fares are \$1 for the first one-tenth of a kilometer and 10 cents for each additional tenth of a kilometer.

The town sets the taxi fare rates and governs the operation of the local taxi businesses. There are currently 14 taxi cabs in Halton Hill's, with three of them being operated by one owner in the Acton area and tt others under a broker's license issued to Halton Hills Taxi

Under current rates, it costs \$1.90 to take a cab one kilometer. With the increase, it will cost \$2,50 to travel the same distance.

Rates are comparable with sur-rounding municipalities. To go one kilometer costs \$2.80 in Orangeville and Mississauga, \$2 in Brampton and Toronto, \$2.50 in Burlington and \$2.60 in Hamilton.

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"I think trustees are being taken in by the administration. It is taking more money to look after less children," Trustee Priestner said. In the past five weeks the budget was reduced from \$166,689,694 to \$166,547,070 (or \$142,624 was cut) by the finance committee. Trustee Priestner suggested reductions totalling \$2.2 million which were rejected by trustees.

The biggest part of the budget, 79.7 per cent, is for teachers' salaries and benefits. That amounts to \$132,800,612. The cost per pupil has gone up 8 per cent for elementary students and 7.9 per cent for secondary students. An elementary student cost \$3,568 to educate in 1986 and the annual cost of educating a secondary student is estimated at \$4,705 for 1986.

Supplies services and fees make up the next largest portion of the budget. In 1986 \$14,369,601 or 8.6 per cent of the budget will be spent in

Trustee Noel Cooper of Burlington is unhappy with the 6 per cent increase but said "everything in this budget is required to provide good education opportunities for Halton children." He will not support the budget if after grants are calculated taxpayers have to pay too much. An increase in the mill rate of over 12 per cent is too much, Trustee Cooper said. He wants a 10 per cent increase. If it is too high he will ask the administration to submit another proposal, he said.

Chairman Arlene Bruce pointed out that last year there was a 3.4 per cent increase in the budget. "Cuts were just a shade too far last year and they have caught up with us,"

"It's a maintenance budget, a not falling behind budget. The board doesn't have room to fall back." Chairman Bruce said. She said the cost of educating a child in Halton is lower than in Peel, Waterloo, Hamilton and Toronto. Also, the Halton administration cost is almost half the cost per student than at those boards, she said.

Four years of restrained budgets is catching up with the board in repairs to buildings and hiring more people to run schools, Chairman Bruce said. The board has increased the student-teacher ratio.

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In your opinion

# Should stores be open Sunday?



Ana Dosrels

Brad Hansen "Yes, I think people are entitled to have time with their families one day a week rather than be forced to have to work," Morley Richardson said. "I think stores in the tourist areas and stores of necessity have to remain open, but other stores, no."

"Yes, because we should all have a day to rest. Just convenience stores should stay open," Ana Dosrels said. "I know, because I used to work Sundays for three and a half years "



Rence Makino Peter Lucas

"No, I think they should be, for the retailers it's more money and it's better for the economy," Brad Hansen said. "I'd like to be able to shop on Sundays. Some people are busy Saturdays and like to get out on a Sunday."

"No, I don't. I see no reason for them to beclosed on Sunday if the store owner wants to be open on Sundays," Renec Makinu said



Nellle Johnson Morley Richardson

"To me it doesn't make much difference one way or another, actually. I don't work now, so I can go shopping any day," ellle Johnson said. "I think the way women work so much these days, you almost have to have stores open extra hours."

"I'd rather see them closed, basically just to give people the day off," Peter Lucas said. "My wife is in retail. If stores were open Sunday we wouldn't have the day together."

## Arsonist receives 2-year term

A 21-year-old man who describes himself as "crazy" and "always doing weird things" will serve the maximum reformatory term for setting a fire which destroyed an aban- were placed on standby for the doned building next to an Acton emergency evacuation of residents perty, and possession of a weapon. seniors residence.

Michel Pehura, formerly of Acton, was sentenced Friday to two years less a day by Ditrict Court Judge Thomas Quinlan, He was convicted of arson in connection with the blaze which gutted the building at 19 Main Street North, April 9

Halton Hills volunteer firefighters battled flames for four hours at the two-storey frame building. Housed two apatments and an areade. Buses from the adjacent Village Manor Rest Home.

Mr. Pehura, who once lived in one of the apartments with his family, was spotted hopping a wire fence at the rear of the building shortly before flames broke out. He was identified by an eyewitness from a

videotape made at the scene of the

fire by a nearby resident. Mr. Pehura, who has a grade three education, was previously convicted of assault, mischief to private pro-

Judge Quinlan called the incident a "mindless act of mischief" carried out by someone who has a problem adapting to society.

The judge denied a request for restitution to cover \$5,000 in clean-up cost to Ontario Plastics, the owners of the building.



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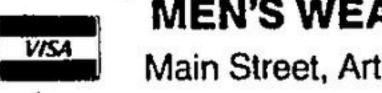
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