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THE SQUEEZE IS ON (Herald Photo)

Benny McGuire, left, and brother Billy administer the pumpkin squeeze to William Arnott of The Georgetown Herald during a short visit to the community, this week.

The McGuire's are professional wrestlers and will be appearing in Georgetown, June 6. Before the squeeze, Bill was six feet, two inches tall, and weighed

160 pounds. After the squeeze he grew two inches and lost 40 pounds. For a story about the McGuire's, look in the second section.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Halton Region Based On Original Proposal

Local Governments Face Restructuring

Ontario treasurer John White told the legislature Monday that the regional municipality of Halton will remain essentially the same as set out in the original proposals made in January of this year.

Singular exception is that Waterdown and East Flamborough will remain in Wentworth.

Mr. White made the announcement Monday afternoon for four new, two-tier regional municipalities: Halton, Peel, Hamilton-Wentworth and an area east of Toronto to be referred to as the regional municipality of Durham.

The treasurer said introduction of the enabling legislation will take place shortly.

Mr. White said introduction of the legislation will culminate consideration of extensive public contributions to development of the original proposals. "There has been ample recognition of the need for restructuring local

government in this rapidly growing area of Ontario and there has been substantial consensus how this should be done."

For the regional municipality of Peel, government will follow the original proposal for a two-tier structure with three local municipalities.

In respect to Hamilton-Wentworth, the government recommends a two-tier municipality.

In the area to the east, the boundary will be altered slightly to exclude Port Hope and Cobourg.

Mr. White said all names of municipalities set out in the legislation can be changed to meet the wishes of the local population. This provision will be written into the bill.

Mr. White's announcement had been expected this week. One of the reasons for the delay in the announcement was believed to be a decision about the Hamilton-Wentworth plan.



\$50,000 CHEQUE MAKES LUCKY JIM A BELIEVER

"I believe it now," says Jimmy Linton, right, as he holds out a cheque for \$50,000

he won in a province wide Sports Lottery draw, last week. Ron Breen, who sold

him the ticket, beams too, as he holds a cheque for \$5,000. Another winner was the

Georgetown Tennis Club who sold the tickets in town. See story, Page 7, first section.

Want Armstrong Land For New Athletic Club

A nine acre piece of land on Armstrong Avenue, deemed unusable for industry by the Industrial Commission, may become the site of a private, non-profit athletic club, if Planning Board approves a site plan agreement and rezoning.

Immediate plans call for two single squash courts, according to Dr. Boyd Hoddinott, who made the \$4,600 offer to purchase.

He explained to Georgetown council in committee last week there are 35 men interested in having the squash courts, sauna and locker room.

Dr. Hoddinott emphasized the shares would be available to anyone, but only one share and one vote would be allowed each member. He said tennis courts may be added in the future. A membership drive is planned for June.

Cable is Cut

Phones Dead

Telephones went dead in 120 Georgetown homes in the Ewing Street, Elizabeth Street and Hewson Crescent area, Tuesday evening, about 7. Service remained out at press time today, almost 18 hours later.

Bell Telephone repair department reported that a cable was cut by someone erecting a fence. A piece of angle iron was driven through the cable.

Crossing Guards Want Pay Hike

Alan Prouse, representing Georgetown school crossing guards, presented a petition to general committee of council, Monday night, asking for a raise of \$2.50 a day, and a clear statement of their responsibilities, authority and benefits. The petition was signed by all but one of the crossing guards.

Mr. Prouse said the raise would give crossing guards \$80 bi-weekly instead of the present \$55. "We feel that \$5.50 a day is too low under the present condition," he added.

The spokesman for the guards asked if there was a certain clothing allowance at certain intervals. "No one

seems to know", he remarked. Chairman Ern Hyde pointed out the police department looks after most of the crossing guard matters, but council would be responsible for setting the pay rate.

(CHECK INSURANCE) Mr. Prouse stated the guards were worried about accident insurance, especially after a Toronto guard was killed.

Chairman Hyde replied that in his opinion they were already covered under the town's insurance, but promised it would be checked out.

The general committee told Mr. Prouse they would investigate the matter and let him know where they stand.

same parcel of land, the only part termed usable for industry by the Industrial Commission was approved for sale to Ross Linton, who plans to build an aluminum extrusion plant.

DIFFICULT Cr. Roy Booth said it was a difficult piece of property.

Cr. Harry Levy pointed out of the whole 10 acres, only half an acre is usable.

"On this basis we are selling the whole acre to Linton for \$2,500." He reminded council, the town was receiving a total of \$7,600 for the whole 10 acres.

Reeve Ric Morrow said he was concerned with the Industrial Commission's view. "The land is almost unusable," he commented.

Cr. Harry Levy stated the 6,000 square foot plant on half an acre of land was satisfactory coverage.

Playground Program for Retarded Children

A six week playground program will be held at Pineview school this summer, for the mentally retarded children of North Halton.

The playground will be supervised by the Georgetown Recreation Department, who will employ young people as helpers. Recreation Director Doug Collison applied for a subsidy under the "Youth in Action" project, sponsored by the provincial government, to operate the playground.

The grant was approved, and between 25 and 30 children will benefit from the program. In addition to the playground at Pineview School, the students will use the swimming pool at the School for the Deaf in Milton.

The flexible scheme will permit parents to take their children with them on holidays, and be able to return to the playground, when the holiday is over.

Recreation Director emphasized this project is completely supervised by his department.

Purchase Offer A Giant Step

Council took a giant step toward the building of an arena and community hall, Monday night, when they officially approved a conditional offer of purchase of \$160,000 for 16 acres of land.

The land, on the north side of Guelph Street, opposite the Georgetown Market Centre, is owned by Focal Properties.

The conditional offer was a compromise between an outright purchase immediately, advocated by some councilors, and an option, advocated by others.

According to the offer, which must be accepted or rejected by June 5, the town can terminate

the agreement if the application for a provincial grant is rejected or if the O.M.B. fails to approve the rezoning or any additional capital expenditure necessary to the project.

To avoid any possibility of the allocated money being frozen for regional government use, council added a clause stating the deal could be closed at any time prior to the official closing date of November.

ONLY SURE WAY Town solicitor Raymond Steele pointed out if recreation became a regional concern, money earmarked for recreation would go to the region.

"The only way to make sure it goes where you want it, is to spend it," said the lawyer.

He said a firm agreement to buy the land at a certain price, would mean the money is spent.

Coun. W. F. Hunter, a real estate agent, said it was not unusual to have a clause saying the deal can be closed at any time prior to the official closing date.

The by-law authorizing the mayor and clerk administrator to sign the offer passed with only Reeve Ric Morrow and Coun. Phil Siddall opposed. They have favoured the location in the Georgetown Market Centre, since discussions began.

Coun. Harry Levy was absent from the meeting.



REEVE TOM HILL

Reeve Aims At Top Post

Reeve Tom Hill of Esqueping Township announced Monday evening that he would be running for mayor of Halton Region which was announced that afternoon by John White in the legislature. He made the announcement at Esqueping Township Council. "I'm submitting my name to the municipality as running for mayor," said Reeve Hill. "I made my decision, right after Mr. White made his announcement."

Deputy Reeve Len Cox offered congratulations and said "it would be nice to have the first mayor a former reeve of Esqueping."

Reeve Hill introduced the subject to the council by asking them what they thought of Mr. White's announcement, to which Mr. Cox replied "He didn't give much information as far as Halton is concerned."

Store Hours Proposal Gets Cold Shoulder

Esqueping Council has refused to pass the recommendation of the Ontario Law Reform Commission and the recommendations of the Provincial Uniform Store Hours Association, which in essence recommends that only certain types of stores be permitted to conduct business on Sunday and that these stores be regulated as to size and hours operation.

The motion was defeated Tuesday night after Reeve Tom Hill expressed his feeling that it was not their concern whether a

business wanted to work 12 hours a day.

Halton County Council has endorsed this resolution of the Town of Newmarket and recommended that it be passed to all local councils in Halton for consideration.

This recommendation is the result of studies which indicate that Sunday selling would increase retail costs considerably and that Sunday should be retained as a compulsory day of rest for the social attitudes and mental hygiene of any community.

RESIGNATION THREATENED

Focal Land Deal is 'Conditional'

Reeve Ric Morrow threatened to resign as finance chairman Thursday night unless council changed a motion from an offer to purchase 16 acres, at \$16,000 from Focal Properties, for a recreation complex, to an offer to take an option on the land, at the same price.

A suggestion by Councillor Ern Hyde that a formal conditional offer, with the conditions spelled out, be made by

the solicitor, nullified the offer. It was passed by council, after lengthy debate.

Reeve Morrow argued that an option would not use up so much money immediately. He said if the loan were refused, the town would own the land, but would have no money left to build the swimming pool in the high school.

Councillor Roy Booth reminded him that no one knew about the loans early in the year when council decided to spend a million dollars on the arena and community hall. "If we don't get the loan, it is still going ahead, we made the commitment", he added.

JOHNNY CASH

Georgetown Herald staff has pooled its brain power and has come up with an idea for paying for an extension to the existing and overloaded pollution control plant (sewage works). Council could inaugurate a system of pay toilets in every home.

FOOLISH The reeve said the town had \$160,000 to spend, but intended to go ahead with both projects, the arena and the swimming pool. He contended it was foolish not to take an option,

and continue to receive revenue from the remaining \$140,000, which is invested.

Councillor Mike Armstrong said the land could be sold to someone else who is interested.

Councillor Ern Hyde said regional government might tie council's hands on expenditures after a certain date.

Councillor Booth pointed out the town could always sell the land if they had to.

PAY AS YOU GO Reeve Morrow maintained he had insisted on a pay as you go system over the last three years when he was finance chairman so there would be a capital working fund.

You go to McLaughlin with an option and if he takes it you tie up the land with a lot less money", he stated.

Raising his voice, the reeve said, "I feel so strongly about this I'll resign right now as finance chairman, if this goes through this way". He pointed out there were many unknown factors when dealing with the O.M.B.

Coun. William F. Hunter commented, "I understood the capital reserve fund was built up over a number of years, mainly from various subdivision agreements. It wasn't

your doing". He stated there may be spending restrictions just prior to the establishment of regional government.

ALLOCATED Coun. Armstrong admitted that the reeve's argument was valid, but said he knew someone else wanted the land.

Coun. Booth reminded council they might be told all funds are frozen and must go to the region. "We allocated these levies for recreational purposes", he added.

Coun. Hyde then suggested the conditional offer. He said the reeve's point had merit, but he was concerned about making sure the money was earmarked for its original purpose.

Roof is Fired By Spotlight

Early Sunday morning, a spotlight on the roof of Georgetown British Cars, 375 Guelph Street, fell over and exploded.

The roof of the building over the showroom was set on fire. No damage estimate has been given.

Computer Puts Data At Police Fingertips

A new machine, almost magical in its speed, has been installed in the Georgetown Police Department.

The machine, a computer terminal, linked with a computer in the Canadian Police Information Centre in the I.C.M.P. complex in Ottawa, receives answers back in 10 seconds.

This speedy answering service cuts out hours and miles of leg work for the police force, but more important cuts down the time someone could be held in jail, while they are being checked.

Wanted and missing persons' names and descriptions are fed into the computer and within 10 seconds the answer comes back. Similarly stolen vehicles or licence plates can be traced immediately.

TRAINING

Sergeant Terry Marchant of Metro Police Force is now training Georgetown police officers, starting with the N.C.O.'s, on the operation of the machines.

The training is proving so popular the men are giving up holidays and time off to learn the system, said Police Chief Floyd Schwartz.

The computer terminal is supplied to the municipality through a cost-sharing agreement between the federal and provincial governments. The only direct cost to the town is the paper and the manhours.

compete with its 150 words a minute rating or its efficiency. If the human operator makes a mistake the computer comes back with "Will not accept".

CANADA-WIDE Georgetown force is now linked on the Canada-wide system and can, on request, be linked to a United States system. This is done manually to preserve the autonomy of both systems. There is no automatic link-up between the two countries.

On Wednesday, May 23, the day the link-up was made here, congratulatory messages from cities and towns already on the system poured into the police department. The system has been operating in Ontario since July '72.

QUICK REPLY A police officer, suspicious of a car, simply phones the license plate and description to the office, where it is run through the computer. Without having to stop the car he can find out if the car or plates are stolen.

The computer terminal looks much like an electric typewriter, with basically the same keyboard, but with additional keys. There is no ink or ribbon, since the print is burned into the paper by a series of electrodes contained in the print head.

Few human typists could



COMPUTER LINKED IN

Norman McNaughton of the Ontario Police Commission watches as Sergeant Jack Poot operates the new computer terminal linked to

the Canadian Police Information Centre in Ottawa. Georgetown Police Department joined the system last week.

Information is flashed back to this end of the computer 10 seconds after the question is asked.