

Local supermarkets charged for opening Sundays

Miracle Food Mart and A and P stores could face fines of \$12,000 each for opening their Georgetown stores last Sunday, but they plan to open the stores again next Sunday. Halton Regional Police laid charges against 11 stores in Halton Sunday, including the A and P and Miracle Food Mart on Guelph Street.

Halton decided to ignore over 100 applications from retailers asking for Sunday shopping early November. The Region chose instead to petition the provincial government to take back responsibility for Sunday shopping regulations. The issue was brought under

scrutiny when a group calling itself the Fair Shopping Committee, formed by A and P and Dominion, the Oshawa Group Ltd. and Miracle Food Mart and other grocery stores asked to be given a "level playing field" to compete with drug stores and fruit markets that are open Sundays.

Friends of Shawn McNeill gathered at the intersection of Guelph Street and Maple Avenue between 11:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. on a Sunday night to hold a candlelight vigil. Shawn was killed when he was struck by a car at the intersection last year. The youths protested the slow court proceedings in the incident and they

also protested drinking and driving.

The Town of Halton Hills outlined a proposed 1990 budget Nov. 6 that called for a municipal tax increase of 12.6 per cent for urban residents to offset an expected increase in waste disposal costs.

The proposed town budget asked for a tax collection of \$7.6 million and \$1.7 million more for urban service charges.

Mary Ann Chapman of Stewart-town will take over the position of general manager of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce it was announced in mid November.

Mrs. Chapman will take over from Doug Penrice, who said he was stepping down to take a position in real estate.

The Halton Board of Education budget for 1990 could increase by 11.8 per cent to about \$250.5 million, residents learned in November.

Inflation, steady enrolment, adjusting teaching salaries, and carry-over cost items from the previous year's budget were listed as major reasons for the proposed increase.

November

The 60-year-old arena in the Acton Community Centre could be torn down in February, 1991 and replaced with a spanking new \$3.7 million arena and seniors complex.

Halton Hills recreation and parks director Tom Shepard released a report Nov. 20 that calls for replacement of the Acton arena located in Prospect Park with a new 39,300 sq.-ft. structure.

Two Acton firefighters suffered carbon monoxide poisoning while battling a fire that destroyed a house located at Sideroad 22 west of Highway 25 in Acton at midnight Nov. 20.

David Ford and Paul South were rushed by ambulance to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. They were then transferred to the Toronto General Hospital where they were treated and released. The pair were overcome by fumes coming from the running pump truck. The fire destroyed the home of the Foster family causing about \$150,000 damage.

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller announced Nov. 21 that Fairy Lake now belongs to the Town of Halton Hills. The man-made lake in Acton was in the hands of Canada Packers Inc. who own the Beardmore Tannery property.

Five firefighters were injured while battling a fire Wednesday that destroyed an Acton farmhouse and most of the two occupants' belongings.

Dale Levere, Duncan Waldie and Don Martin were rushed to Georgetown hospital where they

were treated for minor facial burns. A flash-over caused the burns.

David Leslie was also treated for facial burns at the hospital and Larry Frizel suffered carbon monoxide poisoning while operating one of the department's pump trucks.

The fire caused an estimated \$110,000 to the house and occupants Alfred Pilgrim and Jack Evans were uninjured.

The proposed nine per cent federal tax on most goods and services would kill business at the Georgetown Bowl and force the family-owned business to close after 29 years, owner Rose Radyk said.

The 20-lane bowling centre is used mostly by low and middle-

income earners who would feel the bite of the tax, she said.

Halton Hills resident Hugo Ditch became only the 21st jockey ever to win 4,000 races, in November.

The 53-year-old jockey raced six-year-old gelding Bold Presence at Greenwood racetrack in Toronto for the victory.

He then announced his retirement from racing to head into the world of horse training.

The Georgetown District High School Rebels senior boys volleyball team capped a perfect season in Halton League play Nov. 14 by dropping Oakville Trafalgar High School in three straight games to claim the Halton championship.

Halton goes to court in an attempt to halt Sunday shopping

Halton Region's legal department will apply tomorrow for an Ontario Supreme Court injunction against stores opening illegally on Sunday.

Halton Region's administration and finance committee passed a recommendation that Hudson's Bay Company stores (which owns Zellers) not be allowed to open Sundays.

A Hudson's Bay spokesman argued before Halton councillors that several smaller stores, such as Shoppers Drug Mart, open Sundays despite the fact they sell many of the same products the Bay sells.

Commuters waiting for GO transit to pick them up at Georgetown rail station when Via's 7:39 a.m. train is cancelled the morning of Jan. 15 will be left out in the cold.

GO transit officials said the provincial crown corporation will not replace the lost Via routes.

Georgetown residents are split over the approval of a one-price telephone line to Toronto. Bell's local service manager Nancy Creede said Dec. 4 that reactions to a survey on the line is "mixed."

Halton police believe a group of teenagers are behind a rash of slashed tires, smashed windshields and other forms of destruction causing just over \$5,000 damage to 23 cars parked in the east end of Georgetown the weekend of Dec. 10.

The Halton Roman Catholic Board of Education will soon decide whether students will be allowed to continue reading controversial novels such as J.D. Salinger's *Catcher In The Rye* in school.

The board's senior staff

presented trustees with a list of about 2,000 books it approves and a procedure parents would follow if they object to the contents of a book in mid-January.

Halton Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy says the Acton quarry in Limehouse will not be named as a contingency site to host Metro Toronto's garbage.

Mr. Pomeroy said the Milton site, located on Highway 25 and Britannia Road would likely be named as a contingency site.

Halton must name a site by February to complete the requirements for entry into the Greater Toronto Area authority, a five-Region committee set up to deal with the long-term waste problem in southern Ontario.

December

The Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Raiders dropped a pair of Central Ontario Junior "B" hockey league games this week leaving their 1989 record at three wins and 16 losses.

The Raiders dropped a 5-2 decision to Burlington Cougars and a 10-5 game to Milton Merchants the following night.

The losses mired the team even deeper in the cellar of the league's West Division.

Georgetown Sunny Acres Farms major midgets won both home games the weekend of Dec. 4 upping their Tri-County league record to 14 wins, one tie and a loss.

The midgets defeated Streetsville 9-5 and Erin 10-0 in two home games on the weekend.



Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller went to the Glen Williams Remembrance Day service to pay his respects to the town war dead.

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