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A LITTLE TASTE OF WATER ?

Pre-schoolers, ages three, four and five get acquainted with the water as part of their introduction to swimming in the pre-schooler course at the Alpine Health Club pool on Wesleyan Street. Despite appearances this young water baby isn't drinking the aqua, or even washing her face. She is getting used to the water, something pre-schoolers also do by blowing bubbles in the pool, and ducking under. Later they attempt to float.

Safe in Tehran

Fly Georgetown Man From War-Torn Pakistan

A Georgetown couple's son was one of a group of Canadians flown from war-torn West Pakistan this week. Henry A. Martin, Jr. arrived safely in Tehran, according to word received by his parents, the Henry Martins, R.R.5. The Canadian government arranged the flight when India declared war on Pakistan in a dispute in which West and East Pakistan have been on the brink of civil war. Mr. Martin, a McGill University electrical engineering graduate, has been in Pakistan for three years. He has been engaged in computer design in a nuclear plant which Canada gave to that country, operated under contract by General Electric. With his wife, Carolyn and children Ann and Hal, he has been living in a company colony on the outskirts of Karachi. Mrs. Martin and the children left West Pakistan earlier on a Pacific & Orient liner, with members of other families. The Martins are awaiting further news about their son's destination. They surmise that he will be arranging a meeting with his wife, and possibly may end up in London, England before proceeding home to Canada.

Council Likes the System

Interim Tax Billing Eliminates Borrowing

The interim tax billing has proven to be a success, Cr. Ern Hyde told council, Monday night, as they passed a by-law to use the same system in 1972. "It has done what we hoped it would do", said Hyde, "it has eliminated 100 percent of our current borrowing." He said the town had done no borrowing at all. "In fact it's at the point where we're worrying the bank." The interim tax bills, come due on February 1, and April 3, with half due on each date. A penalty of 1 percent per month will be added until December '72, then an additional 1 percent will be added. Cr. Hyde pointed out that Mississauga had reduced their penalty and suggested Georgetown do the same. "We are mainly hurting the people who can stand it least", he remarked.

Sheep Being Shot

One Dog Shot, Hunt For Second

Spencer Wilson, livestock evaluator for Esqueping township, walked into the council meeting Monday afternoon, with the dog collar and tag of a Labrador retriever just shot by the North Halton O.P.P. for harrasing sheep, on the Gardhouse farm, R.R.5, Milton. He told council two dogs had been involved, and the other one was being hunted by five men at that time. He said ducks on an adjacent farm had also been there. While at council he presented a claim for another sheep killed by dogs last week on the same farm. Douglas Gardhouse was reimbursed \$100 for a ewe, which was due to lamb in early spring. OWNER MUST PAY Spencer Wilson said the whole area had been bothered for some time by dogs roaming at large, and felt dog owners should be notified their dogs may be shot, and they held responsible for the damage to the livestock. If the owner of the dog is known, as it would be in the case of the evaluator bringing in the dog tag, the owner must pay, not the township.

Allow Cedarvale Trail

PARKS OFF LIMITS FOR SNOWMOBILES

Petition Asked for Guard

Will Put Flashing Stop Signs at Corner

Flashing stop signs will be installed on the top of the existing stop signs at the three way stop at Delrex and Weber Drive, if the committee's recommendation to council is followed. Discussion on every type of sign and the possibility of stationing a crossing guard were all considered before deciding on the flashing stop sign. Council received a petition from parents in the neighbourhood asking for a crossing guard. They claimed that many motorists did not stop, but children walked right out because it was marked with white lines as a crossing point, and was a three way stop. CHEAPER The Police Chief suggested to council that the temporary crossing guard at Norton and Delrex be moved to this area. This guard was stationed there during the reconstruction of Delrex Boulevard. Cr. Ern Hyde claimed the flashing stop sign would be cheaper in the long run than a crossing guard. Engineer Eric Willis said the cost of the flashing stop signs would be \$400, the flashing overhead signs, \$1041, and crosswalks, with the illuminated advance signs would be \$4,472. The committee opted for the flashing stops above the existing signs.

After months of debate, council Monday night gave third reading to the snowmobile by-law. The snowmobiles will be allowed to go through Cedarvale in the area of the old sewage disposal plant, but cannot deviate into other areas of the park or use any other town park.

Recreation Director Doug Collison reported to council that the Georgetown Snowmobile Club wanted an access through Cedarvale to cross Main Street south at the old sewage plant. He pointed out this was part of a system of trails from Highway 401 through Huttonville, Silver Creek and up to Terra Cotta. Collison said Robert Lane had given permission for the snowmobiles to cross his property.

KICKED AROUND

Council agreed with the report, but Cr. Ernie Sykes stressed that the long hold up had been due to some members of council wanting the actual trail spelled out in the by-law. "While I'm not opposed to this, we could have passed the same thing two or three council meetings ago", he commented. "We've kicked this by-law around for over a year", said deputy reeve Art Speight. "If we find anything wrong with it, we can always amend it", he added.

The recreation director's report stressed that access through Cedarvale was the only requirement made by the Georgetown Snowmobile Club.

COMPLAINT

He pointed out that the Club had put a great deal of effort into making it a responsible and safety conscious group, and that the trails they have outlined would take them out of town into the rural areas.

Summing up the mayor said he felt this was the right solution. "We've had complaints about snowmobiles in every park, now they will be in the areas most suitable for the sport".

OTHER REGULATIONS

The by-law bans operation of snowmobiles in town between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. and at all times on Guelph and Main Streets, except to make a crossing.

The vehicles cannot be used on school grounds where the town has established skating rinks. They cannot be used on median strips, sidewalks or boulevards.

No one under age 16 can operate a snowmobile, except on private property with the owner's permission. A penalty of \$10 for first offence, and \$50 for each subsequent offence is provided.

Town Council Briefs

Georgetown Council Monday night gave two readings to a by-law issuing debentures amounting to \$215,000 to cover the cost of number six well and the necessary extension to the water system.

They also gave third reading to the Esqueping-Georgetown Fire agreement which has been under discussion since August.

Council agreed to pave the portion of land owned by Alpine Health Club used by the police for parking. They refused to pay for the paving of the driveway, which they claim they do not use. They will draw up an agreement to this effect.

The application from Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. Store, a new store coming to Moore Park Plaza, for a free standing sign was denied.

Council decided to ask the Provincial government for an unconditional grant to cover the cost of a \$300,000 nutrient removal installation at the sewage treatment plant. They claim all municipalities are not being asked to do this.

They authorized the purchase of two more fire extinguishers for the municipal building at a cost of \$68.45.

Cr. Phil Siddal raised the question of separate collection of paper in the garbage collection, when he showed an advertisement from Abitibi printed on recycled, de-inked paper. The engineer was asked to investigate the matter.

Council okayed the part payment of \$55,063 to J. Cucchi Construction for work on Delrex Boulevard.

They also authorized the payment of \$50.50 to the London Fire Chief and \$15.50 to the Oakville Fire Chief for expenses incurred when they supervised the examinations for Georgetown Fire Chief, two weeks ago.

Other payments passed, Monday night, were \$10,143 to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, the 1971 levy; \$107,213 to Halton County, part of the \$207,213 1971 levy; the balance being paid earlier; \$30,760 to the Halton County Separate School Board, the remaining \$55,760 was paid in June; \$3,707 to the Fire Department, the officers and drivers allowance and \$12,472 to the Fire Department to be distributed among the men.

New Math Discussed

Parents Bewildered Can't Help Children

The mathematics program council presented its report to the Halton board of education last Thursday. The main controversy didn't centre around the council's recommendations, but around the philosophy of mathematics instruction. The council chairman, Chris Dearing, said "we should really not have to produce new courses - the gaps are filled" in mathematics. "We would like to have the schools get a little closer together" as far as curriculum goes, he said.

"I suggest the parents draw back from it - it's pretty difficult - a mere engineer's training isn't enough," said Ernest Bodnar, Georgetown's trustee.

Dearing said that even though math is now an elective subject for most high school students the enrolment in math has increased in the past few years.

"What bothers me about team teaching," said Hubert Clohcy, the separate school representative on the board, "is that it is so big - some kids get categorized very early and they're left there".

The board accepted for further study all of the council's recommendations, including one that "development of materials for slow learners should be undertaken".

Balmy 59 New Weather Record

by Aidan McAuley The weather for the past few days has been somewhat unusual. The range between high and low temperature Wednesday and Thursday was very minimal. There was a high relative humidity reading, but no rain until Thursday afternoon, when a fog set in. The rain continued on and off all night and stopped Friday morning. The reading was .37 inches. It started up again shortly after, and continued until about 8:00 p.m. and the reading reached .71 inches, adding up to 1.06 inches within 48 hours. As soon as the rain stopped, the wind changed to a southwesterly direction which brought the mercury up to a record high of 59 degrees, breaking the previous record of 55 in 1946. Weather continued pleasant throughout the weekend, in contrast to a very damp and unpleasant week. It was so balmy, in fact, that some golf diehards had another go at the game, while others were out finishing yard cleanups which had been abandoned some weeks ago.

PENDULUM

Burlington's Ward 1 trustee, J. C. Ronson, said there is a pendulum swinging around the board as far as mathematics is concerned.

"Maybe the children understand why they're taking math, but they can't add and subtract", he said.

Ronson said that many parents are bewildered by the math their children are taking - that the course does not let them help their children with problems in the subject.

SKILLS

"Math has seen the end of the pendulum", said Dearing. The emphasis is no longer on why they are taking math but the skills of math, he said.

"There was a time when parents could sit down and help their children," said Dick Goodin, Oakville Ward 3 representative.



A LITTLE TASTE OF CHRISTMAS

Sometimes Santa Claus likes to whet the appetite of his young admirers with a pre-Christmas gift. Getting a little taste of what Christmas morning will be like is Bev Nightingale at the Georgetown Police Association's children's party.

Driver, Passenger, Cyclist Suffer Minor Hurts in Mishaps

A parked, unoccupied car on Pennington near Mountainview Road received \$600 damage and another car \$400 damage in an accident Saturday afternoon. The parked 1967 Ford was owned by Gordon Thompson, 190 Mountainview Road South, and the 1964 Ford owned by Doreen Bew of 99 Pennington. A 1971 Monte Carlo driven by Robert Platt of Brampton and a 1963 Plymouth driven by John Allison of 26 Gairry Drive were involved in an accident on Mountainview Road at River Drive Saturday noon which caused minor injury to a passenger in the Allison car, Blake Inglis of 556 Main Street, Glen Williams. Police put damage to the Platt car at \$225 and the Allison car \$175. Cal Smith 13, of 45 Maple Avenue East, suffered cuts and bruises when knocked down by a car while riding his bike Friday. The accident happened at the corner of Maple and Market. The car was driven by John Henry Hole of 60 Maple Avenue East. The boy, a Stewarttown public school pupil, was taken to hospital by GVAS for treatment and released. Another Friday mishap did \$550 damage to a 1969 Pontiac driven by Helmut Link of R.R.1 Georgetown and \$350 damage to a 1970 Toyota driven by Mike Carney of 8 Ann Street, Friday. That one happened at the Moore Park Plaza entrance. There were three Thursday motor accidents, one of which involved injury. Ivan Young Crabtree of 7 Parkview Boulevard received \$100 damage to his 1966 Ambassador and Alexander Korzak of 6 Elizabeth Street \$300 damage to his 1970 Pontiac when they collided at the Maple and Main corner. Damage was placed at \$1,200 to a 1969 Falcon driven by Joyce

Marshall of R.R.3 Georgetown and \$300 to a 1969 Plymouth driven by Donna Marie Hamilton of 8 Riverview in an accident at Guelph and Maple. After the initial impact the Marshall car continued across Guelph Street striking a steel sign post. Joyce Marshall suffered cuts and bruises. William Murphy of 155 Prince Charles Drive and Alan Castle of 20 Irwin were the drivers in a two car accident on Mountainview Road at Campbell Gate. Five-hundred dollars damage was the estimate to Castle's 1971 Plymouth, and \$150 damage to Murphy's 1962 Corvair.

Second Wolf Struck by Car

For the second time in a week a Georgetown man has hit a wolf with his car. John White of Georgetown will get \$25 bounty money for hitting a wolf which ran in front of his car as he drove along Derry Road after leaving his supervisor's job at Douglas Aircraft in Malton, Thursday night. The 40 pound brush wolf was crossing the road just east of Highway 10. One week earlier, another Georgetown motorist hit a wolf near the entrance to the Georgetown Market.

Enrolments Swell Brownie Packs

6th Georgetown Brownies, under Brown Owl Elaine Peterson and Tawny Owl Janet Marshall, held an enrolment recently. Girls welcomed into the pack were Shelley Flucko, Kim MacDonald, Pamela Brabant, Lori Taylor, Denise Lafontaine, Beverly Keough, Sophie Jones, Pamela Artherton, Karen Gassner, Sherri Ettinger and Melinda Bolton. After the ceremony, the Brownies served coffee and hot chocolate along with home baked cakes to mothers and visitors. At another enrolment, a group of new Guides were welcomed into 3rd Company. Enrolled were Michelle Jenkins, Yvette Pearson, Donna Spires, Kim Halliburton, Janice Snow, Lori Edgar, Tori Sewec and Jayne Bell. Badges presented the same night went to Brenda Furlotte, collector's; Susan Norton, collector's and singer; Sylvia Schoffemeier, little house emblem. Joy Middleton, from 4th Guides, came out to try for her campfire leader badge. Mrs. Snow, from 2nd Brownies, presented felt owls to Janice Snow, Lori Edgar and Tori Sewec. The owls had the brownie badges sewn on them that the girls earned while in brownies. While the guides had campfire refreshments were served to parents.

Firemen Out Twice

An overheated motor in the furnace at 12 College Street, home of Harry Mann, Sunday, was quickly extinguished by firemen. Tuesday at 5 o'clock, a pot of wax being melted on a stove caused a small kitchen fire at 79A Mountainview Road North. The damage was limited to the kitchen curtains.

Social & Personal

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Evans, 5 Valleyview Road, have returned home from a golfing holiday at Dorol Golf and Country Club, Miami, Florida. Miss Margery Mackenzie, 10 Valleyview Road and Miss Olive Logan, 8 Queen Street, flew to South America recently for a two week vacation. They visited Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Firemen Out Twice

A birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Drouillard. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Reg. French, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Snow, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Snow and son Peter, Mrs. Ota Robin, Miss Lydia Snow, Burlington, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie McEnery. The evening was spent playing euchre. The occasion was Mr. Drouillard's 70th birthday.

Look Out Doggie

Central registration of all dogs in Halton County was rejected by county council's finance committee last Wednesday. Peel County was seeking Halton's support for a resolution on tattooing dogs on a provincial basis. When Halton Warden Frank Oakes said the registry would be a burden on the county Reeve Allan Manson asked what would happen to his (hypothetical) dog if it wandered into Peel County. "If it's bothering livestock your dog will quite properly get a bullet through the head", Oakes said. Dr. Oakes is an Acton veterinarian.