

POLICE BEAT

No picnics ahead

Three wooden picnic tables and 14 no parking signs were damaged or destroyed by vandals at Varian Canada Ltd. an electronics firm at 45 River Drive.

Police say the damage occurred between 4-7 p.m. May 31. The loss of property was estimated at \$160.

Car window smashed

A vehicle on Kingham Road in Acton received \$200 damage when a vandal smashed the rear window. The incident happened Saturday night.

Wouldn't stop

Two youths were spotted taking away a stop sign from the corner of Durham and Union Streets Saturday night at 11 p.m.

Police were called but no suspects were found. The value of the sign is \$200.

Transport ditched

A transport trailer was damaged May 28 when it rolled into a ditch near the intersection of Highway 7 and 22nd Sideroad.

The driver was trying to avoid roadgrading equipment on the 22nd Sideroad, but the wheels on the right side of the truck slid into the ditch.

Police estimate the damage to be \$10,000.

Sleepy driver

A 22-year-old driver fell asleep at the wheel May 25 while travelling westbound on the 17th Sideroad. A 1983 Ford swerved off the road and struck a fence near the Fourth Line.

Police estimate the damage to the car to be \$3,000 and \$250 to the fence.

Signal hit

The driver of a 1981 Chrysler car lost control and struck a traffic signal last Wednesday.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$8,000 plus \$3,000 to the light standard. The accident happened at the intersection of Main St. South and Maple Avenue in Georgetown.

Hit from behind

A 1985 Honda received \$1,000 in damage in an accident at the intersection of Trafalgar Road and the Fifth Sideroad, May 28. A second driver tried to avoid the car in front which had stopped suddenly to avoid a barrier. The Honda was struck from behind and damage occurred to its front bumper, rear bumper and tail light.

Homes for 13 families use 125 gallons a day

How much water does the Ministry of the Environment allot to a home?

According to Town Planner Ian Keith, the Ministry figures there are 3.8 persons per home, and each uses 125 gallons a day.

That works out to 475 gallons daily per home.

For 13 homes, as in the proposed Cedar Roads Development for Acton, the region would have to supply 6,175 gallons of water.

An amount Halton's public works department says it can't afford to spare now.

North operations manager Don Morrier told The Herald Acton is operating at capacity now when it comes to water and sewer services.

"But gee, if any of our equipment breaks down, we're in trouble. It may be the straw that broke the camel's back," Mr. Morrier said.

He said it's more a security problem for the region. It may be only another 13 homes Coun. Rick Bonnette wants approved for construction by Cedar Roads Development, but those extra homes will reduce security for Acton in the case of a water shortage.

"We feel we should ensure security for the existing people in Acton before we start to serve anyone

Hunt report due June 11

Halton region's task force on hunting in the agreement forests will have a draft report ready for the June 11 regional planning and publicworks committee.

Task force chairman Coun. Pam Sheldon said the report will then go to regional council June 18.

A public meeting is tentatively scheduled for the evening of July 2.

"If the public meeting goes ahead July 2, I would hope they look around for a large air conditioned hall for it," Burlington Coun. Walter Mulkewich said. Earlier public meetings on the topic drew crowds too large for the facilities.

Coun. Sheldon said the meeting may be held in the regional chambers at the administration building.

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To be young again!

Members of the Park Public School Parents Association are not sitting idle these days. The group is trying to raise \$10,000 to put towards the playground equipment for children at the school. The campaign got

underway yesterday with the sale of meat to area residents. The group will also be holding a number of fund-raising events throughout the year, selling such items as flower bulbs, pumpkins and holding a

chicken barbeque and raffle. Seen here are (left to right) Sue Doolie, Moya Johnson, Debbie McCarthy and Dawn Falls. They are holding a model of what the playground equipment may eventually look like. (Herald photo)

Don't delay - census takers are waiting

Did you remember to mail your Census questionnaire in? It was due yesterday (Tuesday).

An information officer with Statistics Canada asked councillors Monday night to encourage townspeople to fill in the forms.

Census results help planners make better decisions on health care, day care facilities, roads, businesses and schools. All levels of government use the information to determine community needs.

Coun. Lillias Bowman said one resident called her to say he objected to some of the questions, finding them too personal, and didn't want to answer them.

Ms. Patrick said there is a legal obligation to answer the questions. She said the questions have been deemed not to intrude on individual privacy.

"A lot of times people don't want to answer because they don't understand the use of the census. Stats Canada individuals would try to help them understand it," Ms. Patrick said. It's up to the Minister of Justice to determine if the Statistics Act has been violated by an individual not completing the census, she said.

"Any chance of trading in the long form for a short one?" Coun. Bowman asked to laughter.

She was told no, that sampling was done randomly, with some residents getting only nine questions on their census form, and with others getting 32 questions.

Ditch cleaning

Ditches around the region are going to get cleaned out with the rental of a Gradall this summer.

A Wainfleet, Ontario construction firm won the regional tender this week at the rate of \$50.75 an hour.

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Grandmother won't be asked to move

A grandmother gets to stay where she is, at least for another six months.

Helen Atkinson of RR3 Georgetown won the reprieve which allows her 95-year-old mother-in-law to continue to live in a house trailer on the Lot 17 Con. 7 Atkinson property.

It wasn't without a fight. Coun. Al Cook wanted the Atkinsons to get a building permit by June 23 to build an addition onto their home for the grandmother. If not, Coun. Cook wanted no further temporary trailer permits to be granted to the Atkinsons.

"I don't think the fact this woman is 95 years old enters into it," Coun. Lillias Bowman said, supporting Coun. Cook's motion. "I'm certainly not going to keep on saying every six months, yes, yes."

It was back in November that Mrs. Atkinson first asked for the temporary trailer permit, with the understanding a granny suite was to be built for her mother-in-law in the meantime.

"It wasn't feasible to put an addition on the house for the length of time it would be needed," Mrs. Atkinson explained Monday night to councillors who wanted to know why she hadn't applied for a building permit.

She said with the trailer, she has a granny suite, it's just a different shape. A granny suite, common in Britain and Europe, is a temporary construction that goes on your property, Mrs. Atkinson said.

Coun. Fisher opposed an extension on the basis it would be setting a precedent.

"If the law's an ass, change the law; it's not a thing that you bend, the law," Coun. Fisher said, asking what's the difference between a 70-year-old and a 95-year-old wanting such an extension.

Coun. Pam Sheldon said her sense of compassion indicated councillors would be wrong to deny this extension and to demand a building permit. Councillors supported this position.

Acton nominee

Lorne Youngblut of Acton has been nominated to the Halton Housing Authority for another two year term, by Halton Region.

Mr. Youngblut has been the region's representative on the Authority for four years and is willing to serve for an additional two year term.

Appointments to the Authority are made by the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council for a two year term ending July 31, 1988.

A letter from Authority Chairman Arle Hordyk says Mr. Youngblut has been a valuable member of the board. He is vice-chairman of the Authority as well as chairman of the finance and maintenance committees. Mr. Hordyk asks for Halton's endorsement to have Mr. Youngblut's term extended to 1988.

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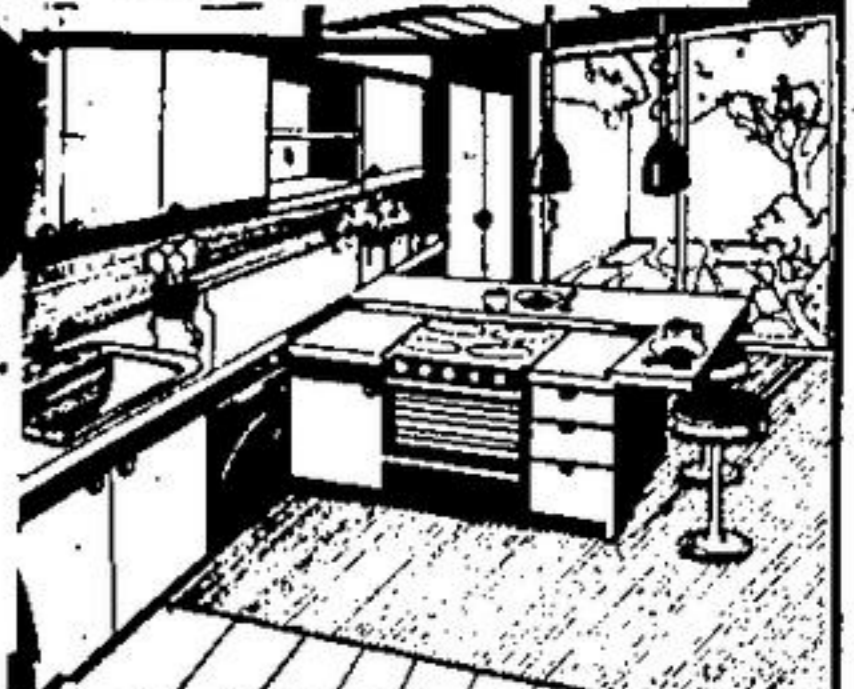
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