

RECEIVE GRADUATION DIPLOMAS

TEN HONOUR GRADUATES of Georgetown High School received their diplomas at Commencement exercises Friday. From the left, Elizabeth Sloan, Verna Pickett, Walter Poulstrup, Carolyn Biehn, Thomas Barber, Margaret Eason, June Lyon, Jill Kentner. Two graduates Marilyn Barth and Jack Robertson were unable to be present for the ceremony.

Ambulance Takes Driverless Trip

Georgetown's ambulance took a brief driverless trip Sunday before it came to an abrupt halt against a tree. Cec Davidson who was on duty at the time had just backed the vehicle out of the town garage on Cross St. and climbed out to close the garage doors when it took off by itself down Back St. toward the town parking lot. It travelled about a hundred feet before being stopped by the tree. Mr. Davidson told Cst. Dan Whitson who made the investigation that he applied the emergency brake when he left the ambulance, but it must have slipped off. Damage to the 1958 International was estimated at \$175.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Felix De Smet, Toronto, announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Ermine, of Georgetown, to John Edwin Ollivier, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ollivier, Prince Charles Drive, Georgetown. The marriage will take place on Saturday, April 8th, 1961, in St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church, Park Lawn Road, Toronto, at 11 o'clock in the morning.

Discuss Possibility of 'Y' Organization Here

and it is planned to issue them to parents, children and young adults. Information from the survey would give the committee a working basis to decide whether Georgetown needs a Y, whether some other agency could best serve or if, in fact, any centralized action is needed at all. Last week, the ICG began to publicly reveal itself, when a number of men and women were invited to attend a meeting in the high school. Don Parker acted as chairman and Mrs. Thomas Van Sicker, secretary, and for three hours an earnest discussion took place on progress to date and the holding of a public meeting to which representatives of all organizations will be invited. A population breakdown had been compiled, with activities listed by age groups. It was noted that of 411 young people in the 16-19 age group, only 167 are enrolled in high school. Bob Smith, extension secretary of the YMCA was a guest at the meeting and explained that a survey is necessary before any consideration can be given to his organization entering a community. A Y program can be conducted for less than \$5,000 a year, he said, or expanded to a larger program depending on the willingness and ability of a community to support it. At present, he gave the opinion that any building program would be out of the question. The most Georgetown could hope for would be a modified program, perhaps sharing facilities with neighbouring towns, and using what buildings are available. "Would you build a 25 room house, and contract separately for each room?" he asked. "That's exactly what municipalities are doing in their subdividing. They can't afford NOT to plan," was his conclusion. Norman Pearson suggested that Halton form a central planning committee and embark on a planning study. Four universities are in the immediate area and cheap survey help is available, he thinks.

Regional Planning Vital Necessity in This County

URBAN SPRAWL CONTROL CITED AS PRIME FACTOR

Recognition that regional planning is a vital necessity in this area, where 'urban sprawl' of Toronto and Hamilton has already engulfed some of Halton County was apparent when a capacity audience attended a dinner and panel discussion in Knox Church Hall on Thursday. Besides an excellent attendance of local men and women, there were representatives from all over the county, many of them members of councils and planning boards which are faced with the problem of what to do.

North Halton Urban Board arranged the evening which received strong support from Mayor Hyde and the local council and planning board. And despite the non-appearance of Dr. Edward Pleva, kept in London by illness, the discussion was an unqualified success. Ahy filling in for him was Norman Pearson, director of planning in Burlington. The speech of Dr. Ralph Kreuger, professor of geography at Waterloo University College was a highlight of the evening. John Pearson, of the Community Planning branch of the Ontario government, ably introduced the discussion with comment on the problem and existing legislation. And Bill Thompson, of the Burlington Suburban Area board chaired a panel discussion which dealt with questions posed by a number of those present. Also a panelist was Reeve J. R. Sams of Waterloo, whose area has similar problems.

Our urban sprawl is creating vast areas of nothing at all—neither rural or urban," he pointed out. On a large scale, Canada is rapidly depleting its farm land and such resources aren't unlimited, comprising only 3%, he said.

He made the startling statement that it is doubtful if even Ontario has enough farm land to adequately feed its population and pointed out that while it took all history to populate the world with a billion and a half humans by 1900, population has doubled in fifty years and will continue to expand in increasing proportions. Saving agricultural land must be a prime responsibility of government, he said, and this can be done without limiting industrial expansion and urban growth if proper controls are imposed he continued. And individual farmers can't be expected to foot the costs of agricultural retention. Dr. Kreuger said that the remedy is in a common front, and pressure on government for more planning leadership. Regional studies are of utmost importance. Locally, Peel, York and Ontario counties have combined their planning. "Can Halton afford to be left out?" he queried.

Proper planning would mean that areas designated for urban development would first be decided upon, then sold to subdividers, not vice versa. Governments have made mistakes, one of the greatest being

Dump Fire Heralds Spring

Spring is officially here as far as the Georgetown Fire Department is concerned. The annual dump fire which usually signals the end of winter, broke out on the town dump at the south end of Main St. early Friday afternoon when paper which had been burning in a nearby pit was blown into a pile of rubbish. A bulldozer was used to bury the flaming debris but when it continued to smoulder firemen emptied a tank of water on it later in the afternoon. The brigade is now awaiting the rash of grass fires which normally accompanies the perennial dump flareup.

Delrex Firm Asks More Land Release

Avian Tests Continue

Georgetown's Avian 2-180 was back at the Avian Industries plant last week. The gyroplane which has been undergoing tests at the Kitchener-Waterloo field was returned to its birthplace for inspection after a series of successful ground trials and the check-up showed all parts functioning perfectly. The experimental craft was returned to the K-W field Tuesday.

Offer Concessions In Lieu Of Ratio

Originally planned as a committee of the whole meeting, council decided on Monday to make a Tuesday meeting with officials of Delrex Developments, Ltd. an open council meeting. On Monday, Mayor Hyde expressed concern that, in view of legislation being discussed by the province, council should avoid any hint of closed meetings. A majority of council agreed, although it was stressed that there was no intention that a committee meeting was improper or that any decisions would be made without discussion in open council. When a recorded vote was called, Crs. Barrager and Burke voted in opposition. At the Tuesday meeting, Harold Baird acted as spokesman for the Delrex firm in proposing a new plan to release residential building land over a three year period. The firm, he explained, is at a standstill. There is no hope of achieving the 60-40 ratio

age for expansion at \$2500 an acre.

Following Mr. Baird's submission, councillors asked many questions during a two hour session.

Mr. Baird said that present there is no land released in the subdivision for building R2 type homes for which a present demand exists. "Any agreement of this kind would mean chucking our subdivision ratio control by-law out the window," said Mayor Hyde as council promised to consider the proposal further. A further request by Delrex was that land lying south of Silver Creek be released over a 2-year period commencing in January, 1964, subject to payment of \$300 a lot, to be used for school costs and industrial commissioner.

Sunshine Executive Holds Meeting Here

The executive of the North Halton Association for Retarded Children met recently at the home of Mrs. Max English. Reports were presented by the executive installed in January consists of: Honorary President, Mr. G. G. Addison, Milton; President, Mrs. R. E. Ellenton, Milton; Vice President and Public Relations, Mrs. M. English, Georgetown; Recording Secretary and Home Care, Mrs. A. Howard, Milton; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. I. Sillars, Milton; Treasurer, Mr. J. Sprout, Milton; Recreation Chairman, Mr. R. Ross, Hornby; Finance Chairman, Mr. G. Kendrick, Milton; Education Chairman, Mrs. J. J. Kennedy, Milton; Institutions Chairman, Mrs. Ernest Ball, Georgetown. Mrs. Ball is also a member of the board of directors for the OARC, and on the Home Care Committee of the OARC, as well as correspondent for the Canadian ARC bulletin. Mrs. B. Wellwood, Milton, is Bulletin Editor for the North Halton Association.

U.W.O. Student Gets Three High Awards at Commencement

Plays, Fashion Show Entertain Two Nights

Top honours in the 1960 graduating class at Georgetown High School were awarded to Carolyn Biehn at a prize-giving ceremony at the annual commencement exercises on Friday. Carolyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Biehn, 26 Queen St., received the Hyman Silver Memorial Award of \$150; an Ontario scholarship valued at \$400 and a 1000 scholarship from the University of Western Ontario for the highest standing in Grade 13 English. She is a student at U.W.O. A McMaster University student Elizabeth Sloan received the IOPE \$25 award, presented by Mrs. James Linton, an Atkinson Foundation award, and the Rotary-Ann's \$50 award. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sloan, now of Columbus, Ohio. The school board prize of \$25 went to Jill Kentner, daughter of Mr. Frank Kentner, a student at Lakeshore Teachers College. The commencement was held on two nights, with athletic awards and intermediate certificates presented on Thursday and academic awards, honorary diplomas and graduation diplomas on Friday. Ten students received honour diplomas, Thomas Barber, Mar-

LADY LAWN BOWLERS ENTERTAINED AT EUCHRM

Mrs. A. Pattenden, 9 William Street, entertained three tables of euchre for the Ladies Lawn Bowling Club last Thursday. Mrs. Clare Wilson was the first prize winner with Mrs. Harold Dolson and Mrs. Bertha Bell taking the other two prizes. Mrs. Pattenden served the ladies a delicious and dainty lunch following the cards.

TOP STUDENT

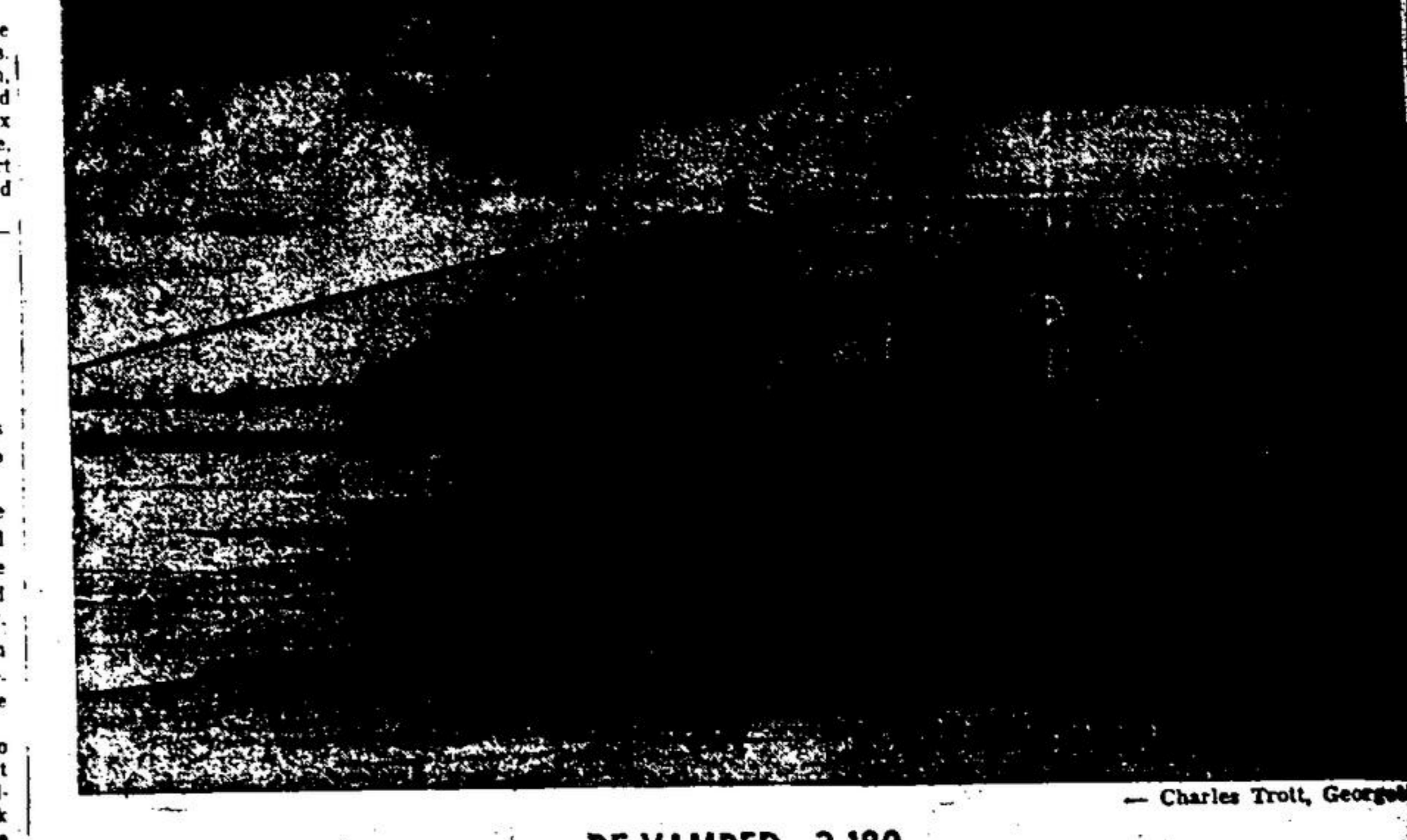
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RE-VAMPED 2-180

THIS IS THE NEW Avian 2-180, a modified version of the Avian gyroplane which crashed during testing at the Kitchener-Waterloo airfield a little over a year ago. Now, with structural changes the wingless craft is again ready to go the air. At the Georgetown plant tension mounts as tests approach the initial flight.

— Charles Trot, Georgetown