



THE CROWD was smaller because of weather conditions, but entries were more than expected at the first

schedule of snowmobile racing at Waterfalls

Playground, Sunday. See story and results page 4.

WITH BARE GROUND showing through, three snowmobiler racers round a

curve and head for the finish line on the snowmobile

racing course created at Waterfalls playground.

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No Battle as Swanborough Named Halton's New Warden

At the shortest inaugural meeting of Halton County Council, in many years, James R. Swanborough, Q.C. reeve of Burlington, was elected warden of Halton County Tuesday afternoon.

The vote was unanimous, with no other names put forward in nomination. At an informal meeting of county councillors held last week, the choice of warden was made, and the committees set up. This is in sharp contrast to previous years when the fight for the wardenship was held out in the open with as many as three candidates nominated.

The last time the top post was held by a representative of Burlington was 1964 when Gordon Gallagher was warden.

P.C. CANDIDATE

Swanborough is a well known figure in the Burlington area, having been a councillor since 1968 and reeve since 1971, where he served as road chairman. He is a graduate of McMaster and Osgoode Hall, and is a member of the law firm of Katz, Swanborough, Dudzic, Di Pietro, and Goldberg. He was the Conservative candidate in the last federal election, coming second behind the Liberal winner by 1,000 votes.

The first warden of Halton County was elected in 1854. Judge Alan B. Sprague, Halton County court judge, officiated at the swearing in ceremony of councillors and the newly elected Warden. This year, since every municipal council except Milton's was on a two year term, and only Milton had an election, only one new face, deputy reeve R. McCuaig of Milton, appeared on county council.

LEFT INTACT

In his inaugural address Warden Swanborough asked for the continuing support of county council in restructuring county government. He termed Halton county council a regional, second tier government at present, since it supplies services to all seven municipalities. He said he felt close liaison with the provincial government to be a necessity, and pointed to the fact a meeting the next day (Wednesday) with Honourable George Kerr and the Honourable Jim Snow as evidence of attempts at closer co-operation.

He emphasized that the county needed a decision confirming the fact Halton county would be left intact so that sound decisions could be made for the whole county.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Among capital projects he listed for the year were an addition to the present administration building, an expansion to the present home for the aged facilities, and the location, the new county works garage, and county road reconstruction.

He said the county will continue to press for a 75 percent subsidy for the Board of Health rather than the existing 50 percent, since he claimed the Halton County Board of Health meets the criteria for a regional Board of Health laid down by the province.

KNOW COUNTY

The newly elected warden said plans were being made to make the administration building a county data centre to serve all municipal and county government computer needs.

In the promotional field he suggested a "Know your County" programme which he entitled "Passport to Halton County". The programme would be designed to encourage visits to points of interest in the county.

He concluded by visualizing the county system as a catalyst for intermunicipal co-operation.

Georgetown Trustee Is Education Board Chairman

In Trust Since '59

\$18,000 "Orchard" Money Will Be Used By Town

The \$18,000 sitting in a trust account since Bob Lane built the subdivision in "the orchard", or Delrex Blvd. from Edward Street to Windsor Road, will now be used by the town. Council passed a motion Monday night approving an agreement between the town and Mr. Lane.

Reeve Ric Morrow explained that this was the money the Halton County Board of Education claimed, because the money had originally in 1959 been set aside to defray the capital cost of schools.

"I feel it is a shabby and disgraceful practice to change

the use of this money", said Cr. Dennis Denison. "It was quite clear this money was meant for capital school costs, regardless of who was the governing body at the time", she added.

LOGICAL STEP

Reeve Morrow emphasized he made a motion last year to turn the money over to the Halton County Board of Education, and it was defeated. "If council decided not to turn it over, the next logical step is to release the money for town use", he contended.

Continuing, Morrow pointed out that the solicitor advised

them not to give the money to the Board of Education.

Cr. Phil Siddall asked if the town was still paying school debts incurred before the County Board was set up.

FOOLHARDY

Cr. Ernie Hyde replied that the Board assumed the debts but assessed them against the municipalities.

"If we are being levied for the costs, I feel we would be foolhardy to turn the money over", Siddall remarked.

The agreement was approved with only Cr. Denison opposing.

Georgetown's trustee on the Halton County Board of Education was named chairman of that body Thursday. His election was unopposed.

Bodnar, who has been the Georgetown representative since the county board was formed three years ago, was a member of the Georgetown High School District Board before that.

He was elected to represent Georgetown on the board in a two man race initially, and was returned by acclaim in December 1970.

Last year he headed the board salary negotiations committee and was the major architect of the Halton secondary school teachers' new contract.

He succeeds Doug Wood, the board's third chairman. Fred Armitage, who was first to hold the office, nominated the Georgetown trustee. Oakville's Dick Goodin seconded the nomination. Bodnar was a candidate for the vice-chairmanship last term. Esqueusing trustee Bill Lawson

was defeated by Burlington's Ward Three trustee G. W. Johnston for the vice-chairmanship.

The board presented a gavel to Wood who stepped down after two years.

"No chairman could sit and chair a board with so many competent trustees", said Wood. He said the Halton trustees are what makes the Halton board of Education one of the best in the province.

Bodnar said the major issue before the board this year will probably be regional government for Halton since the exclusion of Burlington would be disastrous.

He said that if Halton did lose Burlington and its 86,000 population, the board would likely have to join the Peel Board of Education.

Bodnar, Mississauga's deputy town engineer, makes his home at 8 Heslop Court, with his wife Dorothy, sons Grant and Greg, 14, and Glen, 12, and daughter Laura, 16. He is a past president of Georgetown Lions Club.

Consultant Urges Limehouse Bypass

Residents of Limehouse, four miles west of Georgetown, will have a consultants report on truck traffic in their village presented to them at a public meeting in late February or early March.

County council's roads committee recommended that the '72 committee which will be appointed this week, arrange a public meeting on the DeLeuw, Cather and Co. report.

Limehouse residents have complained about the large number of trucks which pass through the village going to and from quarries in the area.

Russell Barr of DeLeuw, Cather gave the committee a report on the two alternatives to improve traffic flow.

Basic alternatives are to rebuild the road through Limehouse to upgrade it for the truck traffic or to build a bypass around the village.

LOW PRICE

Barr recommended the bypass to the committee. He said it would cost only six percent more than reconstruction of the existing road. This would be a low price to pay for preserving the village environment and improving the road service for both truckers and through traffic.

If the bypass is built, the section of County Road 20 in the village would revert from the county road system to the Esqueusing Township road system.

Fire Guts Kitchen Former Chief

A fire at 1:40 a.m. Sunday forced Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bonfield, 145 Main Street North to flee their home. The kitchen was completely gutted and the dining room badly damaged.

Mrs. Bonfield said she didn't know what woke her, but when she came downstairs she was greeted by a wall of flame in the kitchen.

Firemen saved the rest of the house, and wakened a next door neighbour in case the fire was carried by the wind.

Bob Bonfield was a member of the Georgetown Fire Department for years, and served as Fire Chief for some time. While firemen were fighting this fire another call came in to J. Emmerson's on Ewing Street, but after investigation firemen found no fire. They concluded the wind had carried the smell of smoke over from the Bonfield house on Main Street.

Hymers Signs

Carl Hymers, who played against the top international teams in Europe in 1963 as a member of Canada's National Hockey Team, has signed with Georgetown Raiders of the OHA Niagara Peninsula Intermediate A league, and will play here Friday night.

Hymers, a Milton resident, had planned not to play this year but coach the Junior Milton Merchants instead. He has since been let go by Milton and was immediately sought by Raider coach Gerry Inglis.

Hymers Senior A experience includes season with Windsor, Toronto, Orillia, and Oakville Oaks.

He is the second Georgetown Raider to have International Hockey experience. Moe Galand, who played in a Georgetown uniform a few years ago, was a member of the Toronto Lynhursts.

What Is It?



This unpainted board has been riddled with drill holes each of which contains a peanut. This feeder will attract nuthatches, and woodpeckers. For others see page 11.

Aler Developments' Twin Apartment Buildings Nixed

The twin apartment buildings proposed by Aler Developments on the eastern edge of town, went down to defeat in a tie vote Monday night at council when the vote on a by-law to rezone the area from industrial to multiple dwellings was lost.

The recorded vote showed Crs. Ernie Sykes, Ernie Hyde, Harry Levy and Mayor Bill Smith in favour, and Crs. Donna Denison, Joan Smith, Phil Siddall and Reeve Ric Morrow, opposed. Deputy Reeve Art Speight was absent.

The rezoning of the front part of the land, facing Guelph Street

where a motel and restaurant is planned did not come to a vote, since Cr. Phil Siddall asked that it be withdrawn until the committee could look over the site plan. He emphasized he was in favour of the motor inn project, but wanted more details before voting on it.

The original plans called for 158 apartment units, with sauna, swimming pool, tennis courts, and a large park area with barbecues and picnic tables.

The motor inn, and restaurant would be situated on Guelph Street, and the apartments on the unopened 10th line at the rear of

what is known as the old Tracy property.

ON AGENDA

There was no discussion before the vote, but after the by-law was lost, Cr. Ernie Hyde asked that it be put on the committee meeting agenda.

Cr. Phil Siddall asked the mayor to rule against the request, saying the matter had been disposed of by council.

The mayor stated "any member can put anything he wants on the committee agenda, I can't rule against it".

Circulation 151,617

Library Membership Approaching 9,000

Georgetown Public Library staff handled over 300,000 books last year according to figures contained in the librarian's annual report.

The report shows total circulation last year was 151,617, but each book would be checked through twice, once when loaned and again when returned.

Useful Arts have become the most popular books with Biographies not far behind. Arts and Recreation, History and Travel following in that order of popularity.

The report shows a total membership of 8,944, the majority of them - 4,687 - juniors. The Georgetown library has 23,388 books in stock, 15,287 in the adult section. Included in the total number of books in stock are 687 reference books.

Last year, 2,133 new books were added to stock, 144 books were borrowed from other libraries, 382 school visits were made, and 2,621 records were borrowed from August 1. A new service, film lending, saw 148 films borrowed since it was introduced in September.

Geese Rested on Tombstones Until the Hunters Withdrew

"People watching" is a favorite pastime of animals and birds and most human beings just do not give them credit for being so observant.

A case in point is the large duck population resident on the 500-acre lake in the Orangeville Reservoir owned by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. Under the wildlife management program, operated in co-operation with the Department of Lands and Forests, controlled hunting was allowed for eight weeks this fall.

Harold Cruikshank, area supervisor for the Authority, said that it was amusing to watch the ducks move out of range when the gates opened to admit hunters to the area.

FED AMONG THE BLINDS

Each morning at sunrise the ducks moved down the lake into the sanctuary area and each evening, when sighting a gun became difficult, they commuted back to their feeding grounds among the hunters' blinds.

Their success is plain to see in the final count: 187 hunters shot 34 ducks in eight weeks.

The giant Canada geese and their smaller migrating cousins, protected by the game laws, weren't taking any chances either. They flew into the cemetery across the lake and rested among the tombstones until the hunters left. Groups of 100 or more birds each day made the Orangeville Reservoir an interesting spot to visit during the migrating season.



ERNE BODNAR

Students will Sit at Council Table Feb. 7

Student power will really be in evidence February 7, when each position on council, from the mayor to the clerk-treasurer will be filled by two people, the usual holder of the position and a grade 10 student from Georgetown High School.

The suggestion was made to council by Don McColeman, a teacher at the high school and a member of the A.O.T.S. men's club at St. John's United Church. The men's club and the high school are working together on the idea.

The letter from McColeman stated they felt students should have a better understanding of municipal government, and felt this method, together with a study of the subject before the February 7 meeting, would help achieve this aim.

On February 8, a dinner for the students and members of council will be held in St. John's United Church.

Mayor Bill Smith said a student would be sitting beside each councillor during the meeting.

All members of council were enthusiastic about the project.

Town Council Briefs

A letter from one of the recipients of a Christmas basket was read to council Monday night. The letter thanked council, and asked them to convey thanks to all the clubs who worked on the Christmas Welfare fund. "You made our Christmas something it could never have been", said the letter.

A request from the Georgetown Midget Hockey club to use the town works garage for a car wash to raise funds for their trip to Drummondville was held for comment from the work superintendent. He will be asked if it will cause inconvenience or add any cost to the town.

Council authorized the payment of the hold back amount of \$3,990 to Dundas Construction. This is the final payment on the John Street pumping station.

The taxi bylaw was amended to reduce the liability and property damage required from \$200,000 as had been originally set out, to \$50,000 in line with most other municipalities.

A by-law was passed approving the payment of \$440 a year to members of the committee of Adjustment. Ten dollars will be deducted for each meeting missed.

Jim Hayes, Hale Drive suggested to council they hold quarterly open forums to give citizens to ask questions of individual councillors.