

Employee Opposes Line Abandonment

If A. Eyles is no longer alone in his fight against the Canadian National Railway's abandonment of a track between Georgetown and Toronto.

Recently back from an employee of C.N. for eight years, Eyles wrote a letter to Art Egan, MPP for Simcoe-York, outlining the problems of closing the line.

"In Barrie I have seen services cut, shipments delayed weeks at times, standard delay is two to five days between Barrie and Beeton or Alliston. If passed there, they have kept the line out of service for about three years below Tottenham so they didn't get any service there at all. Also, there is no unloading ramps between Barrie and Georgetown," stated Mr. Lennox in his letter.

Mr. Lennox listed a few of the companies in Simcoe County which could use the line to speed their shipments. "Libbey Owen Glass to and from U.S.A.; Collingwood shippers; steel from Hamilton; Canada Mist Collingwood to Kitchener; Wagner Pulp Elmville and Hendrie, etc. to Thorold," were a few of the companies.

Other companies were "stone from Uthoff to Hamilton and Georgetown; all cattle from western Canada to western Ontario and all ore, paper etc. from North Bay to U.S.A. from O.N.R. the latter two are best served by a Toronto yard bypass currently."

"If the C.N. is so set on closing this line, make them turn it over to the O.N.R. and let them run their trains from North Bay to Hamilton via Barrie. The O.N.R. tried to do this some years ago and the C.N. refused to let them," continued the letter.

"With the fourth class service C.N. is giving Simcoe County in freight service, I think it's time the Ontario government made them give better service or turn their line from North Bay to Toronto and from Barrie to Hamilton over to the O.N.R.," concluded Mr. Lennox in his letter.

Legion Notes

by Wright Smith

All systems are go for the bonspiel this weekend.

The opening ceremonies get underway Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. Everyone is welcome.

And a reminder of the dance to be held on Saturday night for all members and spouses to commence at 9 p.m. Admission is free.

The executive would like to thank Jack Petterse of Homestead Furniture, Georgetown Market for allowing Branch 120 the use of his store window for the promotional display. If you are wondering what it is, why not drop by and see for yourself.

Winners in Car Draw 21 on Friday, Feb. 8 were: H. Maxwell, Carole Hulme, E. Gibbs, Ernie Peasey, Roy Bradley and Ken Deltose.

And mini-bingo winners on Saturday Feb. 9 were: Herman Nicholson, M. Gilchrist, H. Lawrence and O. Thomsen with the full house.

Little Theatre Now Holding Rehearsals

Georgetown Little Theatre, forced to cancel its production of the Rape Of The Belt, because of casting problems, is now well into rehearsals for Plaza Suite. This will be its entry in the Central Ontario Drama Festival.

Drama Festival entries are judged by a professional adjudicator, who travels around to view the 19 entries. He makes a final selection for best production, best actor, best actress, best set and the like.

John Saxton, an experienced and articulate actor, director, adjudicator and teacher, is well versed on stage, television and film. He has been involved with the Shaw Festival, the Utah Shakespearean Festival, the Straw Hat Players and the Domino Theatre, and was a popular adjudicator with the Ontario Collegiate Drama Festival.

His most recent accomplishment is direction and co-production of the Canadian film, Across This Land, premiered in Toronto in November of 1973.

Plaza Suite, a comedy by Neil Simon, will play at Wrigglesworth Public School, March 7, 8 and 9. Adjudication will take place on the Friday night, March 8.

The audience is invited to remain for the adjudication and to compare opinions about the performance with those of the expert, Mr. Saxton.

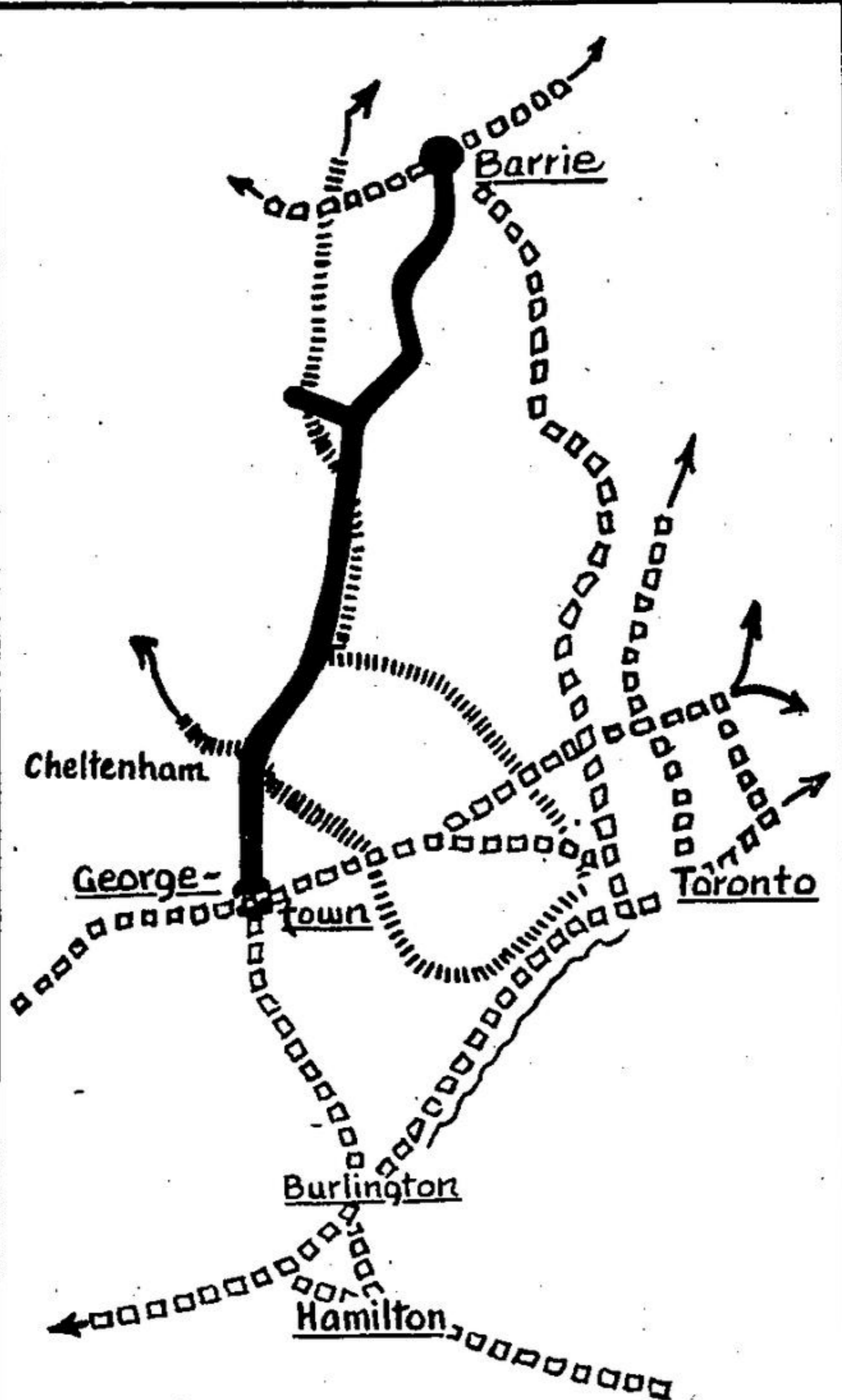
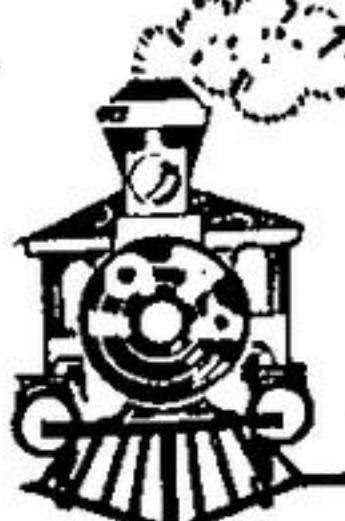
Derek Joyne, who has appeared on the Georgetown stage in many productions during his five years with the group, has changed his role to that of director for this presentation. His cast consists

of Ron Hill, Joanne Grant, Tom van Alphen, Ron Hunt, Pat Joyne, Mary Goebel, Ed Arcuri, Karen Friskney and Michele Mole.



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No Copies Allowed Says Hill

Adhering to council policy to release no incomplete documents to news media, Mayor Tom Hill told an architectural representative not to release a copy of a report that was read aloud at an open meeting of Halton Hills council. Architect Robert Becksted read a summary of the report that included four pages of text, a page of price estimates and two pages of specifications about a proposed theatre arena complex to be constructed at the east entrance to Georgetown. The preliminary architectural plans allowed for a wide range of council options and input into the completed plans for the project.

When he completed his report, Mr. Becksted told the council that an additional copy, over the 15 copies distributed to council, was available. He asked if it should be passed on to the press.

"No," said Mayor Hill. "Plans are not yet final." A council vote backed his decision.

In contrast to the press policy in Halton Hills, however, full printed copies of all bylaws, copies of correspondence, and of staff reports are provided by the regional government.

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