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High school games may be cancelled

By ROBERT RISK
Herald Sports Editor

Georgetown District High School received its second warning about the condition of its playing field from referees earlier this week, which could force future games to be cancelled by the Halton Board of Education if further warnings are forthcoming.

During a field hockey game against Bishop Reding, officials said the length of the grass was posing a hazard to the players.

Jim Lindsay, an official at the junior football game on Wednesday, as well as a flag football referee and a player on the field on the weekends, said the field had often been in poor shape this year. Another official at the game, Paul Whyte, agreed, saying the playing area could be better taken care of.

"It doesn't look like a football field now. It looks more like a pasture to me."

GDHS principal Bryan Davies said the maintenance is taken care of by the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks department, in association with the school. The school takes care of the irrigation, but does not cut or roll the field to flatten and level it out.

Bryan Shynal, superintendent of parks and cemeteries for the

department, explained that due to manpower and budget restrictions, it was difficult to make sure the field is being kept in perfect condition.

"For the amount of money and resources we have, all the fields are maintained very well. Also, after Sept. 1, we have little more than half the staff that we did during the summer."

Shynal added that it was also difficult to find a time during the day that would enable the field crews to work on the playing field.

"That field gets the heaviest use of all, with the school using it all day and recreational groups booking it in the afternoons and on the weekends. It's difficult finding a time slot available to get a crew in to cut it before somebody else comes along to use it."

He did say he had been contacted Wednesday about the situation from the school board's maintenance supervisor and would be meeting shortly to work out a solution.

One suggestion Shynal had was for the school to cut back its use during a certain day of the week, or for the department to book fewer recreational groups during a designated time period.



Rebs bounced by Milton

Georgetown Rebels quarterback Ian Sinclair prepares to fire a pass to receiver Joe Beaver during their junior football game against Milton on Wednesday afternoon at GDHS. The Rebels had a hard time

of it that day, losing 31-6. They are hoping to turn things around on Wednesday when St. Thomas Aquinas pays them a visit. (Herald photo by Robert Risk)

Everyone likes to perform

By LISA RUTLEDGE
Herald Special

Everybody likes to sing, may it be in the shower, in the car on the way to work or even doing a duet with the radio in front of the bedroom mirror.

Heather Smith, 31, of Acton, has come to this conclusion after many nights of conducting sing-a-longs in bars throughout Halton and Peel regions.

Mrs. Smith, who has no formal vocal training, won first place in an Etobicoke singing contest and won recording time worth \$8,000 at a North York studio.

Raised in a family which sang while travelling in the car and preparing breakfast, Mrs. Smith has a special place in her heart for music. Her father gave her a tape recorder as a child and she immediately recorded her favorite song, Buttercup, and mailed the tape to her grandmother.

She believes music is the perfect way to express oneself, adding that song has the power to bring people together.

The owner of Acton based, Star Attraction Entertainment, Mrs. Smith offers about 1,200 songs for budding and experienced singers to thrill bar audiences.

Mrs. Smith, who was pressured into entering the contest by sing-along regulars, said the fierce competition of 23 other entrants was frightening.

"It's God's truth that I didn't think I had a chance," she said. "There was so much talent in there it was overwhelming." Mrs. Smith, who performed Bonnie Raitt's Working on a Love Letter and Loretta Lynn's Coal Miner's

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Chairman tips scales to support resolution

Halton Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy's tie-breaking vote tipped the scales in favor of Regional Council supporting a resolution calling for the Federal Government to reconsider its deficit reducing measure to limit funding to the Canadian Assistance Plan (CAP).

CAP is a cost sharing agreement between the Federal Government and the provinces in which the Federal Government funds 50 per cent of provincial social programs for such services as child care. Until earlier this year the Federal government put no limit on matching the provinces dollar for dollar on provincial social service programs, according to a Health and Social Services Regional report.

Since February 1990, however, the Federal Government has limited the amount it is willing to

contribute to CAP for the provinces of Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia.

Regional Councillors were split down the middle - 11 in favor of the resolution and 11 opposed. The chairman, according to Regional government protocol had to cast the tie-breaking vote. Only in a tie does the chairman vote on resolutions put before Regional Council.

Burlington Mayor Roly Bird led

the opposition against supporting the resolution.

The mayor argued he couldn't support a resolution advising a senior level of government to do something that could ultimately result in an increase in the Federal Government's debt.

"Canada is resembling a third world country because of its debt," Mayor Bird told council members.

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Orangeville's garbage may stay at home

Georgetown will not have to worry about taking in the Town of Orangeville's garbage until at least the middle of January.

Jack Tupling, Director of Orangeville Public Works, said the Ministry of the Environment has extended the town's contract to use a Simcoe Innisfill landfill site until at least Jan. 15, 1991.

In the meantime, Leferink Transfer Station, which applied to the MOE to enter a contract with Orangeville to temporarily house its garbage en route to American landfill sites, is silently waiting it out until details are finalized between Halton and MOE.

On Sept. 11, Mr. Tupling met with Linda Friesen, a Halton region environment approval co-

ordinator, to agree on a truck route if Orangeville was to use the Georgetown Leferink station.

They agreed upon a truck route which would follow River Rd. to Mountainview Rd. to Armstrong Ave. It was the most sensible route, said Ms. Friesen, because there are only two ways of getting to Georgetown and Highway 7 is too busy.

Right now, it's not even an issue, Ms. Friesen said. Orangeville may never even have to use the Leferink site because the town could just continue using the Innisfill site.

The region is currently preparing a report to identify what costs the region should attempt to recover should Orangeville enter a contract with Leferink.

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Police seek public's help

Halton Regional Police require the public's assistance involving a theft of \$20,000 worth of cigarettes from a Milton drug store 4:30 a.m. Thursday.

The thieves gained entry into the Shopper's Drug Mart on Laurier Avenue by smashing the front window with a large rock. They proceeded to remove 600 cartons of cigarettes.

Witnesses reported to police that a bright red sports type car was seen leaving the area at a high rate of speed without its headlights on.

Anyone who could provide information about the theft is asked to contact Det. Sgt. Mike Eacrett at Halton Regional Police 877-5511 ext. 415 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-668-5151.

Fatal mishap

Halton Regional Police are investigating a Tuesday night accident at Ninth Line just south of Sideroad 5 which killed a 53-year-old Oakville man and sent another 23-year-old male to hospital.

After being pinned in his vehicle for more than an hour, Halton Hills firemen extricated the 23-year-old male from the wreckage.

The man was taken by ambulance to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital and is listed in stable condition. Police are withholding his name until next of kin is notified.

Police say investigations into the 9:40 p.m. accident revealed that a 1981 Toyota, northbound on the Ninth Line, crossed into the southbound lane and collided with a 1989 Oldsmobile Cutlass.

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Beginning Oct. 1, police forces of Halton, Durham, Metro, Peel, York and Ontario Provincial Police forces will be conducting a two-week seatbelt campaign.
The Co-ordinated Traffic Management Group urges drivers and passengers to obey seatbelt laws and to exercise care and good judgement while using roadways.