

# CCOG Speaker Sees Trees, Boutiques in Low Priced Face Lift

Georgetown already has much to be envied by other communities contemplating downtown improvements," architect Paul Martel told a meeting of the Concerned Citizens of Georgetown last Wednesday night.

He cited the light standards and islands in the middle of Main Street, the large parking area directly behind the stores and a laneway funneling the people from the parking lot to Main Street.

The improvements he suggested were inexpensive both to the merchants and the taxpayers. Banners hanging from the light standards, trees planted down the middle of the street, removal of many of the overhanging signs, and repainting of the stores, he felt would make Main Street a bright attractive place to shop.

"One positive way of combatting the competition of shopping plazas" he commented. The parking lot was seen as a tree lot with organized parking, the backs of the store painted in bright colours and large arrows pointing to the alley leading to Main Street.

He envisaged the alley used like the alley at Lothian Mews, with a wider area perhaps an outdoor coffee shop, and the narrower part with boutiques or store windows brightening it up. "A captive audience walks through that alley everyday," he remarked.

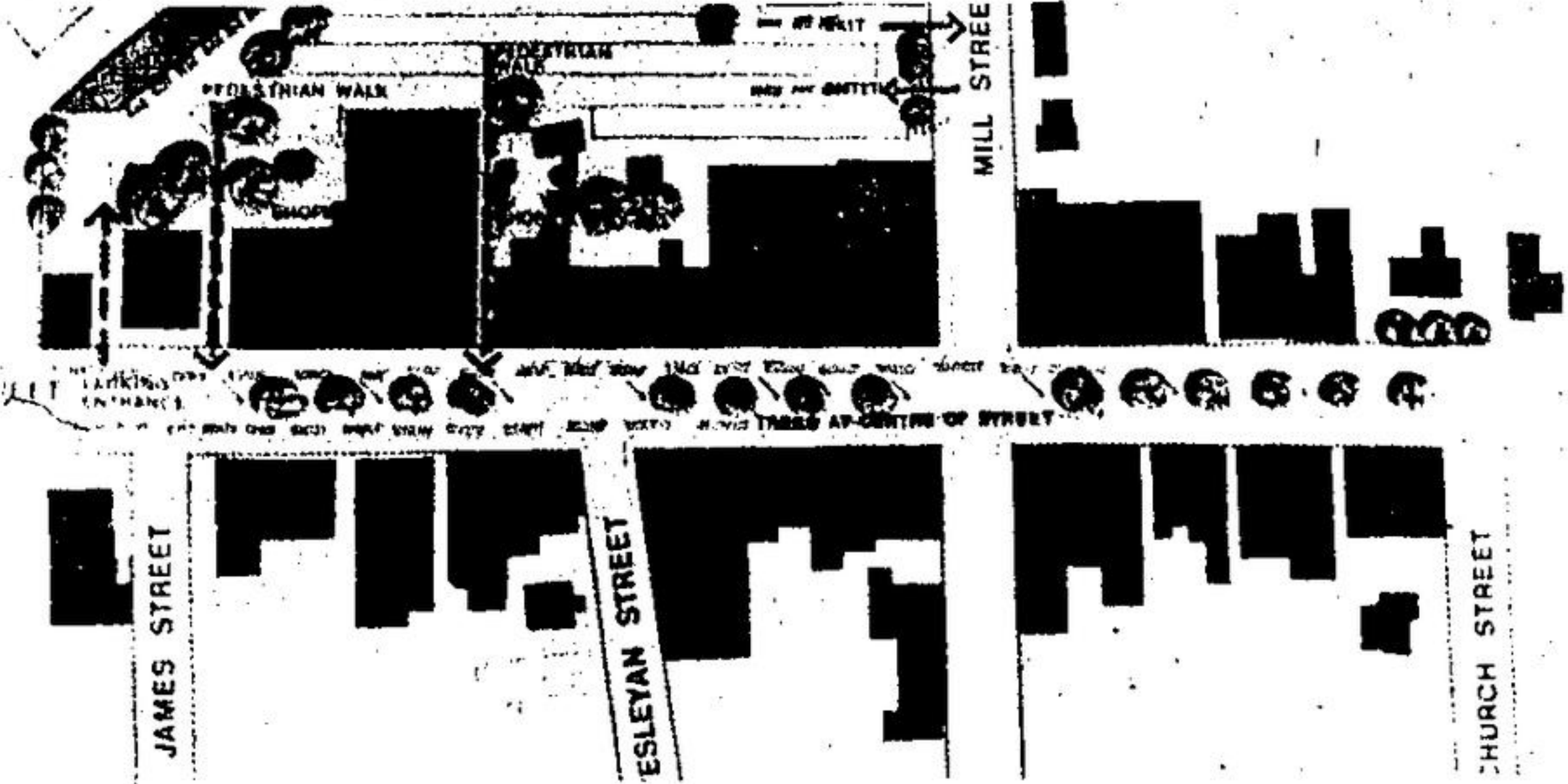
The side of the parking lot by the high embankment could become a farmer's market once a week with Georgetown becoming as well known for this feature as Kitchener is today, said Martel.

**PEDESTRIAN MALL**  
One of the schematic drawings showed part of Main Street made into a mall, with traffic diverted from that area, and benches placed at intervals along the sidewalks.

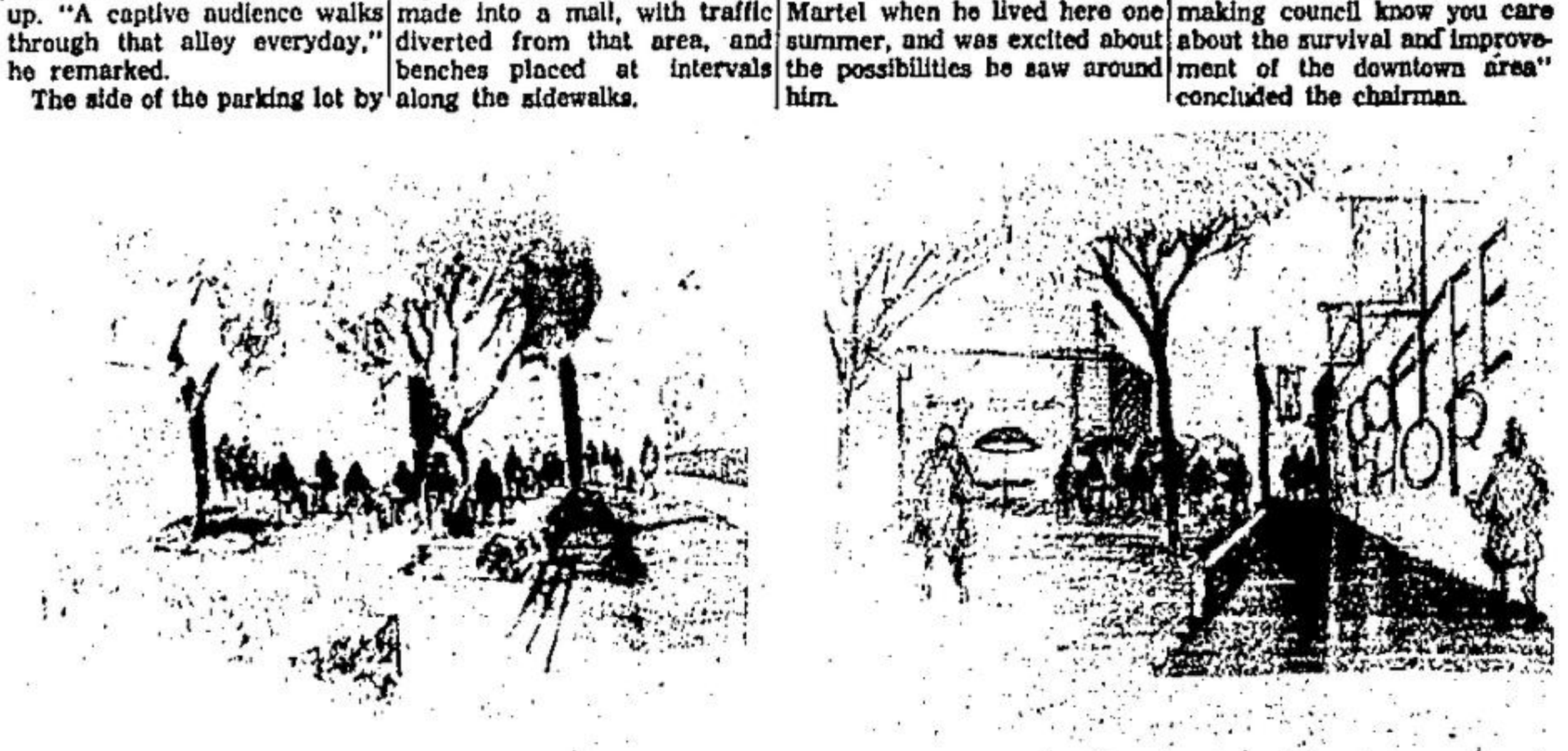
Slides of Lothian Mews, York Square, Peterborough, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Victoria and Vancouver illustrated some inexpensive ways these communities had brightened up areas for the strolling shopper.

The study of Main Street was done voluntarily by architect Martel when he lived here one summer, and was excited about the possibilities he saw around him.

**"MUST SURVIVE"**  
Chairman, Ron Dodokin, pointed out that CCOG felt it was important that the downtown area survive. "These plans may be an answer, but more citizens must become involved, by encouraging the merchants and making council know you care about the survival and improvement of the downtown area" concluded the chairman.



Trees down centre of Main Street and in downtown parking lot are included in architect Paul Martel's suggested 'facelift.'



Boutiques and a coffee shop would make the backs of downtown stores attractive.

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## Reject \$120,000 Bid Princess Anne Land

On a tie vote, Monday night, council rejected the \$120,000 bid by Nels Investment to buy 11.3 acres of town owned land on Princess Anne Drive. The tie vote although recorded, was possible because of the absence of Cr. Donna Denison.

The motion to accept the offer made by Cr. Ern Hyde provided for a site for a second deep well, and for further water exploration for six months after the sale. A discharge fee of \$4,000 per lot was set out for the lots fronting on Princess Anne.

The money derived from the sale was earmarked for the development of a strip park all the way through Silver Creek valley from Hungry Hollow, through the centre of town behind Holy Cross School, behind Hewson Crescent, and over to the Ann Street area.

Cr. Ernie Sykes pointed out that no-one knows what will happen, but reminded council the hydrologists had stated the water would not be affected. "So why don't we take his word for it?" he asked. He pointed out that the larger area of Silver Creek could be acquired jointly with the CVCA, thereby receiving 50% grants. "Then we could parlay the \$120,000 from this land to around \$250,000 for park land, which would benefit the whole town."

Cr. Hyde stressed that the Planning Board recommended sale of the land for R-1 housing, and called the development a boon to the business section. Cr. Joan Smith said the valley land would not change in value since it was zoned floodland.

**FOR ORDINARY MAN**  
Mayor Bill Smith favoured the selling of the land, but urged the building of houses that the ordinary man could afford, "not R1 as the Planning Board suggests, but maybe town-houses or something for the man making between \$7,000 and \$10,000," he added.

The tie vote ended the debate with Mayor Smith and Crs. Levy, Hyde and Sykes in favour of selling the land to Dave Nelson, and reeve Morrow, deputy reeve Speight, Crs. Joan Smith and Siddall against selling it.

## One Point The Difference Centennial Cagers Win County

At Centennial Senior Public School on Delrez Boulevard it's the loyal fans that need the medical checkups, not the athletic teams.

The Centennial girls basketball squad which makes a habit of winning heart-stopping games, did it again Friday when they captured the Halton County senior girls basketball championship by a single point in a game which left their coach, manager and cheering section limp.

The locals had to come from behind. In the early going they trailed 5-2. Three baskets early in the second half by Sharon Barclay, however proved the turning point.

Pineland closed the gap steadily as time ran out but missed their big chance to catch Centennial with the final free throw.

The Georgetown girls gained the final by beating St. Joseph's of Burlington 30-8 in a semi-final match played in the Georgetown high school last Wednesday.

Prior to that they won the North Halton title, an amazing feat for a group of girls who, with the exception of Dawn Ahlers, had never played the game before Christmas.

They are coached by their principal, Frank Hughes, and managed by one of the teaching staff Florence Cowan.

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## Belongings Smoke Damaged Days Before Vienna Move

Smoke damage to the house, and burned hand to a good Samaritan, was the result of a fire Wednesday afternoon, March 29, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hunt, 5 Elizabeth Street.

When a pan of fat caught fire 15 year old Gary Hunt yelled to his sister Jackie, to get out of the house, while he called the fire department. Jackie ran across the street to Cyril Clarke 34 Ewing Street, who immediately ran over, grabbed the flaming pot and threw it out. His hand was burned when the wind blew the flames back at him.

The Hunts, who are leaving for a two year stay in Vienna, in two weeks, had to move to a motel for two nights while the heavy smoke smell was dispersed by the cleaners.

Clothes, linens and draperies had to be sent to the cleaners, and the kitchen and back stairway repaired and painted.

## PERMITS TRIPLED

Pineland of Burlington missed a free throw with 20 seconds Building Permits -

The value of building permits issued so far this year is three times the amount issued in the same period last year.

At the end of March this year the total was \$1,733,965, while last year the three month total was only \$593,795. March permits amounted to \$1,033,700 with St. Francis of Assisi school accounting for \$250,000, an addition to Zenith Tool, on Mountainview another \$23,000 and Meadowlea Growers \$105,000.

Forty residential permits were issued amounting to \$697,500.

## Mediteranean Tourists Are Back at Text Books

Thirty-five Georgetown high school students joined others from Milton and Acton for an 18 day Mediterranean tour which ended with a flight home from Rome on March 29th.

They flew to Rome, spent two nights in Naples and visited the Isle of Capri before boarding the liner Ausonia. A planned stopover at Rhodes was hampered by rough seas and the boat sailed directly to Beirut, Lebanon.

Cyprus, Ephesus, Crete and Sicily were visited en route to Marseilles, France. Some of the students attended a French school there for a day.

**ART TREASURES AT FLORENCE**  
Next it was Genoa, Italy and on the return trip to return they saw the Leaning Tower of Pisa and some of the art treasures of Florence.

They visited the Vatican during their stay in Rome. A disappointment was that the museum attendants in Italy were on strike and planned visits were not possible.

**THE STUDENT WANDERERS**  
With Mrs. Verna Darcie, Mr. Dick Van Vleet and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Healin in charge, the Georgetown students on the trip were: Rob Allison, Rob Burns, Pat Burns, John Chamberlain, Janice Martin, John Breckenridge, Bonnie Henderson, Peter Noble, Ian Long, Bruce Niven, Mary Frost, Carol Ball, Eleanor Chaplin, Anne Melcombe, Jerry Darcie, Mike R. MacDonald, Doug Mead, Jim Goudy, Ian Mellor, Brad Smith, Jackie Crichton, Lynn Virag, Diane Emerson, Diny Wygergangs, Theresa Tudge, Glenda Scarrow, Brenda Eason, Peter Henderson, Dave Long, Susan Frost, Mike P. Macdonald, Shelley Stevenson, Mike Reynolds, Lela Elliott and Barbara Wilcox.

## Let Us Use the Parks Snowmobilers Plead

**"NOT DESIGNED FOR USE IN TOWN"; MORROW**  
If the snowmobiles are forced out of town parks where would we operate," Claire Boudreau, president of Georgetown Snowmobile Club asked council Monday night.

In reply Reeve Ric Morrow stated snowmobiles were never designed to operate within a municipality or within parks, but were intended for open areas and the bush, where no one can hear them. Referring to a letter in which the Club asked for the use of Joseph Gibbons park, the reeve asked Mr. Boudreau to bring a petition showing 80% of the adjacent residents favoured such use and he too would favour it.

Boudreau said he had a petition with over 8,000 names protesting the banning from parks. "We have had meetings with the Parks and Recreation Committee and accomplished nothing, we now want a meeting with council," he added.

**NO DEATHS**  
Damage to shrubs and grass was questioned, saying football and soccer cleats would do much more damage than snowmobile tracks.

They asked council to reflect on the amount of business done in town as a result of snowmobiles and the affect its ban would have on that business. The club pointed out there had been no deaths or serious accidents in town as a result of such activity, and felt they should be given the opportunity to prove their safety consciousness to the town.

The letter also suggested the young people should be encouraged to use the parks rather than being banned from them. "Would you rather they stand on the streets or be introduced to drugs," asked the letter.

Listing the places they felt should be available, they cited Cedarvale, with the toboggan area and perhaps the soccer field fenced off, part of Joseph Gibbons park, and rights of way through Harrison Public School grounds, and Kennedy school grounds. On the whole they agreed with the ban on certain roads proposed by council.

## MILLER ACCEPTS CRAZY BOAT RACE CHALLENGE

Deputy-Reeve Russell Miller of Esqueping has accepted the challenge to race the mayor, and he has decided to try it in a canoe.

Cr. Peter E. Marks and Norman R. Elliott of Acton have also answered the challenge and will carry Acton's colours in the water derby. Not so brave, however, are the members of Oakville and Milton council who have both declined the invitation.

## DAWAYNE HAY ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Dwayne Hay of Georgetown was one of two Sheridan College students named to share the Athlete of the Year award presented in the Pine Room of the Oakville Arena last week. He shares the honour with Harry Vlachos.

Hay was named because of his outstanding achievements on the Sheridan hockey team and on the golf course. He was the OCAA golf champ and assistant captain on the hockey squad.

Vlachos is the Sheridan basketball team's standout.

Steve Blundy, a member of the Georgetown Intermediate A Raiders, shared the Sheridan hockey team's Most Valuable Player award with Milton's Marty Seeda.

## Llewellyn, Fobert to Wrestle for World Title

**Seize Marijuana In Raid on Town Home**  
Two bags of marijuana, each about the size of a golf ball, and apparatus for administering Speed were seized, and two youths arrested in a police raid on a Georgetown home Friday night.

Nine persons including one juvenile were questioned as a result of the raid made by two members of the Criminal Investigations Branch of the Georgetown Police Department and four uniformed officers.

**Georgetown High School Students Capture Canadian Honours in Yukon**  
Two young wrestlers have won Canadian wrestling championships in the Yukon.

Joe Fobert in the 114½ lb. weight class and Clive Llewellyn in the 132 lb. weight class captured the gold medals on the weekend at the Canadian free-style wrestling championships in Whitehorse.

**AFTER WORLD TITLE**  
They will leave for Japan, April 27 to represent Canada at the World Junior Free-style Wrestling championships there.

"We know they're good, and now, against the best in the world we'll see just how good they are" commented their coach, Lew Martin, who has guided them to various titles leading up to the big prize.

**SENIOR TOO**  
Two weeks ago they won the Ontario junior wrestling titles in their respective weight classes. Just to gain experience in preparation for the Yukon bouts, coach Martin entered Llewellyn in the Ontario Senior wrestling championships — and though still a high school student, he won that as well.

## Plan Western Theme for Merchants' Summer Sale

"Promotion and Advertising" was the subject, speaker Mike Shearer, of Magnavox Ltd., discussed at last week's meeting of the Georgetown Merchants' Association at the Riviera.

He found much to commend and much to criticize in his survey of 27 local businesses he had conducted prior to the meeting, and pointed out the various factors to the merchants.

The merchants decided to hold a town-wide summer sale with a western theme, which they will promote in the appropriate manner with cowboy dress and accessories.

The Association are still hoping for 100% membership of all the retail merchants in town.

## Says 'No-Loiter' By-Law Protects Shoppers, Stores

A strong plea for the retention of the anti-loitering by-law was made in a letter to council from Colton Brothers.

The by-law was cited as the only protection the store had against filthy comments to women shoppers, slashed awnings, and broken windows.

Cr. Harry Levy said no statement had been made by council even hinting they intended to rescind the by-law, "I certainly would be opposed to it being rescinded," he remarked.

Cr. Phil Siddall said he too favoured the retention of the by-law, but promised to discuss it in committee.

## Abolish Taxi Caps No More Headaches

Taxi drivers in town will no longer have to wear caps or hats, but will have to post a card in a prominent place in the cab, bearing their photograph, and clearly printed name and license number.

Council changed the by-law Monday night deleting the section requiring taxi drivers to wear caps. The taxi drivers have complained about wearing the caps, saying some drivers suffer from headaches, and others find them a nuisance getting in and out of the vehicles.

**SET OUT HOURS**  
Cr. Hyde urged the review of the whole taxi by-law but felt this step should be taken immediately.

The mayor stated hours of service to citizens should be set out in exchange for a license.

## Dundas Wins Protest and Series Raiders Smarting After OHA Action Snatches Away Victory

Georgetown Raiders sit on the OHA Intermediate A hockey sidelines today, angry and bewildered after being bounced from the Niagara Peninsula League playoffs by the Ontario Hockey Association and the team they "eliminated" here last Wednesday night.

Technically they polished off Dundas Merchants three games to one in the league semifinal, but a rare ruling on a protest lodged by Dundas after Raiders tied the series at a game apiece Sunday, March 28 made it all for nothing.

**AWARD POINTS**  
Raiders preparations for the league final with Brantford were abruptly interrupted when the O.H.A. announced Thursday they were not only washing out Georgetown's March 28 win, but were awarding the game to Dundas.

The judgement reopened the best three of five series with each club now two game winners and the fifth game ordered for Friday night — not on Georgetown ice, as was the protest-

ed game, but in Dundas. What always happened in such situations happened again. Raiders lost the showdown 8-3 to the team they had forced into retirement two nights earlier with a 7-4 victory.

**NOT RESIDENT**  
The basis of Dundas' protest was the ruling which stipulates that a minimum of five home town players must be included in each lineup. Raiders thought they had them in Don Norton, Doug Lucas, Terry Holmes, Brian Chapman and Blake Inglis. But the O.H.A. does not put the veteran Inglis in that category since he lives in Glen Williams.

Had Raiders even had John Blair on the bench as their spare goalie instead of Rick Houle they would have been into the Brantford series by now with Dundas the spectators.

**TOTALLY UNFAIR**  
"I can see where the residence technically makes their protest valid, but I have never seen points taken away from

one team and handed to another," Raider club president Pete Pomeroy commented. "I can see replaying the game, but the way they (the O.H.A.) handled it was totally unfair. There is no way they can justify it. I just can't believe it."

Pomeroy's comments reflect the feelings of the rest of the Raider executive who are just as upset about the circumstances which has left them with unbalanced books and no more gates.

**IN THE HOLE**  
"We were just starting to get the crowds in, and looking on the series with Brantford as the one that would get us out of the hole," said Pomeroy. "Everybody has been working hard to this end, and now we'll have to try to find some other way to get out of the red."

Raiders' Al Blair scored once in each of the first two periods and Blake Inglis also had a second period goal in Dundas Friday. Dundas scored twice in the first period, four times in the second and twice more in the third.