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**MARCH**

A cigarette fire started on the couch on the 11th floor of a Park Street apartment brought firefighters to the scene. The fire cost \$15,000 in damages and the building was evacuated. No one was injured but there was extensive smoke damage.

Lt.-Gov. Lincoln Alexander visits Georgetown for the annual hockey heritage night which honored Walter Bianchi. A proposed new riding for the area called Halton North was unveiled.

In response to the tragic 1984 car-train accident which killed six Milton teens, a special team of teachers, trained and experienced in handling death and grieving has been formed.

Eleven-year-old Joy Swain isn't giving up on the Minister of Defence to change the rules that currently won't let her train as a pilot at the Air Operations course at the Royal Military College in Kingston.

Nine people will present briefs in opposition to school closings in north Halton. Teenager Christine Wilcox was killed along with senior citizen Mary Robertson after a car collision at a rural crossroads.

The James Snow overpass is destroyed when a tractor trailer hauling fuel exploded. One man died in the explosion and the estimated damage involved was set at \$5 million.

**APRIL**

According to Halton's manager of engineering services, Halton has the worst roads of all Ontario regions and counties.

Former councillor CF "Pat" Patterson died at the age of 76. In addition to being a town councillor, he was a former vice-president of Swift Chemical Canada, a former Referee in Chief of the OHA and a breeder of champion Herefords.

**The year in review**

David Appleby, 41, wins a Genie for his work as a recording mixer for the Canadian made movie One Magic Christmas.

Road improvements topped the town council budget priorities as councillors approved a 8.8 per cent increase in spending for 1986.

The man who robbed Bakery Delle in Georgetown March 21 and dropped the money before leaving, struck again. On Saturday he attempted to rob Pet Valu on Guelph Street, but changed his mind during the robbery.

The Halton Board of Education decided to close Howard Wrigglesworth and Speyside Public Schools, but Joseph Gibbons will remain open, Trustees decided.

With the acceptance of its own emergency plan the town is now prepared for a major disaster if one should happen. The plan, presented to council by Deputy Fire Chief Bob Hyde, calls for turning Georgetown's Gordon Alcott Arena into the control centre during an emergency.

Matthew and Zack Parent made a bet with their parents. They won't watch any television for a year in return for \$200.

The town should accept VIA Rail's offer of two trains a day to serve tourists as a beginning and keep working to get more service later, Otto Jelinek says. During an informal question and answer session at an Acton meeting Thursday night, the federal member for Halton said he has kept his promise to the town about rail service.

**MAY**

Georgetown Chrysler Raiders of the Ontario Senior A Hockey League has announced it will be taking a one-year leave of absence this season. Team president Finn Poulstrup said an inability to double the size of the club's present executive and lack of fan support contributed to the decision.

A member of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada was in Acton to give a talk on Halley's Comet and to set his telescope for viewing of the comet.

A rainy Bang-O-Rama Victoria Day celebration cost the Optimist Service Club between \$4,000 and \$5,000. The event was rained out for the first time in 10 years.

Some Speyside Public School parents have hired a Toronto lawyer and are taking steps to get an interim injunction within the next 14 days to stop closure of their rural

school. Police and firefighters were aided in a search for a downed plane by a twin engine Labrador helicopter from Trenton's Rescue Centre, but nothing was ever found.

**JUNE**

Students are finding more longer-term jobs during the summer, according to the supervisor at Canada Student Employment.

According to an apartment vacancy survey conducted in April by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the vacancy rate is 0.2 in Georgetown and 0.4 in Acton.

For a one bedroom unit, rent averaged \$367 in Acton and \$372 in Georgetown. Three residents of a Sherman Court home in Georgetown escaped injuries when their home was engulfed in flames, causing \$18,000 worth of damage.

Farming in Halton isn't worth pursuing, says a south Esqueving farmer. Farmers who want to sell their land to housing developers should be able to "without losing their shirts". Many farms in Halton can't compete internationally or with southwestern Ontario due to climate and soil conditions. Georgetown's Artcast has won the job of casting former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker's statue

in bronze. Canada Packers announced to 329 workers that Beardmore tannery will shut down permanently Sept. 12 unless a buyer can be found for the plant.

Howard Wrigglesworth Public School held an official closing ceremony outdoors.

By September 1987, students in Halton Hills will be bused to their French immersion classes.

**JULY**

Georgetown doctors took another step in the escalating war against Bill 94. They considered themselves resigned from all hospital committees.

About 60 people turned out to celebrate the Citizen of the Year award in Acton to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 197. Otto Jelinek lost his cabinet portfolio as Minister responsible for multiculturalism.

Local ski writer John Peaker had a book published on Cross Country Skiing.

Ken Danby comes to Georgetown to open an exhibit which will show his art. Doctors Elliot Halparin and Boyd Hoddinott fielded questions at a public forum about Bill 94.

Acton Sabres will be back for another year in the Mid-Ontario Junior C Hockey League.

Although no Halton resident has become ill from drinking contaminated Classic Coke in cans, the Region's medical officer of health isn't taking any chances. Dr.



The bunny club



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