

Car demolished in collision

A car driven by a Terra Cotta man was demolished in an accident Monday at 5:45 p.m. The 1980 Dodge pulled out of a private parking lot onto Mill St. in Acton when it went into the path of a 1985 Mercury which was northbound on Mill St., police said. The Dodge was demolished, while the Mercury was moderately damaged.

Three-car accident

Two cars hit a third car which was stopped on Trafalgar Rd. near Hwy. 7 Sunday, March 22. The cars were all travelling in the same direction when the car in front, a 1986 Subaru, stopped. The two vehicles behind, a 1988 Ford and a 1992 Ford van slid on the icy road, and one went into the back of the Subaru, while the other went into the side. Both of these cars were lightly damaged.

Snow piled high

The manager of Club 2000 returned to work at 9 a.m. Monday and found someone had

Police Blotter

piled snow three feet high against the entrance doors. When he removed it, he found the tile walkway had been damaged, police said.

Car scratched

Damage under \$1,000 was done to a 1988 Plymouth parked on Main St. and Maple St. in Georgetown Monday evening. The car was scratched along the left side and the left front fender was dented in, police said.

Break and enter

While homeowners were away for the March Break, someone broke into a Georgetown house and removed several bottles of liquor, a wallet containing \$150 and a shotgun. The incident is still under investigation.

Tires stolen

Two tires valued at \$750 were removed from a 1992 Mercury pick-up truck overnight Monday, police said. The truck was parked on Hwy. 7 near 22 Sideroad.

Woman attacked

A man posing as a water meter reader entered a Milton woman's home and sexually assaulted her Thursday morning. The 28-year old woman was alone with her six-month-old child at 9:30 a.m., Halton Regional police said. The attacker went to the basement and come back wearing a red balaclava. He assaulted her, then left in a white van. The man is white, 27 to 29 years old, 5 ft. 11 in. to 6 ft. tall, weighing 170 to 180 lbs., has shoulder-length dirty blonde curly hair, no facial hair, dirty greasy hands and no accent. He was wearing dark coveralls and a blue and red striped sweatband around his wrist, police said. The van is a full-sized rocker panels. The victim was taken to Milton and District Hospital.

Budget increased \$15,000

Library cuts less severe than expected

By **STUART JOHNSTON**
Staff writer

Halton Hills councillors responded to public pressure and increased the library's budget by \$15,000 — a "conciliatory gesture" which enables the two branches to keep their doors open another three hours a week.

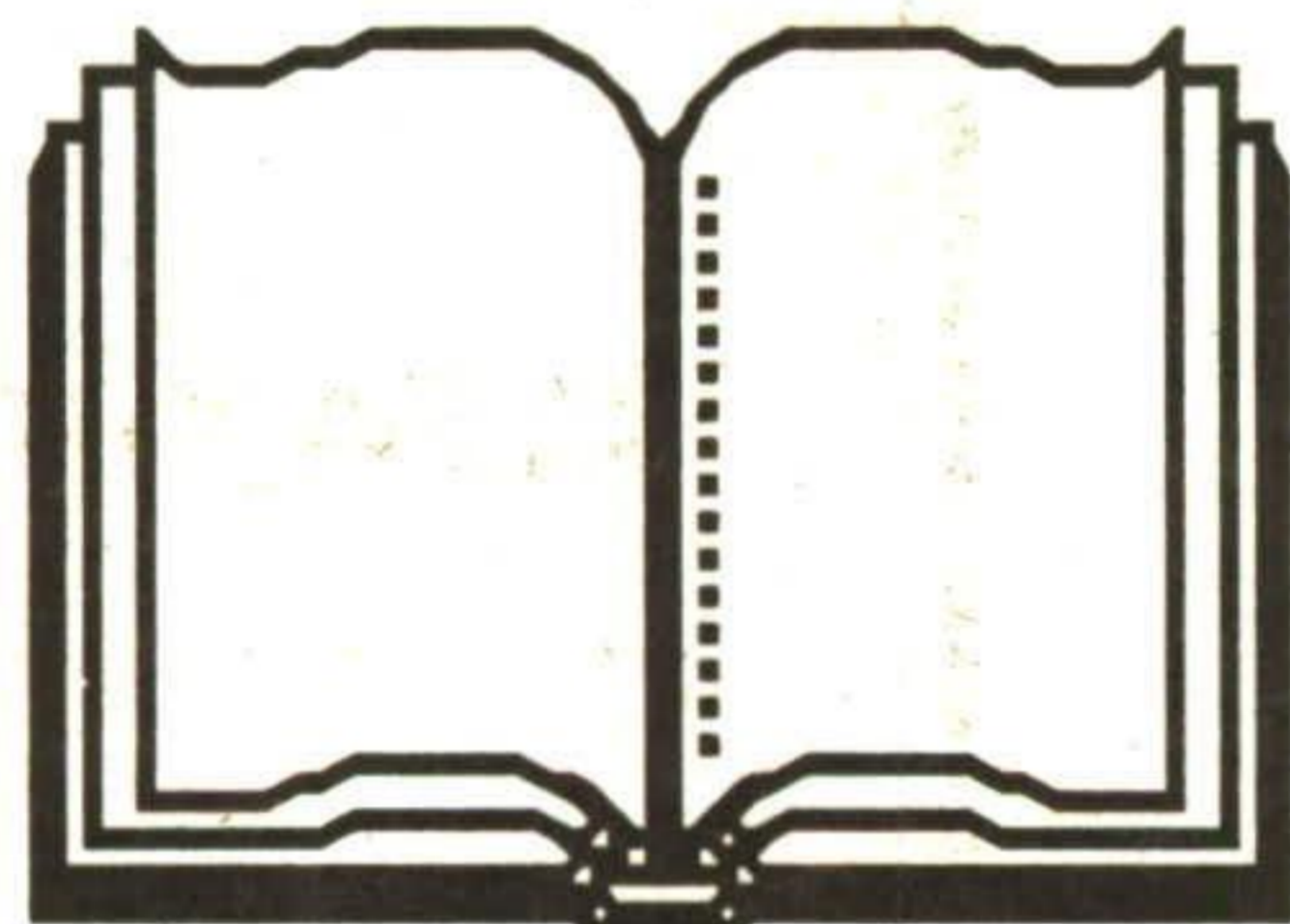
The additional money was found by councillors after last minute finagling with the town's operating budget Wednesday afternoon.

Calling it a "conciliatory gesture," chief librarian Betsy Cornwell said after the meeting that she is "pleased council recognized the difficulties we face and made this gesture in dealing with the public's problems."

The library board had originally asked for a 5.3 per cent increase this year — less than half of what it really needed to keep operating in the same fashion as last year, Cornwell said. With the extra money, the library has now tentatively been given 6.7 per cent.

She stressed that the board prepared a bare-bones budget — only \$56,400 more than last year's \$1,070,700 — but feared council may cut it even further, as it did for their 1991 budget.

As a way of demonstrating how



much the library is economically strained, the hours of operation were cut by 24 hours a week, which led to a large public outcry. Numerous residents appeared on their own volition before council over the last few weeks urging it not to cut anything from the budget.

It was a "strategy," as councillor Marilyn Serjeantson called it, that paid off somewhat in the end.

"It wasn't a conscientious effort

to go out and shame council," Cornwell said. "We were faced with a legitimate problem. Last year, (council) took \$50,000 right off the top of our budget, without asking how it may affect us. We closed for two weeks, and trimmed everything else out of the budget...So this year we were terribly concerned that if we went in asking for 14 per cent, they would do the same thing. The (board) decided to preempt that situation by making the cuts early."

The board had earlier stressed to council that much of its \$1.14 million budget is just for wages — pumped up because of the province's pay equity legislation. With the bulk of its money channelled to pay for its employees, the library had little else to fund its regular programs and services.

Prominent businessman killed

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Church, the Norval Bowling League, the Royal Canadian Legion and North Halton Golf Club.

He is survived by his wife Jean, son David and his wife Sherry Dunlop of Norval, Barry and his wife Sharon of Georgetown, and daughter Helen and her husband

Ken McCormack, also of Georgetown. John Dunlop had eight grandchildren, Aaron, Shaun, Ashleigh, Stephanie, Alanna, Sarah, Stacey and Leslie.

Friends were received at the J. S. Jones and Son Funeral Home on Friday and the funeral was held there Saturday at 2 p.m. Interment was at Hillcrest Cemetery, Norval.

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