



SNOWMOBILERS GIVE TO HOSPITAL

Georgetown Snowmobile Club treasurer Ernie Pearce Jr. right, presents a cheque for \$200 to Georgetown and District Hospital board chairman Terry Buines as a donation to the hospital building fund. The amount represents proceeds from the club's projects held in conjunction with the recent Javcee International Snowmobile Races in the fairgrounds. Looking on is Mayor Bill Smith.

Was Military Headquarters

Approve Ortona Purchase Will Be Retarded Centre

Jim Snow, M.P.P. for Halton East and Minister of Public Works announced this week that approval has been given by Management Board of Cabinet for the purchase of the Ortona Military Headquarters from the Federal Crown Assets Disposal Corporation.

Preliminary negotiations have been carried on between the Property Branch of the Department of Public Works and the Crown Assets Disposal Corporation. These negotiations are now in the process of being finalized, and it is expected actual transfer of the property will take place within the next three months.

FOR RETARDED

The Ortona Site, which is approximately 16 acres in area, including the existing buildings, is to be used by the Ontario Department of Health as a regional residential day care centre and hospital school for the mentally retarded. The centre will be under the direction of the Mental Retardation Services Branch of the Ontario Department of Health and will be planned to serve the needs of the mentally retarded in the Halton and Peel area. In addition to making use of the main existing buildings, additional construction work will be carried out so that the completed project will have accommodation for between 150 and 200 residents.

CLOSE TO HOME

Mr. Snow stated that the establishment of this centre will allow for the mentally handicapped residents of Halton and Peel Counties to be cared for within a reasonably close distance of their homes. At the present time, the closest facility is in Orillia, Ontario. This will also allow a reduction in the number of residents at the Orillia Hospital School, which is seriously overcrowded.

Stewarttown

Those of us who witnessed the fire at the Master Feeds mill early Tuesday morning last week, also witnessed the efficient manner in which Georgetown firemen performed their task, to confine the blaze to the mill proper.

They worked hard and certainly deserve a great deal of credit.

Canon J. E. Maxwell was in

charge of the funeral service on Monday for Miss Prairie Maguire, who died on Thursday. Miss Maguire was an active and valued member of St. John's Anglican Church and Guild for a good number of years. Unfortunately, illness had prevented her from attending for some time. She will be greatly missed by her many friends.

—Mrs. E. Grant

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Speaker At B. & P. Party

Predicts Many Changes Status of Women in 70's

Members of the Business and Professional Women's Club celebrated International Night by entertaining at a wine and cheese party in Holy Cross auditorium on Tuesday, February 29. Each table was decorated with two flags from the various nations. Mrs. Margaret Parker welcomed the guests and gave a short resume of the number of the clubs in the International and how some who had been forbidden to belong during the war, were now rejoining.

Miss Nora Krantz, president, introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Kay Eastham from the Women's Division of the Department of Labour. The following are excerpts from Mrs. Eastham's talk.

"In 1970, the Report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women was published. The fact that the first edition sold out immediately indicated the interest which the report generated. Indeed, the 1970's will probably see many significant changes concerning the status of women.

The commission contained

167 recommendations for specific changes, which may go a long way towards changing attitudes, both towards women and on the part of women themselves.

"Action on the federal level - National Housing and Mortgage Act, amended so that approved lenders cannot discriminate on the basis of sex or marital status in mortgage applications. Canadian Labour Standards Code amended to include equal pay and maternity leave, new child care allowance. The appointment of Freda Pallitoff to Privy Council to study recommendations and report to Bryce Mackasey.

APPOINTMENTS

"Action at Provincial level. Last Provincial election saw increased activity of women politically, both as candidates and in responsible campaign organizing positions. Many more appointments of women to important, decision making and policy influencing positions, e.g. Judge in Family Court, Human Rights Commission, Supreme Court of Ontario and county court judge.

"The most blatant form of sex-discrimination is when women

are paid less than their male co-workers who are performing the same or similar duties. Therefore - in 1968 - existing Equal pay legislation strengthened and transferred to the Employment Standards Act. It has proved to be very effective.

"But - impact of equal pay laws limited, because of the Division of Labour by sex which I've described - women weren't allowed to do the same job as men so that the equal pay legislation couldn't come into operation.

"Therefore realized that equal pay needed to be backed up by equal opportunity legislation - Women's Equal Employment Opportunity Act, 1970.

"Main provisions - very specific - bars discrimination based on sex or marital status in recruitment and hiring, training and apprenticeship, transfer and promotion and dismissal. Bars separate job labels and seniority lists based on sex.

NEW PROGRAMS

"Women's Equal Employment Opportunity Act also covers intermediaries - newspapers and employment agencies.

"The Women's Bureau has also established preventative, educational programmes to supplement the WEEO Act.

(a) Vocational information program for school girls. (b) Careers Centre - counselling for mature women who are returning to work. (c) Research - looking to the future for new areas for reform, e.g. sex-based differences in fringe benefit plans.

"We've already seen significant progress in the status of women and we can expect to see more exciting developments and reforms in the future. Changes which you, both as individuals and as members of the B. & P. can help to forward; changes which will benefit you - as members of the labour force and as women."

Mrs. Eastham handled a question period following her talk. She was thanked by Mrs. Sharon McMillan and presented with a gift.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. William McNally, 22 Market Street, have returned from a two week holiday in Barbados and St. Lucia in the West Indies.

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Credit Winter Works

Fewer Halton People On Welfare This Year

Federal and provincial winter works programs have reduced the number of employable people on welfare in Halton County, said welfare director James Gray, last Wednesday.

Gray's report to the community services committee showed 208 people who could hold jobs on welfare in January compared to 273 one year earlier.

Welfare payments in all areas are down to two thirds of the January total for 1971. The total in January this year was \$56,900. Last year the January figure was \$83,700.

The major decrease came in general assistance straight welfare which showed a drop from \$76,500 to \$53,700. Payments for day nurseries dropped from \$764 to \$39.

Mrs. Gustav Rockel Funeral in Waterloo

Mrs. Gustav E. Rockel, 12 Maple Avenue West, died in Georgetown hospital Friday.

Mrs. Rockel, 73, who had made her home here for some years with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Malison, was predeceased by her husband. She was the former Ella Westfall, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Westfall of Waterloo.

She leaves seven children, Frederick of Orillia; Edward of Kitchener; Robert and Roy of Waterloo; Jack of Puerto Rico; Mrs. Harry (Helen) Schwartz of Kitchener; and Mrs. Edward (Gladys) Malison of Georgetown; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and brothers and sisters, Charles and Herbert of Waterloo, Oscar, Mrs. Ralph Schaus and Mrs. Harry Boyd, Kitchener.

Funeral service took place on Monday in St. John's Lutheran Church, Waterloo, with interment in Waterloo Mount Hope Cemetery.

Was Mother Of Georgetown Woman

Funeral service took place Wednesday for Mrs. Marie G. Swetman, who died in Toronto Monday.

Her daughter, Mrs. Gordon (Marlyn) Rea lives in Georgetown at 25 Rexway Drive.

Born in the eastern townships of Quebec, she lived in Kapuskasing before moving to Toronto some years ago.

Predeceased by her husband, Herbert, she leaves sons William and Gordon, Toronto and her daughter here.

Funeral service took place at the William Speers Funeral Chapel, Dundas - Street West, with interment in Park Lawn Cemetery.



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