# "After a Long While the Legs Grew Heavy and Nobody Sang"

Editor, The Herald.

successful walk-a-thon, for myself and family and three of my daughter's friends - plus some 15 other great children we "adopted" along the route.

For some of us. Saturday started at 7 a.m. and finished at 7 p.m. Starting out fresh and full of vigour, we made our way to check-point No. 1 which was 4.9 miles away. An hour and a half later we were sitting down and drinking hot chocolate. All of us were in great spirits. Next stretch would be a breeze. It was only 3 miles away. So off we went.

We were making good time so

Alice Halbleib, 199 Mountainview Road South,

was the first girl to complete the YOU Walk circuit,

Saturday, starting from

Georgetown. She began at 7 a.m. and finished at 1.55 p.m.

First young walker to check back in at the

Georgetown checkpoint after

making the 26 mile walk was Douglas Hole, 33 Windsor

**Expect YOU Walk** 

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radio calls from the REACT

cars and sending dispatchers

for supplies to where they were needed. Another centre was set

Twelve other persons

volunteered their services and

and approximately \$300 was

Rosalea Arena, Brampton, committee.

Road. He is 11.

up in Brampton.

LOST AND FOUND

**Lions Mark Time** 

we checked in point No. 2 at verse upon verse of "The Ants feet and hung onto their and a great amount of kindness, and the cries of "Let's drop were the main reasons for a out" began. But thank God for the groups manning the checkpoints. After filling us up with hot chocolate and orange jice, they started massaging feet and giving us a few tips on how to prevent blisters, then getting us all together and helping us on our way once again.

> But now we were having Song", and "He's got the whole difficulty keeping my daughters and their friends from dropping behind. So we did the one thing we hoped would brighten their spirits again. We sang. Starting out

**As Council Considers** Recreation Complex Georgetown Lions Club's \$200,000 community hall, that

> done on it at all," according to Deputy Reeve Ernie Sykes. Deputy Reeve Sykes, a Lions officer, explained that the club is waiting for the town to make its decision on the proposed municipal recreation complex first. That will have to be made before May 31 in order to apply

February has "no work being

for federal grants. Once this decision is made the Lions Club will receive an answer from council as to leasing or buying the land for their hall, which will be located on sloping land near Cedarvale, the site of the old sewage disposal site on Main Street south.

SIMILARITIES

No work will be done, until they can acquire the land, acknowledged Deputy Reeve Sykes. He referred to the similarity of the two community halls and how the Lions proposal would be less costly.

The municiapl recreation complex will also have an hall seating 500 people.

#### Snow-Brr-Fest Winners Receive

#### Prizes at Dance

Brian Hill was re-elected president of Georgetown Snowmobile Club at the club's recent election ball in Sacred Heart hall.

Jack Bergmann is the carnival vice-president, Evelyn Boudrea, social vice-president: Cathy Haarsman, treasurer: Gerald Atherly, public relations officer; Barbara Cormack, secretary; Bernie Picard, trails chairman; David Mackey, clubhouse chairman, and Thelma Mackey, telephone

Prizes won at the recent

Snow-Brr-Fest '73 rally at Flame Oil; Sheila Hill won the pace remained the same. ladies' first prize; Bill Robbins, men's first prize; Mary Lou Gibson, ladies' second prize; Vern Gunby, men's second prize; while third prizes went to Mike Hamilton and Terry Rich-

First prize winners received trophies, Kool Flame Oil and Monroe Shox. Others received oil and trophies.

Mayor Bill Smith and Georgetown Recreation Director Douglas Collison were guests at the head table for the their cars to help with the walk, buffet

Chippawa Creek provided the music for dancing afterwards.

Georgetown. a lost and found department at done was later picked up by a

1.00 - 5.00

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Mrs. Wardrop said that there The organizers commended were a number of articles lost, the walkers for the lack of and the committee is setting up littering. What littering was

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spent in supplies, drinks, bandages, foot powder, etc., said Barry Butwell of Georgetown, walk co-ordinator. There will be no such depot in

10.15 a.m. We had done it in one go Marching", we soon grew to walking sticks for dear life. I hour. But now the spirits were 20 voices. We had picked up thought this would be the end Young hearts, full of courage down, and the feet were sore some loners, walking very slowly. Well from the looks of them, I thought we should kind of stick together and help one another if we could. So we adopted one another.

As the voices grew stronger, so did their steps. The kids really had spirit now. I know there are some 15 children in Georgetown that will be singing "The Ants go Marching" - "If you're happy and you know it".
- "The Children's Marching

World In His Hands" for a long

FEELING GOOD We were checking in and out but now - so was her mom. She of check-points really great with seven voices, singing now. I guess some people I guess that her daughters thought we were crazy but we needed help. Sheila was riding knew better · we just kept right her mom's back now, but we on singing and feeling pretty were all really dragging.

> Then we reached Huttonville. joking around. No talking - not Sore legs and blisters on the even complaints. feet, were on everyone's mind. Cathy's dad had followed us We had just completed the all day in the car, in case one of second longest stretch of the the kids wanted to quit, he was walk. Asking the kids how they there to pick them up. Now he were, they laughingly comp- was there for a different pared blisters with one another. reason. He was pushing us on,

Well once again we were up letting us know we were near and on the road after a 20 the end. You could read pride was proposed to council in minute rest. We started out all over him, for his little girl. done to the left side, roof, and with our best song for making We were passing Zeller's windshield. time with "The Ants go Mar- now, shoes off, walking in the ching". We made good time, for cool grass. Now we were a while, but it was getting to be crossing at the lights.

dying away. Now the feet were corner. really sore - the legs very heavy. God, how I wanted to sight any walker would see - the Georgetown, totalled \$1700. quit, but how can you quit, when you see a little eight year old girl (named Sheila) walking with two branches from a tree, to help take the weight off her feet. Believe me, tears were in my eyes as I watched this tiny girl, making this great effort. for someone she didn't even

PIGGY BACK TIME

So now it was piggy-back time. Up on my back came Sheila (It's a good thing she was light). But five minutes of walking with her on my back was too much. Down went Sheila. I told her to take her shoes off and walk on the grass. Everyone, myself included, arena, while the Lions proposal followed suit. But all too soon will be strictly a community the grass ended and we were on the road again. Now, not able to deny my own daughters a ride on my back, up came Kelly for five minutes then it was down for her and up for Candi - but rested. Candi, being a solld little girl, really did me in. Poor Candi, she only had two minutes on my

NO MORE SONGS

Getting the kids to sing couldn't be done any longer. We were all going down, fast. It was taking us too long to make the next check-point. Every once in a while someone would ask "How much farther now", and the answer was always the

same. "Just a little more". The kids kept wanting to rest, but we kept telling them, just go on a bit more. When I saw little Cathy crying, I knew I had to bend down and let her have her chance riding on my back.

A few minutes later, we came for a cause, that some people upon our check-point. Down refuse to believe in. They the ball. Thelma Mackey won went Cathy. There was no believed in it - who knows the \$100 grand prize plus running or smiling as we maybe next year you'll believe Monroe Sno-Shox and Kool reached this check point. The in it to.

Adelaide Daniels

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for the kids. As for my sister

and myself we where going to

finish this last walk of three

miles "Come Hell or High

quickly. Heading out again I

found we still had the children

with us - although, not as many,

the right way. Our "adopted"

joined our little group, knowing

finish line.

WE DID IT

We did it. It took us 112 hours

to walk that last 3.3 miles, the

same time it took to walk the

first and longest stretch of 4.9

Tired and sore, we all filed

into the check-out point to

good cause) and find out.

have seen none to match.

It's Sunday now. My family

and I didn't do a thing. We just

I've been asked several times since yesterday, if I would walk

in another walk-a-thon. My

answer right now is -

Definitely Not - yet who

knows, maybe at this time next

year, I might just be writing

another letter to The Herald

about the walk-a-thon for 1974.

My husband, the didn't walk -

the rat) just finished reading

this letter and he asked me why

I wrote it. I'm not sure why I

wrote it. Was it to boast of our

glory, for walking the 26 miles

check-points for all their kind-

- or to thank everyone at the

ness and help — or was it to tell you about all those courageous

kids, that out-did themselves

-Mrs. Joanne Grant

Georgetown.

DEFINITELY NOT

child Sheila was still with us .

THAT AWFUL HILL

Our- rest time passed too

Now that awful Norval Hill faced us. I had long ago, Champion cookie seller reached the point where I had Laura Everett, 6th Brownie Pack sold 108 boxes of Girl to back up the hills, for the Guide cookies, apmuscles in the front of my legs proximately the number were too sore to try walking up

#### piled in front of her. **Escapes Injury** In Norval Crash

Joan B. Carss, R.R.4, Caledon East, escaped injury There were no songs now. No Tuesday morning, May 8, when her '69 Chrysler failed to make the curve at the bottom of Norval's west hill.

Helped out of her overturned car through the broken rear window by bystanders, she was taken to Georgetown hospital for observation by North Halton Damage totalling \$1,700 was

The 7th Line of Esquesing, north of No. 5 Sideroad was the scene of an accident Friday. There - the Dairy Queen - Damage to vehicles driven by Now even the singing was 1.G.A. Beckers and around the John Ruddell, 60, of R.R.2 Georgetown, and John Then we saw the greatest Mileham, 35 of R.R.3

written confirmation from the Halton County Health Unit that he had compiled with all their

Among the H.C.H.U. stipulations were cleaning up of rubble on a tile bed, laying of an additional 1000 feet of tile and installation of a septic tank. with a minimum capacity of 4.500 gallons.

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and No. 5. Sideroad, owned by . Umberto Giangrande. Council stopped the work

because neither a building permit nor approval from the Halton County Health Unit had been obtained. The original restaurant, Mario's, burned down last year. In September of that year

## Social & Personal

council informed Giangrande

he would not receive a building

Dinner was held by the management and staff of Silvers at Hunter's Inn, Monday evening, May 7 to celebrate the forthcoming marriage of the manageress of their ladles department, Mrs. Evelyn Saunders. A presentation was made to her on behalf of all the

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receive a certificate saying we had completed the walk. How did we feel? There's only one answer I can give to that question - walk 26 miles (for a I learned a lot about children that day. They are the most courageous little people with hearts so full of deep love, they would endure pain themselves to help others. Their strength I



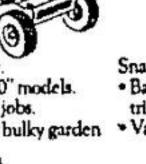
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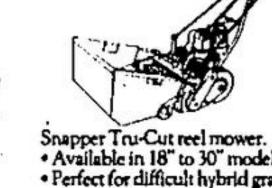
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