



THE PLAY'S THE THING —Herald Photo

Georgetown Little Theatre's production of the Noel Coward play, *Present Laughter*, is on stage, this week, in the auditorium of the Wrigglesworth school. Playnight extends until Saturday. Here, director Dan Walsh instructs Anne Joyce and Derek Joyne, during a rehearsal of the first scene in the second act. Homestead Furniture and Gallery House Sol have provided stage settings.

## Experience Is Refreshing For Regional Government

The Halton experience has been refreshing. Those words were used by John White, provincial treasurer, last Thursday, during inauguration ceremonies for the Halton regional council, as he recounted the satisfaction he felt about the establishment of a "government of the people of Halton" that has been a long time in the making.

The regional municipality comes into being Jan. 1. In contrast to the difficulties and dissent which our proposals (for the creation of regional municipalities) aroused in certain other regions, the Halton experience has been refreshing," he said. The problem area to which he referred was Hamilton-Wentworth, where Hamilton's mayor, Vic Copps, and many of Hamilton's citizens, opposed what they termed was imposition of regional government by the province.

Mr. White, however, was not all rosy outlook. He said it would not surprise him if some members of the new council

have some qualms about untried regional government in Halton.

He said the regional municipality of Halton still is scarcely more than a geographical design, a piece of legislation, and a list of names of councillors.

"It will not be a living functioning government until these two dozen persons, here on this platform, set out its policies, arrange its priorities and activate its programs," he told the meeting held at Burlington Central High School. More than 600 persons were on hand in the school auditorium to view the inauguration, and an overflow crowd was accommodated in a second room where closed-circuit television broadcast the proceedings.

Mr. White said he was confident that the regional council would be able to carry out its work well, in establishing the regional government system. He said the job would be bigger than that faced by any local government to date.

"Compared to the county's tasks, the responsibilities are broader, the need for long-range planning is greater and the financial expenditures, accompanied by a proportionately greater share of provincial revenue, will be considerably larger," the treasurer said.

"The new regional council has several assets which should help assure the success of regional government, he said.

**EXPERIENCE**

He said Allan Masson, the appointed regional chairman has solid municipal experience as a councillor, mayor and reeve in Oakville. He added that the council as a whole was composed of equally experienced members.

"Thirdly, among a population close to 200,000, you have an overwhelming acceptance of the concept of regional government—a concept of government with broad powers and strong capability for contending with the problems of urban growth," White said.

Finally, he said, the several municipalities which make up the region of Halton have been included in a county administration. This means none of the municipalities has to fit itself into a new structure, he said. This means a smooth transition from county to region, he added.

As minister of economic and inter-governmental affairs, he is responsible for the planning and implementation of regional government across the province.

## Minor Show Of Dissent Marks Inaugural Meeting

Except for one minor show of dissent and a missing oath, newly elected regional council of Halton got off to a smooth start, last Thursday.

Burlington Central High School auditorium was crowded as the 25-member regional council took the oath of office. Regional councillors will serve for three years.

The council was piped into the auditorium and onto a stage where members were joined by Jim Snow, Halton East MPP and minister of government services; justice secretary George Kerr, provincial treasurer John White, regional government co-ordinator Arthur Meen, regional chairman, Allan Masson, and Ontario's lieutenant-governor, Ross Macdonald.

Mr. Snow and Mr. Kerr congratulated the new council, and said it was the culmination of eight years of study and research.

Mr. Macdonald administered the oath of office to Mr. Masson, who then assumed the reins of office for the first time. Mr. Masson introduced the members of the regional council and then called on Mr. Macdonald to administer the oath of office to them.

That's when a slight flaw developed in the proceedings. Mr. Macdonald's inauguration notes did not have the page containing the oath for the councillors. The lieutenant-

governor was able to save the evening, principally because of his quick wit, and when he was armed with the proper words, quickly administered the oath.

Mr. Masson resumed direction of the meeting.

There was a surprise when Carl Eriksen, a newly elected councillor from Oakville, voted against two bylaws. The bylaws provided for council's interim rules of procedure and the adoption of a corporate seal. Vote in favor was 23-1.

Coun. Eriksen said his opposition was a matter of principle. He said he did not know council was going to vote on the bylaws until he arrived at the meeting, and he had not seen the bylaws prior to hearing them read by the chairman.

Coun. Eriksen also said that the regional body, at its first meeting, a private gathering several weeks ago, approved a plan for selecting regional staff even though the councillors had had no chance to examine the plan.

The lieutenant-governor recalled his first impressions of Burlington when he knew it as a boy, at the turn of the century. He recalled swimming on the beaches of Lake Ontario, and remembered that Burlington had a population of about 1,000. Today, the population is 95,000. Oakville, he said, was a pleasant little community of about 650 persons. Today, its population is 65,000.

"With such tremendous growth goes a great deal of responsibility, and it is this responsibility that the new regional council must bear," he said. He extended the personal greetings of the Queen.

Mr. Masson said emphasis at the regional level will be policy, with the administrative staff handling the day-to-day business of government.

He said his own political experience has shown him the frustrations that are to be expected from wearing two hats, one local and one county. He said the provincial appointment of a chairman was a wise move, making it possible to wear one hat only, com-

mitted to one purpose, "effective leadership for the benefit of the region."

Mr. White said the regional council was faced with "awesome" responsibilities. He said he felt sure the council would succeed, because of Mr. Masson's solid background of municipal experience, the background of Halton's councillors themselves and Halton's general acceptance of the concept of regional government.

Mr. Masson urged the council to approach the task of regional government with open minds and not to apply short-term solutions to long-term problems.

## GEORGETOWN HERALD

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## Garbage Trouble For Georgetown

Georgetown may be heading for deep trouble. Garbage trouble, that is, Bill Johnson of GUARD (Group United Against Rural Dumping) and a member of Garbage Coalition, which meets in Georgetown, this weekend, sees trouble ahead when the town opens its new sanitary landfill site.

He has expressed fears about the volume of garbage to be handled, as well as the handling costs. Garbage trucked to the new site, from areas surrounding Georgetown in the regional municipality of Halton could overwhelm the facility, he said. "And the projected cost for garbage disposal, \$2.35 a ton, could be too low," he said.

Mr. Johnson is an outspoken advocate of better pollution controls as well as improved handling of garbage.

Too much garbage still is being buried, he said, when it could be put to use to produce energy. He cites the example of a Swedish community which incinerates garbage to produce electricity and heat. Some advances are being made along this line in North America, he says, but the trend still is to fill land areas with refuse.

The process is neither sanitary nor sensible, he says. Some material is reclaimed before it becomes garbage, but

ballpark figures."

Coun. Ern Hyde said the committee had to recommend to council that Milton not be allowed to use the present dumping site, which is fast filling up.

The committee also is looking at a future for the old dump. If the land is dressed as a park, it can remain in municipal control. If it remains as a former dump, it falls under regional control.

F. N. Schwantz, has stressed the need for care and caution by children and motorists alike on Halloween, which falls on Wednesday, October 31.

"Children are not careless," Chief Schwantz said, "they are careless. And it is up to the adult motorists to be conscious of the event and to watch out for children crossing streets."

Chief Schwantz also noted that children should beware any malicious pranks on Halloween.

"Everyone likes a good prank," he said, "but nobody likes malicious damage to private or public property."

He also noted that Ontario switches from day light saving time to standard time this weekend, so darkness will fall much earlier in the evening on Halloween.

Georgetown Police Department reported a number of automobile mishaps which occurred in the past week, none of which caused personal injury.

A collision between a car and a school bus occurred Tuesday, on Maple Ave. East, across from Holy Cross Church. The auto, operated by Russel Gerry Thompson of 60 Maple Ave. received \$1,500 damage while the bus driven by Clara May Herrmann, sustained \$150 damage.

A total of \$1,850 damage resulted from a two-car mishap on Delrex Boulevard, near Sherman Court on Wednesday morning, Oct. 17. A car operated by Bruce Moody of 71 Dawson Cres., Georgetown, was in collision with a vehicle owned by William H. Rawson of 172 Delrex Blvd. The Moody vehicle received \$1,000 damage while the Rawson vehicle sustained \$850 damage.

A two-car collision near the east entrance of the Guelph Street Plaza on Oct. 19 resulted in \$500 damage to a vehicle operated by Robert Colbeck, of 394 Pine St., Milton, and \$300 damage to a vehicle operated by Merle Marie James of 120 Country Club Dr., Guelph.

A car operated by Neil S. Cotton of 39 McIntyre Cres., Georgetown, sustained \$450 damage when it was in collision with an auto operated by Elspeth Ann Ditchfield of 152 Main St., Georgetown, on Tuesday, Oct. 16. The Ditchfield vehicle suffered \$500 damage.

In other news, Georgetown police report a recent break-in at Holy Cross Separate School. Police report that nothing appeared to be missing from the school after the break-in was discovered. Georgetown police also report that a BB pellet was accidentally fired through the front window of a Delrex Boulevard residence. Nobody was injured.

**Chief Stresses Halloween Care**

**Furrow Queen Title Awarded**

An Acton woman, Carol Somerville, 19, won the title Furrow Queen at the Halton County Plowing Match held in Burlington.

Miss Somerville is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fyfe Somerville.

A Georgetown entrant was Janet Henderson, 21, RR 1, Georgetown, daughter of George and the late Mrs. Henderson.

A third contestant was Eileen Marshall, 17, of RR 4, Milton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Collin Marshall.

The contestants had to plow two rounds, and during an evening banquet, each had to deliver a two to three-minute address, dealing with the farming story, as told by the international plowing match.

Miss Somerville is a student of Centralia College of Agriculture in business management. Miss Henderson is a third-year arts student at the University of Waterloo and Miss Marshall is a Grade 11 student.

**Coalition to Meet Tuesday**

General Meeting of the Garbage Coalition will be held Oct. 27 in Georgetown. Meeting is being held at Cedarvale Community Centre, beginning at 10 a.m.

Items for discussion include election of a permanent executive committee to replace a steering committee; formation of several committees, a media group to come up with ideas for both the coalition and local group, a committee to tackle ways and means of reducing waste, and the establishment of some regional committees, to make active participation in the coalition easier for regional groups.

There will be discussion about membership and what, if anything, it should cost, and a discussion about the aims and goals of the coalition.



DAIRY PRINCESS (Home Town Studios)

Joyce Wilson, RR 4, Milton, was named Halton County Dairy Princess last Friday. She competed with Mary Anderson, RR 6, Milton, for the title. Competition was held at the Georgetown sales area, and besides delivering speeches, each contestant also had to milk a cow. Heather Innes, of Emro, Ontario Dairy Princess, attended the event. Chairman was Russ Hurren. Judges were Mrs. Dorothy Pinkney of Guelph, Harold Martin and Bert Tutton of Toronto.

## Defensive Driving Course Scheduled

The hottest thing in traffic accident prevention is defensive driving, and another series of courses is being planned for Georgetown for November.

Georgetown Police Department is preparing the defensive driving course, and is looking for applicants. The course consists of four two-hour periods, all in the classroom, and there is no examination. A small fee will be charged to cover cost of materials supplied.

Instructors for the course will be Constable Al McQueen and Constable Tom Roduck. Persons interested in defensive driving, men and women, should contact the police office.

Constable McQueen said 20 persons is an optimum number for a course.

There were three courses held in the spring, for Georgetown municipal employees.

Defensive driving is sponsored by the Canadian Highway Safety Council. DDC instruction sessions have two objectives, the help the motorists identify the sloppy and dangerous driving habits he has acquired unconsciously, and to train the motorist to avoid accidents despite the actions of other drivers or adverse weather conditions.

On the basis of results achieved, it is estimated that if

all of Ontario's 3,000,000-plus drivers were given defensive driving instruction, the accident rate and fatality record would be halved. Annual traffic toll in Ontario now is nearing the 2,000 figure. Property damage annually is in the millions.

Constable McQueen said "we discuss all the situations drivers can find themselves in and tell them how to anticipate danger and how to avoid it."

The course makes use of instruction, films and written material.

Constable McQueen said the success of defensive driving is based on attitude. "The motorist who takes the course is not so quick to push his rights on the road. When another motorist is in the wrong, the defensive driver concentrates on protecting himself. He doesn't mutter about revenge, and drive into an accident."

Many students of DDC are surprised to learn that they have adopted two undesirable driving habits: one hand on the steering wheel, and doing something else while driving.

With one hand on the wheel, precise control is lost.

The basic DDC formula involves three related steps: see the hazard, understand the defence, and act in time.

## FALL BACK

Daylight saving time comes to an end this weekend. Your clocks go back one hour. Officially, the time change takes place at 2 a.m. Sunday, but you can adjust your time Saturday night or Sunday morning. What's the joke? Forget to make the change and you'll see.

## Petitions Are Studied, Stop Signs Are Assessed

Stop signs continue in the news in Georgetown. Monday, works committee of council listened to two presentations, one for and one against.

Ross Rennie, 49 Chelvin Dr., who appeared before council a month ago, made his presentation again. He asked for removal of stop signs at Delrex Boulevard and Jessop Court and Chelvin Drive and Flamingo Court.

Jim Bray, 19 Chelvin Dr., presented a petition in favor of three-way stop signs at the same two locations. He told the committee that driving habits of some persons are unnerving, and the stop signs offer some control. But he said he has spotted several drivers who disregard the stop signs, often flagrantly.

Mr. Rennie complained that at the time of his first appearance before council, Reoie Rick Morrow "had the gall" to present a counter petition. The reeve's petition is one of two that favor the stop signs. He said he didn't think the counter-petition had any bearing on the request contained in his petition.

Committee chairman Ernie Sykes in reply to a question from Mayor Bill Smith, said the ministry of transportation and communications has not yet given approval to the town bylaw setting out stop signs.

The committee decided to have the town engineer make the ministry aware that it is reassessing the situation.

**CHURCH ANNIVERSARY**

Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown celebrated its 113th anniversary, Sunday. Guest speaker was Rev. G. R. MacDonald, left, of St. Andrew's Church, Kitchener.

At right in Knox minister Rev. Peter Barrow. Following the evening service, a social hour was held in the church hall. (Herald Photo)



CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

## SEARCH GOES ON

## Trap Fails To Capture Big, Black Dog

That wasn't a bear trap on the front lawn of a home at 5 Irwin Cres., but it was a trap. And it was aimed at a large dog.

A large, black dog is blamed for molestations of children in the vicinity. The capture trap was erected last week in front of the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Slewidge, after the dog was blamed for an attack against their young son, Jeff.

Yesterday, the family had the trap removed. It was erected and dismantled by the Ontario Humane Society.

The trap failed to get the dog, and Mrs. Slewidge reported that a large bone being used as bait was only attracting flies.

"But we're still working on it," she said of the problem with the dog.

The fact that the dog failed to be enticed into the trap would indicate the animal is being fed and cared for somewhere, Mrs. Slewidge said. She reported last week that the animal also wears a collar and tag, but its owner is not known.

After last week's incident involving the son, the Slewidge family was in contact with Georgetown police and the humane society.

After some prompting, and the family's demands for some action to protect children, the trap was erected. The large cage-like device placed on the Slewidge lawn had a drop door connected by a cable to the bone. A dog taking the bone would have released the door behind him.

While it didn't trap the dog it was aimed at, the trap did elicit a lot of comment from neighbors and passersby.

"Kids are still frightened, and the dog is still around," Mrs. Slewidge said, yesterday.

Besides wearing a collar and tag, the dog is described as having a white chest, white-tipped feet and a white-tipped tail. The tail of the animal also looks as though it was broken at some time, witnesses said.

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

JAN POPIEL of Georgetown received multiple face fractures and a fractured right jawbone in a recent World Hockey Association game between the Chicago Cougars and Cleveland Crusaders. Popiel, who joined the Cougars from the Tulsa Oilers, will miss at least two weeks of the schedule due to his injuries.

A CAR THAT crashed into the recreation room of a Brampton house shook up a former Georgetown family. The car rammed the house of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Creswick, who helped found the Georgetown association for children with learning disabilities.

HORNBY JUNIOR GIRLS ball team received two trophies at the Halton Minor Ball Club banquet in Georgetown, Friday. In addition to winning the league championship, the team also won the league playoffs. Several girls from Ashgrove played on the team which was coached by Mr. and Mrs. St. John of Hornby. Manager was Bill Wilson.

GEORGETOWN POLLUTION Probe will meet with town engineer Peter Morris and works superintendent Frank Morette to discuss development and location of a depot for recyclable materials. A recommendation will be brought back to council's works committee. Meeting grows out of a study conducted by Pollution Probe into public acceptance of a program to reclaim salvageable material.



ANGIE SLEWIDGE POINTS TO BAIT IN TRAP (Herald Photo)



SKATING INSTRUCTORS (Herald Photo)

Five persons with big smiles are the members of the professional instructing staff of Georgetown Figure Skating Club. From the left are Mary Lynn Williams, Georgetown; Rick Dowling, Oakville; Stanlee Dulong, St. Catharines; Janet Fell, Oakville, and Sharon Dwyer, Acton. In recent test results, bronze free was earned by David Watson, first figure by Carol Ann Lovell, sixth figure by Leslie Tonna, tenth by Carol Ann Lovell, and kiltan by Chris Barber.