

# Halton's History

## St. Paul's Baptist Church officially recognized

### 30 Years Ago

In the presence of a large congregation made up of friends and members, the St. Paul's Baptist congregation officially became the St. Paul's Baptist Church. Reverend E.A. Pinkerton, Extension Missioner and minister of the church conducted the service. The church began its existence in September of 1959.

Council unanimously turned down a Delrex development proposal for the release of remaining residential land in the subdivision for building.

Georgetown High School's junior girl's basketball team was praised for reaping basketball honors on all levels. The team members included Pat Barrager, Jan Murray, Carroll Farnell, Betty Quackenbush, Leslie Quackenbush, Evelyn Vonsoikema, Alice Meyer, Ann Wallinga, Joyce Varley, Sharon Handel, Diane Dutchburn, Mary Jean Tucker, Sharon Sykes, Bonnie Selis, Diane Pennock and Sharon Lewis.

### 20 Years Ago

Frank Oakes, an Acton veterinarian, was warden of Halton this year. He received a \$3,500 pay hike at Halton County Council making his salary increase to \$6,500. County councillors pay was also changed from \$30 a meeting to a flat \$3,000 a year stipend.

Canadian National Railway's steam locomotive 6218 rolled across the Iron Bridge at the eastern entrance of the Georgetown yard on her last run. Steam buffs were out in force when CN's last operating steam engine made farewell runs carrying members of the Upper Canada Railway Society on excursions.

Georgetown's Novice 'A' hockey team captain Scott Wakfer accepted the Tri-County League 'AA' Championship trophy on behalf of his team members.

### 10 Years Ago

Halton-Burlington bucked the trend by narrowly launching Liberal MPP Julian Reed's third term against an impressively strong first-time challenge from Progressive Conservative Fran Baines.

Memorial Arena was the scene of the Al Pilutti Minor Atoms third three-game playoff sweep. They eliminated Kitchener with a 4-1 win and became Zone Two Ontario champs.

Acton resident Bob Ballentine came away from the 1981 Motion Car Show in Toronto with three awards for his red 1969 Corvette. He won the best Corvette award, a first-time show award and a prize for one of the top-10 best customized cars in Canada.

### 5 Years Ago

A 35-year-old Acton man, Robert Flesch of Mill Street W., died after his car was involved in a three vehicle collision when a tractor trailer hauling fuel exploded under the James Snow Parkway overpass on Hwy. 401. For two weeks, the traffic was

diverted to Steeles Avenue around the overpass which received an estimated \$5 million damage.

After his vehicle was hit by the truck, Mr. Flesch was struck out-

side his vehicle by several drivers.

Rodney Cripps, 17, of Third Line in Acton, died when he was thrown from a car that hit an

abutment. The Monte Carlo he was in was damaged beyond repair and the bridge damage was estimated at \$3,000.

Since 1983, crime in Halton has

gone down an estimated 38 per cent in general while robberies in Halton Hills were down 50 per cent, house break and enters were down 41 per cent and auto thefts were down 57.6 per cent.

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