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MAYOR MAKES IT OFFICIAL WITH FRIDAY FACEOFF

With Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament chairman Harry Levy looking on, Mayor Bill Smith officially declares the tourney open with the dropping of the ceremonial puck Friday night. Set for the face off are Big Chief Thumb-In-The-Air (Georgetown referees' association chief Gerry Perkins), and Georgetown Juveniles captain Benny Heppes. The zebras beat the Juveniles 5-3 in one of two exhibition games, Friday. In the other tilt Chinguacousy Tykes beat Georgetown Tyke Flyers 3-1.

Halton Teachers are Opposed To Unemployment Insurance

A Georgetown high school teacher, Tom Ramautarsingh, and five other secondary school teachers representing the 900 teachers in Halton County District Nine of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation were elected to attend the 52nd annual general assembly in Toronto this week. Other Halton teachers accompanying Mr. Ramautarsingh are Robert Smith, Bob Whitley and Henry Rapulvicz of Burlington, and Paul Martindale and Hugh Childs of Oakville.

"DECEITFULNESS"

One of the items of most interest will be the question on teachers being included in the unemployment insurance fund. "This tax smacks of deceitfulness," says Mr. Ramautarsingh, "since it does not tell the public they will have to be taxed an additional amount on their regular taxation."

"It also leads teachers down the garden path in that it says a person can collect unemployment insurance when pregnant," says Mr. Ramautarsingh. "There are not many teachers in this category, and those who do become pregnant feel it is better to stay at home with the baby than come back to teach after a couple of months."

88 PERCENT OPPOSED

Ninety-eight percent of the teachers in Halton are opposed to the inclusion of teachers in the unemployment insurance plan. Also to be discussed: The minister of education's calling on education, professional development, and strike action.

BOTANIST GIVES HIS OPINION

Used Properly, Defoliant is Safe Enough, Expert Says

A Guelph University botanist, Dr. Gerald Stephenson, claimed the chemical defoliant 2,4,5-T used in Vietnam is safe enough when used properly, to be sprayed on the roadsides throughout Halton County.

He made the statement at Halton County council, where he had been asked to give his opinion on the safety of the chemical.

Stephenson admitted great ecological harm had been done in Vietnam, but blamed the great quantities used. He disputed the claims that birth defects were attributable to 2,4,5-T.

"Most of the people doing the talking have not even bothered to see if there was an increase in the rate of deformities," he said.

OTHER FACTORS

He acknowledged that one study found an increase in birth defects during the period of defoliant uses, but contended it was impossible to link it to the spray. Malnutrition, bombings, and other effects of the war could also be factors, he said.

The botanist stated that researchers using pure 2,4,5-T have been unable to produce deformities in laboratory animals, but 2,4,5-T contaminated with 27 parts per million dioxin had produced malformed rats and mice. Today the spray is made with 1/2 part per million dioxin, according to the speaker.

CERTAINLY SUPPORT

Stephenson told county council that Dow Chemical Co. had all but eliminated dioxin contamination. No dioxin is detectable with instruments sensitive to 1/2 part per million.

"I question if the restrictions even on food crops is necessary at that level, but I would certainly support 2,4,5-T for roadside spraying if used properly."

Stephenson said the chemical had a poor solubility in water but a much better one in soil and light.

INVESTIGATION

After the protest against the

TOURNAMENT SCOREBOARD

SATURDAY

Team	Gr.	Gm.	Gm.	Total
Thornhill	D	8	6	14
Acton	D	0	2	2
Markham	C	2	5	7
Orangeville	D	1	2	3
Unionville	D	9	5	14
Copetown	D	3	2	5
Rochester	D	6	5	11
Ridgcrest	D	2	0	2
Oakville	A	2	7	9
Detroit	D	0	1	1
Tilsonburg	C	5	4	9
Kingston	D	5	2	7

MONDAY

Team	Gr.	Gm.	Gm.	Total
Streetsville	C	6	8	14
Preston	D	4	6	10
Coppercliff	D	6	11	17
Norwich	D	2	0	2
St. Michaels	A	2	3	5
Hamilton	D	1	2	3
Aylmer	D	5	4	9
Meaford	D	1	3	4
Rich. Hill	B	7	4	11
Cawthra	D	2	2	4
Brampton	A	6	3	9
Burlington	D	0	3	3

TUESDAY

Team	Gr.	Gm.	Gm.	Total
Coppercliff	D	6	5	11
Unionville	D	5	2	7
Streetsville	C	5	5	10
Markham	D	5	4	9
Lindsay	C	11	5	16
London	D	3	2	5
Toronto Y.N.A.	A	3	3	6
Windsor	D	4	2	6

(Toronto wins on shots in overtime.)

Georgetown C 4 6 10
Leamington D 2 0 2
Oshawa A 5 3 8
Ottawa D 3 3 6

Increased Drug Abuse Prompts Police Seminar

Georgetown Police Department will present a drug abuse seminar in the Georgetown district high school in April.

In a press release issued Tuesday the department said the seminar was organized "due to the increase in drug abuse and the growing public concern with this subject."

The session, to be held Monday evening, April 26, is part of a drug abuse program co-sponsored by the Georgetown Kinsmen and Rotary Club, for students 8 to 13.

DRUGS CONSULTANT

Norman S. Panzica, a consultant to the Council on Drug Abuse, and the Ontario Probation Service, will present a program of film literature and a question and answer period.

No young people will be permitted to attend a session just for parents.

Admission will be free.

Discuss Motor Ban for Parks

A motion to prepare a by-law banning dune buggies, minibikes or any form of motorized traffic from the town parks was withdrawn for further discussion at Monday night's council meeting.

Cr. Hyde said he was not in favour of banning mini-bikes or anything else from parks.

Cr. Donna Denison pointed out there was a lot of wear and tear on the grounds in the spring, while Cr. Siddall remarked there was a difference between public parks and the fairgrounds.

Bad Weather Didn't Keep UCS From Lunch

Unit One of Norval United Church UCW met at the home of Mrs. Guy Wilson on Thursday afternoon, March 18, with Mrs. Murray Laird in the chair in the absence of the president. She opened the meeting with a poem on Lent. Mrs. Dan Wey gave the devotional using 'parables' as the theme. The roll call was answered with a parable story by 10 members.

The new study pac 'The Americans' was introduced by Mrs. E. McLean. She showed maps of North, Central and South America and gave an outline on why the study is on the Americas and what is hoped will happen as the result of the study. She explained the pac was about the differences between the North Americas and the Latin Americas — between the rich and the poor countries. She read a poem 'The Un American' which was about the revolutionary Che Guevara, then compared education and finally all participated in a role play. A paper on new ideas and ways of assisting the poorer countries with education is to be read and studied by each member before the next meeting.

Mrs. Spencer Wilson and Mrs. Norman Laidlaw assisted the hostess in serving lunch and a social time was enjoyed.

About 82 ladies braved the bad driving conditions on Friday, March 19 to enjoy 'Lunch-on is Served' at noon in Norval United Church sponsored by the UCW.

Mrs. Paul Johnson, Mrs. Earl Wilson, Mrs. Roy Laidlaw and Mrs. Lorne Cleave welcomed the guests. Those who served were Mrs. Spencer Wilson, Mrs. Bill Laidlaw, Mrs. Donald Cleave, Mrs. Gordon Laidlaw, Mrs. Garnet Laidlaw, and Mrs. Bob Crawford. Following the luncheon Mrs. Lunder demonstrated the foods used in the meal and many were winners of the various items in the lucky ticket draw.

The third meeting of Norval 4-H Homemaking Club was held on Wednesday evening, March 17 at the home of Jean Wilson. The meeting opened with the 4-H pledge and the minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary. The roll call answered by 8 members was on 'Reasons I Drink Milk.' It was decided that the club name will be 'Dairy Daiseys.'

Mrs. Bill Laidlaw discussed milk versus other drinks and proper home care of milk. Mrs. Castle assisted Betty June Laidlaw to demonstrate a cottage potato salad and Kathy

Hyatt made a peanut butter custard. Everyone sampled the food and the meeting was adjourned.

Friends of Harold Gollop will be sorry to hear that he has been a patient in Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital for several weeks.

The long winter with the many bad snow storms which caused the very treacherous driving conditions was hard on those who had to drive every day. Mrs. Russell Goodfellow who delivers the rural mail for the Norval Post Office is one who was fed up and ready for a rest. She and her 18 year old daughter Jean, who attends Milton high school, are enjoying the school holidays with a tour of antique shops in Peterborough and other points in south eastern Ontario looking for cups and saucers in green depression glass to complete a set that she has been collecting. Their neighbour Mrs. Neumann, who drives a school bus, is delivering the mail for Mrs. Goodfellow during her holidays.

— Mrs. Ed McLean

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Hyde's Plan for Second LCBO, Beer Store Gets Support

Council unanimously endorsed a move by Cr. Ern Hyde urging the Liquor Control Board to establish a liquor store and Brewers Retail store in the west end of town.

The suggestion was prompted by the decision of the Liquor Control Board to move the present store on Mill Street to the Georgetown Market Centre. The Brewers Retail store moved from Mill Street to the Market Centre several years ago.

SHOULD HAVE TWO

Cr. Hyde contended the move would pose a problem for the downtown core of the town. He emphasized he agreed with the establishing of a new store in the east end, but not at the expense of the citizens in the west end. "We should have two stores," he maintained, "since the town covers a wide area."

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