

Torchlight Parade Ends Snowmobile Fun Day

A spectacular torch light parade ended a successful day's activities and signalled the start of the evening dance at Credit Valley Snowmobile Family Fun day at Georgetown Golf and Country Club, Saturday.

Each snowmobile driver carried a flaming torch and drove

in close formation past the clubhouse as the dancers watched in fascination.

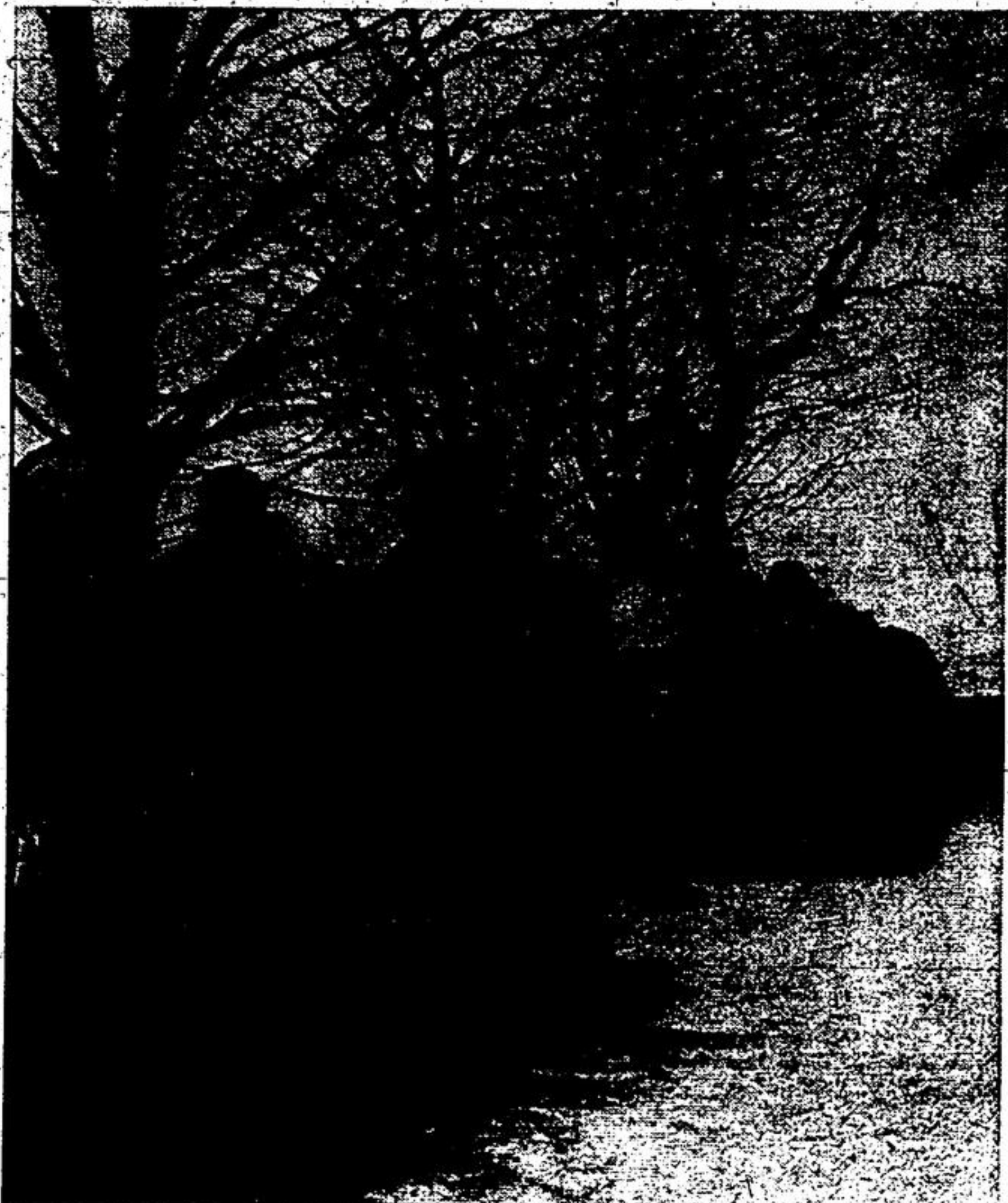
The 300 acres of trails were well covered by the over 400 enthusiasts who braved the cold.

Free hayrides, hot dogs and chocolate were provided for the

children.

Sitting around a roaring fire became a popular pastime after a day in the cutting wind outside.

Many stayed at the club for supper, but most took the youngsters home and returned to the casual moccasin dance.



Ab Tennant, on tractor, leaves the Georgetown Golf & Country Club parking lot with a load of hayriders.

Larger Area, Bigger Voice, Mayor Suggests

"We know it's coming, but I'm personally not satisfied with the areas as they have been proposed," Georgetown Mayor Sheldon Emmerson told The Herald in commenting on Ontario-Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough's plan for a regional government for Halton and Peel announced last week.

In an interview Mayor Emmerson said he especially does not agree with Area 4 which lumps Georgetown with Acton and a large slice of Esquesing Township. The proposed plan would give this area one member on a 17 or 21 member board.

"It appears the southern boundary of Area 4 is the Ashgrove Sideroad," said Mayor Emmerson. "We're (Georgetown) almost down that far now. I'd much prefer our area be enlarged by extending this boundary southwards to the Base Line or the 401 and giving us more representation on the regional council."

Mayor Emmerson said he feels more study should be given all Area boundaries.

"I hope we will prepare a brief and present it to Mr. McKeough stating our (Georgetown council's) views," he said.

He said some questions in his mind following the Minister's announcement had to do with the structure and degree of authority of the lower tier government; why Orangeville had been included in the region; and how Queen's Park can arrive at a regional plan without announcing the result of discussions with municipalities on the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Transportation Study.

"At a meeting at Queen's Park last year we were told that by the year 2,000 the Oshawa to Hamilton area will be populated by six million people, and that the province was considering four of several plans presented for transportation for a region that large," said Mayor Emmerson. "I would assume they would adopt one of these plans before deciding on the Halton Peel situation, and I'm wondering why we haven't been informed," he concluded.

Junior Farmer Debaters Advance to Semi-Finals

Invite Councillors to Ratepayers Civic Night

With mayor and councillors invited, Halton Hills Ratepayers Association is planning a civic night at its meeting next Tuesday in the high school cafeteria.

The ratepayers group organized last year by residents in the town's newest subdivision in the east end, plans to make a donation to the hospital at the meeting.

Representatives from the horticultural society and the town's new safety council have also been invited to the meeting.

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by Jim Jenkins

The Halton County Junior Farmer debating team, consisting of Brian Bessey, 5 Myer Dr., Guelph; Bill Jackson, RR 1, Mono Road; Barry Mahon RR 2 Campbellville; and Carol Swackhamer of Acton, was victorious in the 1st round of the Ontario Junior Farmer debating competition held on January 20. The topic of the debate was resolved "That the prices of Canadian agricultural products are controlled by the economic policies of the USA."

The Halton team was given a unanimous decision over the team from Huron County. Halton now moves into the semi-final round against the winners of the Ontario and Russell County match.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Mr. Mike Flynn is back home at 27 John St. W., returning from Georgetown hospital where he underwent an operation recently.

Dougie Barclay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barclay of Wallaceburg is visiting with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barclay and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Irwin.

'Generation Gap' Subject for Talk by Teacher

Guest speaker Edward Hassett spoke on "The Generation Gap" when he addressed the annual general meeting of Georgetown hospital auxiliary.

Mr. Hassett, a member of the high school staff, was introduced by Mrs. Zoe Bellamy and his talk led to a discussion on problems in the world today. He was thanked by Mrs. Netta Buchanan who presented him with a gift.

The 1969 executive was installed in office by Mrs. Fred Whitaker; Mrs. Beth Clark president; Mrs. Jean Sampson, 1st vice president; Mrs. Pat Beer, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Marjorie Allan, 3rd vice president; Mrs. Ann Kerr, recording secretary; Mrs. Lois Graham, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Doreen Collett treasurer; and Mrs. Harriet Mathews, co-ordinator of volunteers.

Before the meeting ended with refreshments, members made their pledge for 1969. \$2,000 will be paid before the end of the year for purchase of two Leitz pathology microscopes.

The meeting was chaired by past president Mrs. Inez Crichton, due to the illness of the president. The meeting was opened by Mrs. Sampson who read the auxiliary prayer.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Council Monday night gave three readings to a by-law authorizing the borrowing of \$250,000 to cover the construction of No. 4 and No. 5 wells and new watermain on Maple Ave. West and Mountainview Rd. S.

Approved the purchase of two tail-gate sand spreaders at \$1,700 each from Wheel, Brake and Equipment Ltd.

Passed a motion to send letters to all out going members of boards and commissions notifying them their term has expired and thanking them for their services. Cr. Donna Denison dubbed the failure to notify them "a grave discourtesy."

Increased the number serving on the Industrial Commission by two and named Hilliard Douglas, 8 Bain Ct. and David Cole 280 Delrex Blvd.

Accepted the tender of Gahlan Janitor Services Ltd. to maintain the town offices in the Woodrex Building at a cost of sixty-five dollars a month.

Construction Firm Seeks Three Industrial Lots

An offer from Wm. McNally Construction submitted to council Monday night, to buy lots 8, 9 and 10 in the town-owned industrial area, was felt by council to be lacking in stating the amount of land coverage and the time limits for erecting a building.

Reeve William Hunter explained that the land is on the east side of Armstrong Ave., next to Boehmer Ready-Mix.

The offer had a February 1st closing date, which some of the councillors felt was rushing things a bit.

Cr. Ern Hyde explained that Mr. McNally should have spelled out the lot coverage and the time limit for starting a building. He hastened to add he

felt it was not Mr. McNally's intention to evade any requirements but had simply overlooked them. He suggested a committee should meet with McNally and iron these points out. He stressed this land needs a great deal of grading before it can be put to any use.

The mayor agreed, saying the land is in poor condition right now, and suggested either the town grade it or sell it to someone willing to do it. "If you do not want to deal with it tonight, you can ask Mr. McNally to extend the closing date," he added.

It was decided to leave the matter with the property committee who in turn, will contact McNally.

One Lane Bailey Bridge 'One Horse' Hyde Says

Cr. Ern Hyde charged the Department of Highways with thinking Georgetown is "a one horse town" at Monday's council meeting since they provided a one lane Bailey bridge at the Main St. bridge detour.

He claimed not enough thought had been given to the high volume of traffic using the bridge and recalled that Huttonville had a two lane Bailey bridge when the new bridge was being built there. He concluded by suggesting truck traffic be rerouted, and possibly cars prohibited from turning off Ewing Street onto the highway. The alternative would be Kennedy Street.

Cr. William Smith, road chairman, pointed out that all was being done according to Damas and Smith plans. He claimed: to ten cars were getting through on each light, but maintained the real problem lay with motorists running the caution signals, thus holding up traffic both ways.

Cr. Smith reminded council it was a detour after all and "we'll just have to live with it for a while" he commented. In closing he forecast a July 1st date, as the time of the bridge opening. He stressed it would not be completed by then, but probably open for traffic.

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Lauren Goebel Chapel School Speaking Rep.

Lauren Goebel, a Grade six pupil, will be Chapel Street Public School's representative at the annual Halton School Area No. 1 public speaking final February 5 in Stewarttown. Lauren won the Chapel Street School contest Tuesday morning. A grade eight pupil, John Tost, was second.

Pupils in grades five to eight inclusive were eligible to compete. All Georgetown elementary schools will have selected their area contest representative by the end of this week.

Esquencing schools will hold a township final Friday night in Glen Williams to determine their representatives in the Feb. 5 contest.

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