



## PLAYGROUND CLEAN-UP WINS CITATION

Sandy McEachern, playground director, surrounded by children of Centennial playground,

accepts a citation for cleaning up the grounds in a day long "Littercheck", held at all the playgrounds last week.

The "Littercheck" programme is being held all over southern Ontario, in a

programme being sponsored by six large industries. They also hand out plastic litter bags for homes and cars.

## Start Saturday Morning

# Adventuring Venturers Bike Hike to Ottawa

Seven 4th Georgetown Venturers headed for Ottawa Saturday on bikes. Mare Gaskin, Gary Glover, Paul Riley, Peter Wolf, Doug Duchin, Doug Colter, and Pat McCarthy intend to pedal their way to the capital city in seven days, spend three days there and then wheel south to Long Sault near Cornwall where they will put their 10 speed bikes and themselves about a westbound train. The plans include a stop at Picton before arriving home in time for the start of the 1972-73 school term.

Doug Colter told The Herald the adventuring Venturers organized the bike hike partly as a sight-seeing project, but mainly as a challenge for other Canadian Venturer companies to equal.

**CAMPING**  
The cycle safari will go 36 miles to Markham the first day, then 35 miles to Port Perry, 56 miles to Havelock, 30 miles to Actonville Sulphide, 39 miles to the Junction for Highways 7 and 500, 44 miles to Carleton Place, and 34 miles to Ottawa. Leaving there they will pump 50 miles to Morrisburg, and then 23 miles to Long Sault. They figure that with side trips their bike mileage will approach the 375 mark.

Tents, sleeping bags and other camping equipment will be carried on "rat traps" on the backs of the bikes so that the cyclists won't have to wear tiring back packs.

**KEEP LOG**  
Each member of the group will keep his own log of the trip, but a master log will be compiled at its completion and printed here as well as in the national Scout organization magazine.

The bike hike started as a seed of an idea six months ago, and the participating Venturers have been making preparations for the past three months.

**PRACTICE**  
None of the seven has experience on an extended bike trip so part of the preparation including two bikes a few weeks ago, one around the Georgetown district and the other to Orangeville.

The Venturer company's advisor, Sal Cutrara, has been helping the ambitious cyclists put their plans together.

## New Police Chief



**FLOYD SCHWANTZ**  
Twenty-one years with the Kitchener police force, Floyd Schwantz will take over as Georgetown's police chief September 5.

Sgt. Schwantz was hired last week from over fifty applicants for the position, vacant since Chief Harley Lowe left in the spring.

## Close Vote, Firestone Gets Building Sign

On a close 5 to 4 vote Monday, council approved a fascia sign for Firestone on the rear of their new Moore Park building, facing south on Main Street.

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

Council accepted the recommendation of the general committee, but in the meantime, Cr. Joan Smith, a member of that committee, changed her mind, and opposed the sign.

Cr. Denison said Firestone already has a sign fronting on the highway, and plans one facing the Moore Park Plaza.

"Now they want one on the back," she commented.

Cr. Joan Smith said she originally favoured it because many people who do not ask, but simply go ahead and do things, have three signs. "But there has to be a line drawn somewhere," she added.

# Try East End Only, Bus Service Advice

## Study Snow Clearance From Seniors' Driveways 25¢ Ticket Means Subsidized by 15¢

Possibility of removing snow from senior citizens' driveways is being studied by town council's works committee.

Some weeks ago, the town engineer and treasurer were asked to compile a list of senior citizens.

When a list of names was submitted to the committee recently, members were stunned at the pages of hundreds of names.

"Maybe we could adopt a system of doing this by request," said Cr. Ernest Sykes. "We can't start a blanket service. If a senior lives all alone, it's much different than if he has a son or other relative there who can do the job."

"Well, we're opening up a can of worms", observed the reeve. "Is it a council's function to look for ways of spending money? There is no problem for 90 out of 100 senior citizens, and all we'll get is complaints if we start such a system."

"No one said we should do this without a fee", said Cr. Phil Siddall. "There's no harm in investigating a subject. I would like to know the degree of the problem and the cost."

"We shouldn't make it a political issue", he added.

Reeve Morrow said that clearing the street approach to driveways after the town plow has gone by is a much different proposition than clearing whole driveways.

"If we're going to talk about the whole job, this service is needed much more by a younger group than by seniors", he said.

The reeve said many young commuters, with desk jobs must get to work early in the mornings, while many seniors do not have this urgency.

He suggested that an attachment on the snow plow could lift the scoop as it passed a driveway and avoid pileups.

When the reeve said he wouldn't think council should go into projects for any one sector of residents, Cr. Levy said that this isn't unique.

"We set aside money for youth projects, why not for senior citizens", added Cr. Sykes.

The reeve said estimates by the engineer would work out at \$2.00 for each driveway clearance.

Engineer Eric Willis observed at this point, that it would not only be a cost factor, but whether the town could maintain a reasonable service without too great a time lag.

"I'd like to see council get out of this altogether", the reeve persisted.

He suggested the plan could be turned over to some enterprising high school students and let them handle it privately.

"Perhaps they could make their own survey to see who wants the service", he said.

"We should find out where the need is and who wants the service", was Cr. Sykes' opinion.

Cr. Siddall opposed a suggestion for advertising.

"Once we do that we're committed", he said.

The committee decided to turn the list back to the town treasurer, and have him pare down the list, eliminating people who did not seem to be in need of a snow removal service.

Labour Day, Monday, Sept. 4, is the next public holiday, and then children will be back in their classrooms to start the fall term.

"It originated when we were talking about doing driveways with our own snow remover", volunteered Cr. Harry Levy.

## Veto Request, Won't Take Septic Wastes

Septic tank wastes will not be accepted at the Georgetown sewage disposal plant, council decided Monday night over the objections of Cr. Ernie Hyde.

The works committee had recommended the rejection of a request by Ronald McGowan to dump septic tank wastes.

Cr. Hyde pointed out that the Ontario Water Resources Commission had approved the dumping of these. "It's a whole lot better than dumping in someone's field", he commented.

Reeve Ric Morrow said the sewage treatment plant is being paid by a 50 percent sewer service charge assessed to town residents. "If this man removes the waste from a septic tank in town, they are not paying the sewer service charge", he maintained.

Deputy-reeve Art Speight noted that the Ministry of Environment has withheld approval of the installation of sanitary sewers and water mains on Guelph Street between Beaver Lumber and Masson Motors until the expansion of the sewage treatment plant. "So we are well within our rights to refuse the dumping of septic tank wastes", he remarked.

"Beaver Lumber is on a septic tank", stated Cr. Hyde, "where do you suggest the wastes from that tank be dumped? In Esqueving or in the park in Georgetown?"

"I wonder how we could deal with it, if the contractor proved the waste was from a Georgetown home", mused the mayor.

Cr. Levy said the problems are "too overwhelming", and suggested no one could know whether the wastes are from Georgetown or elsewhere.

## One Week, One Day Extra? Teachers Turn Thumbs Down

School teachers in Halton county voted 97 percent against a one week cut in their holidays, according to Tom Ramautarsingh, president of Halton District 9, Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

They also voted 90 percent opposed to a one day cut, which would require them to return one day prior to the legal opening day of school.

The recommendation, from the Education Priorities and Expenditure Committee of Halton County Board of Education, was one of 180 recommendations made by the committee.

The recommendation stated, "All schools should hold pre-opening day staff meetings late in August, or early in September, and all teachers should be expected to attend". This recommendation was listed under "urgent and important", and the immediate acceptance of this proposal by the Board was urged.

President Ramautarsingh said the poll of the membership resulted in the 97 percent opposition to returning one week early and 90 percent opposition to returning one day early.

"We feel the Board should not initiate a policy whereby compulsory, obligatory or mandatory attendance of teachers is required before the legal date for the opening of school", the O.S.S.T.F. statement read.

Ramautarsingh pointed out that teachers in Halton County who want to meet, do so voluntarily. He said some staffs do meet one week, or one day before the legal opening. This is their right, but the decision should not come from above", said the president, "the decision must be solely made by the teachers."

## Expanding Firm Needs More Land

William Schenk of Glen Knitting Mills Ltd. appeared before the general committee of council last week with an offer of purchase for 1.1 acres of town-owned land behind his plant, Glen Knitting Mills, on Armstrong Avenue.

He said he would buy the whole piece of land or manage with less if necessary. "I thought I had enough land, but in five years it's all gone", he commented to council, as he explained he was now in the

process of building an addition. "We certainly wouldn't want to strangle one of our industries", said Cr. Ernie Hyde, chairman of the meeting.

Cr. Joan Smith suggested the Industrial Commission should be asked to make a recommendation. The committee agreed to this suggestion.

## By-Law Makes Fire Department Official

Georgetown's Fire Department has never been legally established as the town's official fire department, it was disclosed Monday night at council, when Cr. Joan Smith advocated the immediate passing of the third reading of the by-law.

She claimed no fire inspections can be carried out by the fire chief, unless the department is legally constituted.

Cr. Phil Siddall said he is afraid the men could be sued for damage privately if the by-law is not passed. "I just want to protect them, not criticize them, we will be correcting what has been done in the past", he contended.

"I can't understand the alarm. We have been operating without a by-law for a long time", commented Cr. Hyde.

The by-law, given two readings at a previous council had been referred to council's administration committee and the fire fighters association for perusal.

Cr. Hyde claimed the by-law has never gone to the floor of the firemen's association and has only been seen and discussed by the executive.

Cr. Joan Smith said two representatives from the firemen's association sat in with the fire committee and thrashed the whole thing out and made recommendations. The by-law sets standards for members which include minimum Grade 10, or equivalent, medical and character requirements, and provides that a member must reside and be employed in town or immediate vicinity. This may be waived at the discretion of the fire chief.

Deputy reeve Art Speight said the by-law was initiated at the request of the firemen's association. "They suggested changes and rules which were incorporated", said the deputy-reeve. He urged it be passed that night and any clause changes be made later that the firemen want.

Cr. Ernie Sykes contended the third reading was postponed to give the men the chance to tell the executive what they thought about the by-law, and urged it be held off until it was officially decided by all parties and particularly by the men themselves.

Cr. Hyde insisted he wanted the by-law "but one that has been to the floor of the firemen's association", he remarked.

The mayor said he was concerned that the secretary of the firemen's association has asked for thirty copies of the by-law for the men, "and now they'll read we have passed it", he added.

Cr. Siddall maintained the association has no legal standing unless council passed a by-law. "This also covers them by insurance", he remarked.

Cr. Harry Levy suggested the town has been very fortunate over the years in having no legal problems, and stated the firemen are well aware they were doing this for their protection.

Cr. Ernie Hyde retorted, "If

anything happens, they are protected the same as any other town employee."

Cr. Phil Siddall charged Cr. Hyde with using the by-law for political reasons, and said he hates to see people who demand our support being used politically. He said he was afraid of generating ill-feeling by passing the by-law, and "didn't want to be party to ramming something down anyone's throat."

Cr. Sykes maintained the decision had been made to wait till the men saw and discussed it. "because Mrs. Smith was not here we have to go over the whole thing again."

The mayor summed up his feelings by saying "we're damned if we do and damned if we don't."

The final vote to pass the third reading taken at midnight, was carried with Cr. Sykes and Hyde opposed, and Crs. Siddall, Smith, Denison, and Levy, and the mayor in favour.

Reeve Ric Morrow and Deputy-reeve Art Speight had left. The deputy-reeve fell ill, and had to be taken home.

## Word From Abroad Tells of Freak Storm

A disaster of nature in the Stuttgart area is bad news for district residents who came to Canada from that part of Germany.

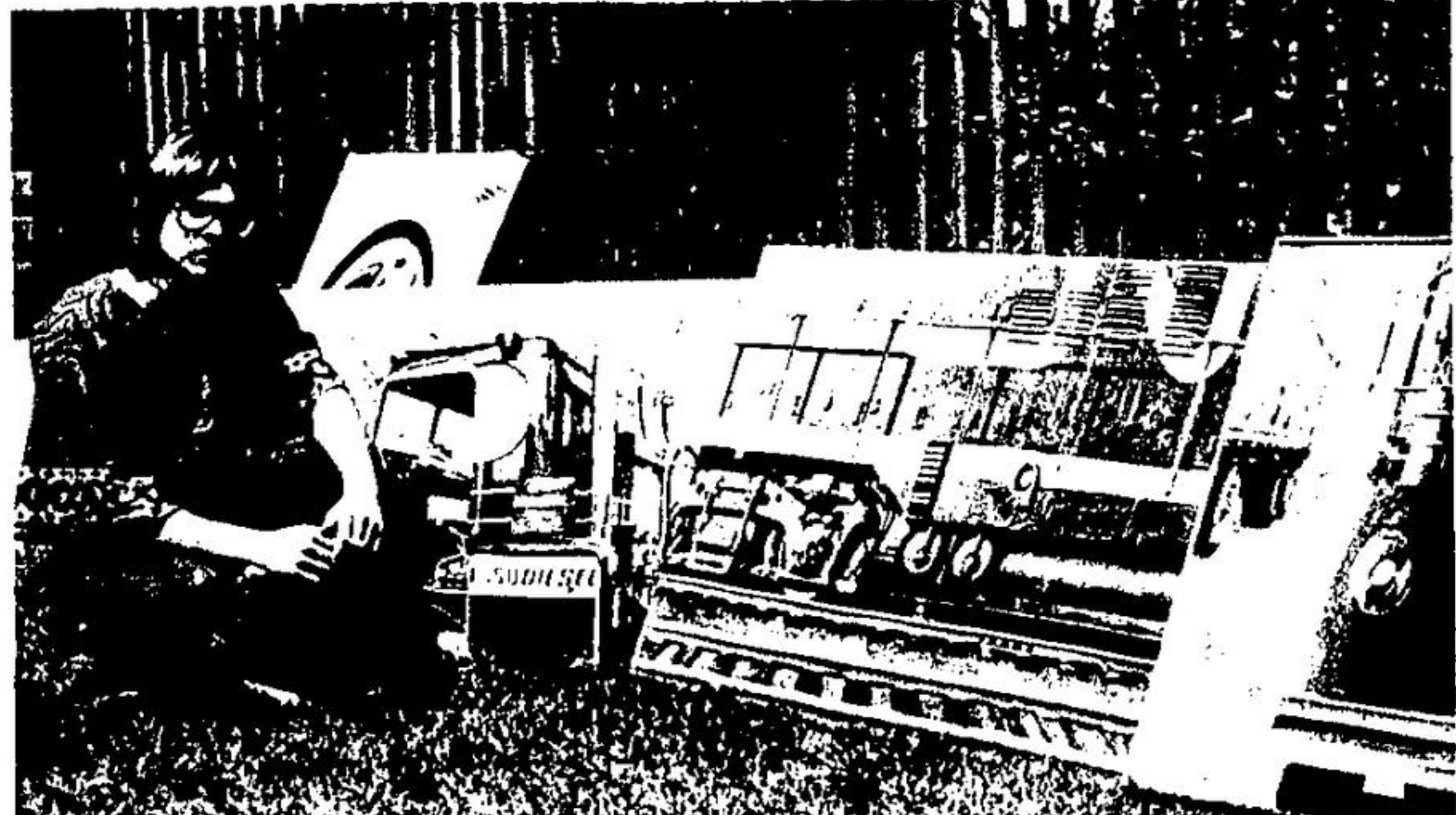
An Ann Street resident, Eugen Male received an airmail letter from his sister this week with pictures and news stories of a hail storm and flood.

Most striking was one of a young man who had just started excavating for a building on his property. After the storm, he dug down to ground level, and the picture shows hailstones piled to a height of five feet.

Millions of dollars of damage was caused in the area, a prosperous agricultural district. Pictures show shattered greenhouses, fields of sauerkraut cabbages destroyed, corn and fruit trees gone, and thousands of trees completely stripped of their foliage.

Snow plows were pressed into service to remove the accumulation of hail on town streets.

The disaster struck such communities as Tubingen, Boblingen, Ludwigsburg and Backnang.



## GEORGETOWN ARTIST IS 'ART IN PARK' PRIZEWINNER

Ted White, 8 Irwin Crescent, with some of his display of paintings, shown at Cheltenham park, on the

week-end, which won him third prize in the painting class. The "Art in the Park"

exhibition was sponsored by Chinguacousy Parks and Recreation Department, and

was judged by John Sommer of House of Sol art gallery, here in town.