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Esquering Residents Will Pay A Little More in Taxes

Esquering township ratepayers will pay a little more in taxes this year, it was revealed last week when Esquering council approved the 1972 budget. Georgetown fire area residents will have the smallest increase, from 61.14 to 62.02, an increase of 1.88 mills. The commercial and industrial rate rose only .55 mills in this area.

The farm and residential rate in the Acton fire area is up from 60.21 to 62.02, an increase of 1.81 mills, while the commercial and industrial rate in this area, went up 1.50 mills.

Milton fire area farm and residential rate shows the biggest hike, from 59.97 to 62.02, an increase of 2.05 mills. Commercial and industrial rates in the Milton area rose 1.74 mills.

SAME RATE
For the first time, all three areas will have the same mill rate, except for the hamlets with street lighting. The three different rates for fire protection will still be serviced from the three neighbouring towns, but they will pay the same for fire protection through general taxation, similar to roads or any other township service.

The portion of the mill rate controlled by Esquering rose 4.74 residential and 4.62 commercial, but this now includes the fire area mill rates which previously were listed separately. The county rate rose .45 mill, while the costs for elementary education dropped 2.33 in the

public school system and 4.38 in the separate school system. The mill rate for secondary schools rose only .66 mills.

STREET LIGHTING
The mill rate for street lighting in the villages all decreased, except Milton Heights where the street lights are just being installed for the first time.

Reeve Tom Hill revealed major road improvement plans council has in mind to account for the slight mill rate increase. Council added one mill to the roads budget.

"We have a new bridge to construct on the Sixth Line and a new culvert to install on the Third Line as well", the reeve pointed out. "We're also going to continue our program of paving streets in the hamlets as much as we can".

Hill said a stretch of the Fifth Line near Limehouse from the conservation area, north to the location of the Twins' Woodworking shop will be paved this year.

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Sprinkler System Troubles

Firemen were called to General Fireproofing three times in two days, when trouble in the sprinkler system caused them to go into action. Monday afternoon, early Tuesday morning and again Tuesday afternoon, the sprinkler system went off.

Fire in a blue and white town-owned garbage can in front of the McGibbon Hotel on Main Street was quickly extinguished by firemen Monday afternoon at five o'clock.

Tax Rate Unchanged But No Rebate Help

26 Mile Route Oxfam Walk Starts From Georgetown

This year for the first time since the start of the Brampton-Georgetown area Miles for Millions walk, Georgetown walkers will start their trek here.

A 26 mile course has been mapped out with Georgetown and area walkers to start from Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church on Maple Avenue, and Brampton and district walkers heading out from the Brampton arena.

On walk day, Saturday May 6, those starting from Georgetown will walk 4.9 miles to Altona school, then three miles to Snelgrove, 5.3 miles to a Brampton area checkpoint, 1.7

miles to Brampton arena, 4.2 miles to Huttonville, four miles to Norval, and 2.9 miles back to Holy Cross.

DRINKS PROVIDED
Drinks will be provided at all checkpoints, but walkers will have to carry their own food.

Pre-registrations are being held at Georgetown Y office, and in Brampton and Bramalea on Thursday May 4. Walkers that pre-register may start without checking in at the starting points on walk day.

Saturday May 13 will be collection day with sponsors' money to be taken to the same places as pre-registration.

Although mill rate and total taxes assessed on Georgetown homes remains the same for 1972, taxpayers will be faced with an extra \$60. The government has dropped a rebate system which allowed most households a \$64.80 kickback last year. The rebate was passed on to tenants of rented homes and apartments.

A tax rate of 75.43 mills residential and 82.15 industrial and commercial was adopted Monday. Rates for Roman Catholic separate school supporters is an extra 2 mills in each case.

Helping to keep a stable rate is a \$191,000 surplus from 1971. Half of this came about when \$100,000 in road subsidies was not included in revenue when compiling last year's budget.

Reeve Ric Morrow, council's finance chairman, in his budget speech made particular mention of the good work of town treasurer Lloyd Peterson. He said Mr. Peterson had earned the town \$30,000 by investing excess cash on hand in short term notes. Council anticipates spending \$4½ million this year, with \$250,000 of this to be raised in taxes.

ROAD WORK
Major road works includes Charles, Park, Weber and Duncan for paving, storm drains and curbs. The highway, from Main to Maple, and Queen Street will have asphalt resurfacing. A tree planting program on boulevards will be continued.

Parks have a heavy emphasis in the budget.

Reeve Morrow said six men will be hired for maintenance of parks, trees and rinks. Development work is planned on Gibbons Park in the east end and Emmerson Park in Moore Park.

A parkette at Delrex and Greystone will be sodded.

TENNIS LIGHTS
A second Cedarvale soccer field with bleachers, and lights for Gibbons Park tennis courts are planned. And washrooms and change rooms will be built at the fairground, Reeve Morrow said.

Improved lighting, a new speaker system and roof repairs are in the budget for the arena. A \$10,000 fund is the start of lights for the park hardball field, with \$10,000 to be added each year.

Five school playgrounds, a teen summer program, and a part-time worker for a teen program at Cedarvale starting in the fall, are other budget items.

RESEARCHING
The reeve said that many citizens are promoting a new recreational facility, and the

Recreation Committee is researching this. It is possible that \$90,000 which the town has in reserve accounts could initiate this project, he said.

The budget had little comment at the meeting, other than from Cr. Ern Hyde, who voted his opposition.

He said the surplus should not go into the general budget. By so doing, he said council is incurring frivolous expenditures, a tree foreman, for instance, which once started are hard to curb.

"Had we not had this extra \$200,000 we would have pared. Instead we're going to blow the works," he complained. The surplus should have been put in a capital account, expenditures pared and the town could still get by with no increase in tax rate, is his opinion.

NECESSARY THINGS
Cr. Phil Siddall disagreed.

He said the \$200,000 gives council an opportunity to do some necessary things which otherwise might not get done. It will benefit residents who paid it in taxes last year, he said, which is proper. And he denied that any frivolity is planned.

"A good budget," was Mayor Wm. R. Smith's comment. He said it will give next year's council a boost, with projects completed which they might have faced.

SAVED MONEY
"Sound and practical," commented Deputy Reeve Speight. He mentioned that the efforts of Morrow and himself at county council, in having Mountainview named a county road has saved a lot of money too.

A \$240,000 improvement project is costing Georgetown only \$25,000, he said.

Wrong Bodnar

Lost a mother, gained a brother and a protionion all in the same day, was Ernest Bodnar's experience due to an unfortunate error in last week's Herald.

The usually careful Herald copied information from a notice in a daily paper, without checking with Mr. Bodnar, reporting the death of Mrs. Mary Bodnar of Toronto, mentioned another son and referred to Mr. Bodnar as Mississauga town engineer.

We are pleased to report that his mother, Mrs. Frances Bodnar is alive and well in St. Catharines. Mr. Bodnar is an only son and is deputy engineer for Mississauga. The Toronto woman was no relation to him.

The Winners

And this is the way the Crazy Boat Race came out:

- CLASS A. comic class race—Gordon Moore of Brampton, winner in a styrofoam contraption.
 - CLASS B. rubber rafts and boats—Winner R. Herterich, King City, in a rubber boat, something like a kayak.
 - CLASS C. boats of all types—Roy Johnson, Georgetown in a plywood boat.
 - CLASS D. motorized boats—E. Ellis and crew, Mississauga.
 - CLASS E. two man canoes—Ed Van Den Hoek and Rick West, of Terra Cotta.
 - CLASS F. professional canoes and kayaks—M. Rosleck, Toronto.
- The winner of the funniest looking boat was another group of Jaycees, they were the Whitby Jaycees. The boat looked something like a shark and was made from part of a plane.

PICTURES OVER BANNER

- 1. Warren Crawford, Alex Virag, Ed Eislinger, Bryan Turner man a raft making its third trip.
- 2. Mayor Bill Smith and crew on the Captains table.
- 3. Rafts ride the muddy Credit.
- 4. Barry Hamilton thumbs a ride as his boat takes on water.
- 5. It was easier on dry land.
- 6. Dan Larocque and Peter Hoffman.
- 7. Don Boyd, Marty Prucyk, John Reyce and Ron Richardson.
- 8. Women's Lib.
- 9. Kick power.
- 10. Centennial School staffers, Mike Hopwood, Jim Atkinson, Wayne Edmunds, Jim Hall and Dave McNally.
- 11. Whitby Jaycees land shark.

Thirty-Eight Units

Money Provided for Second Senior Citizen Apartments

The Honourable James Snow, M.P.P. for Halton East and Minister of Government Services for Ontario, announced this week that approval has been given by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for a loan to the Ontario Housing Corporation in the amount of \$413,266.00 to assist in the construction of 38 one-bedroom Senior Citizens apartments in Georgetown.

This new development will be built by Zorge Construction Company Limited of Georgetown at a total cost of \$459,184.00.

The building will be located at the southwest corner of Sargent Road and Mountainview Road. It

is expected that construction will start immediately upon final approval of the zoning change required by council.

90 PERCENT
The loan is provided under the National Housing Act for a term of 50 years with interest at seven percent. It will cover 90 percent of the cost of construction. The province, through OHC, will provide the remaining 10 percent, Halton MP Rud Whiting told The Herald.

The federal government will bear one half of any operating losses, while OHC will bear 42½ percent, and the municipality 7½ percent.

This is the second senior citizens housing project to be constructed in Georgetown and will supplement the existing building which contains 24 units completed some two years ago.

The total number of senior citizens apartments in the town will now be 62 units.

Attend Premier

Mrs. Mima Brown and Mrs. Inez Walters attended the Canadian premier concert performance of the world renowned basso profundo Ivan Rebroff at Massey Hall in Toronto, Monday evening.

350 Soggy Sailors Swept Along By Swiftest Credit Current

Thousands lined the banks of the Credit River, from the 10th Line bridge in Glen Williams, to the end of the seven mile stretch in Norval, to watch the Jaycees Crazy Boat Race, held in the fastest flowing water since the race began four years ago.

One hundred and twenty five crafts of various shapes, sizes, and weird construction, ventured down the swollen river, with over 350 amateur sailors aboard.

A few escaped a soaking, but many flipped over into the cold water. A trail of empty rafts, rubber dinghies, lifejackets, and pieces of wood and styrofoam floated down the river for the rest of the afternoon.

NO PADDLE
The paper mill dam again provided thrills for the onlookers, but a chill for a contestant who was really up the creek without a paddle.

Barry Jeffrey of Malton lost his paddle above the dam, and was drifting toward the brink. He had to be hauled out at the bridge.

Mayor Bill Smith and crew of a raft after three dumpings were marooned for two and half chilly hours on an island, before being rescued by one of the patrolling safety boats. Another two young men were rescued from a log jam after the race was over, when the Jaycees boat went down looking for any stragglers. They had to

be taken off by rope.

The O.P.P. used ropes to take two shipwreck survivors off an island at Glen Williams an hour after the crowd had dispersed.

Many tales of residents in the area taking in strangers and drying them out have been told, and a rescue of two young boys who fell into the river while watching the race, at Norval has also been proven.

Five Amphibacs, a vehicle which travels on land and water, patrolled the area, and helped to bring wet sailors up where the banks are steeper.

Jim Snow, M.P.P. and Minister of Public Works, was the official starter for the race, but was

cautious enough to stay on dry land. So was Reeve Ric Morrow who was asked to go along. He preferred to fly D.C.'s.

Both C.T.V. and C.B.C. camera crews covered the event, with one C.T.V. cameraman going down the river in a canoe, complaining all the way.

The Jaycees have set up a recovery control system for all the numerous paddles, canoes, cameras and lifejackets, which they fished out of the river. Anyone who has lost anything is asked to write the Jaycees, Box 98, Georgetown.

The dance held at night in the armory was a roaring success.

with each sailor topping the other in tales of rough water and dunkings.

Jaycees in charge of the race were chairman Doug Fishburn, Paul Atkinson, Don Bick, Eli Jones, Dave Farr and Ted Daquano.

Reeve Tom Hill of Esquering did not look too kindly on the boat race. He told his council Monday night that the traffic couldn't get through at the 10th Line. "What if there had been a fire in the upper part of the Glen?" he asked. He said no one can block off roads without permission and the Jaycees had never asked anyone.

Bomb Disposal Experts Called to High School
A "bomb" discovered in Georgetown high school Thursday morning proved to be a fake when dismantled by a bomb disposal crew in Georgetown park.

The device, discovered in the east wing of the school by a janitor shortly after 8 a.m., was described as "a good imitation". Its components included a steel cylinder, wires, batteries, and had a small box attached.

Georgetown Police called in an OPP bomb disposal unit from Downsview.

They transported it gingerly to the centre of the fairgrounds before going to work.

It was the third bomb scare at the school. On two other occasions, scare calls during school hours emptied the building.

Police also investigated a bomb scare at General Fireproofing last year.

Bomb scare perpetrators can, on conviction, receive up to five years imprisonment.

Carnation Taggers Will Be Calling

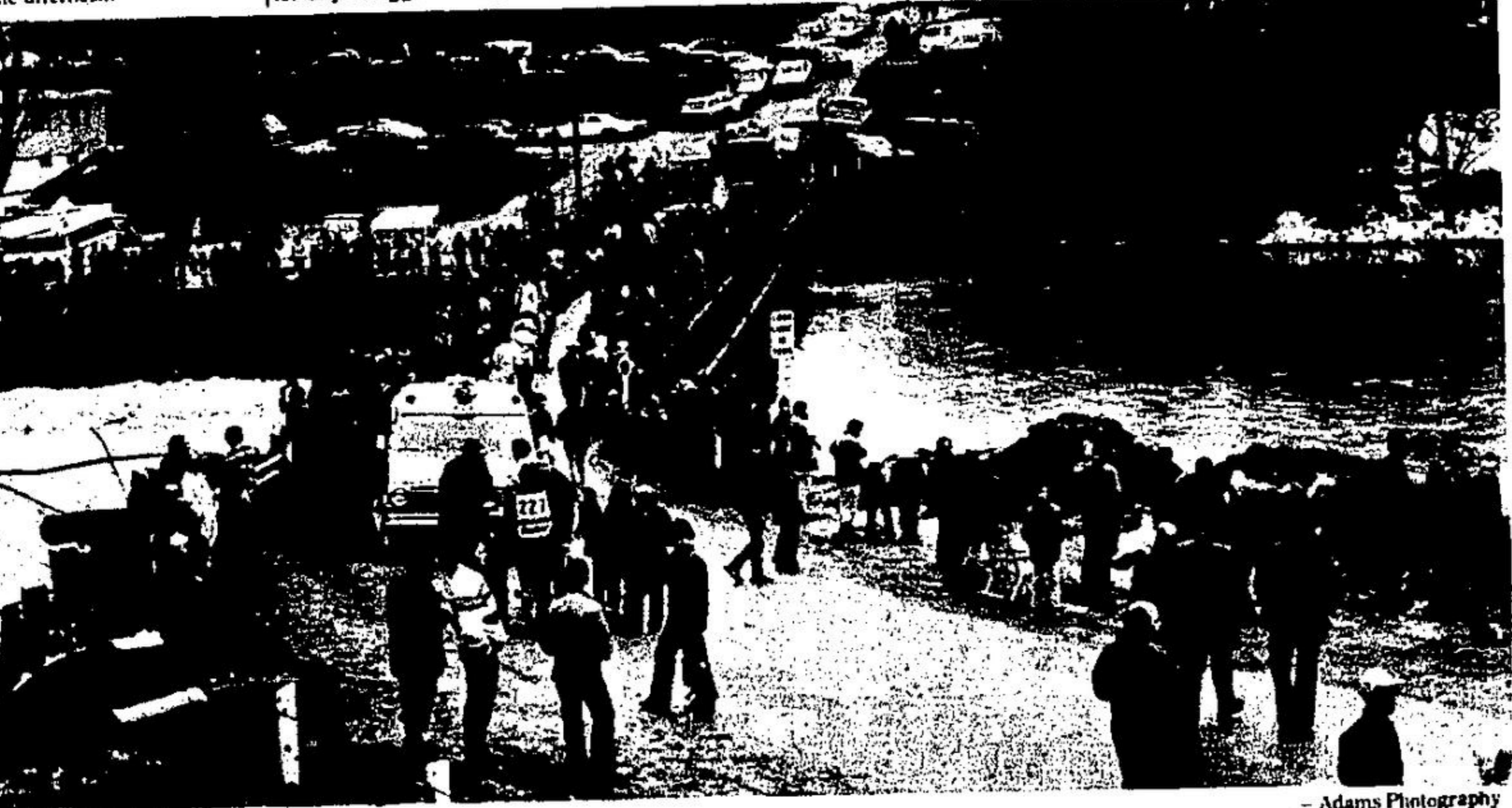
Approval from council was passed and a letter of notification received from deputy clerk C. G. Benham giving council's approval that Friday May 12 and Saturday May 13 be designated as Carnation Day for the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary.

Taggers will be canvassing downtown Georgetown, all streets within the town limits with the exception of the heavy industrial area. Canvassers will also be at all the plazas and where necessary permission has been obtained from store managers to allow canvassers to use their facilities as set out individually.

Carnation Day chairman is Mrs. A. Dean. Persons interested in assisting in this project, either by making carnations or as street captains or as taggers contact her.

Proceeds from Carnation Day supports the work of the Auxiliary in Georgetown hospital.

NOT A TOY
Remember - a bicycle is a vehicle, not a toy. Ride safely.



The lower paper mill dam on River Road was a popular vantage point for race watchers.

— Adams Photography