Bible students tax appeal isn't allowed by courts

The town has an extra \$273,452 in its pocket this year, thanks to prudent money management over the past three years, while a tax appeal was going on with the International Bible Students association.

The Bible Students were appealing the 1983, 1984 and 1985 business and property taxes levied on their 83acre farm in Georgetown.

To be on the safe side, in case the Hible Students won their appeal, the town set aside a total of \$313,000 over those three years. This amount was to cover the town in case it lost in court and had to make a refund to

the Bible Students.

Well, the Divisional Court dismissed the Bible Students appeal last year, and now the time period in which they could have appealed the case to the Court of Appeal has expired.

The court did however say the town shouldn't have collected \$39,548 in business taxes from the Bible Students, and that amount should be refunded.

What is the town going to do with the tidy sum of \$273,452 it's packratted away?

The town treasurer warned coun-

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cillors against spending it all in 1987. His advice was no more than \$102,000 be used this year, which works out to a 2 per cent reduction in the budget's mill rate increase. The rest, Ray King says should go into the town's unallocated capital reserve acount to help finance the 1988 budget.

"While the amount of \$273,452 would materially help the 1987 budget process, it would create a greater problem in 1988 in that it represents a one-time only revenue item and essentially there would be nothing to replace it in 1988," Mr. King warned.

Community Calendar



March 20, 21 - Bantam beckey teurnament at Gerden Alcett Arene Friday and Saturday with the grand championship game set to go fer 8 p.m. Saturday.

March 22 - United Way of Halton Hills brunch at Jack Tanner's Table with proceeds going to the UW, 12:30 - 2 p.m. Public is welcome.

March 24 - Acton Rad Crass blood dener clinic at the Actor Lugion from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.



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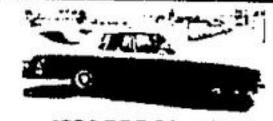
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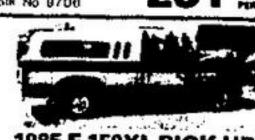
teams have given a good account of themselves at the International Bantam Hockey Termament being hosted at the Alcolt Arena. Action continues today, while the divisional finals, and the grand championship game are slated for Salurday. Here,

goalle Ron Desrosiers of Johnson and Associates kicks out a

shot during Georgetown's 3-2 victory over Tilizanburg in the D



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