

Charles Fogal heads 1975 fair

Planning has begun in earnest for the 1975 version of the Georgetown Fall Fair. The annual meeting of the Georgetown Agricultural Society, sponsor of the fall fair, was held last Thursday evening at the Maple Leaf Research Centre.

The nominating committee brought in a full slate of officers which was approved by the membership. Charles R. Fogal will be the president of the society in 1975. Don Nicholson will serve as first vice-president, Don Goeling, second vice-president, and Herb Dolson, third vice-president.

Mona Milne, the society's secretary, and Mrs. Charlotte Ironside, treasurer, were reappointed.

The auditor's report showed that the society is in good financial shape, having broken even on the year's operations. While gate receipts from the 1974 fall fair were down considerably, other aspects of the fair helped the society to break even.

Total prize money donated to exhibitors amounted to \$4,575. Robert McMaster, who was president in 1974 but was unable to fulfill his duties due to illness, chaired the Thursday meeting.



A delegation, headed by Al Spence, asked that the 1975 fair include the Georgetown Pony Club. A discussion took place with regard to extending this phase of the fair until Sunday afternoon.

Mahers leaves town

After close to 40 years in operation on the Main Street of Georgetown, the Maher Shoe Store closed its doors for the last time Saturday evening.

The surprise move came as part of the company's policy to concentrate their efforts in large plazas and shopping centres and to phase out all small downtown stores in the Canada-wide chain.

"We weren't expecting to close until February, 1978," said manager Gordon Wry. "The lease on the building was not due to expire until then."

Mr. Wry noted the store was not doing too badly, but could not compare to stores such as those located in plazas in Bramalea and Brampton. The Toronto-based company operates 10 stores in the area.

Mr. Wry, who has operated the Georgetown store for eight years, will be going to a store in the Richmond Hill or Newmarket areas once inventory is complete.

"We won't be having a going out of business sale," he said. "The goods will be taken back to other stores."

It is undecided as to the fate of the building but the Maher company has no further use for the building which is leased from a Georgetown businessman.

Rannachan for council

Labour roasts MacBeth

Ontario labor minister, John MacBeth, pinch hitting for Premier William Davis, faced a barrage of criticism of Ontario labor policies last week at a heated meeting of the Brampton and District Labor Council, chaired by council president Bill Rannachan of Georgetown.

Council members charged the provincial government with displaying a "pro employer bias" and with "slandering its responsibility" in dealing with massive layoffs.

Other complaints from the very vocal audience of 70 dealt with management's role on the labor relations board, union certification procedures, minimum wage laws, use of strike breakers, lack of apprenticeship programs, the workman's compensation board, safety regulations and compulsory overtime.

Premier Davis, who was expected to attend, was detained in Winnipeg. With Mr. MacBeth at the meeting were deputy minister, R. D. Johnston, Halton MPP James Snow and Victor Pathe, assistant labor relations board chairman.

Proposals advanced by council members included a guaranteed annual wage and removal of management from

the union certification process and from any role in the labor relations board.

Mr. MacBeth told the audience he favors changes in legislation to permit a union vote on the application of five percent of employees and certification on a simple majority vote.

He also agreed that management should not be allowed to circulate round robin petitions to undermine union organizing efforts.

When asked about the provincial government's stand on the unemployment insurance setup and the layoffs at Douglas Aircraft in Malton, Mr. MacBeth noted that both of those areas fall under the federal government's responsibility. "I'm not too sure how effective our representations will be," he added that he found the handling of both "very frustrating."

New director for choral society

New is the key word for the Georgetown Choral Society as its members formulate plans for another successful season. Besides a new director the society also has managed to find new facilities for the 1975 season.

Dale Wood, an accomplished and well known musician has been named as the new director of the local choral society. Known here in Georgetown for his leadership of St. John's United Church choir, Mr. Wood is also the assistant director of the highly respected Etobicoke Centennial Choir.

As the choral society's "Choir Night" has been changed from Tuesday to Monday, and thus can no longer be held in the high school, it is now being held in Knox Presbyterian Church. The new site was found through the efforts of Brenda McNeil as well as through the co-operation of Rev. Peter Barrow.

better than at the high school. Several pianos, located throughout the church, afford partial practices with no interference problems, thus speeding up the learning of more difficult pieces of music.

At present the choir is preparing a concert in early May when a variety of works will be presented including pieces by Randall Thompson, Jean Sibelius, Robert Shaw, Oscar Hammerstein plus one of Mr. Wood's own compositions.

The choir achieved a high standard of choral singing under the directorship of their past leader Mr. Howard Weedmark and hopes to continue this success.

The choral society's new executive for 1975, appointed late in January, consists of: president, Audrey Houston; vice-president, Zena Lancaster; secretary, Donna Robin; treasurer, Sandra Patey; librarian, Betty Hagen; publicity, Wilma Groskorth; attendance, Jean Hancock.

75 years young

Seventy-five years is well worth marking and the family and friends of Mrs. Ann Garner of Sargent Court did just that to

mark her 75th birthday on September 2.

A family dinner was held the day before at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dale of Brampton to celebrate the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Mac Ransom, Brampton, Mr. and Mrs. David Ransom, Georgetown, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Harley (Mae) Georgetown, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dale (Rose), Brampton were all present at the celebrations. Mrs. Wilma Cateer of Calgary and Mr. Alan Ransom were unable to attend.

grandchildren and great-grandchildren came to wish her a happy birthday. She has 17 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

On February 2 Mrs. Garner's daughter, Wilma, and family surprised her with a long distance call from Calgary to wish her a happy birthday. The ladies of Sargent Court also helped make it a happy day when they came to her apartment during the afternoon for tea.

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"Roses are red, violets are blue; here's a valentine made especially for you." Everybody is somebody's valentine and, once a year on February 14, sweethearts, lovers and special friends get out the paper, paste and assorted colored materials and conjure up sweet sentiments to express their feelings for one another.

The primary grades in the Georgetown schools are decorated with hearts and flowers in honor of the patron Saint of Love, Saint Valentine. Legend has it that Saint Valentine was a kindly old monk, who worked as a gardener in an Italian monastery

about the year 260 AD. As he tended his flowers and crops, he would chat with passersby and offer them advice and vegetables. He was especially interested in helping young lovers solve their problems. Thus he became known as the patron of lovers, and each year on his feast lovers young and old exchange little tokens of endearment in his honor.

The love bug has bitten in the Grade One class at Park School. On Friday afternoon the little ones were given raw materials and allowed to let their imaginations wander to see who could come up with the best love bug. Of course each one thought his own was the best. Gordon Munnock chose Nadine Balkind to be his

valentine, but Nadine had to confess that her first love was her dog. Simon Evans admitted he likes Jackie Kirley and some of the other girls but his mom is the one who will get the love bug. Jackie thinks the boys are pretty nice but her dad is number one on her valentine list.

The children in Grades Three and Four created up some imaginative creations using wallpaper to give to their favorite valentines. Cupids and hearts adorned the walls. Secret messages were hidden inside the ornate cards: "I'm yours", "Won't you be mine?", "I Luv U, Valentine"... "Roses are red...violets are blue..."



Simon Evans and Jackie Kirley
The love bug has bitten



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