

Police beat

Engine aflame

A fire began in a car having its engine removed by torch Sunday. The gas tank ignited at 12:19 p.m. The car was parked in Acton on Sideroad 22 west of the Town Line. The car was scrap and no damage was reported. Nobody was hurt.

Pool damaged

A pool on Marilyn Crescent received \$1,400 damage over the night of Saturday. Galvanized poles were thrown into the above ground pool, police said.

Night thieves

Thieves used an open window to enter a Holmesway Place home in Acton from which \$150 was taken over the night of August 19. Thieves entered through a rear window.

\$12,000 damage

A Georgetown man was charged with impaired driving after an accident in which his car received \$12,000 damage Thursday at 1:40 a.m. The man was driving his 1985 Ford north on the Eighth Line at an unknown speed. He entered the east ditch, travelled about 100 metres, crossed the road, ran over a private lawn and hit a tree head-on, police said. The man received minimal injuries. Damage to the lawn was estimated at \$250.

Minor injuries

Brian Anderson of Georgetown and Leslie Jean of Acton received minimal injuries in a two-car collision in Georgetown Sunday. At 3:40 p.m. an eastbound Oldsmobile on Maple Avenue collided with a west-bound vehicle making a left turn into a private parking lot, police said. The driver of the turning car was charged with making an improper turn. Damage to the turning car was \$4,000 and \$2,500 to the 1986 Oldsmobile.

One car crash

Kent Rogers, 32, of Lot 2 Concession 6 in Ballinafad received minimal injuries in a one vehicle accident on the Sixth Line at Highway 7 Thursday at 6:30 a.m. The driver of a 1979 GMC was southbound on the Sixth Line when the accident occurred. The GMC went out of control on an S curve, left the road and turned over in a ditch, police said. Damage to the GMC was \$4,500.

Car vandals

Two 19-year-old Acton men were arrested Saturday at 3 a.m. while in the act of damaging a car parked on Church St. in Acton. A witness to the crime called the police.

Blinding lights

Three people received minor injuries when the driver of a car was blinded by bright lights and crashed into a ditch, police said. Mark, 18, David, 11, and Paul Roncato, 9, all of RR3 Georgetown, were treated and released from Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. The accident was June 20 at 10:45 p.m. on the Sixth Line at Sideroad 10. The driver of the car was southbound on the Sixth Line when he was blinded by lights, swerved and entered a ditch, police said.

Train robbers

A 19-year-old Georgetown man and a 16-year-old Brampton youth were arrested breaking into a train parked at Georgetown's GO Station. A fire extinguisher was taken. They were caught at 6 a.m. Sunday.

Fled scene

After causing \$2,000 damage to a hydro pole the driver of a vehicle fled from the scene of a Main Street South in Acton collision. Damage to the vehicle is unknown. The collision occurred at 5:30 a.m. Saturday. The vehicle was southbound on Main Street South, mounted the west curb and hit the pole, police said.

Car stolen

The Guelph OPP recovered a car stolen from Midas Muller on Guelph Street. The 1971 Volvo was taken from the Guelph Street business between 7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday. It was left at Midas unlocked and with the keys still in it, police said. When recovered the car was in a ditch south of Highway 401 and west of Highway 6. The car is worth \$1,000.

Car fire

An undetermined car fire caused \$100 damage to a car parked in Acton Aug. 20 at 9:24 a.m. The fire was at Lot 28 Concession 7.

Window broken

A pellet gun or sling shot was used to break a \$995 window at 2 Edith Street in Georgetown, police said. The window was broken between 8 and 8:30 a.m. August 15.

Reformed Church addition

Birthday gift includes \$375,000

By ANI PEDERIAN
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The Georgetown Christian Reformed Church is getting a face-lift in time for its 20th birthday.

Yesterday, the building committee received tenders for the approximately \$375,000 extension to the Trafalgar Road church.

Built originally in 1967, the church congregation has since grown, as has its use of the building, so much so, that this 6,740 square foot addition has become necessary.

"The expansion is basically because we don't have the room we need for our church school classes and meetings," Rev. Bert Slofstra said. "We have a very small fellowship hall and we need more washrooms and handicapped access for downstairs and upstairs. We have outgrown the facilities."

Design architect Peter Archer of F.J. Reinders and Associates is working on the project's architecture.

The two-floor extension will change the face of the church as seen from Trafalgar Road. The project is adding onto the front of the church rather than to the back where the weeping tiles for drainage are located.

Instead of the existing front entrance, the renovated church will have two side entrances, both under canopies so that worshippers can be dropped off in inclement weather.

In the basement, the church will have four additional classrooms and a general purpose meeting room for the Calvin Cadets group. There will be washrooms accessible to the handicapped, a nursery with crib room and an adjoining washroom, building committee chairman Gary Banks said.

On the ground floor, the addition will add a large fellowship hall that opens up into the lobby with big sliding doors, he said. This hall will face onto Trafalgar Road with its "punched" rectangular windows, and one large circular window above.

"It will have a very high, open, cathedral type of ceiling," Mr. Banks said, "with exposed beams and carpeting."

The ground floor will also have a large commercial type of kitchen and a library.

"The shape of the church will become like a cross," Mr. Banks said, pointing out the roofline will come right out.

To increase the accessibility of the building, a handicapped chair lift is to be incorporated into the addition. It will allow the handicapped to be transported from the basement up into the sanctuary. It's costing the church from \$20,000 to \$25,000, Mr. Banks estimated.

At the back of the church, the consistory room, which is where the parish council meets and makes its decisions, is to be upgraded as well.

The architectural style of the building is "post modernism," Mr. Banks said, because the building will have buttresses and precast drywall.

"It's very exciting to us," he said. "We're hoping our Christmas program will be celebrated in it. We're being quite optimistic."

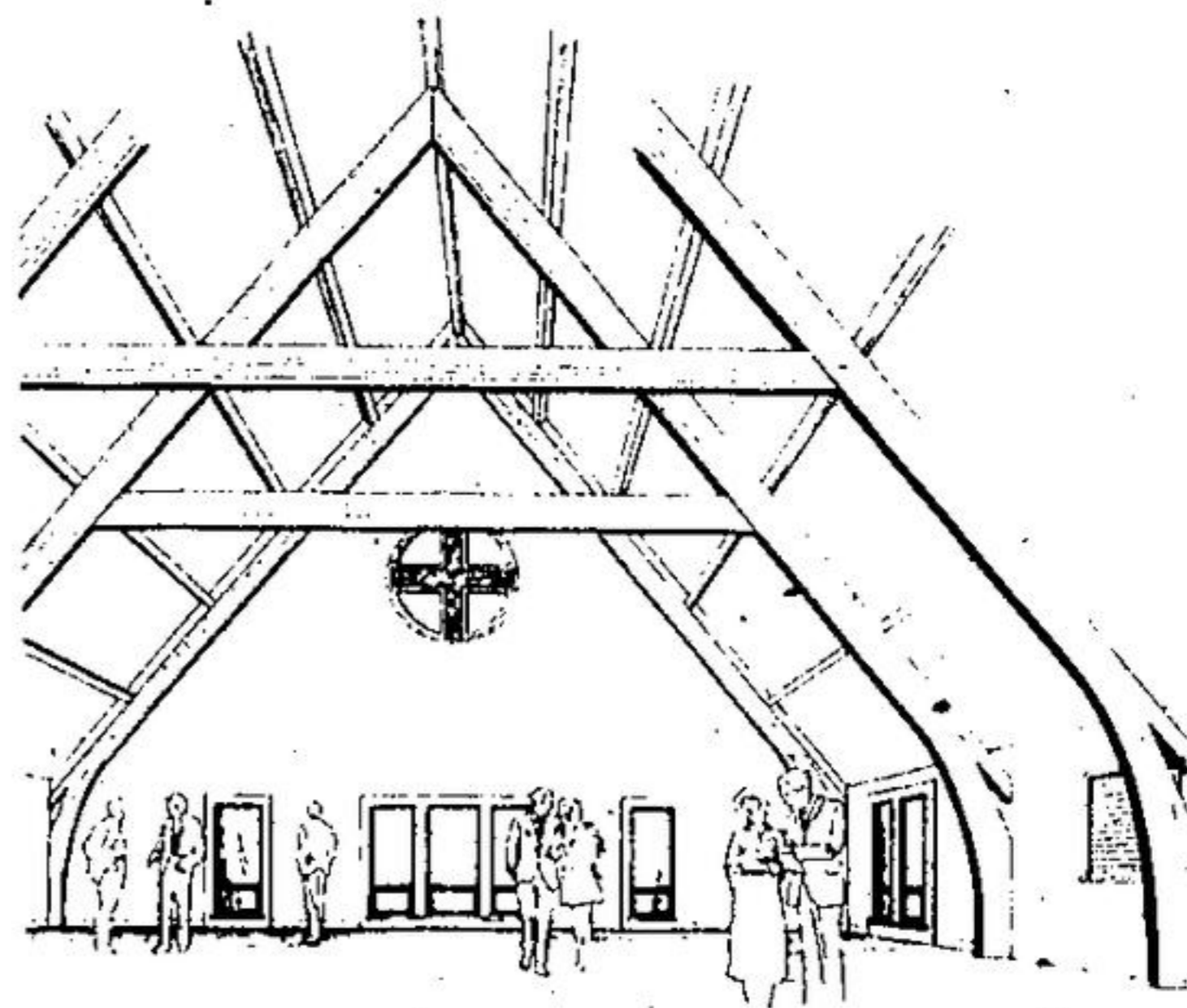
During the construction period, worshippers will continue to use the church.

"It's taken us since last January to get this far," Mr. Banks said. "It takes such a long time to get it planned and figure out our own program and needs with the architectural plans."

Once a backhoe or some other sign of construction is visible on the property, that's when the fund raising committee for this project will also become visible.

Finance Committee chairman John Gillissen said he's hoping that will be in the fall. A goal to raise \$100,000 has been set.

"We're waiting till something starts to happen because that brings more enthusiasm when there's something to see like a bulldozer," Mr. Gillissen said.



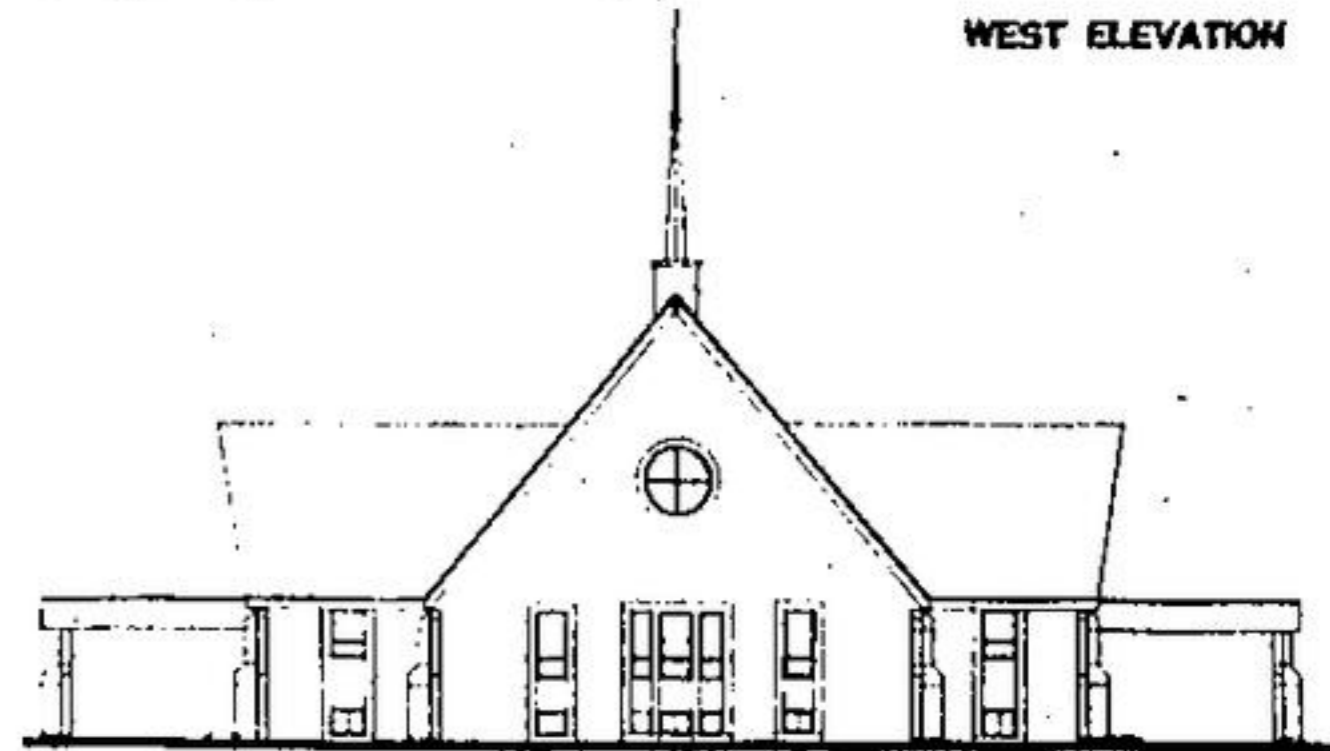
THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Although the Christian Reformed Church in Georgetown will be increasing its floor space by about 75 per cent over the next few months, there won't be any increase in the size of the church sanctuary.

"We're not expanding the sanctuary, which really needs to be done," Rev. Bert Slofstra said. "The people from our church aren't keen on the big church idea because they feel you lose a lot of intimacy and fellowship that way."

The 200 family congregation prefers instead to have two smaller churches than one large one.

"They prefer to start another congregation," Rev. Slofstra said.



WEST ELEVATION

Area filled with heritage properties

There are no shortage of heritage properties in Halton Hills.

Last Wednesday night a slide show presentation indicated just how rich Halton Hills is when it comes to historically significant buildings.

Architect Dave Stone and President of the Esqueving Historical Society, Mark Rowe, spoke to a group of 30 people about heritage buildings.

The following is an overview of some of the properties and their characteristics, which were outlined in their talk:

-Norval Presbyterian Church: the new portion was built in 1878 but the original building dates back to 1839. The brick church has a Gothic manner, has nice brick decoration and has a well-proportioned spire.

-St. George's Anglican Church: It is believed that local stone from Silver Creek was used. The church has Gothic windows, buttress, a Norman feel to the bell tower.

-Boston Church, Scotch Block: built in 1868, the masonry is well worked and has typical Scottish detail.

-Congregational Church: in 1981 it was integrated with a new library-cultural centre for the town of Halton Hills.

-Ballinafad United Church: it is more modest in scale to other churches but there is multi-colored bricks to make up for this. There was no money for a spire, but there was some creative budgeting done.

-Hornby Church, St. Stephen's Anglican: it was erected in 1837. The frame church has horizontal siding and is one of the older churches in the area.

"Buildings like this are modest, except that when the last one is demolished, it becomes very important."

-St. Paul's Anglican Church, Norval: a Gothic influence over the windows.

-Linehouse Congregation Church: now owned by the Linehouse Women's Institute.

-Baptist Church in Acton: has a nice friendly feeling to it, the eaves come down quite low.

-St. Alban's Anglican Church in Glen Williams: lovely scale to it in a village setting.

-Acton town hall, built in 1882, vacated in 1974. Has a Gothic and Italian influence.

-Barber Paper Mill: first built in 1854. Believed to be the first manufacturing plant to use hydro power in North America (1883). Typical designs and methods of the era.

-Apple Products, Glen Williams: shifting of foundation has resulted in cracks. Built in 1901.

-Ballinafad Blacksmith's Shop: currently used by the owner, in the house next door, for carpentry work.

-Sunderland Villa in Acton: built as a replica of the owner's boyhood home in England. Very busy building but pleasing building overall. Sold to funeral director Bruce Shoemaker in 1954.

-Scotch Block home: owned by school trustee Dick Howitt, on the 10th Line.

-Berwick Hall, Georgetown: built for John Barber. The architect also built Casa Loma. has Tutor references.

-Fraser House, Scotch Block: carpenter's work of art on the porch.

-Bower Street Terrace: in Acton, first used as housing for laborers.

-38 Charles St., Georgetown: lovely proportions, narrow and steep pitch; vertical balanced by horizontal siding.

-Tweedle St., Glen Williams worker's houses.

-Johnson House, Charles Street

Hospice attempts to enhance quality of life

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Herald has agreed to publish a series of columns about member agencies participating in the Halton Hills United Way campaign. This fall is the first year the town has had a United Way. These stories will allow readers a chance to see where their donations will be going in the way of programs and services.

North Halton Hospice seeks to enhance the quality of life for those whose illness is in the terminal stages. It recognizes the special needs of the terminally ill and those close to them - physical, psychological, spiritual and practical.



North Halton Hospice functions within the existing health care system. Patients may be referred by nurses, doctors, family or may call us directly. In an initial visit the patient services coordinator who is a registered nurse meets with the patient or family to explain what Hospice can provide and to assess the needs of the patient and family.

Then after conferring with the volunteer co-ordinator she will contact the volunteer best able to meet that family's needs. The volunteer will become the primary contact for the family. The volunteer has access and support of the other hospice members. If necessary a second volunteer can be assigned. The patient services co-ordinator will maintain periodic contact with the family. She is aware of resources within the community which can benefit the family and patient.

She is available to arrange for hospital equipment, clarify insurance coverage and to make referrals for homemaking and nursing support if not already in place.

There have been cases of patients discharged from Toronto hospitals without referrals to any of the community services they need to be able to manage at home.

Hospice volunteers are caring people who are carefully screened and undergo a training program to learn the special skills needed to work with patients and their families. Volunteers provide visitation and support which may include some relief for the primary caretaker, babysitting, and occasional meal preparation, she may meet with the family to discuss their concern and above all she will be there and listen.

A training program for volunteers is organized and presented twice a year by our volunteer co-ordinator whose qualifications include a degree in psychology and sociology with emphasis on issues related to death and bereavement. In addition she provides continuing education throughout the year to the volunteers.

North Halton Hospice has information which it can make available to interested professionals on pain and symptom control, a vital area of hospice concern. It provides twice annual Public Forums and an annual seminar on related issues for health professionals.

Hospice can provide the support and information needed to enable the dying person to remain at home as long as possible, to provide some continuity during times when hospitalization is necessary and to provide follow-up bereavement support.

Bereavement support can be provided to family members whether or not the patient is known to Hospice. Hospice can be of help from the time the patient and family have been told the illness is terminal. All Hospice services are free of charge and all inquiries are confidential.

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