

## Well Known Auctioneer Frank Petch Dies

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Frank Petch, 8 Cherry St., widely known auctioneer, who died Friday evening at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, in his 77th year.

For more than 50 years, the name Petch was synonymous with auctioneering in Halton and Peel counties. Frank Petch's father, Ben Petch, also was an auctioneer.

Mr. Petch farmed at Union until 1939 when the family moved to Georgetown. He was employed at Dominion Seed House for a number of years. He used his auction talents to help many charitable organizations during the years, and was creator of the Rotary Club auction sales. He was a member of the Rotary Club and a memorial service was held for him, Sunday.

He was keenly interested in Georgetown Fall Fair. He served as secretary for three years and was president in 1939. Mr. Petch was a member of town council also. He was predeceased by his wife, Dora McClellan, in January of last year, and by a son Franklin Ross Petch.

Surviving are three grandchildren, Ralph, Carol (Mrs. A. Boufield) and Marsha, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Harold Martin of St. John's United Church at the McClure-Jones Funeral Home, 34 Edith St. Burial was in Glen Williams Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bob and Jim Burns, Owen Hughes, Etobicoke, John Lyons, Cheltenham, Herb Dolson and Garfield McGillivray.

## Close The Door On Your Way Out

By David Lees



If the Acton volunteer firefighters feel they suffer from a lack of confidence on the part of the Halton Hills council, they should try sitting behind the press desks for a session in the council chamber. Talk about a lack of confidence...

As likely as not, the erstwhile media in these hills no sooner get settled at their respective seatings, looked in at least six pockets for their pens, found their cigarettes, borrowed matches, and laid their notepaper out before them, then they get asked to leave.

The press and the council haven't, as they say, exactly hit it off lately. Not only Coun. Ric Morrow came under fire for making statements to the press, but reporters earned some not too friendly sidelong glances as well. Worse, the council doesn't trust the newshounds in their presence.

When the firefighters letter, demanding, firstly, a vote of confidence from the council, and secondly, local coverage in their favor to counterbalance what they considered unfavorable reports, council held it's discussions in camera.

It wasn't as though any member wanted to say something the press shouldn't be allowed to hear. They made that very clear before they evicted three reporters from the room. All they wanted, we supposed, was to say things they didn't want the press to hear.

"There's nothing I want to say that can't be said in front of the press," said Coun. E. T. Hyde, shortly before he voted in favour of removing the press. "Certainly I don't want to say anything behind locked doors," he added just before he agreed that the doors should be locked.

Coun. Hyde was not the only councillor who made statements of that nature, his were merely more vivid by the contradictions they contained.

Coun. Ernest Sykes expressed what was obviously of great concern to him. The letter to be discussed at the Thursday meeting reached the press, delivered by the firefighters, on Tuesday and received fairly substantial coverage. At least one weekly published the letter in full. That was the paper that Mr. Sykes read last week.

"This letter has been published," noted Mr. Sykes. "Was this given to the paper, or did we..."

He never finished his sentence, but was obviously concerned that, again, a dire news leak had struck.

The irony of the situation was contained by the contents of the letter it deals at length with what the local volunteers considered to be expressions of a lack of confidence on the part of the council. The letter indicated their feels that they would be prepared for a "phasing out", if necessary in the face of that lack.

"If however, these facts have somehow been misconstrued, and all members of council do have confidence in the volunteer service, we would request that the public be made aware of these feelings. The letter noted.

"We request that a vote of confidence by all members of council be given as much publicity as the adverse comments have been given."

The firefighters were correct. A vote of confidence would have been given the same publicity, but that's not what the press witnessed. Instead, after a meeting, held behind locked doors, the press was handed a news release. A favorable news release, just as no doubt all of the statements made in the council chambers were no doubt favorable. But the firefighters will never know for sure, and neither will the public.

The last statement three reporters heard at that meeting was made by a councillor who called out, "will you close the door behind you."



## NEW PRESIDENT

Georgetown Chrysler Ltd., located at 15 Mountainview North, is under new management.

The company's new president and general manager is Mike Tarp, a Georgetown resident with nine years in the car business.

Born in Copenhagen, Denmark, Mr. Tarp was educated in Denmark and emigrated to Canada 13 years ago.

Mr. Tarp lives with his wife Margaret and their son Steven at 19 Noble Court.

Georgetown Chrysler, a twenty-year old business in Georgetown, specializes in Chrysler, Plymouth, and Dodge sales and service, as well as Dodge Trucks and Chrysler leasing.

## Another Blue Ribbon For Local Holsteins

The Holstein herd of Claude F. Pickett, Georgetown, Ontario, has received another Gold Ribbon Production Certificate from The Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada on the milk records of Maple Grow Sovereign Echo. In nine lactations Echo has yielded 228,209 pounds of milk, 8,126 pounds of fat, 3.56 percent test. Her latest record, as a 13-year-old, saw her yield over 19,000 pounds of milk in 305 days, and 644 pounds of fat. She went on to complete that same record with over 30,000 pounds of milk, and over 1,000 pounds of fat in 890 days.

Sovereign Echo has received numerous milk production awards including three Honor List awards (two in 1960 and one in 1962), and a Superior Production award as a 12-year-old.

Rated excellent for type and originally bred by Gerard Savage, of Hammond, Ont., Sovereign Echo is sired by the famous A B C Reflection Sovereign, while her dam, Fayne Supreme Bertha, has several show winnings to her credit. Bertha, who is rated very good and is a five Star Brood cow, was judged as Reserve Grand Champion Female at the Carleton-Russell Black and White Show in 1955, and the 3rd prize Aged Cow at the 1954 Ottawa Winter Fair. Bertha herself was an Honor List producer in 1954. Her 11-

lactation total is over 188,700 pounds of milk; 6,487 pounds of fat.

Sovereign Echo has six sons and two daughters. One daughter, Hayssen Citation Echo, is rated Excellent and is now milking in Mr. Pickett's herd. She was Honorable Mention All-Canadian 2-year-old Heifer in 1970 and Reserve A.L.L.-Canadian 3-year-old Heifer in 1971.

One son, Limbour Raven Darlan, is owned by Alban Savage, Clarence Creek, and was judged Senior Champion Bull at the 1963 Russell Black and White Show. Another son, sired by Thornlea Texa, Supreme is owned jointly with Mr. Pickett and R. F. Brov Paris.

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PRAYER CHANGES THINGS AND LIVES

Strike Brought Peace

The railroad strike last summer may have brought the rest of Canada to the brink of economic disaster, but to Acton it brought days on end of uninterrupted tranquility. What had seemed a necessary and unavoidable evil suddenly ceased. Peace came to Acton.

This town is cursed with three, count 'em, railroad crossings within the community limits, all spaced just far enough apart for railroad engineers to lift their hands from the horn, pause and put it back down. The piercing blasts last anywhere upwards of ten seconds. This week, one hotrodder on tracks, leaned on the noise machine from the approaches to one side of the town until he was well clear of us on the other.

The blast ended on and on and on, easily close to a full minute. Aside from being merely irritating, that kind of noise is harmful by its extremely high decibel level. Besides, it's illegal. The sirens are necessary because the crossings are unguarded. If Acton, or Halton Hills rather, put out the cash for guard fences that lower automatically the noise could be stopped. It's an undertaking that was being considered in sparsely populated Esquesing, by the township council. The matter was never settled only because the council thought it best to refer the issue to the new Halton Hills council.

If the issue does come before the new council, hopefully they will remember Acton, and possibly get something done before summer. It isn't so bad right now with storm windows up, but summer nights in the back yard around here are like having picnics on the tracks at Grand Central.

**PERSONAL**

Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Harris of RR2 Georgetown have returned from an enjoyable trip to California. They travelled by air to Los Angeles, visited Las Vegas for a few days, and spent some time with Mr. and Mrs. S. Elliot of Manrovia. Mrs. Elliot is the former Jane Green of Georgetown.

One of the highlights of the trip was viewing the floats in the Rose Bowl parade in Pasadena, California as both Mr. and Mrs. Harris are connected with the floral trade.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Kay and son Steven were guest of Mrs. B. Bastedo, 20 Victoria St., Georgetown for the Christmas holidays. Their visit marks the first time Mrs. Kay, the former Betty Dickenson of Georgetown, has been in town for the Christmas holidays in 21 years.

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