



WOW - A NOT SO MAD PROFESSOR

Don't let his appearance fool you. Professor Wow isn't so mad that he doesn't know a superior piece of popcorn when he pops one. He's the inventor of an atomic popcorn machine that steals some of the limelight from the live performers in Georgetown Little Theatre's Christmas play "Once Upon a Time."

No Approval, Could Still Share Fire Arrangement

Esquing township has not yet received approval from the Ontario Municipal Board to go ahead with its firehall, to serve Esquing Fire Area No. 1.

Monday, Cr. Russell Miller said he felt Georgetown should be informed that there had been no approval received, and suggested they ask to sit in on discussions of the fire budget with Georgetown, if the OMB rejects the proposed firehall.

Council agreed, and told the clerk to write Georgetown council accordingly.

MAY BE HEARING

Reeve George Currie pointed out that two objections had been received from ratepayers and this could make a hearing necessary. Council agreed to have the clerk go down to the OMB to try to get an answer immediately.

Cr. Marshall was dubious about building a firehall before the firemen were all lined up.

"There's no way we can tie them up," replied Cr. Miller. He said he had many calls from people wanting to join the fire brigade.

Plan Would Double Parking Meter Fee

Council took the first step to double the cost of parking for an hour on downtown streets, Monday night when they approved a motion to prepare a by-law setting the fees at 5c for 30 minutes and 10c for an hour. The present rate is 1c for 12 minutes, or 5c for an hour.

The hours have been changed also. Fees will be charged only from 9 a.m. till 6 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday, thus cutting out charges Thursday and Friday nights, and all day Monday.

The motion was based on a recommendation from the Parking Authority. Mayor Emmerson and Cr. Denison opposed the motion.

Singleton Will Describe Month Long World Trip

After he sorts out dozens of slides and pages of notes, James Singleton will be ready to describe his month-long world trip.

Singleton, director of education for the Halton County board of education, returned last week from a United Nations sponsored educational trip. The 97 delegates from North America toured six countries, observing the different educational systems.

"The U. S. has poured millions of dollars into various ghetto education projects, and has not come up with results. Turkey has apparently gotten amazing results from their system," Singleton said.

ONE DRAWBACK

"But there is only one drawback," he adds. "Once these kids have been taken out of the ghettos, they don't want to go back when their education is finished. And this creates a real problem with their parents."

SLUM CHILDREN

In a brief conversation, Singleton described one educational approach he observed in his travels:

Many countries in the world are concerned about upgrading children born in slums and ghettos.

Too often these children are never able to raise themselves out of their environment.

BOARDING HOMES

Singleton said Turkey has a unique way of educating children from slums. The children are put in boarding homes from the time they are kindergarten age until they are about 17.

Restaurant is Plan for Highway House

The big house at 32 Guelph Street, next to Canadian Tire property will be converted into a restaurant on the ground floor.

Council approved the issuance of a building permit to owner Michael Babie, 300 Delfox Blvd., provided he adds no more residential area on the top floor than is already there.

The land is zoned commercial, so council will not approve any residential addition.

Cr. Hyde pointed out that the matter was turned over to council, because of plans for changes in the roads in that area.

Cr. Denison opposed the building permit, and deputy reeve Spelght, abstained as he still has an interest in the property.

Council Cracks Down Limit Snowmobiling

Zorge School Contracts Total Million and a Half

Zorge Construction Company Limited, Georgetown, have recently been awarded new contracts totalling \$1,556,541.

The Board of Education for the City of Toronto, at its meeting on December 10, awarded a contract valued at \$1,000,504, for the construction of The Boyne River Natural Science School. This school, to be constructed several miles from Primrose, near Shelburne, will be located in a beautiful natural setting on the Boyne River.

The school will consist of three wings, two of which will be dormitory wings for boys and girls. Students using the school will be from grades 6, 7 and 8 in the Toronto school system. They will be transported to the site and will spend a week living on the premises, studying natural science.

THE LARGEST

The school when completed, will be the largest outdoor sci-

ence school in North America. It will replace a similar school presently in use on Centre Island, which the Toronto Board will be vacating in the near future.

A second contract for \$555,047 was awarded to Zorge Construction by the Peel County Board of Education at its meeting of December 8. This contract is for an addition to Applewood Heights Secondary School, located at 945 Bloor St. East in Mississauga.

POLICE HEADQUARTERS

The Zorge firm recently completed the new police headquarters building for the Township of Chinguacousy, located on No. 7 Highway in the Bramalea City Centre.

Currently, the Zorge firm are well underway in the construction of a \$1,750,000 addition to Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute in Peterborough. This project is scheduled for completion in August, 1971.

Scholarly Article Wins Arthur Silver UWO Medal

Arthur Silver, a lecturer in history at Glendale College, York University, has been awarded the president's medal from the University of Western Ontario, for the best scholarly article written by a Canadian this year.

Mr. Silver's article, "France Canada and the Prairie Frontier" was published in the Canadian Historical Review.

With three other medal winners he was guest at a dinner in London where he received his prize. The medals, now in their twentieth year, are awarded annually to four writers, either Canadian publishing anywhere or any writer publishing

in Canada, in either English or French.

Also noted this year were Christina Newman, wife of Toronto Daily Star publisher Peter Newman, for best general article; Glen Siebrasse, managing editor of Delta Press poetry publishers for poetry; and Aldon Nowlan, writer in residence at the University of New Brunswick for best short story.

Mr. Silver, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Silver of Georgetown and Terra Cotta, is lecturing in history and hopes to receive his Ph.D. degree at University of Toronto later this year. He graduated from U of T with his BA and took his MA at McGill.

Would Quit Smouldering

Dump 'Wet Water' on Stubborn Silo Fire

Some silo fires have been known to take six months to burn themselves out, Georgetown Fire Department Chief Jack Cunningham commented after Georgetown firefighters made still another trip to the

silo on the 8th Line of Esquing, south of town, Friday.

Last month the silo burned over two weeks and had firefighters at the scene three and four days at a time.

But this time the Georgetown firefighters believe they have the problem licked.

THREAT TO BARN

The silo is filled with processed hay which was apparently ignited by a spark from a cutting box stone. The fire originated in the centre of the 14 foot diameter structure about a quarter of the way up.

Deputy Chief Irwin Lewis said, "I've lost track of the number of times we've been out there and the number of endless hours spent trying to beat this thing."

"We've been worried about the danger to the adjoining barn."

QUICKLY ABSORBED

He said the department had attacked it from the top, bottom and middle using 'wet water' (water to which detergent has been added so it is rapidly absorbed by the feed.)

"In fact," he said, "This is something the householder should know about. Any time fire smoulders in a chesterfield, mattress or car seats, this is the fastest and surest way to put it out."

"One quart of 'wet water' will do the trick," he said, "while three gallons of ordinary water may not succeed in quenching the fire."

HERALDS AS USUAL

With Christmas and New Year's days on Friday this year, the Herald issue dates will remain at the usual Thursday mornings.

Advertisers wishing holiday messages, please contact the Herald as soon as possible.

Will Restudy Need for Maple Traffic Lights

The Ontario Department of Transport will take a second look at the Maple Avenue-Guelph Street intersection in the spring to assess the need for traffic control lights there.

The review has come about following a letter from Halton East MPP Jim Snow to Minister of Transport Irwin Haskett urging a second study. A traffic count earlier this year led the DOT to conclude lights were not needed.

In a reply to Mr. Snow's letter the DOT Minister said, "Due to reconstruction on Highway 7 and Maple Avenue at the time of the study, we think there is good reason for taking another look at this intersection. A study has therefore been scheduled for next spring. At this time, all factors influencing the need for a signal will be reviewed."

There are currently two sets of traffic lights on Highway 7 inside Georgetown limits, at John Street, and at Mountainview Road.

CAR SMACKS PARKED TRUCK

A truck owned by Charles Carney of Norval was hit while parked on the town line near the corner of No. 7 Highway, December 13, at 12:30 a.m.

The pickup truck and the 1961 Pontiac, driven by Wilfried Maier, Mountainview Rd. S., each received \$100 damage.

No Fines at Library During Goodwill Time

A special Christmas gift for library users is the dispensing with fines on overdue books, from now till Christmas.

No matter how long overdue the book is, no charges will be made during the season of goodwill.

Banned from Sidewalks, Medians, No More "Midnight Cowboys"

The late night whine of snowmobiles was banned by council Monday night, when they passed a by-law prohibiting snowmobiling in Georgetown between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

The machines are also banned from sidewalks, median strips, and boulevards, at all times, and, in addition must obey all Highway Traffic Act regulations, including posted speed limits.

The penalty for a first offence is \$10 plus costs, and for successive offences \$50, plus costs.

A COMPROMISE

The by-law finally adopted was a compromise between two suggested by-laws, one setting an outright ban on all snowmobiling in town, and another prohibiting them on, or across, highways. No one favoured an outright ban.

Cr. Sandy Mackenzie contended the four main problems were speed, noise, hedge damage, and late night operation.

Cr. Ern Hyde came up with limiting the hours but his suggestion was a ban from 11 p.m. till 8 a.m. "Our main concern is stopping the horsing around at 2 or 3 in the morning," he commented.

Both Crs. Bill Smith and Donna Denison felt 7 in the morning would be acceptable since many people like to get out early on weekends.

NOT ON SIDEWALKS

The ban on sidewalk, median strip and boulevard operation was put forward by Cr. R. Morrow, who also urged the inclusion of the clause stating snowmobiles would be governed by the Highway Traffic Act.

Cr. Denison wanted snowmobiles banned from Cedarvale, claiming there were expensive plantings and goal posts, which could be damaged.

Reeve Hunter wondered if the residents who snowmobiled

out of town could get back by 11 p.m.

Cr. Morrow pointed out that almost everyone has a trailer to carry them.

JUST THE BEGINNING
Cr. Mackenzie termed snowmobiles a 'traffic hazard' claiming they were not as easy to control at higher speeds as cars, while Cr. Harry Levy said their place was in open fields not on residential streets. He warned that this by-law was just the beginning, not the end, and changes would be made as council felt necessary.

Earlier in the evening the subject of snowmobiles was raised several times. Ray Hall 148 Prince Charles Drive, stated he was an owner of two machines, an avid snowmobiler, but he urged operations after 11 p.m. be stopped, and the vehicles banned from plazas and the areas where children are tobogganing. He did claim that the back part of Cedarvale was an excellent area for snowmobiling. "I don't like going around in circles," he added, "I like to get in the hush and the far part of Cedarvale is ideal."

BAR FROM PARK

Hugh Allen, 152 Prince Charles Drive, said the regulations governing cars should apply to snowmobiles, from the necessary driving license to speed limits.

A letter from Steve Saxe, asked council to consider barring both snowmobiles and mini-bikes from the park claiming they were a hazard to park users.

Cr. Ern Hyde pointed out that parks are for everyone, and are largely unused during the winter. "It's mostly kids who use the mini-bikes and we have to think of them, and it's usually bigger kids who use the snowmobiles, so we can't go banning everything."

Cr. Levy said the Recreation Commission was working on the matter, of vehicles in the park.



VIC ALWAYS FIRST IN THIS PLATE RACE

Vic Mejuery, 84 Guelph St., has more plate race victories to his credit than the winningest thoroughbred racing stable. He is the perennial purchaser of the first license plates on sale at the local motor vehicle license office on Main Street South where the 1971 plates went on sale at the first of the month. Even though vehicle owners are given 3 months to get their plates, February is usually the busiest month with sometimes a long lineup creating a waiting period for the late buyers. The license plates this year are white on a blue background.



HOW ABOUT A GOAT FOR THAT SOMEONE WHO HAS EVERYTHING

Somebody's going to get Virginia's goat. We kid you not. Virginia Snider, R. R. 3, Georgetown, is trying to sell Arthur, her billy goat, but so far has no takers. She has five goats, four nannies named Annabelle, Daisy, Becky and Snowball, and Arthur, king of the harem. What a gift for that someone on your Christmas list so hard to buy for!