

In the hills

Senior Scenes

\$600 rebate

All Ontario seniors who are eligible to receive the Provincial Property Tax Rebate will be pleased to know the maximum amount each household can receive has increased from \$500 to \$600.

Those who qualify for this grant should have received \$250 in May and will be receiving an application form to claim the remainder. This should arrive in late August. The balance owing will be mailed on October 30. This grant does not depend on family income. Renters as well as Home owners are eligible.

If you think you are eligible for this grant and did not receive a cheque in May or do not receive the application form by September you can call 1-800-263-3960, which is a toll free number.

Town rebate

If you are 65 years of age or more by September 1, 1987, or a senior spouse of the house owner, and are receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement to your Old Age Security Pension, you may be eligible to receive this Tax Assistance amount of up to \$150.

You must have owned your property for five years and lived in it continuously for the past year, paying taxes in excess of \$600.

Anyone who applied for this rebate in 1986 should have received an application form in the mail. If this is your first time to claim or you did not receive the application you can call 877-5185 ext 216. The deadline to complete this application is September 1.

Both the Municipal and Provincial application forms are easily understood and straight-forward to complete, but if you do have any questions or need help in completing these please call the Acton Social Services and Information Centre at 653-3310 or drop into the Old Town Hall, 19 Willow St., North Acton.

Reshape retreat

The YWCA of Metropolitan Toronto's popular Reshape Retreat is as five day residential weight loss program for women with 30 pounds or more to lose. The qualified staff, including a nutritionist, fitness educator and registered nurse help you look at your food behaviour, exercise pattern, and lifestyle and relate them to your weight loss goals.

Now in its fifth year of operation, the Reshape Retreat has proved to be a successful and enjoyable weight program for more than 300 women who have attended. Reshape is held at the YWCA's beautiful Outdoor Centre near Parry Sound.

Store robbery

Eleven hundred dollars were stolen from Acton variety store between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday. The money was taken from under the counter while the store was open. The store is located at 122 Mill St.

Cart explodes

A golf cart exploded at North Halton Golf and Country Club, Georgetown, at 2:41 p.m. Saturday. The positive battery cable rubbed on the steel seat, causing a short, fire officials said. There were no injuries. Damages to the cable, seat and front coil total \$3000.

Under detention

A Mississauga man charged with attempted murder, sexual assault with a weapon and unlawful confinement was given a detention order at a Friday bail hearing in Milton District Court.

Bruce L. Knapp, 32, is one of two men charged following an incident involving a 20-year-old Toronto woman last Thursday. He will be appearing in court at 9:30 a.m. August 10.

The woman was picked up in a taxi and driven to the area of 10 Sideroad and the Fourth Line. She was sexually assaulted and stabbed in the neck with a sharp object, police said.

Sean G. Evans, 21, was also charged. He appeared at a bail hearing Tuesday afternoon.

Two car fires

Firefighters responded to two car fires last week. A car fire at 264 Mill St., E. brought Acton firefighters to the scene Friday. Damage estimates are unknown. Firefighters also responded to a report of a car fire Tuesday at 12:23 a.m. in front of MacMillan's Fruit Market on Highway 7. When firefighters arrived, the car was not burning, although there were some problems with the engine, fire officials said.

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Benched again

Lover's Bench, a sculpture that was the source of considerable controversy several years ago, will once come under the public's scrutinizing eye. The original work was done by Lea Vivot, and was recast recently by Art-

cast. Here, Artcast employees Lorne Sheppard (left) and Brett Davis add a little polish to the work, prior to it being shipped to Toronto for unveiling last week. (Herald photo)

Artcast still involved in Lover's Bench story

It seems Toronto art lovers have had a change of heart at least partially.

The controversial Lover's Bench Bronze sculpture - a nude couple together on a bench with a woman sitting next to them - has returned to its original resting place in Toronto, but only for a limited time.

The sculpture was unveiled at the Colonnade Shopping concourse at 131 1/2 Bloor Street West in Toronto on July 30.

Its predecessor, the original, was removed from the Colonnade eight years ago after shoppers complained the activities of the nudes "is not suitable for the general display to the public."

Kleinburg artist Lea Vivot commissioned Artcast in Georgetown to cast two duplicates of the sculpture. It was the first duplicate that was unveiled in Toronto in July.

The original sculpture was rejected by Toronto and then settled in Montreal. It then moved on to New York.

The first replica will likely head to Montreal.

The second replica, which Artcast is now just beginning to make, has an as yet unknown destination.

The sculpture was purchased by a New York businessman for more than \$150,000. After its engagement

in Toronto the statue will head to New York for its permanent home.

The eight stage process Artcast employs to cast the sculpture in bronze costs in the neighborhood of \$38,000, says Artcast owner Eric Knoespel.

The first replica took over six months of work to complete.

Such high profile work is not new to Artcast. Mr. Knoespel and his crew of workers have also cast a sculpture of former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker which now sits on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

One of the biggest projects taken on by Artcast was in 1983 when the company cast a huge, gold plated sun for the backyard of an Ottawa resident.

With the return of Lover's Bench to Toronto, perhaps the sculpture's creator will warm up to the city a bit more. When it was originally banned from the public viewing in Toronto, Mrs. Vivot said the piece is like a thermometer that takes the temperature of a city, and Toronto is a "very cold city."

McDermid talks tax reform

By BRIAN MacLEOD
Herald Staff

Michael Wilson's White Paper on tax reform makes the tax system simpler, fairer, more progressive and keeps us more competitive with the States. That's what Brampton, Georgetown MP John McDermid told members of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

While he's not entirely convinced it will be simpler, he is sure it will achieve most of its other main objectives.

Nor will it necessarily be a neutral income budget. It's likely to increase government revenues slightly, Mr. McDermid said.

Major tax reform proposals include lowering personal income tax by some \$11 billion over the next five years, revamping the corporate income tax by reducing the statutory tax rate by eight per cent, and broadening the tax base, and introducing a multi-stage sales tax on a broader base with lower rate to replace the current federal sales tax.

While the tone of most businessmen was favorable some chamber members had some in-



John McDermid

Region loses with federal tax reform

Changes recommended in the federal finance minister's June 18 White Paper on tax reform will cost Halton a minimum of \$150,000 in 1988, a report by the Region finance director says.

Joe Rinaldo said it is difficult to determine the full impact of the tax reforms on the Region until more details of a proposed multi-staged sales tax have been released.

Mr. Wilson recommends reducing personal income tax by some \$11 billion over five years and \$3 billion of that lost revenue will be recovered by the multi-stage sales tax, designed to replace the current Federal Sales Tax, Mr. Rinaldo said.

No date has yet been set for introduction of the new multi-stage sales tax because the government's preference for a federal provincial, national sales tax required negotiations with the provinces, Mr. Rinaldo said.

One significant change to be effective on Jan. 1, 1988, will see a ten per cent tax on all telecommunication services. That will cost region approximately \$100,000 annually, Mr. Rinaldo said.

divisional losses to pick with the MP.

One concern was a list of three options to revamp the sales tax. A national sales tax would combine the existing federal and provincial sales taxes into one national system.

A goods and services tax would operate only at the federal level and would apply to virtually all goods and services.

A value-added tax would operate only at the federal level and would require greater flexibility to exempt some products from tax.

One of the possible implications of the goods and services tax is a tax on food.

Such a tax, if it were introduced, would see a refundable tax credit for lower income earners, he said.

However, Mr. McDermid said, this is only one small item of the package and it has not yet been decided. "There are three options," he pointed out. He urged reporters instead to talk about other issues such as taxes on "shoes and diapers."

Another major sore point with local businessmen is the proposal to limit the capital cost allowance of a new vehicle for an employer to \$20,000.

Many businessmen felt business

owners, who employ more people and contribute more to the economy, should be able to enjoy the luxury of a more expensive vehicle for business purposes.

"If they can afford them they don't have to write it off, right?" Mr. McDermid said.

"I would like to write off all tax deductions and reduce the corporate rate," he said.

But he did say the \$20,000 figure is only a proposal and the Finance Minister might be flexible on that number.

He could not say how the government arrived at the \$20,000 figure.

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