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QUEEN OF THE BALL — Holding the traditional bouquet of roses is Georgetown District High School's Queen of the ball, Jane McNally. She was crowned at the school's annual formal, 'Evening in Venice,' Friday night. The new Queen is president of the student council and designed this year's formal dance booklet and cover.

Kill Two Rattlers Near Limehouse

Rattle snakes have been discovered at Limehouse.

Saturday, Jim Ireland killed two Massasauga Rattlers with a rake near his home at the south end of the village after one of them had frightened the Ireland children and a playmate, Linda Hale, while they were playing.

Mrs. Ireland yelled at the youngsters to get away from the snake and Mr. Ireland beat it to death with a rake. A search of the immediate area turned up the second one two hours later.

Linda Hale's father Frank, who has seen Massasaugas before, positively identified the snakes. They measured 38 and 36 1/2 inches long. One had a large rattle at the end of its tail while the other's rattle was just developing.

Department of Lands and Forests officials said they were aware that Massasaugas existed in this part of the province years ago, but hadn't heard of discovery in the Georgetown area before.

Unit Excellence Award Honours Local Jaycees

Georgetown Jaycees stand head and shoulders above all other Ontario branches this week after having been named recipients of the Unit Excellence award. It's the first time a Georgetown unit has won an award at the provincial level.

The award is made to the unit "best promoting the aims and purposes of the Jaycees." It was given to the Georgetown unit Sunday at the Ontario convention in Brantford, Pow Wow '69.

Representing Georgetown at the convention were Doug and Carol Fishburn, Sam and Mary Jones, Paul and Sharon Atkinson, Peter and Bonnie Hughes, Dave and Gerri Kentner, Bill Wilson and Steve Hutchison.

Among other projects, the Georgetown unit this past year promoted the town as the Home of Little NHL in the Grey Cup Parade, in the Bramalea Santa Claus parade, and displayed their steam train entry in the Georgetown Santa Claus parade; held their annual Crazy Boat race on the Credit River; ran a meet the candidates night; operated a safe driving rodeo for teens, and a safe bicycle road-ee for public schoolers; initiated action for a Big Brothers Association in Georgetown sponsored the local Rover crew, and served actively on the Georgetown Recreational Committee.

Town People Using Dump, 'Don't Want' Is Verdict

"You take nothing from nobody, not even their garbage" was the advice of Cr. Ken Marshall to John Harris, Esqueusing dump supervisor, Tuesday night when he complained of abusive language and threats.

Mr. Harris told Esqueusing council he had problems with Acton and Georgetown residents coming in and dumping garbage anywhere. "When I told one Georgetown man he wasn't supposed to use Esqueusing dump, he said he would dump it on the road," complained Mr. Harris, "and another Acton man became abusive and tried to rough me up" the five foot Mr. Harris added.

"Soon we'll be taking all the garbage from Acton, Georgetown, Streetsville, anywhere" said the Reeve. "Why do Georgetown people pay taxes to have their garbage picked up at the door and then haul it to our dump?" asked the Reeve.

Mr. Harris was told to call the police immediately when he has any trouble, "and council will stand behind you all the way," promised the Reeve.

"In the meantime, we'll discuss erecting a gate and locking the dump at certain hours," added the deputy Reeve.

ing he thought Esqueusing's letter had a great deal to do with the grant, since it set out explicitly the effect of the increase on various assessments.

RC Teachers Reject Salary Proposals

Council Plans Less Council Meetings, More Committees

Accustomed to weekly meetings for several years, Georgetown council will experiment with alternate Mondays in June.

At Tuesday's meeting councilors approved the change, which will commence with the June 2nd meeting.

At the same time, they decided to increase committee meetings, which at present are held on alternate Thursdays; to weekly meetings, when necessary.

"It's a step in the right direction," said Cr. Sandy Mackenzie. "We do a lot more work at committee meetings and this

will speed up council work."

"It should be pointed out that we won't be meeting any more in total than we do at present" said Cr. Smith, eyeing The Herald reporter who has been critical of increased meeting fees which council voted themselves this year.

"Well I wouldn't advise anyone to write The Herald a letter explaining this" joked Cr. Ric Morrow.

Part of a letter Mr. Morrow wrote when the council fees were increased was omitted when it was printed in The Herald.

Town's 8 1/2% Debentures Discounted \$4. on Sale

Don't Want Mink Farm Residents Protest

Mink on her back may be every woman's dream, but mink in her backyard, seemed to cause a furore among residents of No. 22 Sideroad, and Highway 7 area, near Limehouse.

George Mumby and Mrs. T. N. Anderson, representing neighbours of property presently up for sale told council they had heard would-be buyers wanted to establish a mink farm. They claimed the smell would be offensive to the nearby residents.

They emphasized they were not opposing the sale of the land by owner L. Hughes, only the use as a mink farm. The area owned by Mr. Hughes is 3.5 acres, and is behind the homes of the protesting neighbours.

In answer to a question about a by-law, Clerk K. C. Lindsay stated they could try a by-law under the public nuisance act, but didn't know if they could

The high cost of municipal financing was spotlighted Tuesday when council accepted a purchase offer from Bell, Gouinlock and Co., for a \$225,000 debenture issue for the hydro commission.

The 8 1/2% ten year debentures, brought a price of \$96. per hundred.

An indication of how things can change is that in the mid-forties, a 3% debenture issue for the town's sewage system sold at a premium.

"It's the most costly financing the town has ever done," said finance chairman Reeve Wm. F. Hunter "but if we don't take the offer now it could cost us even more."

The Bell, Gouinlock firm is one of the few which seems interested in handling municipal debentures today, and has purchased most of the town's issues in recent years.

The Clerk was authorized to prepare a by-law prohibiting a public nuisance.

Threaten Mass Resignations After Talks Break Down

Provincial negotiators will meet with the Halton County Separate School Board on May 29 and 30 in an effort to settle the dispute over 1969 salaries for the county's 320 Catholic teachers it was learned yesterday.

The county's Catholic teachers are contemplating mass resignation if the Halton Separate School Board remains adamant on its 1969 salary offer.

About 180 of the county's 320 Catholic teachers voted Thursday night in favour of rejecting the board's offer, and turned over salary negotiations to the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association.

Negotiations between the board and the teachers broke down recently when the teachers refused the board's offer.

They claimed salaries are not competitive with those of public school teachers in the county or with teachers in the separate school system elsewhere in Ontario.

A spokesman for the teachers today said the differences between the offered salaries and those being paid Halton's public school teachers are as great as \$400 to \$500, and as high as \$2,000 at the principal's level.

"We feel we are justified in

asking for comparable or at least competitive wages because we have to pay for the same services too in the same county," said the spokesman.

"We don't believe we are being dealt with justly in light of the fact that our own administration doesn't seem to be lacking," he said.

The teachers are seeking salaries ranging from a \$5200 starting rate for first year teachers to \$7,200 for a level one teacher with six years' experience.

Present starting rate for a first year teacher is \$4,800. The board has offered a salary of \$6,700 for a level one teacher with six years' experience.

Leno Braida, chairman of the board's negotiating committee, yesterday said: "I think the board's offer is reasonable and fair in view of the tight budget we have to work with."

He said that the majority of Catholic teachers are younger and less experienced than many public school teachers in the county, and therefore fall in the lower salary levels. "I think we're very competitive in the lower levels although we are lower in the higher levels," he said.

The board's offer is final, he added.

3000 Already Registered for Halton Kindergarten Classes

More than 3,000 children have been registered for admission in September to kindergarten in the county's elementary public schools.

In North Halton, children registering at Georgetown, Esqueving, Milton, Acton and Nassagaweya totalled 810.

In Burlington 1,381 are registered, while in Oakville the number was 949.

According to the Halton County Board of Education these figures represent only about 80 per cent of the number of children who will actually attend kindergarten in the fall.

The number will increase because of factors such as new residents moving into the area said a board official basing the projected enrolment on previous years' experience.

Registration took place in the public schools May 5.

Children eligible for kindergarten must be five years of age on or before the last day of February 1970.

Mock Wedding on Ice Novelty at Shower

Fifty members of the Georgetown Figure Skating Club held a shower at Cedarvale Community Centre for bride-to-be Gale Livingston, a club professional for the past several years. Miss Livingston is being married June 6 to Ted Verhagen.

The junior and intermediate skaters performed a mock wedding, with all participants, groom, bride, flower girl, and clergyman on skates.

Following the mock wedding, an oil painting, from club members, was presented by past president Tom Pettigling, while an electric sweeper was presented by Tony Corbett, from the club as a whole.

The decorations and refreshments were prepared by club members.

Hillsburgh To Boom Planning 167 Homes

A housing development planned to add 167 new homes in the village of Hillsburgh got underway yesterday when bulldozers went to work on the former Currie property.

Georgetown's P. A. Carney, Real Estate firm is exclusive sales agent for the subdivision and an initial 43 houses will be built by Tall Oaks Construction, A Georgetown firm, Glendevon Enterprises Ltd. is the developer.

The 64 acre property is serviced and there will be split level homes and bungalows, each with 1,100 square feet of space. They are being built on lots with 75 feet frontage and 125 foot depth.

Using steel studs, a recent development of Stelco, the houses will be priced at \$20,500 with 90% financing available.

Subsidy Downs Esqueusing Taxes But Georgetown Gets No Benefit

Provincial subsidies to help alleviate local tax increases by higher education costs will amount to \$368,592 for Halton County.

The figures were calculated by the Halton County Board of Education on the basis of the department of education's verbal approval of the Halton board's appeal to include towns which underwent reassessment in the new provincial grants.

Education Minister William Davis had earlier expressed doubt that municipalities which have undergone reassessment would qualify for the relief.

The final figures of requisition of funds from each municipality will be made after receipt of a written formula from the department next week, said Bruce Lindley, superintendent of business and finance.

Both Lindley and Education Director James Singleton expect little variation between the final figures and the ones released at the board's meeting last week.

Oakville's \$188,417, is applicable, at the public school level. Milton's share of \$2,201 is also applicable at the public school level only.

The cash saving to Milton homeowners would be insignificant because of a mill reduction of only a quarter-mill, said Lindley.

Acton will receive \$20,734 applicable at the secondary level. The town would have received the same amount under the original regulations as it did not undergo any appreciable reassessment, said Lindley.

Acton's average assessment is \$4,000. Homeowners would net a saving of between \$10 and \$15.

Esqueusing will receive \$97,548 — \$62,574 at the elementary and \$34,974 at the secondary level. The subsidy is equivalent to a reduction of about six mills, or savings of between \$50 and \$75.

Nassagaweya's share was \$61,062 applicable at the secondary level. The saving is between \$40 and \$50 for homes assessed at \$6,200.

Georgetown however will receive no subsidy.

Burlington is not eligible because its population is over 60,000. The subsidies apply only to municipalities with populations under 60,000.

Halton County qualified for the assistance because its 1969 costs per pupil per year are up only 6.5 per cent over the average cost in 1968.

The additional grants are given only when counties hold their 1969 expenditures per pupil to within 115 per cent of the average 1968 costs.

The assistance will be in the form of a payment to the Halton board but must be applied directly by the board to reduce the 1969 requisition of the specific municipality at the applicable level said Lindley.

Residents Would Curb Crossing Whistle Toots

Whistle-tooting is unpopular in the Check Line and 7th Line area, Esqueusing council learned Tuesday night, when solicitor Terry Baines presented a petition on behalf of 125 residents, asking council to take the necessary steps to have the whistle-tooting stopped.

"Only 6 or 8 of the names are from Georgetown, the rest are from Esqueusing," commented Clerk K. C. Lindsay.

T. Baines pointed out that the crossings were well protected with gates on the 7th Line and flashing lights on the Check Line. He reminded council the hospital was in the vicinity, and

the grants are not in the form of extra money for the boards to spend he pointed out. The 1969 total budget is not affected by the grants he said.

The intention of the provincial assistance is to limit the increase in the 1969 educational mill rate in any given municipality to a maximum of two provincially equalized mills (one public and one secondary) in excess of the greater of the 1967 or 1968 mill rate for education in that same municipality.

the whistle sounding could cause discomfort to the patients. "You must weigh the disturbances and nuisance value, against the warning the whistle represents," he added.

"Who is responsible if there is an accident, after the whistle is stopped," demanded the Reeve. "I think this petition should go directly to the Dept. of Transport," he stated.

"I'm given to understand the Department of Transport will do nothing unless the petition is endorsed by a municipality," replied the lawyer.

Council decided to take time to consider the petition.

Harrison Pupils Win Bicycle Road-ee Again

Harrison Public School pupils collected 536 points to successfully defend their bicycle riding title at the Georgetown Jaycees' annual bicycle road-ee Monday in Georgetown Park.

Individually it was Kevin Page of Harrison winning in the junior boy division; Marilyn Armstrong of Howard Wrigglesworth winning in the junior girl division; Dave Armstrong of Harrison, senior boys; and Ann Meal of Stewarttown school senior girls.

The road-ee is a series of tests to assess a bike riders' skill.

The riders, who were given 60 points for a perfect day, "scored remarkably high" according to one Jayces official.

Trophies will be presented at the annual Jayces awards banquet Tuesday.

The project chairman this year was Paul Atkinson.

Township Bonanza In Education Grant

Esqueusing's share of the cost of education in the county dropped by \$104,000 as a result of Education Minister Wm. Davis recently announced increased grants to municipalities. "This is about 6.25 mills," commented Clerk K.C. Lindsay, at Township council, Tuesday.

The clerk stated he had a call from B. T. Lindley, Finance Chairman of the Halton County Board of Education, say-



SHELL OUT IN MAY? — Guess who. If your answer is Guy Williams, the moustached actor who played Zorro for many years on television, you are wrong. Behind the mask is Fiona Sutherland, one of the many riding school pupils who took part in the costume competition at a gymkhana at the Herb Loosely farm, R. R. 3, Georgetown, last week.