



Where are we now?

The new manager of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce, Mary Anne Chapman, and the outgoing manager, Doug Penrice, point to the location of the Alcott Arena on a map that is part of the chamber's impressive new sign outside the Alcott Arena. Besides the map of the town the sign also lists a variety of community organizations. (Herald photo)

Supermarkets go to court in January over Sunday shopping

By DONNA KELL
the Herald

Halton Region's legal department will take the four major grocery chains - including A and P, Loblaws and Miracle Food Mart in Georgetown - to Ontario Supreme Court in January to seek an injunction to close the stores on Sunday.

Three store managers in Halton Hills grocery chains will appear in court Jan. 15 as one of 31 stores that opened illegally in Halton Region this past Sunday. The stores were charged by Halton Regional Police with violating the provincial Retail Business Holidays Act.

Halton's legal commissioner Mark Meneray said Tuesday the Region is preparing applications for court injunctions to the Ontario Supreme Court aiming at stores that opened last Sunday, and likely to open in the future, including Loblaws Supermarkets Ltd., A and P and Dominion, the Oshawa Group Ltd. and Miracle Food Mart.

Mr. Meneray said the earliest an injunction application could be heard is mid-January.

A and P has opened three times in Georgetown since the Committee for Fair Shopping, led by the big four grocery chains, applied to the Regional government earlier this fall for an exemption to allow them to open Sundays.

A and P Georgetown store manager Robert James will appear in court Jan. 15 for two counts of violation of the provincial Retail Business Holidays Act and Jan. 22 on one count of illegal Sunday opening.

Miracle Food Mart manager Chris Bootland will appear in court Jan. 8 and 15. A first-time offender of the provincial regulation, Loblaws Georgetown manager Ron McEachern will appear in Milton Provincial Court Jan. 15.

The three stores intend to close their doors Christmas Eve, which

falls on a Sunday this year, but "it is all decided at the top," Mr. McEachern said.

The store managers say it doesn't bother them that their names appear on court dockets as the accused. The head offices of each chain will take responsibility for the Retail Business Holidays Act violations, they say.

"I'm just acting for the company. It doesn't bother me," Mr. McEachern said. "It's got nothing to do with us (individuals) anyway."

A and P manager Robert James, now charged by Halton Regional Police three times for illegal Sunday openings, said, "it doesn't concern me really. The company is taking full responsibility for the court action."

The major food chains opened stores all over Halton Region last Sunday, opening five stores in North Halton.

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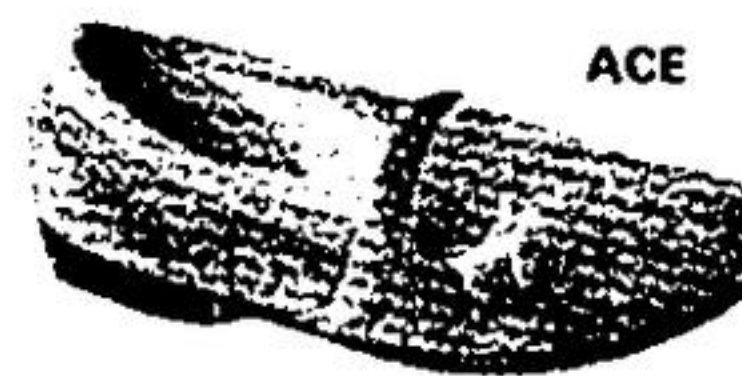


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