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HAIL QUEEN ELLEN

Ellen Duncan caresses the traditional dozen roses as she sits on her throne in the G.D.H.S. auditorium after being chosen this year's Snow Queen.

Rotarians Seek \$2,800 For Crippled Children

Georgetown Easter Seal Campaign has a local objective of \$2,800 it was announced this week by The Rotary Club's campaign chairman Jim Randell.

The campaign run in conjunction with the Ontario Society for Crippled Children, continues until Easter Sunday, March 29.

MAILINGS

Mr. Randell said that 5,500 mailings have been sent to local homes and industry. These mailings, he noted, included a pre-paid pink return envelope for the convenience of the donor.

"However," noted Mr. Randell, "we also suggest that persons contributing to the campaign can assist even further, if they supply their own stamps for these envelopes. Such a gesture means only pennies to the individual, but many, many thousands of additional dollars to the Society. These dollars directly benefit the crippled child."

The province-wide campaign objective is \$1,600,000.

HALF HERE

Half of the funds raised in the Easter Seal campaign by the Rotarians are retained by the club for the direct assistance of local needy handicapped children. The balance is given to the Ontario Society for Crippled Children to enable it to continue its Ontario wide rehabilitation and treatment programs for the more than 14,000 crippled youngsters in the province.

Needed for Sewer Line Property Offer \$35,000

On Monday, Georgetown council upped its offer to Guy Rodgers for purchase of his welding shop property on Guelph Street.

The town is acquiring the land as part of a major sewer reconstruction project, on a line which runs through the river valley. Two weeks ago council made a \$30,000 offer for the property.

TEAR DOWN

A stipulation in the purchase would be that Mr. Rodgers can hold his building for a year, with payment of a \$335 rental charge. After that the town can give sixty days notice to vacate, with transfer to be definite by April 30, 1972.

The building will be torn down. Crs. Ric Morrow and Donna Denison opposed the purchase, as they had two weeks ago.

Supermarket Survey

Shoppers Start Swing to Soap, Detergent Sales Slip

Georgetown women seem to be more aware of the dangers of pollution than their sisters in other areas according to reports published elsewhere.

The Herald talked to managers of most local stores who with one exception, said the sale of low phosphate detergents and soap flakes had shown a marked increase since the release of the Pollution Probe findings on the phosphate content of washing products.

SOAP FLAKES

A & P assistant manager, Jeff Agnew, stated the low phosphate detergents and soap flakes had sold fantastically well in the last week with the sale of washing soda also jumping ahead. He cited "Wisk" as an outstanding example, saying more "Wisk" had moved off the shelves in one week than in the previous month. "Wisk" is second to last in the list made up by Pollution Probe showing 10.5% phosphate content, as opposed to 52.5% in the detergent heading the list.

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Ken Stafford manager of Loblaw's said there was a noticeable increase in sales of low phosphate detergents with an emphatic upswing

in soap flake sales. He pointed out that in Georgetown's water it was advisable to add washing soda when using soap flakes.

PICKED UP

At the IGA Bob Caldwell said the sales of soap flakes and low phosphate detergents had picked up particularly in the last week. "It is not a huge increase" he added. The only store reporting no difference in sales was the Superior Store where manager Ken Allan reported no change in buying habits.

Georgetown-Acton Union Plans Gone

The Georgetown-Acton union, an original concept of the upcoming amalgamation of Halton and Peel counties in a regional government, has been dropped.

Darcy McKeough, minister of municipal affairs, detailed the latest developments when he met with Georgetown council Monday afternoon.

The latest plan puts Georgetown and a surrounding part of Esquesing into one unit. Acton and Nassagaweya would also combine as a unit.

26 MEMBERS

The regional government would have 26 members, thirteen elected in Halton and 13 in Peel. Georgetown, Milton and Acton would each elect two members (Oakville 3 and Burlington 4).

Georgetown politicians, while expressing general approval of the new plan, would be happier still if Georgetown had three councillors. They point out that Acton-Nassagaweya, a much smaller area, has equal voting power.

LOCAL COUNCIL

Mr. McKeough suggests that the Georgetown-Esquesing local council might be a ten-member group. The whole area would elect a mayor, and it could be a local decision whether voters would elect councillors on a ward or general vote basis.

He told council that he will be making a public statement in April, whether regional government will come into being next January or whether it will be a year later.

And he promised another meeting with council before the regional plan is finalized.

Whiting Urges Credit Card 'e Restricted

Halton MP Rud Whiting this week called for curtailed use of consumer credit cards, because they are inflationary.

Speaking in the House of Commons, Whiting asked finance minister Edgar Benson if the government had asked banks and other companies issuing credit cards to "curb their use as inflationary emergency measures."

Benson denied he had made such a request, but promised to inquire whether the Department of Consumers and Corporation Affairs and the Prices and Incomes Commission had done so.

RIDICULOUS

"I don't believe the banks and others should be pushing easy credit through the use of their credit card plans at this time," said Whiting. "I believe as do many others, these credit cards are a source of support for inflation, and I believe their use must be curbed."

The Halton MP said: "It seems ridiculous that the banks justify tight money and high interest rates as a means of beating inflation while at the same time they distribute and sponsor easy credit programs through the use of credit cards."

SMITH & STONE, UAW BREAK OFF TALKS

At GDHS 22 Years Baxter Retires

A member of the Georgetown District High School staff for the past 22 years, vice principal Alexander McLaren Baxter will retire at the end of the current term.

His resignation was accepted by the Halton County Board of Education, Thursday.

Mr. Baxter taught science here from 1948 to 1957 when he became vice principal under J. L. Lambert. He has since served as vice principal to Donald P. Turner and Michael Furlong.

Prior to his years here he taught for two years in Alton and 11 years in Manitoba.

As well as being a vice principal at Georgetown District High School he also serves as principal of the GDHS night school.

GRADUATES X-RAY COURSE



ELEANOR GEDCKE

Miss Eleanor Gedcke has joined the staff of Kitchener-Waterloo hospital, following graduation there as an X-ray technician.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Gedcke, R. R. 1, Georgetown, she enrolled in her course in Kitchener following graduation from Georgetown District High School.

Midnight Wednesday Zero Hour As Extended Contract Expires

The UAW and Smith & Stone Limited have reached an impasse in their contract negotiations. As The Herald goes to press it appears operations at the local plant will come to a halt at midnight Wednesday (last night).

But local officials aren't calling it a strike. Local president Harry Dewhurst in a press release late Tuesday afternoon said the UAW's contract with Smith & Stone expires at midnight Wednesday, March 4.

"We do not work without a contract," he said. A release from the company's director of personnel, Bruce M. Anderson, on Tuesday said that talks ended on that day and no further meetings had been scheduled.

TALKS ENDED

The Smith and Stone press

release said that Friday, March 6 had been set as the strike deadline.

Negotiations between the company and union started October 5 and the collective agreement between the parties expired November 13 according to Anderson.

OFFER PACKAGE

Both the conciliation and mediation services of the Ontario Department of Labour were made available to the parties to assist in attempts to reach a settlement.

Anderson said the company is seeking a three year agreement and has offered a package for a three year period which includes:

1. Wage increases ranging from 17c to 32c per hour for day workers in the first year, an average of 16c per hour for

incentive workers in the first year, and further increases of 7c per hour in each of the second and third years for day work and incentive employees. Skilled trades employees will receive 35c per hour at date of signing and 20c per hour in each of the second and third years.

2. A cost of living allowance equal to 4c per hour in each of the second and third years of the agreement.

3. A Company paid pension plan which would provide an employee with a pension of \$5.00 per month multiplied by years of future service commencing in 1970 (pension for service prior to 1970 is provided under a previous plan.)

4. Improved fringe benefits including one additional holiday in 1971 and increased shift premium payments.

STEAMER IN NORTH BAY

Snowmobile Bogs, Mayor Settles for Official

Mayor "Steamer" Emmerson didn't take part in the Mayor's and Reeves Snowmobile Race at North Bay on the week-end after all. The machine he planned to use broke down before the race began. However, he acted as an official for the race and was presented with an in-car heater for his efforts.

The North Bay Winter Carnival attracted thousands for its three days of festivities, with pancake breakfast, fur trappers' ball, beans served and cooked on tripods on the street, ice sculptures, skating races and snowmobile races. Governor General Roland Michener officially opened the carnival, which was also attended by the mayor and council of Colorado Springs, flown up in Norad planes. In the Norad system North Bay and Colorado are twin cities.

GIFTS FROM COATING MILLS

The normally conservative bank was turned into the longest bar in the north, with an orchestra included.

An eight man team from the MotoSki Co. drove their snowmobiles all the way from Cornwall to North Bay to take part in the event.

Mayor Emmerson presented Mayor Dickerson of North Bay with a package of fine paper stationery from Dumtar, and the chairman of the event, a similar package from Abitibi Provincial.

By a coincidence Mayor Emmerson found Charlie Wall, a former Georgetown resident whom he had tried to locate on the 30th anniversary of the Little NHL since Charlie was one of the original team. While the mayor could not contact him, he found out Charlie Wall is now a doctor in North Bay.

The present incentive rates, including cost of living, average \$2.20 per hour for females and \$2.00 per hour for male employees. Day work rates, including cost of living, range from \$1.95 per hour to \$2.57 per hour and Skilled Trades rates from \$2.60 per hour to \$3.46 per hour including cost of living.

NOT ACCEPTABLE

Smith and Stone has told local negotiators that the package offer is a "maximum position" and is based on "the company's financial situation" coupled with "the highly competitive business environment."

Dewhurst told The Herald that the offer is not acceptable to the UAW.

The union represents some 360 employees at Smith & Stone which manufactures electrical wiring devices, plastic housewares and porcelain products.

A strike there in 1964 lasted from mid April to the end of May. Immediately following settlement, plant employees petitioned to change horses from United Mine Workers of America to the United Auto, Aerospace, Agriculture Implement Workers of America (UAW).

JUDGES' PROBLEM



Choosing a Snow Queen from this bevy of lovelies posed lighter Georgetown high school's winter carnival last week. From left are Sue Carlo, Debbie Young, Ellen Duncan, Lisa Giffel, Ann-Marie McCarthy, Pat Bryan, Merg Louenberge

A HIGH SCHOOL BOUQUET

blem for Judges at the Snow Queen dance which high school's winter carnival last week. From left are Sue Carlo, Debbie Young, Ellen Duncan, Lisa Giffel, Ann-Marie McCarthy, Pat Bryan, Merg Louenberge

'Not Profitable' Would Cancel Commuter Train

A move to cancel train service used by a large number of Georgetown people employed in Toronto, has been made by Canadian National Railways.

The CNR, claiming that it has lost close to \$150,000 yearly on trains No. 936 and 987, wants to discontinue these runs.

This Toronto - Guelph run, leaves Georgetown station at 7:02 a.m. to arrive in Toronto at 8 a.m. And it brings returning passengers from the city, leaving Union Station at 5:25 to arrive in Georgetown at 6:18 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Canadian Transport association has called a public hearing on the application for Wellington County Courthouse, Guelph, commencing on April 8th.

Proposed cancellation of trains 671 and 672 on the Toronto - Palmerston run, would also have an effect on Georgetown. This is a morning and evening run which picks up city-bound passengers here at 10:14 a.m. and Palmerston-bound traffic at 6:40 p.m.

Service to Owen Sound, Southampton, Kincardine and Carleton Place is also included in the proposal.

THREE TRAINS

If the railway's application is successful, it would leave Georgetown with three trains daily each way.

City bound passengers would have a choice of leaving here at 8:03 a.m., 3:00 p.m. and 10:18 p.m.

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