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Expect Avian Autogyro In Production Soon

Following an eight year research and work on mini-budgets, several former A.V. Roe Canada Ltd. employees are now on the last lap to produce Canada's only flying autogyro — a plane almost forgotten in aeronautical circles. The work is being done at the Avian Aircraft plant on Armstrong Ave., Georgetown.

The plane, officially dubbed the Avian 2-180, flies with both rotors and a rear-mounted propeller.

It can fly as slow as 30 mph cruise at 100 and reach 120, although the prototype has been clocked at 147 mph.

Measuring at 16 feet in length the stubby autogyro provides seats for two but can be adapted for three if required. Normal cruising range is 400 miles.

Easy to Fly

According to Avian Aircraft Ltd. manufacturers of the autogyro, the plane is modestly priced, easy to fly and can land almost anywhere.

A spokesman said the Avian 2-180 is easy to handle and can be flown by any fixed-wing pilot. A helicopter pilot's licence is not necessary.

The company expects to produce the craft shortly as it is close to getting its sixth prototype licensed in both Canada and the U.S. Final Department of Transport tests are scheduled for September.

116 Orders

The company has received 116 orders, the first of which will be filled next year. Selling price of each autogyro will be around \$20,000.

The craft has dual purposes — for civilian as well as military use. The autogyro's high (Continued on Back Page)

Proclaim Monday Public Holiday

With Saturday the official Dominion Day Holiday, an extra holiday was proclaimed Monday by council.

Monday, July 3rd was named a public holiday.

The province had already designated Monday as a holiday, while at the same time announcing that government-operated liquor stores would be open that day.

Locally, the civic holiday will have little effect on merchants, most of whom are normally closed on Mondays anyway.

Industries, which are closed or run on reduced staff on Saturdays, set their own rules and a large proportion of these had already decided to give employees the Monday holiday, or arrange for an extra day off on the Friday.

Wins First Year Prize For St. Joseph's Nurses

A Georgetown girl was an award winner this year at the School of Nursing at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph.

Maureen Smith, who has completed her first year at the school, won the Alumnae award for general proficiency in her first year course. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith, 21 Elgin Street.

Two Georgetown nurses were members of the graduating class and received their diplomas at the recent graduation — Gail McDonald and Frances Layman.

Chairman of the graduation ceremony was a former Georgetown resident, Dr. Hamish Raffan, who is now chief of staff at the hospital.

Year Old Boy Is Fourth To Drown

Apartment Won't Boost School Pop.

No major disruption in classrooms is expected at Wrigglesworth school because of the new fifty-six suite apartment unit being built at the corner of Maple and Guelph.

Classes will be held in the auditorium, but no portables are anticipated.

"We do not anticipate a great many children from the apartment house," commented planning chairman Chris Walker. "We can always absorb some children, unless of course, they all happened to be of the same age, which is unlikely," he added.

The public school board hopes to be able to cope with the situation this year without any major building.

No Applicants, Still Seek Assessment Head

Further advertising for an assessment commissioner for Georgetown was ordered Monday by council.

Earlier this month C. J. Hibbert resigned the post to take a new appointment in Peel County. Council advertised at the time with applications to be received by June 26. None were received.

Tragedy Ends Village Celebrations Tommy Robitaille Drowns at Norval

Tragedy ended the Centennial activities at Norval about supper time on Sunday evening June 25th when one and a half year old Tommy Robitaille only child of Mr. and Mrs. John Robitaille, who live in a trailer at Willow Park, was drowned in the swollen muddy waters of the west branch of the Credit River.

The child was allowed out to join his father who was sitting in a chair at the front of the trailer while the mother put the finishing touches to the supper they planned to eat outdoors. When she brought out the supper a few minutes later she discovered the child was not with his father.

Something in or near the river must have drawn his attention and he tumbled in that direction instead of to his father.

The fast flowing creek joins the Credit River about 200 yards further on. The tiny boy was swept down the creek and on down the Credit River, which was also high with a swift current following the heavy rains, for about another 200 yards where he was found by Georgetown deputy fire chief Wilfred Green, caught among some tree branches at the back of John Dunlop's property, about an hour later. Neighbours and others at the scene assisted

in the search, some in boats, but the very muddy water made it difficult.

Mrs. Wesley Louth, whose husband operates the trailer park said the boy was not the type to wander away from his home. "He had never done anything like it before," she said.

She said the Robitaille's dog was barking about the time the child wandered off, but this was not unusual on a Sunday with the number of visitors in the park.

Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Chief said he worked on the youngster with oxygen and a resuscitator in the ambulance on route to hospital but without response. He said the vehicle was held up between the park and the hospital by drivers who would not leave the road to let it through.

The youngster was pronounced dead at the hospital by Dr. A. E. Macintosh.

Funeral service was held in Espanola on Tuesday, June 27, with interment in the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

The drowning was the fourth in the Georgetown vicinity in June. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald David both age 22, drowned Tuesday, June 6 in a pool at the base of the River Drive dam at Georgetown's north-east limits, and Teresa Vanutven, age 5, of Oakville, drowned Saturday, June 17 at a privately owned recreation area near Limehouse.

VILLAGE BELLS AND VILLAGE BELLES



MRS. J. MURRAY, and Halton's Member of Parliament, Dr. Harry Harley flank a stone cairn topped with the old Norval School bell. Mrs. Murray unveiled the cairn in a ceremony Saturday that highlighted Norval's centennial celebrations. She is the president of the Norval Women's Institute which undertook the preserving of the bell as a centennial project. Dr. Harley spoke on the history of the bell and the W.I.



MRS. EDNA BEAUMONT gives one more ring to the old Glen-Williams school bell she rang so many times when she was principal of the village school. Mrs. Beaumont, now retired and living in Toronto, returned to the Glen Saturday to unveil the bell and cairn at a ceremony which followed a parade.

Will Investigate, OPC Chairman Tells Council

A requested investigation into the conduct and performance of Police Chief Roy Haley will be conducted by the Ontario Police Commission.

In a letter read to council Monday, R. P. Milligan, Q.C., chairman of the Commission, said there had been a delay because of previous commitments.

Mr. Milligan pointed out that council had erred in suspending the chief as this can be done only if he is charged with an offence, and suggested council consult its solicitor in regard to this.

Last week another commission member, Magistrate T. Graham told the Herald that as no charge had been laid, there could be no hearing.

At Monday's meeting, two residents, Frank Secord and James McCaig reiterated their displeasure with the way council has handled the police matter.

"You've torn him apart, yet

accused him of nothing in writing," said Mr. Secord. "The chief asked for an investigation in January. Why this long delay?"

Mr. McCaig said personal animosity is at the root of the trouble and Chief Haley is quite capable of doing his job, in his opinion.

"No one is suspended in industry without a reason," he said. "If you say he cannot handle a 15-man force, then a charge should be laid."

Mayor Gibbons said council has requested an investigation and there is no thought of laying any charge.

"In my opinion the Chief is not on top of the police activities, but I have a high regard for him personally and know he is held in high esteem in town," he said. "His character is beyond reproach."

He said council is concerned that the town has not been getting the policing it requires.

Georgetown Won't Buy Central School Board

Georgetown's county council representatives were instructed to vote against a proposed centralized school system when county council discusses this later this week.

The county is dealing with a consultative committee report which would create one central school board for Halton.

Monday council studied briefs from the local public and high school boards, including their displeasure with the proposal.

The boards and council feel

administration costs would mount and that Georgetown would lose autonomy with only two members on a proposed 22 man board. The high school brief said transportation costs are cheaper and more easily arranged in an east-west direction with Brantford and Bramalea, rather than north-south.

Reeve Hunter said Oakville and Burlington are also against the proposal. With Georgetown added, it is unlikely that county council will favour a switch to a central school board.

Set \$10,600 Maximum In Teachers' Schedule

A salaries schedule for teachers in Georgetown public schools effective September 1 of this year, ranges from a minimum of \$4,600 in Category No. 1 to a maximum of \$10,600 in Category No. 6.

Additional allowance for the principal is \$175 per teaching classroom; and for the vice-principal \$45 per teaching classroom.

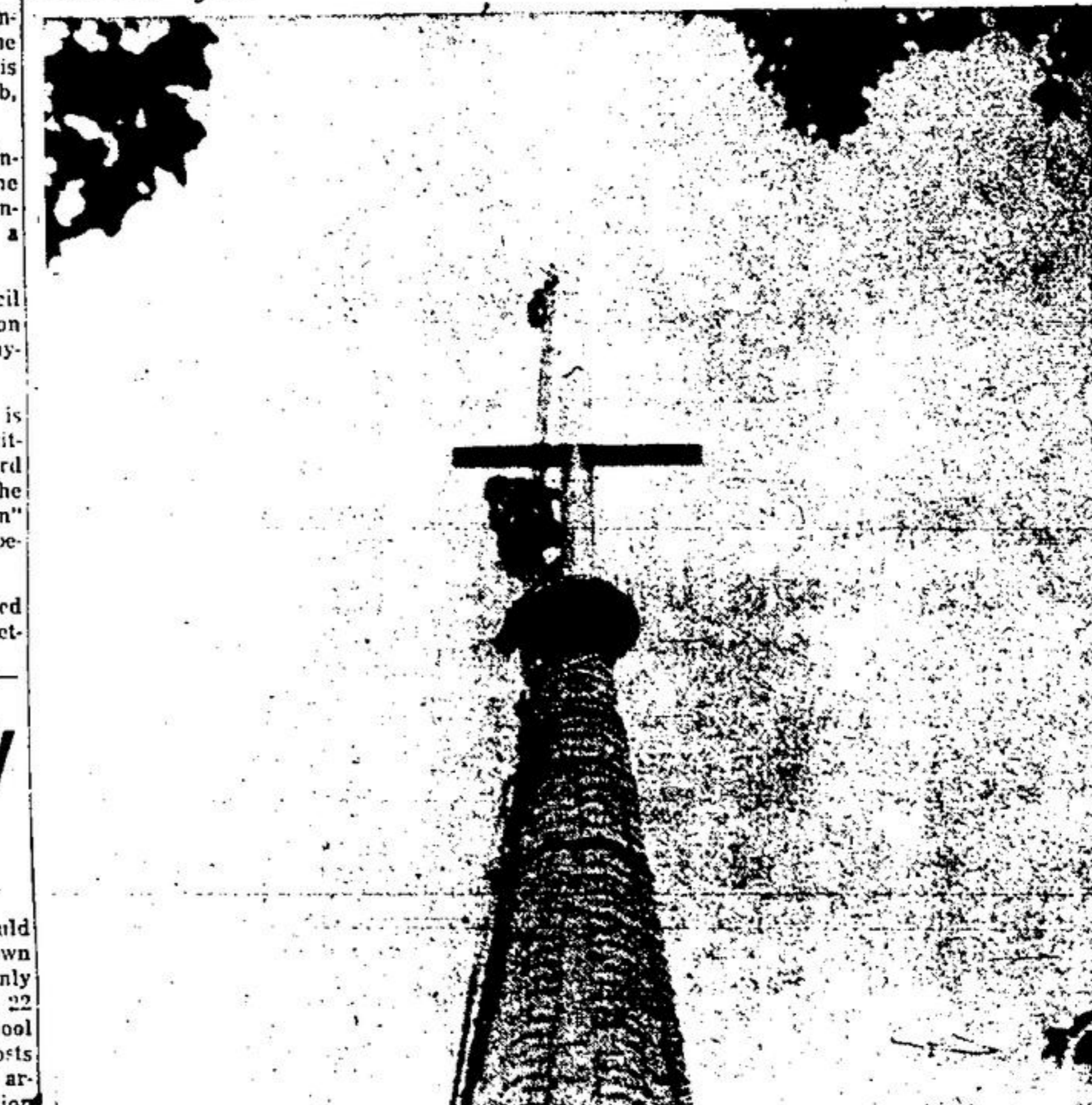
Salary schedule:
 Cat. No. 1 — \$4,600 to \$6,700
 Cat. No. 2 — \$5,000 to \$8,000

Cat. No. 3 — \$5,500 to \$8,800
 Cat. No. 4 — \$6,100 to \$9,700
 Cat. No. 5 — \$6,400 to \$10,300
 Cat. No. 6 — \$7,300 to \$10,600

Blood Donor Signs Locally Produced

The clinic signs, donors must have noticed in front of Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church on Maple Avenue, where the June Blood Clinic was held, were made by Robert McClure of Avian Aircraft Limited. Lettering was by George Storey.

LOFTY JOB



CROSS TOPS CHURCH'S PROJECT

NEW HAMBURG STEEPLEJACK Michael Creane secures a ten foot high gold cross in place atop First Baptist Church steeple 130 feet above Main Street concluding a centennial project started by the church two months ago. The job included bracing inside the steeple, reshingling, and the addition of the aluminum cross. The steeple, a local landmark, is one of Georgetown's highest pinnacles.