



Bernice Chodura (left) and Sharon Tluczo.

Georgetown models enter beauty pageant

Two Georgetown girls, Sharon Tluczo and Bernice Chodura, both enrolled in Sheridan College's modelling course, were contestants in the Mississauga Beauty Pageant held last week.

Sharon and Bernice competed against 27 other contestants, 15 of whom were fellow students in the college's modelling course.

The pageant consisted of an entire week of questioning, answering and of course, modelling. The finale of the pageant was held Saturday evening from 7.30 to the wee, small hour of 1.00 a.m. Sunday, at the Sheridan Mall in Mississauga.

Sharon Tluczo, of 16 Dufferin St. is 18 years old and a graduate of Georgetown District High School. Bernice Chodura is from RR1

Georgetown, 19 years old and also a graduate from GDHS. For both girls this is their first year in college and their first fling in a beauty pageant.

Neither one of the girls placed in the pageant however, the experience fun and excitement of the week made up for any disappointment.

Bernice and Sharon also competed last week in the try-outs for the Miss Argonaut Pageant. Bernice was chosen as one of the finalists. The finale of the Miss Argonaut Pageant will be held this coming Friday.

Sometimes in the future and it may very well be not too far in the near future, Georgetown just might turn out to be the hometown of two successful winners in the beauty world.

Tighter gun controls cause wolf problems in this area

Tighter gun controls are allowing a resurgence in packs of wolves and wild dogs in north Halton according to a livestock valuator for Halton Hills, Clare Wilson.

After a number of years of attempting to develop the sheep industry in this area the loss of sheep to packs of killing marauders is forcing many sheep breeders out of business, contends Mr. Wilson.

He terms the problem "serious and getting worse all the time."

"If we had the same kind of gun controls as we did four or five years ago the number of wolves would be going down instead of up."

Mr. Wilson recalled one instance in which a farmer whose flocks had been attacked the night before by a pack of wolves saw three wolves returning. When he took a shot at them with a shotgun, nearby neighbors reported the incident to police, who in turn, issued a warning to the farmers against firing the gun.

He estimates that there could be up to three or four wolf dens in Halton Hills centred in the Sixth Line area. Their attacks have ranged from just south of Norval over to the Southeast of Acton.

Instances of sheep killed by wolves which Mr. Wilson has investigated have amounted to well over 25. Mr. Wilson is only one of three livestock valuator in the town.

Killings by wild dogs have accounted for a number of other losses.

Mr. Wilson told an farmer who recently sold the lamb "sheep after suffering a nur... within a three-week span.

"The worst part about it was that he came home one night and found several lambs missing and another three or four shot dead... He must have scared off someone who was in

the midst of trying to steal the lambs."

He explained that the losses are forcing many sheep breeders out of business just when prices are higher. "Sheep are getting pretty scarce right

now yet lambs are selling for up to \$50 apiece. That's pretty good money if anyone wanted to take the risks."

One operation which boasted over 1,500 sheep two years ago has no less than 150 he said. "It's killing the

sheep industry in this area."

"It could be a big industry in this area if they only controlled the dogs and wolves. But I'm advising men to get rid of sheep because of the problem."

Collison resigns rec. post

Doug Collison, recreation director for the town of Halton Hills, has filed his resignation with town council.

Mr. Collison has accepted an offer from the city of Mississauga which will see him head up the operations of that city's pools, arenas and other recreational facilities as co-ordinator of physical activities.

Mr. Collison's is the third resignation by a member of senior town personnel within the past three months. Town engineer Peter Morris and treasurer Harry Henderson have both submitted their resignations. Mr. Morris has gone into private business while Mr. Henderson has moved to Oakville to head up that municipality's treasury department.

In explaining his decision to move back to Mississauga's recreation department from which he came to the former town of Georgetown just over five years ago, Mr. Collison explained that he was going to make use of the added abilities he has gained during his tenure here.

"I feel that I have gained a more refined approach to administration here and certainly a great deal more of administrative experience."

He and his family will continue to live in Georgetown.

During his five years with first Georgetown and then Halton Hills, the town's recreational facilities and staff have ex-

panded a great deal for which he has drawn criticism from members of town council for "empire building." It nevertheless saw a badly needed second arena built in Georgetown as well as two very popular indoor swimming pools in Acton and Georgetown.

"I certainly wouldn't consider those all my accomplishments. A lot of people made those possible," he said. He praised the input from recreational groups, recreational committees and the special building committee of council for their work in making the improvement of town facilities possible.

A replacement for Mr. Collison is expected to be announced by late this month.

They're there...

Phone problems plague police

At last Thursday's special meeting of the Halton Regional Police Commission held in Acton, the current problem in the police telephone system was discussed by the commission.

The members of the commission feel that it has been had maintenance by Bell Canada of the system that connects north Halton with regional headquarters in Oakville.

A mechanical failure causes the central switchboard at headquarters in Burlington not to respond to the incoming call. The caller however receives a definite ring signal which leads the caller to believe that there is no one at the receiving end.

The problem is currently under investigation by Bell.

One area under suspicion is the repeater station in Milton, explained Police Chief Ken Skerrett. "We now have a committee studying the future communication needs of the force."

It was noted at the meeting that Hamilton had a similar problem but no mention of the cure was revealed.

To convert to the 911 emergency number system that would simplify all emergency services in the same manner that Toronto employs, would require completely different equipment than that recommended by Bell

when the regional system began in December of 1973.

Bell Canada made the initial recommendations regarding telephone service equipment for one number area dialing but the commission was disappointed to discover the short-sightedness of Bell Canada with regards to maintenance and of the equipment selection to lead to the implementation of a three-digit emergency number.

The hit and miss situation has been difficult to track down but the members of the commission will be placing trial telephone calls at random intervals to try and isolate the problem for Bell Canada to make the 878-5511 number 100 percent reliable.

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THE COAT OF ARMS for Halton Hills were officially unveiled last week during a special council meeting. The arms were dedicated in memory of the late Councillor Len Coxe. Attending the meeting were (from left) Janice Johnston, daughter of Councillor Coxe, Mayor Tom Hill, Mrs. Coxe, Dorothy Stone, designer of the coat of arms and Gordon Macpherson honorary art consultant with the Heraldry Society of Canada.

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'I feel vindicated'

As she and Mayor Tom Hill drew back the covering to officially unveil Halton Hills' coat of arms, Dorothy Stone held the inward satisfaction of knowing that she had proven many people wrong and her own capabilities as a fledgling Heraldic expert very correct.

It was in May of 1974 that Miss Stone originally presented her ideas for a possible coat of arms for the town. Having Miss Stone originally presented her ideas for a possible coat of arms for the town. It has since been spurred on by the later Councillor Len Coxe who had designed the crest based on a great deal of historical and heraldic research.

The design was severely criticized by a number of local citizens, including one upset Heraldic editorialist who predicted then "our particular design might not be approved because of its design." Heraldic experts, the

editorialist claimed, both on this side of the ocean and on the other, would find many faults in the proposed designs. "I felt at that point like just giving the whole thing up," recalled Miss Stone. "A lot of people agreed with the editorial feeling 'What does she know, she's only an amateur?'"

"But the more I thought about it the more convinced I became that I couldn't give up that easily."

She decided then to put her design to the acid test. After discovering that one of Canada's foremost heraldic experts happens to live in Burlington, she submitted her design to him and asked him for his truthful opinion.

The long and the short of the story is that the design that now hangs on the council chamber wall, covers the side of municipal vehicles and will, eventually, be used on all official town documents, is Miss Stone's original coat of

arms, with only one minor exception; that being to the top of the design.

Last week's unveiling provided Miss Stone with a "feeling that I had been finally vindicated... I felt as high then as that editorial had put me down low."

The Heraldic expert who had shown her that she was indeed on the right track was on hand for the unveiling of the coat of

arms. Gordon Macpherson Esq., fellow with the Royal Society of Arts, the Society of Antiquaries, an honorary art consultant for the Heraldry Society of Canada and a herald in the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem (the oldest order of chivalry in the world) assisted in the ceremonies held in the council chambers last Monday night.

"This is a very beautiful, colorful and symbolical coat of arms which will stand in tribute to many. It shall be a source of pride for all the citizens of this municipality," Mr. Macpherson told those present.

"To receive one's own coat of arms is very much in the nature of an honor and since

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Fitting tribute to Len Coxe

Mayor Tom Hill had a difficult time dedicating the town's new coat of arms to the late Councillor Len Coxe, one of the most instrumental Halton Hills officials in the obtaining of the coat of arms. In a voice that frequently broke because of his emotions, Mayor Hill told the small audience attending the unveiling of the coat of arms in

the council chambers last week that he was "proud to see the unveiling presented in memory of a dedicated councillor... and a very good friend of mine and yours." Mrs. Coxe and her daughter, Janice Johnston, were both present for the ceremony. A plaque dedicating the coat of arms to the late Councillor Coxe is located below the

drawing of the coat of arms by Miss Dorothy Stone. Mayor Hill stated that it was to present council's credit that the town now had an official crest. "If we keep on working as well as we have during the past year and a half things are going to be much better in Halton Hills the next time elections come around."

Further talks on Norval

There will be further negotiations between the town and the Halton Board of Education before the Norval Community Association can possibly make use of the 4.5 acre Norval School site for recreational purposes.

A tentative lease had been suggested by the board following a meeting last week. A figure of \$1,000 per month as rental on the property was quoted at that meeting. A letter received by Mayor Tom Hill outlined the figure and proposals made by the board.

According to Hugh McFarlane, president of the community association, the figures provided by the board are based on a percentage of the land's value at a commercial valuation.

The land as it stands now is zoned as institutional and would have to be rezoned by the town to bring it up to the classification that would earn the \$1,000 asked for by the board.

Further meetings will be necessary to establish a more reasonable price for the Norval site, said Mr. McFarlane.

Apartment project is still alive

Developers of the 10-storey McNally Apartment complex have filed with the town's committee of adjustment a number of changes to the original plans for their Silver Creek apartment-commercial project.

Listing their changes as "design improvements" the developers, Silver Park Developments Ltd. of Mississauga, have been granted a hearing by the committee of adjustment late this month. The hearings renew interest in the large, two-tower project that has been dormant for well over one year.

The total number of units in the two, ten-storey apartment buildings will remain the same at 209 but the varieties of the units differ in the proposed changes.

Three-bedroom apartments would be cut by 10 to only six while two-bedroom units would increase by 31 to 72. One bedroom apartments would increase slightly to a total of 131 while 24 bachelor apartments would be cut out completely.

The apartments would be located in twin towers with one designated for adults only

and the other for families with children. They would cover only a small part of the 5.2 acres involved in the Silver Creek area.

The ten-storey height is over the town's 85-foot building bylaw limit by three feet due to the addition of service equipment on the roof.

Underground parking as outlined in the proposed changes will handle 180 cars while there will be 100 surface parking spaces. The

parking area will be lower than Water Street screening the area from street view.

The major outside change to the project will be in appearance. A connecting third building has been taken out of the plans.

In their submission to the committee of adjustment the developers note, "In widening the space between the buildings, this opens up a vista to permit those approaching the site to see the natural park amenities between and

through the towers.

"With greater setback, 66 feet, the building orientation is towards the central area of town."

The ground levels of both apartment towers are ear-marked for specific uses. The adult building's ground level would be used for a maximum of six neighbourhood stores.

The first floor of the family building would have a recreation complex which

would contain an enclosed pool, saunas, double squash court and gym and exercise area.

Entrance to the complex would be from two entrances, one to the south of the Water and Hill Streets intersection and the other adjacent to it.

The project is located east of the Mill and Water Streets intersection, covering 5.2 acres of the Silver Creek area.

Construction didn't affect water level drop

A noticeable drop in the level of water in the pond at Remembrance Park plus the small creek that runs into it is not probably linked with the construction of the Marywood subdivision.

However the town's engineering staff are nevertheless going to investigate the drop in the flow to determine if

there is any specific reason for it.

The study was prompted by a comment at last Tuesday night's council meeting by Councillor Ric Morrow who said many residents of the area have been complaining about the considerable drop in the creek's flow. "That pond has been at the same level for many years but it has been

seriously dropping lately.

"Many feel that there is a strong connection between the drop in the water level and the construction of the subdivision beside the hospital."

"Creeks all over the town are drying up," replied Councillor Joe Hurst. "The flow of water is just not there." The creek feeding Fairy Lake in Acton is badly down, he

said, and Milton is also experiencing a similar drop in the overall water table.

The work on the Marywood subdivision was not a likely cause for the drop in the Remembrance Park pond furthered Councillor Ern Hyde who explained that the pond actually originates from a spring on the south side of Princess Anne Drive away

from the new housing development.

"The town foreman reports that there is no town work going on in that area to possibly affect the water table," said Councillor Hyde. Council agreed with a suggestion presented by him that the engineering staff examine the problem in any case.

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