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IN GEORGETOWN

Downtown Merchants Seek New Executive

Hear Complaints On Sidewalk Sale

Some downtown merchants in Georgetown scheduled a meeting for Tuesday evening to seek a new executive body for the Georgetown Downtown Merchants' Association.

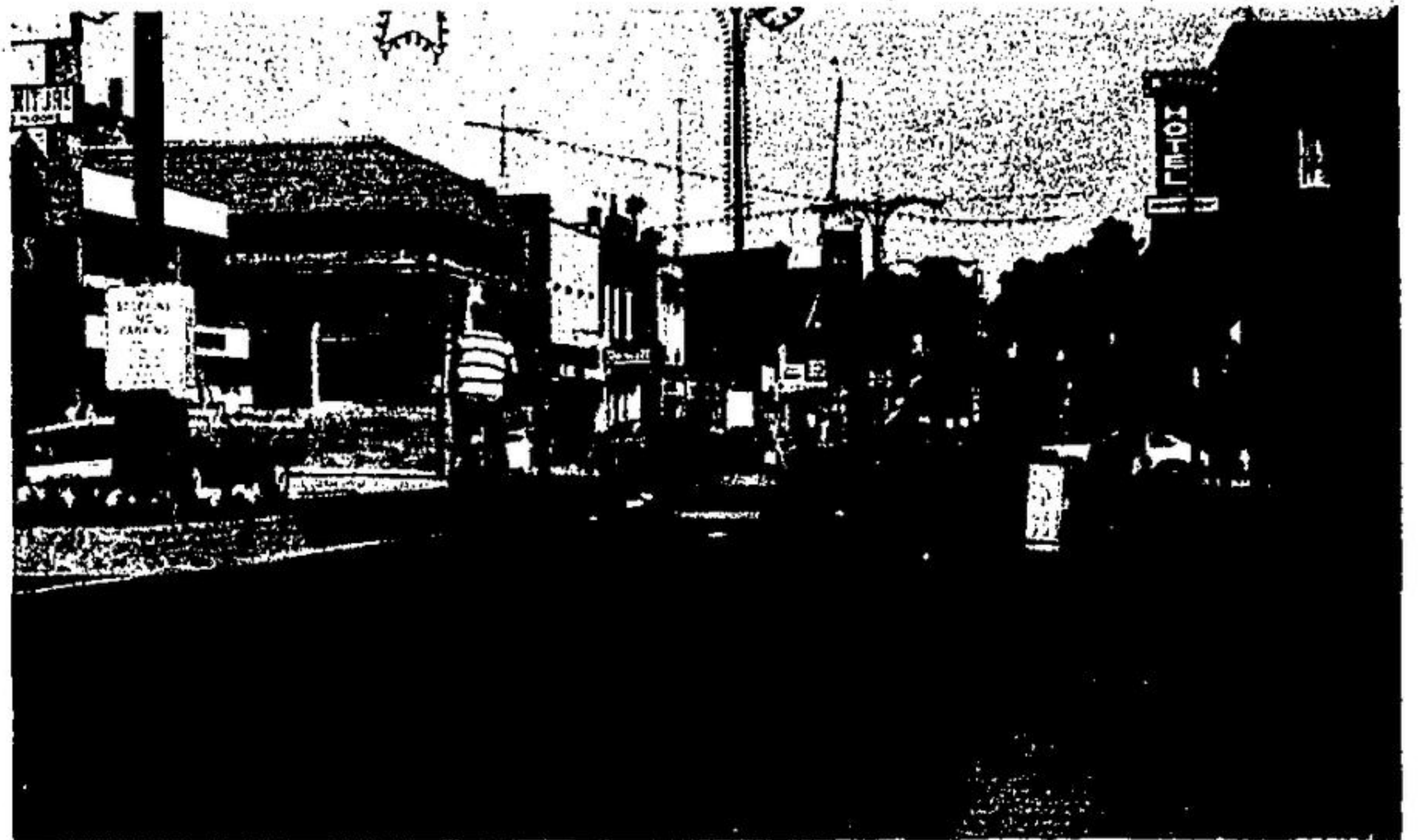
The meeting was called as a result of a sidewalk sale held last Thursday through Saturday on Main Street. A number of merchants have complained that there was a lack of organization, co-operation and participation shown by the association for the sale.

In Shopper's World, the merchants were informed five to six weeks in advance that there would be a sale and many of them had time to arrange the stock they wanted to clear and to order fresh stock.

Georgetown Market merchants were given three months' notice, and as a result their sale was successful. Some of the downtown merchants, however, said they knew of the sale only two weeks before, and many claimed they did not have enough time to make the sale worthwhile.

Despite the short notice, some merchants were able to get together and co-operate. Mike Farr's Pro Hardware and Park Variety brought in a candy floss machine from Toronto which proved popular with the children.

The merchants are hoping to have another sidewalk sale in August, and with a new committee in the Association they plan to make it more of a success.



Attendance was somewhat less than expected at the sidewalk sale.

(Herald Photo)

Public Meetings Just Wasted Money, Says Mayor Of Hydro Route Decision

Proposed Ontario Hydro routes through the town of Halton Hills has Mayor Tom Hill upset, and he claims that Hydro wasted the taxpayers' money by holding public meetings.

Recover Body Of Man From Waterfalls Park

Milton OPP divers recovered the body of a 27-year-old Brampton man at the Waterfalls Park, west of Highway 7, Monday at 3:05 p.m.

Marian Anthony Pirsic of 255 Queen St. in Brampton was found in 25 feet of water in the quarry swimming area. Police were searching since Sunday when Pirsic was reported missing.

This is the third drowning at the park in eight days. While searching for Pirsic Sunday, the divers uncovered the body of James Costello, 41, of Beaconsfield Drive in Toronto.

All of the bodies were found in the same area, and a police spokesman said an inquest may be held.

"I'm very disappointed that Hydro would waste all the taxpayers' money by holding so many public meetings, when it had the route pretty well picked out," he said Monday.

Mayor Hill noted that Ontario Hydro should have selected a proposed route and offered it to the people, holding meetings with only those residents who would have the line crossing their property.

By designating a proposed route, Hydro would have been better off, instead of getting people in the whole area disturbed. The only people who

could complain would be the land owners affected," he explained.

The mayor pointed out that Halton Hills council could not do very much to oppose the proposed route through the town now. He added that "We've done everything we can do."

The proposed 500 kilovolt transmission line running from the Bruce power generating station to Southern Ontario will have two lines through the area, the other one will travel along highway 401, near Milton. The transmission line will

cross the escarpment at Limehouse in Halton Hills and continue south approximately down the centre of the Fifth Concession, just south of Alderwood Five where it veers east and meets the line from Milton.

"It's frustrating," commented Mayor Hill. "We advised them where we thought it would be best for the route to go, but they decided to go along with the original suggestion from the Solandt Commission. I don't think there's much use in doing anything else on it now."

route through the town could not travel along the railway rather than the middle of Concession Five for three reasons.

Mr. Snow explained that if the line followed the tracks, there would be "an additional cost of \$4 million."

"Also, we would have to add two and one-third miles of cable and used more than 35 per cent more lands," he added.



Debbie Duchin, Trudy Peck.

(Herald Photo)

Week In Rockies With Indian Tribe

Have you ever wished that you could just take off into the wilderness and leave the old rat race behind?

Two high school girls from Georgetown are doing just that for one week beginning Sunday, July 21. Trudy Peck, 18 of Blvd. and Debbie Duchin, 17, of Lyons Court will be spending their week away from home in the scenic foothills of the Albertan Rockies learning the history and culture of the Stoney Indian Tribe of Morley Alberta.

The girls, who both work at the North Halton Golf and Country Club snack bar, will be involved in activities such as riding, hiking, canoeing, hunting and trapping with Stoney Indians as leaders.

The Stoney will be receiving 80 students per week until Sept. 1 and if the camps are successful the season will be extended from April 15 to mid-October next year.



SEATED IN a wheelchair, leg in a cast, is Herald staff member Celia Saxon. Husband Peter decorated the

cast with a Canadian flag. The Saxon family was visiting the Hazelgrove Fair, where the photo was taken.

The fair offers dog shows, horse shows, midway, tents, booths and dancers.

Who Says Trip To Bathroom Can't Be Exciting Affair?

Celia Saxon of Acton of The Herald staff is holidaying in England. She promised to keep alert for newsy happenings of interest to our readers, but she has gone one step further, and has created her own newsy happening. She broke her leg shortly after her arrival in the British Isles. Here's her report.

How's this for front-page news? I conjured up this front-page story for you the first day I arrived in England.

Since then, I have been temporarily incapacitated, thus the delay in writing.

I'd like to be able to say that I broke my leg swimming the Channel, or climbing Mount Snowdon. But it was nothing as dramatic as all that. I have to blame my misfortune on the English weather and outdoor plumbing.

We arrived at 1.30 p.m. after travelling all night, and went to bed for the afternoon. Got up for tea (that's supper) and sat around and listened to Peter and his relatives catch up on 18 years of gossip.

Then they led me down the garden path to the loo (that's a toilet) a fancy little brick house out behind the main house. It was raining and I was wearing shoes with crepe soles. I

slipped on the back steps and fractured my left fibula.

So my first stop on my tour of England was the Stockport Infirmary and every day for the next four.

The first cast was not straight because I walked on it in the middle of the night. So it had to be removed and replaced.

At the infirmary, the attendants kidded: "All the Canadians come over 'ere to bribe their legs, to try out our free national health scheme." It's true, too, it never cost me a penny.

Smart-Alec Geoffrey commented: "Well, Mom, at least you got to go to the bathroom before you broke your leg."

In agreement with Coun. Hyde, Coun. Mike Armstrong noted that the Whitney firm could start construction in two or three weeks if necessary.

The total cost of the project, according to Coun. Hyde, for the system-design built arena includes paving the driveway and parking lots, "but the company won't plant the seeds."

"Let's get on with this and get it done quickly even if we have to call a five-minute meeting of council to award the contract to Whitney," he added.

Mayor Hill told council that "if this all goes through, council should write Mr. Tennant a letter of thanks."

At this, Coun. Len Cox quipped, "maybe we should call it the Tennant Arena."

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Noel Bates, regional solicitor.

Will Pay Taxes For No Services

Some residents in Halton Hills and Milton will be forced to pay taxes for a service which the Halton regional municipality is unable to provide for them this year.

Taxpayers in the former Townships of Esqueping and Nasagaweya will have police protection costs included on their taxes this year, even though the areas are patrolled by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

Coun. Len Cox, Halton Hills, told the committee that he felt it would be better for the police commission budget to be paid by the area municipalities on a "charge-back" basis.

He explained that not every area municipality used the Halton regional police to the same extent, and therefore, they should not be charged the same portion of the budget.

"We're charging these people for a service they're not receiving," Coun. Cox said during the budget discussions Wednesday. "I don't think that's very fair at all."

He explained that the OPP do not charge the areas for the police protection because they are paid by the province. In Halton Hills, only the former town of Georgetown is policed by the region.

"As soon as we start charging the people for a service we're not providing, there's going to be pressure to provide it," he added.

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Residential Zone Asked In Petition

A petition to rezone part of Main Street in Acton was presented to Halton Hills council, Monday, who told the delegation it should meet with the general administration committee.

John Last of 218 Main St. and Paul Neilsen of 110 Longfield Rd., presented the petition, signed by 37 ratepayers along Main Street west.

"The area was zoned residential at one time, because my house is 121 years old. Now, it's light industrial and we want it returned to residential," explained Mr. Last.

He pointed out that some of the surrounding land should be zoned residential, so that the homes are not surrounded by heavy industry.

"Right now, my house faces a farm and I don't want to see it replaced by a smoke, belching factory, if you know what I mean," he told the councillors.

Mr. Neilsen noted that the area was not all zoned for light industry, as the council believed. "On the east side, it's designated for heavy industry," he said.

"I understand that right now, there is an offer to purchase the land by an asphalt plant," he added.

Because of trouble understanding which was east, and west, and where the surrounding parcels of land were, council referred the group to the general administration committee and town planner, Mario Venditti.

University Students Conduct Tests

Six University of Toronto students will conduct water quality tests on the lakes at Terra Cotta, Bellfontain and Monora conservation areas this summer.

The students from the Department of Microbiology at the University are working with the Ministry of the Environment on a water pollution project, which should provide valuable information for the conservation authorities.

NOEL BATES, regional solicitor.

Town Looks To Big Saving For Proposed Arena Plans

An extra effort by a Halton Hills resident may save the town almost \$400,000 in the construction of the proposed arena on Guelph Street in Georgetown.

Council agreed Monday in committee-of-the-whole, to have the architectural firm of Lee, Elken, and Beckstead stop its work in designing an arena.

Also, it agreed to begin planning with Whitney Construction Company which tendered the project for a total of \$770,400 compared to the estimated \$1.2 million from Lee, Elken and Beckstead.

Most of the work in getting the firm of Whitney to tender the project came from A.V. Tennant, a member of the recreation building committee, who complained to council earlier this month that he was kept informed about latest developments in the project.

Mr. Tennant did extra work after he heard the proposal by Lee, Elken and Beckstead and told council that an arena could

be constructed for under the \$1.2 million price.

In presenting the motion to accept the work of Whitney, Coun. Ern Hyde pointed out that the offer "includes everything we hoped for" in an arena, with a 185 feet by 85 feet of ice surface.

"This is a firm bid, and with a few other additions, the total cost of the project will be around \$800,000," he explained.

To me, this sounds like a savings of around \$400,000."

Coun. Hyde outlined the basics of the arena which will include the ice surface, seating for 1,000, room for possible expansion, and the possibility of summer ice.

MUCH CREDIT
"Mr. Tennant should get a great deal of credit for his work on this project, he is very knowledgeable in his field and we owe him a great deal of gratitude," Coun. Hyde added.

By accepting the offer from Whitney, the firm of Lee, Elken

NEWS IN BRIEF

TWO YOUTHS WERE CHARGED by Acton OPP after a complaint last Wednesday at 11:55 p.m., from Marcel Fryters of 145 Mill St., Acton. Bernard Taylor, 18, of 18 Willow Street, and Dave Holmes, 17, of 83 Willow Street will appear in court on July 17.

SEMI DAMAGE was done to a Kawasaki owned by John Van Alpen and driven by Mark Fox, both of Glen Williams, when the clutch was released accidentally with the bike in gear and it struck a car owned by Henry Rolfe. Damage to Mr. Rolfe's car was estimated at \$175.

IN A NEWS REPORT last week about a petition to council from Rowley Drive, Don Schofield was quoted as saying that the subdivision contractor had not lived up to terms of an agreement. What he did say was to ask for a study to determine if conditions had been met during subdivision development.

BREAK AND ENTER suspect gained entry to a Duncan Dr. home by breaking a sliding window at the rear of the house. The stolen property included a 22 cal. Mowbray rifle with 4 power scope, a Browning automatic 12 gauge shotgun, and a 22 cal. Savage rifle with a three to nine power scope. The approximate value of the stolen goods is \$500.

HALTON HILLS COUNCIL decided Monday, in its fight against pollution, to study a film presentation by the American Can Company with members of Pollution Probe, and after the film, discuss any problems the group decides would improve the situation in town. The film, offered by the company, points out various types of waste disposals available to municipalities.

TODAY AT HER home on 351 Delrex Blvd., young Cheryl Kelly is holding a Muscular Dystrophy Carnival. MC Carnivals have become a regular thing with children in Georgetown. Each year you can be sure there will be at least one M.D. Carnival somewhere in town. This year there is one at 351 Delrex and it will take place from 2 to 4 p.m.

TWO SMALL CHILDREN, left unattended in a car in the municipal parking lot put the car into gear while playing. The car, owned by Gilberto Faiva of Halton Hills, rolled forward striking a parked car owned by Kenneth Hartig. Total damages were estimated at \$270.



(Herald Photo)

SUMMERTIME GAL
Trying to stay cool and refreshed on a hot and humid Saturday afternoon was Kathie Davies of 113 Mountainview Rd. With the searing weekend temperatures watering the lawn in a bikini appeared to be the best way to beat the heat.

LINE ROUTE
The line is proposed to travel through Milton from the Beverley Swamp to the C.N.R. Railway where it will follow the