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Set New Record, Now Make Indianapolis Bid

A wild orange Cougar driven by Walt Dixon of North Halton Motor Sales, and owned by Frank Valk also of town, established a new record at the Canadian-American National meet in Winnipeg, August 3.

The previous record in the 1/4 Stock automatic drag racing class was 13.17 seconds for 1/4 mile. The Valk-Dixon combination cut it to 13.15 seconds. Driver Dixon gives a big share of the credit to "a great mechanic," Dave Armstrong.

It's been a busy summer for three racing enthusiasts scoring wins at the New York State Spring National meet, and again at Cayuga and Quinle. So far this one topped them all.

Not content the intrepid threesome are heading for Indianapolis, Labour Day, to see if they can bring home the National Championship. It's the first year of racing for Frank and Dave, but the fifth for Walt.

HWY. CRASHES INJURE FOUR

Three Serious Accidents Within 33 Hours After Speed Limit Upped

Four persons were injured and \$5,000 in property damage resulted from three violent crashes on Guelph Street in the Georgetown Market area on the weekend.

Bonnie Turcott, and Helen Erwin, both of Toronto, suffered severe bruises to their legs and faces and were taken to hospital in a police cruiser.

The collisions, at the Mountainview and Sinclair intersections and at the plaza entrance were all within a stretch of road on which the speed limit had been raised early Friday afternoon from 30 to 40 miles per hour.

They were passengers in a car driven by Stephen Turcott, of Toronto which collided with a car driven by Elizabeth Lieder of 57 Raylawn Cres., as it started a left turn into the plaza at about 11.25 p.m.

Most spectacular of the three was one in which two 1966 Pontiacs came together at the Guelph-Sinclair corner sending the driver of one, Wilfred R. Bradbury of Fort Erie to hospital with fractured ribs, pelvis and right knee and abdominal injuries.

A 12 day old infant, John Pierre Dumont, was taken to hospital with unknown injuries Friday afternoon when a 1968 Olds driven by David R. Reynolds of R. R. 1, Georgetown, and a 1958 Chev driven by Mlle. Lisette Dumont of Acton met at the Guelph-Mountainview corner.

The Bradbury car was a total wreck. Police placed its damage at \$1800 and damage to the other car driven by Howard F. Martel of 4 Byron St. at \$1,000.

Constable Earl Andress placed damage at \$1200 to the Reynolds car and \$100 to the Dumont car.

The accident happened just shortly after Saturday midnight. The Bradbury car overturned and came to rest on a lawn at 257 Guelph St. The Martel car crossed to the opposite side of the highway after impact, coming to rest on the north shoulder.

Other accidents during the week brought the property damage total up to the \$6,000 mark.

A little over an hour earlier a 1965 Plymouth and '961 Olds collided on the same street at the plaza entrance doing \$850 in property damage and sending two women to hospital.

Cars driven by John Henry Dafee of Orangeville and Malcolm Clark of Delmar Blvd. collided on Maple Ave. East near Delcraft Mfg. Co. Friday morning doing \$650 damage.

Constable Charlie Harrison investigated.

And Tuesday morning a transport truck driven by Jack Jardine of Kitchener and owned by Kingsway Transport, and a 1969 Chev van driven by Raymond Mills of 92 McIntyre Crescent, owned by Georgetown Water Commission, collided in front of the high school on Guelph Street resulting in \$275 in property damage.

Consultants to Seek Solution for Flooding

An answer to flooding problems which have twice caused damage to a number of east end residences is being sought by council.

happy to see that council is taking action. She said all area residents are concerned, whether they suffered damage or not, and will appreciate any action which can be taken.

Monday they engaged engineering consultants Phillips & Roberts to study the problem.

"It's no consolation, I know," said Mayor Emmerson. "But engineers have told us that one storm would be a once in fifty years occurrence and another once in 25 years. It's a sad coincidence that they came so close together."

Two heavy downpours in the past month flooded basements in several homes, resulting in a number of damage claims which have been submitted to the town's insurance firm. Nine more letters were forwarded last week added to almost fifty a few weeks ago.

He assured Mrs. Smith that everything possible will be done to avoid future flooding.

Mrs. M. Smith, 32 Weber Dr., spoke at Monday's meeting, representing a number of area residents, and said she was

Cr. Sandy Mackenzie termed it a complex problem which affects three areas — Weber-Delrex, John Street E., and Shelley Street.

Complains Rosslake Flying School Noisy, Dangerous

In a letter from Dr. E. W. Brown read at Esqueving council Monday night, Rosslake flying field was termed both noisy and dangerous. He claimed seasoned pilots considered that field dangerous, and insisted it was impossible to carry on a conversation in normal tones when the planes were in the vicinity.

"You can't operate a year round camp without a license," stated the reeve.

Dr. Brown stated he and some neighbours had spoken to Darcy McKeough, Minister of Municipal Affairs, who told them it was the responsibility of the local council. He also promised action to have his assessment reduced if the flying field continues to operate.

"But I have a license," replied Mrs. Wood showing one from the Department of Tourism and Information.

In conclusion he pointed out that a copy of the letter had been sent to Rud Whiting, MP for Halton.

"They can't issue licenses in our township," commented the reeve. "This is for a summer tourist camp," he stated after looking at it, "but no-one can give you a license for a permanent year round camp in our township because there's a by-law prohibiting them."

Reeve George Currie said a neighbour of Dr. Brown's, Alton Breckon, claimed a plane had landed 25 feet within his fence line, but had taken off again, leaving only the tracks.

"These people have no place to go," said Mrs. Wood. "How would you like it if you had no place to go. 'I'd have a place to go," replied the reeve amid the laughter of the council.

The deputy clerk, Delmar French, then read two letters from the Department of Transport stating that all flying fields are under the jurisdiction of the federal government.

"Sorry, no" was the official answer ending the discussion.

Copies of these letters will be sent to Dr. Brown.

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At present they operate a summer tourist camp.

The argument became heated when Mrs. Wood asked how the trailer camp in Norval operated if there was a by-law prohibiting trailer camps in the township.

The reeve retorted, "That camp was there long before the bylaw, in fact before we were born."

"We're getting a bit canny about road closings," remarked the reeve. "Somebody wants one closed every meeting, and it's always for straight gain." He pointed out this was a township road running to Fairy Lake.

"They sure should" commented deputy reeve Tom Hill, "Especially after all the money they spent dredging it."

Council vetoed the road closing with only Cr. Ken Marshall in favour.



Walt Dixon with Cougar in which he established new class stock dragging record.

\$25,000 Parking Project First Step in Downtown Improvement

Property owners and merchants in the downtown commercial area will be polled and asked to share in a plan which would improve the present free parking area behind one business block, plan future parking in other downtown locations, and provide a master plan of suggested improvements to Main Street and its store fronts.

The committee considers improved parking as first priority. Mr. Mackenzie outlined an improvement plan for the present large municipal parking area which runs behind the block bounded by Halton & Peel Trust Co. and the McGibbon Hotel. The land, though privately owned, is under long term lease.

At a cost of no more than \$25,000, this could be hard surfaced, marked and lighted, he said, if property owners who will benefit will agree to pay the cost. This would be on a five year basis, added to the tax bill and based on assessment. Yearly cost would be from \$50 upwards, depending on a building's assessment.

Later phases to be decided would be parking facilities in three other downtown locations.

Approval of a plan presented at a Chamber of Commerce meeting last Wednesday, was expressed by a majority of about 25 downtown businesses represented at the meeting held at North Halton Golf & Country Club.

They heard Toronto architect Paul Martel suggest street and building improvements, illustrated with slides. Tree planting in the Main Street islands, banners and harmonizing colour schemes for store fronts, elimination of numerous hanging signs, were among his comments.

He had spoken at an earlier meeting this year, at which a committee was chosen to prepare a report.

Chairman Ernie Sykes, who with Charlie Crines, Bud Buckwald, Sandy Mackenzie and Tracey Barrage composed the committee, spoke of the need for improvements to meet competition from district shopping plazas.

Midnight Fire Razes 7th Line Bessey Barn

A large empty barn on the former Harry Bessey farm on the 7th Line of Esqueving became south of Stewarttown became number seven in the steadily growing list of barn razings when it burned to the ground late Tuesday night. The red glow in the midnight sky was visible for several miles.

The reflection from the flames had turned his yard a bright red. The big, 80' x 50' barn contained only a small quantity of hay and straw and a small tractor belonging to Mr. Bessey.

A north wind carried sparks over the Mileham barn presenting a second threat but nothing came of it.

Origin of the fire is unknown. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bessey were asleep when it started and weren't aware of the flames until awakened by the approaching Georgetown Fire Department trucks.

The barn and most of the rest of the farm is owned by a Mr. Codispotti of Italy. He bought it in March from a syndicate which purchased it from Mr. Bessey last December.

The Bessey barn was built in the 1870's Mr. Bessey said. Mrs. Bessey stayed in the farmhouse during the blaze so she wouldn't have to watch. "The barn wasn't ours any more but when you've worked in and around a place that long you still hate to see it going up in smoke," said her husband who has farmed there for 42 years.

Mr. Bessey told The Herald he looked out the window when he heard the sirens to discover

Some of the first to arrive on the scene pushed Mr. Bessey's car and another tractor out of the shed and away from the heat.

Firemen stayed at the scene until 3 a.m. almost a full four hours after a neighbouring farmer, Sam Mileham happened to glance out his window to see flames licking from one end of the Bessey barn.

Council Unhappy, Dispute Apartment Veto by OMB

Planned construction of two 44-suite apartments at Mountainview Road South has been vetoed by the Ontario Municipal Board.

be suitable for multiple family use perhaps row housing at less density than the apartments. However, in view of strong opposition by residents, it was refusing the application.

"An assinine ruling" Cr. Ern Hyde termed the decision. "The OMB has washed out two years of work by our planning board, and the decision is exactly opposite to that of the Dept. of Municipal Affairs."

And according to comment at Monday's council meeting, this puts the town's new official plan in jeopardy. The plan, just approved by the Dept. of Municipal Affairs, designates this as a high density residential area. Until now, the land, abutting Mountainview has been reserved for commercial purposes.

"We might as well have no planning board if this sort of thing is going to happen" commented Cr. Harry Levy.

"You see the power of the OMB" said Mayor Emmerson. "We look to the DMA for guidance. Now I wonder who's running who."

Aler Investments, owner of the two acre site, was opposed in its apartment plan by a number of residents who wished the land to remain in its commercial designation. A majority of council and planning board members supported the Aler plan.

Council voted to write both government agencies, asking that the ruling be reconsidered and pointing out that the town's official plan is now in jeopardy.

That the inflationary spiral is still going upwards was indicated Monday when council received a letter from a bond firm, indicating it would be interested in handling a possible Georgetown debenture issue of \$206,000 for road improvements.

Bell, Guinlock, which has purchased several previous debenture issues, offered \$96 per hundred dollars face value for \$78. Year issue with interest at 9%.

Would Pay \$96. For Town's 9% Bonds

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Campers Roast Corn Dub Selves 'Fireflies'

Campers by tradition love to sit around an evening campfire. They are also nomadic creatures tending to flit from park to park, their appetite for new surroundings and frequent changes of scenery forever putting them back on the road for places unknown.

Georgetown campers, members of the local Canadian Family Campers Federation affiliate, put those two traits together and came up with 'Fireflies' for their club moniker Saturday when they gathered at the home of member Bob Crawford, Norval, for a corn roast.

The corn roast, the first official outing for the club since it came into being earlier this summer, gave the campers a chance to inspect Pine Valley Campsite, Mr. Crawford's camp park project under development on adjacent land.

Tramping the site gave the 11 families, including 33 children, a sufficient appetite to consume 15 doz. cobs of corn. The cups of cold drinks and coffee went down uncoucted.

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After picking a name for themselves the campers rounded out the evening by by singing campfire songs led by John Booth.

Georgetown Fireflies will be well represented at the CFCF National Convention at Innisfil Park this weekend, but their season won't end there. A club campout has been planned for the weekend of September 13 at Credivale Park near Terra Cotta.

Delays in construction have held up the large addition which is currently being built, but principal, Howard Allan hopes the staggered classes can be dropped after a month.

The increased enrolment, from 313 in June to 415 registered at the moment, makes the shifts necessary.

As a rule, some unexpected students show up every registration day. The number of teachers has increased also from 11 to 20.

81.4% Pass in Summer School

The overall passing rate at Halton County summer school this year was 81.4 per cent, O. A. Gilmore, superintendent of Instruction for the Halton County Board of Education told board of trustees last week.

He said the total number of subject registrations was 681, which reflected approximately 460 students.

Analysis of the exact number of students and other aspects of summer school has not yet been completed and will be presented at the next board meeting, he said.

Results were mailed to the students' schools on Monday, he said.



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