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SHARON HAD TOP TEST MARK

Georgetown Figure Skating Club's Senior Trophy was awarded Sharon Hewitt last week for obtaining the best mark in her second figure examination. The trophy is awarded the pupil receiving the best mark in any given Canadian Figure Skating Association test. Sharon had a 4.4 over a passing mark in her second figure. Nancy Richardson (right) was second for her 0.8 over a passing mark in her first figure, and Heather Moores (left) third for her 0.6 over a passing mark in her Senior Bronze Dance (14 Step).

New Management Told Toe the Line

Golden Horseshoe May Become Toronto International Drags

Reeve Tom Hill warned the Golden Horseshoe Dragway, last Wednesday night, that they "would be held straight to the line of the by-law." Mincing no words he said, "people come into the township and buy up land, and get the council into a hell of a mess." Lawyer Walter Sopinka, was asking for a renewal of the licence to operate for 1971, when the warnings were given. Sopinka asked for a decision that night since he claimed the company needs 60 to 90 days to plan ahead.

MAY CHANGE NAME He said the ownership of the dragway was the same as last year but the management would now be under the direction of

Dave Pratt and J. Rachanski. "There is a possibility the name be changed to Toronto International Dragway," said Sopinka, "but that isn't decided." Deputy Reeve Russell Miller pointed out the township "did not have the greatest co-operation last year." Upon being told Rachanski was easy to get along with, the deputy reeve replied "so was Bristow, but he didn't do what he said." He pointed out that the by-law had been drawn up after consultation with Carl Bristow who had agreed to everything, and had stated it was not too restrictive. "But he still stayed open longer than the hours specified" added the deputy reeve.

Three Get Awards

Course Produces 230 High School Drivers

Three high school students were presented with the Georgetown Insurance Agents Trophy last week, as top students in their driver education course at the high school. Paul Armstrong presented each of them with a desk set.

Mike McDonald was the winner of the course just completed. Collette Teller was the winner of the course which finished at Christmas and Joan Bentley waited a year for her trophy as her course ended last June.

230 DRIVERS

The Driver Education courses were started in September 1967 with ex-policeman Ted Scott as the instructor, who is still carrying on the classes. Over the years he has guided 230 students through their driver's ex-

amination to their license. The course covers 25 hours class instruction and a minimum of six hours car instruction. The passing grade is 80% which must be attained before trying the Department of Transportation test.

REDUCED RATES

Students must be 16, and have parental consent. The course costs \$45 and on successful completion entitles them to a reduction in insurance rates, and a discount on car rental rates. The primary achievement is the turning out of safe drivers, well acquainted with the rules of the road. It is designed to eliminate the passing on of parent's bad driving habits, a decided possibility if taught by

Here's Where Your Money Goes

The budget, totalling \$3,095,000 is distributed over the various areas as follows:

Table with columns for 1971 and 1970 (actual figures) for various budget categories: Administration, Property, Finance, Fire, Ambulance, Sewers and Sanitation, Roads, Recreation, Trees and Weed Control.

SPENT MONEY

Cr. Dick Howitt said he could not okay the license renewal that night, since he had never seen the by-law setting out the regulations. In defence of the Dragway, Sopinka said there had been no zoning when they came into the township, and had spent a great deal of money in the business. He suggested the Dragway was one of the biggest taxpayers in the township. "As long as there is a free enterprise system, they have the right to make money," he commented. "We just want you to stick to regulations," replied Cr. Howitt, as he went on to say he would be prepared to put the revocation of the license right in the by-law.

SUITABLE

Dave Pratt, who told the council he operated Cayuga track for three years, said the by-law was suitable as it was, but asked if the 11:30 closing on Saturday meant the last race run by then or the whole place emptied by then. Reeve Tom Hill said it meant no more races after that, and the main lights off. Council said they would discuss the issuing of the license in committee.

Needs Names of Elderly with Work For Students

In an attempt to provide as many students as possible with summer employment, the Federal Government are endeavouring to endorse the following programs. 1. A task force of students to be organized in a community to do the following jobs for Senior Citizens: (a) repairing houses, (b) repairing houses, (c) gardening, mowing lawns, house cleaning, window cleaning, etc. The materials used would have to be provided by the individual receiving the service, however the students would be paid by the Federal Government if the grant for such a program is passed. If the community could provide a vehicle students could be employed to take Senior Citizens on group excursions, i.e. picnics, sightseeing, shopping trips, etc. School buses could possibly be utilized in such a project.

NEED NAMES

The Georgetown and District branch of the Red Cross through the Services for Seniors Committee are trying to organize this program. They already have a list of willing students, but now need the names and addresses of any senior citizens who would be interested in giving our young people the chance to be suitably employed this summer. The application for a Federal grant has to be in Ottawa by April 30. Any interested party should contact Mrs. Pauline Hughes at 877-5663 by April 26 at the latest.

LOTS OF COMPLAINTS

Georgetown police answered 338 complaints during March.

Average Tax Bill Will Be Increased \$26.50

CCOG Wants Bottles, Jars Glass Collection Could Be Start of Recycling Garbage

The Concerned Citizens of Georgetown will sponsor a bottle drive April 28 to May 1, in an attempt to have the glass recycled for re-use. The aim is to do away with the litter of bottles, and to cut down on the amounts of garbage to be disposed of. Any bottles, not just pop bottles are wanted. They can be ketchup, liquor, mayonnaisse, peanut butter, any glass except blue glass and opaque glass, which looks like pottery. MELT IT DOWN Saundor's Esso Station, Rexway BP service station, Georgetown British Cars, and Moore Park Texaco station, are co-operating in the drive by allowing their premises to be used as gathering points. C.C.O.G. will then assume the responsibility of trucking them to Dominion Glass in Brampton, who will melt the glass to be used again. BIG STEP The metal ring which sometimes stays on the pop bottle after the cap is removed, should be taken off before bringing them in to one of the gas stations. This is a trial run and if it proves feasible, could be a step toward separating garbage for re-use. This would be a big step toward combatting pollution, and the continually increasing demand for land for sanitary land fill sites.

Georgetown's 1971 Budget Passed Taxes Rise 4.43 Mills to 75.43

Table comparing 1971 and 1970 tax rates for Public school mills, high school mills, general purpose mills, county rate mills, police mills, and water mills. Total 1971 rate is 75.43, up from 71.00 in 1970.

14 Year Wait to End On Ontario Street

Ontario and Ann Street residents received welcome news, Monday night when they appeared before council to ask for action on the reconstruction of Ontario Street. They were told by road chairman Harry Levy that it was top priority to be done this year, and had been included in the budget. WAIT 14 YEARS Mrs. Rhona Gadd, spokesman for the group, told council that the road was dangerous, because of its narrowness and roughness, but particularly since it is used by trucks to reach the industries at the top of Ontario Street. She said they had been waiting 14 years for action, and had been promised a rebuilt road five years ago.

Tops 20 in Piano Group at Festival

Randy Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Smith, placed first in the Peel Music Festival, grade six piano. He competed against 20 others. Randy played Sarabande in D Minor by Handel. He is studying piano under Mrs. Alva Allen.

Nitro Sat in Cellar 20 Years, Detonated

One little bottle discovered in the cellar of an Ontario St. home Wednesday night attracted a lot of attention from Georgetown police, the fire department, Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service and even the Canadian Armed Forces. It was labeled Nitro Glycerine. But despite all the professional attention most of the residents in the neighbourhood of 11 Ontario Street were unaware that anything was going on until a loud explosion ended the drama shortly after midnight. EXPLODED BY SPECIALISTS The Nitro was discovered in the Willott home cellar by Gerry Fendley a nephew of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Willott, and police were called in. It and another unmarked bottle were carried by Sergeant ARE THEY YOURS? The Herald has one Midget jacket, five gloves, two sets of keys and a pair of glasses in the lost and found corner of the office window.

WITH JUST NINE DAYS LEFT OXFAMERS ARE



TOUGHENING THE WALKING MUSCLES

Mike Graham-Smith of 39 Regan Crescent strides to keep up with sons John and Terry during a regular conditioning session in preparation for the annual Miles for Millions Walk May 1st. The Graham-Smiths are one of a number of Georgetown and district families who will be strolling the route which starts and ends in Brampton and loops through Georgetown.

ANSWERS DEMAND

He contrasted the spending of money on recreation in answer to a demand from the people, to a four fold increase in the police budget over the past five years, when it was forced upon council. He reminded council that a decrease in education mill rates similar to that received in municipalities in Halton, would have resulted in no overall increase in mill rates here. Cr. Hyde repeated that he was staggered by the recreation budget, and considered it a result of the attitude "we must do this and we must do that" without considering the cost.

HOPES FOR CHIEF

Cr. Phil Siddall termed it a good strong economical budget, with low debentures an asset. He felt priority should be given to recreation, which he said was badly needed in town. He hoped the town would hire a paid fire chief, he said. Cr. Donna Denison, recreation chairman, said this recreation budget would permit the town to do some of the things needed for the first time. She listed vital repairs to the swimming pool, and the expanded program of summer playgrounds, competently staffed. Mayor Bill Smith commended the Reeve and the finance sub-committee on the budget and particularly for the low debenture amount. He suggested there was no way of holding the line without buffering, and said the mill rate should have been raised earlier.

BETTER PRODUCE

"For the first time the recreation department is getting a fair shake, and they'd better produce," he commented, "or they won't go that road again." He repeated earlier statements that recreation is not all athletics, but improvements for the whole town. Referring to administration costs, he said, the town was now paying salaries comparable to any in the county. "We are going in the right direction, we have no frills in this budget, even if I would have liked some," he concluded.

\$2,711,079 Coming From Ratepayers

The taxpayer in town will contribute \$2,711,079 to the town coffers this year, but the remainder of the \$3,095,000 budget comes from other sources. Payments from the provincial and federal government in the form of subsidies, and grants make up the bulk amounting to \$215,160. However licenses and permits, including such things as dog licenses \$3,000; building permits, \$15,000; plumbing permits \$4,000; taxi licenses \$400; and other licenses amount to \$28,020. Revenue from ambulance rental, office space rental, magistrate's court, sewer installation and service charge, and penalty and interest on taxes amount to a whopping big \$142,740. This revenue helps to keep the mill rate a little lower for the burdened home owner and tenant.

ALLOCATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Table showing allocations to various boards and commissions: Library Board, Cemetery Board, Credit Valley Conservation, Bands (by plebiscite), Planning Board, Committee of Adjustment, Industrial Commission, Miscellaneous.