

National garden for Silver Creek

Silver Creek may be something special if the two proposals currently under consideration by the town of Halton Hills go beyond just the planning stage.

The plans will add to the village, a park which will be operated under the control of Halton Hills and a wild flower sanctuary which will be under the direction of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

The park land represents the former road-side picnic area which followed the old route of Highway Seven. Construction of the bypass caused the park to be abandoned when land fill and equipment made the park unusable during the summer months.

Since the park now falls within the boundaries of Halton Hills, formerly Esqueping, the ministry of transportation and communications has offered the land to the town.

Should the town not want the land, operation of the park would be taken over by the ministry. The works committee decided in favor of acquiring the land for use by the town at its meeting last week.

Once the park has been restored to a usable condition by removing the piles of fill and levelling the two-acre site it will be used as a picnic and recreational park.

"Many residents of Acton and Georgetown used the park, due to its proximity, as a weekend picnic spot," noted a member of the works committee.

It was pointed out that if the town acts fast the park could be cleaned and ready for use by the summer of this year.

"If Halton Hills assumes responsibility for the park it should be ours," said Coun. Len Cox. "The ministry should not be able to tell us what to do with it after it's ours."

If Queen's Park agrees to clean up the park before turning it over to the municipality, the residents of Halton Hills will have a new park to relax in on those hot summer days.

The second proposal for the area stems from research done by the Garden Clubs of Ontario in their efforts to establish a sanctuary in Ontario where there is an abundance of wild flowers in a natural setting.

After two years of searching for suitable land, rich in native flora, which could be preserved as a wild flower sanctuary under the supervision of the provincial conservation authority, Halton Hills was chosen. The property under consideration by the town and the Credit Valley Conservation Authority consists of 40 acres surrounding the Georgetown reservoir.

Applications have been made by the club to have this area designated as a wildflower preserve and funds necessary to enclose the property will come from the club and the conservation authority which will manage the site.

Part of the land borders the Bruce Trail, but as yet, no damage to the plant life as been done. It is hoped by members of the club that the area will still be used for scenic walks without destroying the natural beauty of the land.

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority now awaits a decision to be made by the Halton Hills council as to the fate of the land.

The usual action would involve the town turning over the property for a nominal sum," said Mr. Watson, a representative of the conservation authority.

The Ontario Garden Club has yet to contact the local horticultural society but plans to do so further aid in the cause of preservation. Thus far 12 clubs from London to Niagara Falls have shown interest in establishing a wildflower preserve.

It is also possible in the near future, a national botanical gardens will be formed in an area chosen from across Canada. Members of the GCO feel that this site could be selected as a local area garden.

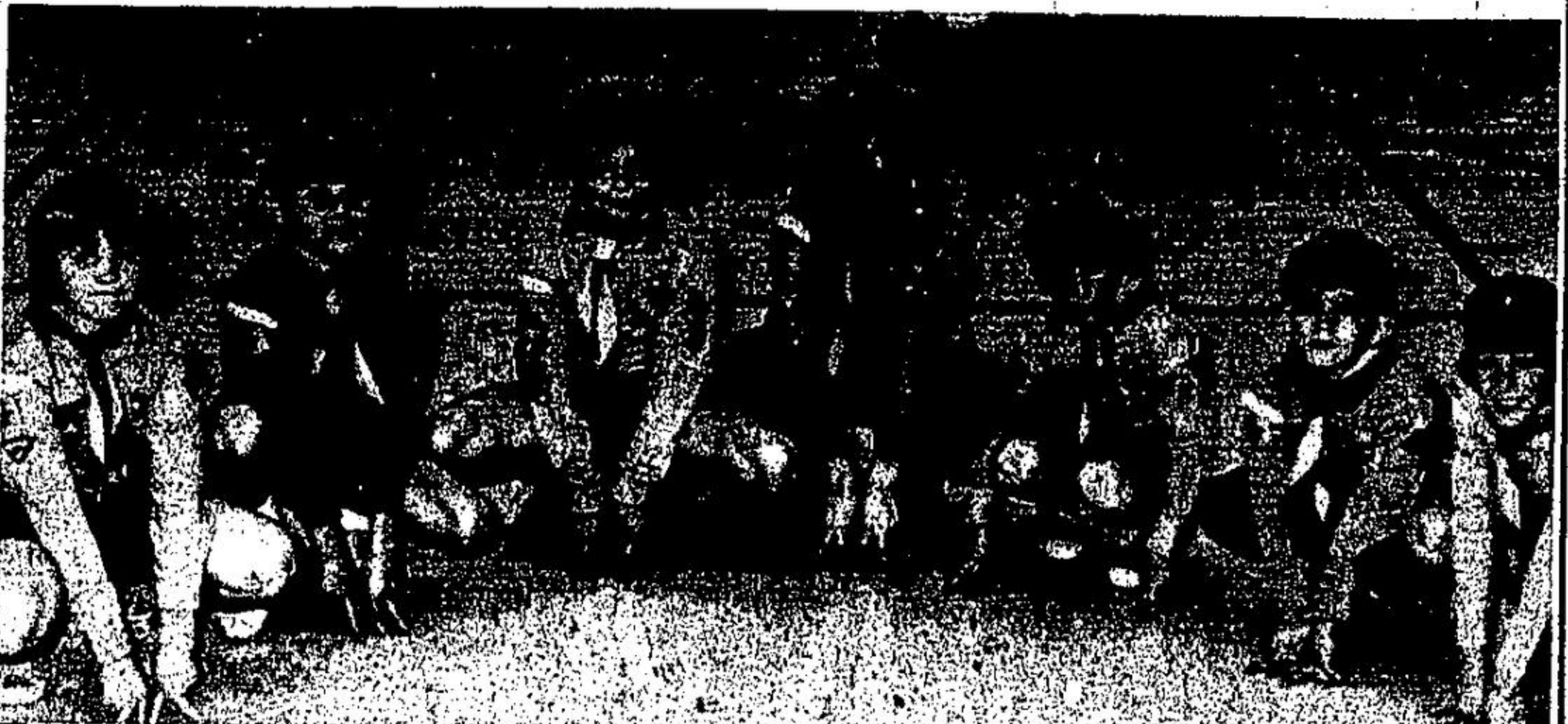
"We hope the citizens of Halton Hills will encourage their municipal representatives to facilitate such an imaginative plan," said Mrs. Campbell. "It would be a feather in their cap indeed."



LEARNING TO BE USEFUL to help others, and earn badges at the same time are some of the fun things about being a Brownie. Sixer, Sandra Lovegrove of the 11th Georgetown Brownie Pack discusses her badges with some of the younger Brownies, Barbara McIntyre, Judy Van Cleaf and Debbie Sutton, explaining what they mean and what she did to earn them. Besides earning badges, Brownies meet new friends, learn crafts, play games and go to interesting places, such as Storybook Gardens and the Ice Capades.

Scout-Guide Week

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WE'LL DOB! DOB! DOB! The Grand Howl of the Wolf Cub Pack is demonstrated by the 8th Georgetown Cub Pack. DOB means we'll do our best, which is what cubs strive to do at their meetings and in their everyday life. The Wolf Cub program is based on Kipling's Jungle Stories, and is open to boys from age eight to 11 years. Cubs are proud of their uniform and neatness and cleanliness play an important role.

Dog attacks boy

An eight-year-old RR3 Norval youngster was rushed to Etobicoke General Hospital last Wednesday night with serious facial lacerations following an attack by a St. Bernard dog.

Kevin Crocker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Crocker, RR3 Norval, had the left side of his face torn off in the incident which occurred when he, his six-year-old brother, Scotty and his mother went to pick up Mr. Crocker at his job in Peel.

The St. Bernard a watch dog at the firm, was tied up. It had never been reported vicious prior to the incident. It's believed that the youngster had startled the dog when he went to pet it.

Mrs. Crocker heard the youth's screams and rushed to his rescue. She discovered that the boy's entire left cheek had been torn in the attack. The hood of his jacket had fortunately helped to prevent any further injury.

The Crockers immediately put the youngster in their car and started toward Peel Memorial Hospital. During their run they spotted a police cruiser into which the boy was moved.

Following initial examination at Peel hospital doctors decided to transfer him to Etobicoke General Hospital where a specialist in plastic surgery performed a prompt surgery.

Kevin, who with his brother, is a student at George Kennedy Public School in Georgetown, is reported to be progressing well.

The dog that attacked the youngster has been placed in quarantine.

Taxi!

As many town residents are well aware, getting a taxi in Georgetown after 11 p.m. is almost impossible to do. For that reason anyone willing to provide service at that or any hour should be allowed to do so, according to some town councillors.

"We should throw it wide open," commented Councillor Eric Hyde at Monday night's committee of the whole meeting. "and say to anyone willing to provide 24-hour service 'It's yours.'"

He, along with several other town councillors, were critical of a statement made the week before by an independent operator of one of the taxi companies currently operating in Halton Hills. Speaking during a discussion of the town's proposed taxi licensing bylaw last Monday, Del McMillan, operator of Glen Taxis, suggested that only four taxi companies presently in operation in Halton Hills be granted operators licences.

"I really feel that we should have more taxis in town," countered Councillor Russ Miller, "in order to provide better service for the people of the town...We should open it up more."

Noting that he understood that passengers arriving on the midnight train to Georgetown could not get a taxi unless it had been ordered earlier in the day, Mayor Tom Hill said, "If there's someone willing to come in here and offer 24-hour service we should welcome them."

The taxi company owners noted that there were a number of reasons why they did not provide around-the-clock service in Halton Hills; the prime one being the loss of revenue in paying a driver for a normally very limited number of calls.

"The public transit systems," said Councillor Les Dudy, "are not obligated to provide 24-hour service so why should we be able to dictate that private owners must do it?"

The councillors' opinions on the subject, along with those of the taxi owners, will now be further studied by the finance and personnel committee before it makes any final recommendations.

Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena

For the second time it's official. The new Georgetown arena on Guelph Street will be hereafter known as the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

The debate over the name cropped up again Monday night when a suggestion from the town's general administration committee asking for the arena's name to be changed to the Gordon Alcott Memorial Recreation Centre was presented.

There was no question that the building would be named in honor of the late Gordon Alcott, founder of the minor hockey system in Georgetown. However, just what the building itself was to be called posed the problem - recreation centre or arena?

The recreation advisory committee had suggested that the building be officially known as a recreation centre. Council, however, stuck by its guns and its first decision that the building will, in fact, be an arena.

As Councillor Eric Hyde pointed out, "It's an arena. That's the prime purpose of the building and that's what it should be called."

He added that the word arena can mean much more than just ice. Arenas, he joked, used to refer to the Roman structures in which lions were the chief attractions.

Councillor Les Dudy also pointed out that the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena designation need apply to only the arena itself and that any future recreational facilities might be called by another name.

Completion of the new arena is getting very close. The floor is expected to be poured sometime near the end of this month.

Following a period of 28 days during which the cement will dry the arena will be ready to open its doors sometime in mid-April.

Demand may topple program

The town's free tree program may be too successful this year. The program, which provides on a first come, first serve basis, a tree free of charge to any citizen of Halton Hills asking for one, has already received 31 requests within the past year.

Councillor Harry Levy pointed out that the individual requests resulting from early newspaper reports last week of the details of the program, may cut down on the effectiveness of the tree planting program. He explained that he would prefer to see the tree planting done on a "road by road" system instead of through individual requests. By doing so, he noted, all trees planted along each selected road would be of the same age and same size.

Councillor Ric Morrow also pointed out that the trees planted in groups have a much

better chance for survival and thus are a better investment for the town because tree experts in the town's works department would have a much better chance to prune

and maintain the trees regularly if they're all located within one area.

The program has been carried out for a number of years in Georgetown. Each year a

Council objects to 12.5 percent raise

A suggestion by the town's finance committee that would have handed a blanket raise, slightly higher than the raise in last

year's national cost of living index, to all town employees was strongly rapped at Monday night's committee of the whole meeting.

Charter Lion member, founding merchant, Harold McClure dies

Harold C. McClure, one of Woodstock, New Brunswick, Georgetown's founding mer- Born in Georgetown in 1904, chants, died at the age of 71 at Mr. McClure was a very active

member of the community serving in the Lorne Scots in 1930 and throughout the war. He was also a charter member of the Georgetown Lions Club.

Prior to the formation of a chamber of commerce, Mr. McClure served on the Industrial and Trade Commission in its attempts to promote business in town.

From his Main Street location, now Robert Gougeon's Furnishings, Mr. McClure owned and operated a furniture store and a funeral home.

In 1929 he left the furniture business. He retired from the McClure-Jones funeral home in 1964.

He resided at his Maple Avenue home until 1973 after which he moved to Port Sydney in the Muskokas where he lived until his visit to Woodstock.

Husband of the late Margaret Schmitz and father of George McClure of the Netherlands, Mr. McClure also leaves grandchildren, Cory, Jane, Alex and Martha.

Funeral services were to be held Wednesday at Knox Presbyterian Church conducted by Rev. Peter Farrow. Interment was at Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

Lost

A distraught Georgetown mother is suffering through sleepless nights wondering what has happened to her 14-year-old son.

Mrs. Shirley Bailie, 63 Edward Street, has not seen nor heard from her son, Jim, since Friday evening and she is becoming extremely worried. He was last seen on Main Street with a second youth. They suggested that they were going to the pool hall but have not been seen since.

The second youth, who was later identified, has not reported to work at the Brampton firm where he had been employed prior to the weekend, nor has he returned to his Georgetown rooming house.

Jim Bailie is easily recognizable. While only 14 years old he is six-foot, two inches tall and weighs 180 pounds. He has brown hair, blue eyes and long, shaggy hair. He was last seen wearing a blue denim jacket, ragged jeans with a light patch on the seat, a pink shirt and brown boots.

"There just doesn't seem to be any reason at all for his leaving like this," Mrs. Bailie said. He had left home on previous occasions, she recalled, but only after disagreements. Eventually, however, he would return.

If anyone has any information concerning the whereabouts of Jim they can contact either Mrs. Bailie or the Halton police.

Winter arrives with a Crunch!

With the sudden arrival of winter weather many Georgetown motorists have found it difficult to stay on the straight and narrow path.

Damage exceeding \$700 was done to the car driven by Douglas Collin when he struck the side of a CNR train damaging the foot step, last Thursday.

A car-truck accident did \$260 damage to a car driven by Lloyd Dean of Limehouse. The truck was operated by Meadus Williams of Mississauga. The collision occurred on Guelph Street.

A garbage packer, obscuring the view of John Packer, resulted in \$90 damage to the Packer vehicle and \$100 in repairs to the vehicle of Terry Guthrie. The accident occurred in the parking lot of the Georgetown Market Centre.

The parked car of David Clark sustained damages in a hit and run accident in front of his Main Street home.

The road sign on the median of Guelph Street and Henry Street was broken when a car, driven by William Ramsay of Mississauga, crossed the median while proceeding south on Guelph. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$150.

An accident Sunday afternoon caused \$800 in damages to the parked car of Matthew Walker of RR3 Georgetown.

Fog and slippery conditions were attributed to two accidents Monday evening. Joan Perkins of 70 McGilvary and Howard Fendley sustained \$1,000 each to their cars at the intersection of Rexway Drive and Highway Seven.

Laurice Fendley was taken to hospital by ambulance after the collision. Two people were taken to hospital as the result of a collision between Everard Miller of Grand Bend and Sharon Halls of Maple Avenue. The rear end collision did \$1,300 damage to the Halls vehicle sending Sharon, and Jeffery Hale to the hospital.

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Your Morning Smile



Good old George didn't think anything of his wife leaving notes for the milkman until the milkman started leaving replies. The Herald