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"BIGGEST DELEGATION" DRAWN TO ESQUESING'S DRAG MEETING

Esquesing Council chamber was jammed Friday night with drag strip supporters and opponents on hand to hear Esquesing council make their decision on the controversial proposal. Reeve George Currie called it "the biggest delegation I've seen in 43 years."

Slippery Roads, New Traffic Lights Cause Rash of Accidents

New traffic control lights at the Guelph Street - Mountainview Road corner went into operation Friday. By late Saturday afternoon they had contributed three accidents to an unusually high number of collisions in Georgetown this week. At press time the total had risen to over 20, only three of which resulted in damage of less than \$100.

Only one of the three accidents at the new lights involved injury.

Michael Bolden of 163 Mountainview Road suffered a bump and scrape on his head, and Ed McMullen of R.R. 5, Georgetown complained of a sore neck the result of a crash there at 3:20 p.m. Saturday.

They were the drivers in the two car collision which did \$1,200 damage to McMullen's car, and \$2,000 damage to Bolden's.

Seven hundred dollars damage was done to a car driven by Johannes Bevaart of 23 Arletta Street and \$300 to a car driven by Frank Pfingstl, 42 Duncan Dr., in a collision there Saturday morning.

The third accident at the

new lights Saturday involved cars driven by Kevin Clarke of Limehouse and Ivan Leitch of Port Credit. Damage was \$80 and \$600 respectively.

Three accidents were investigated Sunday. At 2:03 a.m. cars operated by Peter Pomeroy of Norval and Michael Gierert of Terra Cotta met at the John Street-Mountainview corner doing \$1,000 damage.

A car driven by Robert Marshall of 28 Joycelyn Crescent received \$75 damage and one driven by Wheldon Singer of Willowdale \$100 damage in a rear end collision on Main St. S.

The same day Guelph Street at the IGA parking lot entrance was the scene of an accident in which cars driven by Margaret Richardson of 81 Norton Cres., and Robert Paul Reid of Glen Williams collided. Damage totalled \$400.

There were two other accidents Saturday besides the ones at the new lights. Cyril Clarke 34 Ewing St., had \$700 damage to the front end of his car when it hit a parked car opposite No. 43 Maple Ave. \$1200 dam-

age was the estimated damage to the parked vehicle belonging to an Orillia man Peter Henry Edwards.

On Ontario Street just west of Hyland Drive an unidentified car travelling west in the east-bound lane sideswiped a car driven by Walter Kux of RR 1 Georgetown doing \$450 damage to the Kux vehicle. The other driver didn't stop.

Friday was the busiest day for police who investigated five accidents. The drivers were Reginald Laws, 45 Churchill Crescent, and Andre Lamour, 9 Langstone in a collision at the Smith & Stone parking lot on Ontario St. which resulted in \$500 damage.

Herbert Wild, 71 Main St. N., and William Elliott 20 Main Street, Acton, collided on Guelph Street at the Georgetown plaza causing \$500 damage.

Jean Claude Duguay of RR 3 Georgetown and George Mann 14 Gibbons Place collided at Guelph and John St. which did \$200 damage to the Mann car and none to the other.

A large plate glass window

at the front of the Dairy Queen will cost \$300 to replace. It was broken Friday when a car operated by Barbara McEachern, 14 River St. crept ahead hitting the bottom of the window.

On the Station Hotel parking lot cars operated by John Elliott, of 48 Hewson Crescent and a cab driven by Lucien Verschuere, 32 Byron Street, came together doing \$270 damage.

Thursday saw three collisions. Fred Johnson, 14 Churchill Crescent, and Freeman Rye of 103 Moore Park Crescent, were the drivers in a \$600 accident at the corner of James Street and Churchill Crescent.

At Queen and McNabb St. Ken Richardson, 8 Durham St. and Garry Dicks 10 Langstone Cres., were the drivers in an accident just after the noon hour. Damage here was over \$400.

Cars driven by Ken Lindsay, 11 Ewing Street, and Vaughan Thomsen, 75 Main St. N. collided at the corner of Main and Mill, downtown in the afternoon adding another \$600 to the toll.

An accident Wednesday afternoon Jan. 21, did \$75 to a car driven by Blayne Hillock, 1 King St., and \$200 to a parked car belonging to Marlinus E. Wintjes, 326 Delrex Blvd. This one happened in front of 266 Delrex.

Monday night, Jan. 19, Cyril Clarke 34 Ewing Street and Allan Docherty, 91 Moore Park Crescent, were both making left turns at the Main-Ewing Streets corner when they hit doing \$275 damage.

IT'S GREEN LIGHT FOR THE DRAGS

Rosslake Airport Axed 'Bolt from Blue' Owner

A complete shutdown of Rosslake airstrip goes into effect March 1st, according to a letter received by owner Joe Ross, from the Dept. of Transport. "It came as a bolt from the blue" said Joe "with no warning at all."

The Department of Transport claimed the area had become a built-up area, with new houses around and two new ones under construction. They pointed out that the whole side of the airport along the 5th Line was now settled, and as a built-up area contravened the intent of the air regulations. The directive stated "no landings, take-offs, or flying lower than 1,000 feet after March 1st. The 1000 feet regulation applies to all built-up areas.

"If this regulation applies here" stated the owner, "why doesn't it apply to airports all over Ontario, like Guelph, where the houses come right up to the runway" he demanded. He cited an earlier letter from D.O.T. giving the green light to proceed.

HOPE FOR '70 START

Seeking Five Acres for Retarded Adults Home

A start on a home for retarded adults is the major aim for the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded according to newly elected president James Langedyk.

Mr. Langedyk was named to the presidency when the Association held their annual meeting in the Sunshine School for Retarded Children on the 7th Line of Esquesing recently.

He said the Association is looking for five acres near Milton, Acton, or Georgetown for the home. Construction will start when the project receives the okay from the Ontario Department of Welfare and a site is found.

Mr. Langedyk said the county is sadly lacking in accommodation for retarded adults many of whom now live alone.

SADLY LACKING

Ralph Barton of Georgetown is past president of the Association. Bin Cannon of Milton is first vice president, Jake Kuiken of Acton is second vice president, Joyce Barton of Georgetown is treasurer, Olive Nye of Milton is recording sec-

Opponents Will Seek Injunction To Halt Esquesing Dragway

With 75 ratepayers sporting red "No Drag" badges, as on-lookers, Esquesing council okayed the building permit for the control tower at the Golden Horseshoe Dragway, lot 29, concession 6, north of Highway No. 7.

The recorded vote showed four in favour and one opposed. Only Cr. Russell Miller opposed the permit while Reeve

Currie, Deputy-reeve Hill and Crs. Leslie and Marshall favoured it. The vote came after three hours of argument Friday night at a special meeting called to discuss only the dragway.

Immediately following the vote, Charles Hildebrandt, R. 1 Georgetown, told the press, a committee would be (continued on Page 6)

HONOUR RETIRING PRESIDENT Arts, Crafts Sale Crowd Topped 1000 Second Time

Expressing appreciation of members for her work for the organization, Mrs. H. Bessem was presented with a gift as she retired as president of the Arts & Crafts of Georgetown on January 15. Mrs. Thomas Beer, the new president made the presentation. The meeting was held at her home.

Mrs. Cyril Bradford reported that for a second year, over one thousand people attended the exhibition and sale at the Riviera Club, Norval.

Date for this year's sale and exhibition at the Riviera was set for Saturday, October 17.

EXECUTIVE

Serving with Mrs. Beer on the 170 executive are Mrs. Leslie Clark, vice president; Mrs. Harry Clarke, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Cyril Bradford, treasurer; Mrs. Irene Ironside, recording secretary; Mrs. George Ironside, publicity; Miss Wilma Stull, Mrs. Charles Fogal, lunch; Mrs. John Glynn, admissions.

YEAR'S TALK

During the year, speakers at meetings included Mrs. Jack Crichton, millinery; Gordon Barnes, of the Ontario Craft Foundation, Toronto; Mrs. Verena Johnston from Cape Croker, now living in Toronto, speaking on Indian culture and crafts and Mrs. Thomas Beer on brass rubbings, a craft which she learned during a year's stay in England. A bus trip to Toronto in June included a visit to the planetarium and museum.

CHAIRMAN

Committee chairmen are Bill Treahy of Georgetown, adult service; Mrs. Langedyk, finance; Syd Dance of Milton, property; Mrs. J. Kuiken, home care; Mrs. Leo Close, of Milton, program; Bin Cannon, residential care; Mrs. Boyd Hart of Georgetown research; Mrs. Peggy Treahy of Georgetown public relations; Mrs. Cannon, membership; Mrs. W. Isham, Esquesing, bulletins; Miss Shawna McCoy of Milton recreation; Ray Banner Milton campaign; and Mrs. Syd Dance of Milton, scrap book.

KEEP THEM COMING

Recent Herald's have shown an upswing in Mail Bag letters. The Herald is always pleased to print them, reserving, of course, the right to edit copy which we deem to be libelous or in poor taste.

Opinions on topical questions are welcomed. Keep them coming.

DON GOSLING

Don Gosling, arena manager, attended the first of two meetings held this year. He discussed arena affairs and acquainted members with its operation.

At a second meeting Mrs. Florence Bell, town treasurer, explained the method of financing the new board.

Former secretary of Cedarvale Board, Mrs. Elsie Hamilton was appointed secretary of this board.

OUTDOOR RINK

It was decided certain times should be set aside at the Cedarvale outdoor skating rink for skating only, with no hockey allowed. The schedule leaves Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, from 6:30 to 8, Saturday from 10 to 4 and Sunday from 12 to 3 for the skaters.

Enforcing this ruling will be an eight boy patrol with yellow identifying arm bands. The volunteer patrol consists of Jim Rea, Dave McNeilly, Dale Hopkins, Bob Lyons, John Pentland, Gary Lafor, Doug Spittal and Scott Douglas.

Anyone wishing to rent space at Cedarvale, or to address the Recreation Committee, should contact Elsie Hamilton at the Cedarvale office, 877-9468 or by mail at P.O. Box 62, Georgetown.

VALENTINE'S DAY NEXT

Only one more week and it's time to remember your Valentine again. Watch next week's Herald for suitable gift suggestions for your best gift, be it wife, mother or sweetheart.

22 Below Coldest in 22 Years

Georgetown shivered in the coldest temperature to grip the town in 22 years Friday night when the mercury dove to 22 degrees below zero. Weather watcher Roger Smith, 9 Guelph Street, who recorded the mercury's plunge told The Herald it was the coldest since March 5, 1948.

The thermometer read 22 below one other time during the intervening years, but never colder.

-19 LOWEST

Records of Georgetown's weather, which go back to 1914, list the lowest reading ever as 29 below zero. That was in early 1925.

Four record lows for the day have been recorded in Georgetown this month.

Date	Temp	Old Record
2nd	-10	-9 1922
19th	-13	-11 1920
21st	-15	-7 1943
24th	-22	-14 1963

Roger Smith said that the mean temperature for the month has been about nine degrees. If it stays below 10.6 this will be Georgetown's coldest January since 1920.



IVAN CRABTREE Named Chairman

REGULATE RINK USE CRABTREE FIRST CHAIRMAN FOR NEW RECREATION BOARD

Ivan Crabtree, long time member of the arena board was elected chairman of the newly-formed Georgetown Recreation Committee and Board of Parks Management.

The other members of the committee are vice chairman Allan R. Drake, William Fisher, Lyn McLaren, Robert Lane, and Crs. Donna Denison and Harry Levy.

WIDENING THE GAP

'Grade' System is Doomed Board Members are Concerned

The term 'grade' should be eliminated entirely from the secondary schools system in Ontario within the next five years and it worries a few Halton board of education members.

James Singleton director of education said in reply to a query from H. B. Clohocy, separate school representatives, that when Education Minister William Davis recommended the move from the 9-12 grading system to a credit system for secondary schools, it was suggested the word 'grade' would disappear.

FIVE YEARS

Singleton said students progress through various levels in complex courses and the term grade could disappear within five years.

The matter of reporting progress to parents troubled Clohocy. R. K. Self, superintendent of program explained that the reports reflects the student's timetable, based on his progress in acquiring the minimum 27 credits needed to graduate. The report would be interpreted in terms of the number of credits attained, he said.

RELUCTANT

William Priestner, vice chairman, suggested the board should conduct a study and initiate a pilot project by December in reducing the secondary

school program from five to four years.

However, D. S. Lawless, assistant director of education, reminded the board that students still must be prepared for post-secondary education and most universities are still reluctant to accept students after 4 years of high school.

NOT UNDERSTOOD

R. E. Goodine, said that the

whole non-graded system is not understood by parents and is widening the gap between students, parents and school.

The discussion came up during a review of a report 'Aims and Objectives - 1970' which the board has been studying for two weeks. The board will give additional consideration and final approval to the report at its next session.

Nominating Meeting, IODE Plans Election of Officers

Nominations for 1970 officers were received when members of Countess of Strathmore Chapter, IODE, held their January meeting at the home of Mrs. John T. Armstrong, 23 Parkview Blvd. Mrs. William Carr, Mrs. William Hamilton and Mrs. James Linton convened the nominating committee.

A letter of thanks was read from James Stevens, now attending Lakehead University in appreciation of the special award which he received at the high school commencement. A letter of thanks was also read from the regent, Mrs. Kelth Barber, expressing thanks to the Chapter for carrying on in her absence through illness.

letter of resignation was received from Mrs. Ed. Hall.

SOCKS FOR KOREA

A report on the Christmas card project from Mrs. Garfield McGillivray and Mrs. Ivan Hay showed a substantial sum raised. Mrs. James Evans, education secretary, made a brief report. A discussion took place about IODE calendars which are placed each year in C.orge-town's elementary schools.

Services home and abroad secretary Mrs. Armstrong made a plea for more knitted socks for Korea, and also knitted baby vests. A donation was made for purchase of more wool.

Mrs. R. Jones, Mrs. R. Barber and Mrs. W. McDonald assisted with lunch.



CUBS GET A KICK OUT OF DO-IT-YOURSELF CURLING KIT

Cub David Herrington sets his eye on an imaginary "stone" as he tests his do-it-yourself curling rock at a Georgetown District Cub Conference in Norval. Making the curling stones out of large liquid bleach bottles was one of several projects completed by the boys during their Saturday afternoon session. One of David's mates, at left, is getting tired of waiting for the shot.