



Bishop Reding celebrates citizenship week

Citizenship week ended with between 1,500 and 2,000 students from Holy Cross, Saint Francis of Assisi, Sacre Couer, Holy Rosery, Saint Joseph, Our Lady of Victory and Bishop Reding re-affirming their citizenship. The event was held at Bishop Reding Secondary School April 20. Lt.-Gov. Lincoln Alexander and Judge Jean Gerrie take a good long look at the massive crowd (above) from behind the swearing-in oath. Lt.-Gov. Alexander hoped he would inspire the schools to reach for new heights and told them how his mother never thought there would ever be a black lieutenant governor when she first came to Canada from Jamaica. "Reflect on Canada, we're the greatest nation in the world...and yet it's not perfect," he said. He noted the addition of the seven new Canadians will help to build a better Canada, he added. Zenalda Mendoza and her sister Bernadette received congratulations from Lt.-Gov. Alexander (on right) the pair were handed citizenship cards. (Herald Photo)



Police Beat

Suspicious fire

Halton Regional Police say three suspicious youths were seen walking away from a fire at Blackbox Controls on River Drive. The fire started at 3:49 p.m. April 24 in an abandoned section of the building. It took firefighters over two hours to extinguish the blaze. The Halton Hills Fire Department said the fire was in a place three rooms back of the outside wall. Paper products and rubber strips were burning. Police are investigating the blaze.

Silver stolen

Approximately \$13,000 worth of raw silver was stolen from Varian Canada Inc. on River Drive between April 12 and April 21. Between 22.5 kilograms and 27 kilograms of silver was taken out of a barrel. Police say the silver was covered with a mildly toxic solution but was cleaned in a "chemical bath." Police report

the silver to be worth approximately \$8 per ounce.

House robbed

A person stole approximately \$1,724 worth of items from a home in Acton on Sideroad 17 between 7:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. April 24. The person possibly picked the lock of the back door to get inside the house. A briefcase filled with papers was dumped all over the kitchen floor. Four beers were taken and another was removed and consumed, police say. Two pillow cases were taken along with jewelry, money, a wallet and socks from the bedrooms. The culprit then went into the living room and removed three 40-ounce bottles of liquor, a 20-inch color television and its remote control converter. The person left through the front door, police say.

Valuables stolen

Police are still investigating a theft from a home on Town Line south of Sideroad 15. The theft occurred between 7 a.m. and 12:35 p.m. April 24. A microwave, a television, three collectable plates and a tool box containing

\$1,500 worth of tools are missing. Total property stolen is worth approximately \$2,700. Police say the culprits may have entered through a rear metal door.

Youth charged

A youth has been charged with break and enter in connection with an incident at the Acton Arena. Someone broke into the arena and stole numerous foodstuffs in the early morning hours of April 15. The culprit entered the arena through a broken sliding window.

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Acton Stone School project will get the go-ahead

The Halton Non-Profit Housing Corporation has confirmed its intention to build a housing development incorporating the Stone School in Acton, the town's director of planning, Ian Keith, told council last Monday night.

The confirmation comes in the wake of a letter sent to the town protesting any housing development on the property. The Acton group Parents Assisting Children and Teachers which consists of parents whose children attend Robert Little School, oppose the housing project for the stone school and the adjacent property off River Street.

The proposal calls for 22 residential units, Mr. Keith told council. It has been sent to various agencies and later this year it will be presented at a public hearing, said Keith.

P.A.C.T. argues the proposed housing development would destroy a "beautiful park-like setting and it would be a potential source of danger to their children. The group also predicts run off from the housing project would end up in the most polluted area of Fairy Lake, making cleanup efforts of the lake that more difficult.

Recognizing the group's concerns, Mayor Miller directed the town's staff to set up a meeting between the group's members and town and Region planning staff. This meeting will be scheduled in addition to the public meeting.

Town councillor Pam Johnston, who also sits on the housing corporation board, assured other councillors at Monday's meeting the NPHC had intended to meet with the public to get input on the idea.



Upward bound

Spring boarding of a small trampoline, Timmy Kirk made use of the facilities at the combined open house of the Co-op Nursery and the Acton YMCA Daycare centre in M. Z. Bennett Public School in Acton. The two separate organizations held the open house under the sponsorship of the Circle of Learning, Discovery Toy and Pigtall. The open house allowed people to see the facilities and sign up for the two programs. It was held April 19. (Herald Photo)

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