

1977...in the news

• Memorial Arena was reopened in January after being closed under a provincial government order last winter. Repairs were made to the arena's roof, structure and insulation, with more than \$50,000 being raised by the community.

• A fire in January destroyed most of the Bookdale warehouse, the Rapid Print Shop and a small motorcycle repair shop on Todd Rd. in January.

• Ric Morrow, a 36-year-old pilot from Halton Hills and a veteran of municipal politics was elected regional chairman in January.

• After 67 years in operation, Domtar Fine Papers on River Dr. closed its doors for good in March resulting in about 104 people looking for work.

• It was announced in March that the A and P store on Sinclair Ave. will be expanded to 29,000 sq. ft. and be completely renovated and modernized.

• New Georgetown resident Dale Wood wants to start a choir for youngsters.

• Wrestler Steve Turner won a gold medal at the Ontario Games in Kitchener-Waterloo in August.



Taking part in Kentner's ice cream-eating contest was lots of fun



Far left: Town of Halton Hills workers change local speed signs to kilometres per hour from miles

Left: Graham Dearsley (and friend) run to raise money for a pitching machine



Independent staff celebrate Ontario newspaper award wins

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• The Independent was named best all-round newspaper in its circulation class by the Canadian Community Newspaper Association in July.

• CBC was shooting a TV movie- For the Record- at the Cecil Barth home on Tenth Line north-east of Glen Williams in August.

• For the first time in 131 years torrential rain washed out the Georgetown Fall Fair. The fair was cancelled Oct. 1, disappointing the whole town.

• The new fire hall on Maple Ave., formerly occupied by the Town's Works Department, officially opened in November.

• The population of Halton Hills in 1977 was 33,993 it was reported in November. The Town had the lowest rate of growth in the region that year- .59 per cent increase or 201 residents.

• In November the Ontario Energy Minister paved the way for Ontario Hydro's taking of lands down through Halton Hills for a controversial 500 kV power corridor.



Colonel John R. Barber (rear) oversees Lorne Scots inspection

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