

A new arena?

A brief hint that a new Halton Hills arena might possibly be built adjacent to the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena was given at Monday night's town council meeting.

During a lengthy discussion on the work of the town's special building committees which have been overseeing the planning of new town facilities, a resolution asking that a report be drawn up by the special building committee for consideration by council "of an additional arena to be built adjacent to the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena" was presented.

However as the meeting dragged on and time ran out, Councillor Mike Armstrong, who presented the resolution, asked, without further comment, that the suggestion be tabled for two weeks.



HALLELUJAH! Sixty-five tuned voices ushered in the Christmas season last week with a sellout presentation at Knox Presbyterian Church. More pictures on page 2.

Town presents Norval school offer to board

Halton Hills and Halton Board of Education officials were scheduled to sit down to discuss the town's \$33,000 offer of purchase of the two Norval schools yesterday afternoon (Tuesday).

At that time the board's representatives were to officially hear the terms of the town's offer. "I've only heard what has been in the papers," commented Georgetown board trustee Ernie Bodnar, one of the three

members of the board's negotiating committee.

Tom Watson, trustee from Halton Hills Wards 1 and 2, and Bill Lawson, Milton trustee, are the other two members of the negotiating committee.

"Until we see the terms of the offer we can't say what the board's stand is going to be," said Mr. Bodnar.

Receive lifetime ticket

The three non-elected members of the special building committee who guided the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena and the Georgetown Indoor Swimming Pool from plans to actual propositions were presented Monday night with life-time passes to those two facilities.

Ed Elzinger, A.V. "Ab" Tennant, and Bob Lane were present for the Monday night meeting of council during which Mayor Tom Hill made the presentation.

Mail workers split vote but will return

Georgetown members of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, returned to work at 5 p.m. Tuesday evening following ratification of the government's offer of a pay raise of \$1.70 over the life of the 30-month contract.

The vote, taken at the home of local union executive Norm Ward was split 50-50 with the members eligible to vote. Five out of the 13 members in the union were not permitted to vote under a national order issued by the union executive against those crossing union-established picket lines.

The votes were cast Monday night and were recounted Tuesday morning as part of a nation-wide check because of the closeness of the balloting.

The union is pleased with the non-monetary considerations made in the 30-month contract which becomes effective immediately. In addition to the \$1.70 per hour hike over the present top wage of \$4.59 workers now have some avenue open to them in the event of automation of their present position.

A joint consultation is to be made before any step to automation is considered and the employee has the right to appeal the decision to an independent board before any judgement is made.

Those employees working on days of rest will receive double time and a weekend premium is also available for those working on the Saturday shift.

Part-time help can now progress within the postal service and earn higher wages based on the qualifications and class standings made by the employee.

A cost of living allowance was also granted to the thousands of inside postal workers that will be awarded accordingly with the cost-of-living index to a maximum of ten cents.

The first of the scheduled pay raises will become effective immediately, adding \$1. per hour to the income of each of the workers. As of January 1 the amount will be increased by 40 cents and on July 1, the final 30 cents will be added for the full amount of \$1.70 or 37 percent.

The contract is valid until July, 1977.

190 homes by golf course

Plans for a 190-home subdivision surrounding the Georgetown Golf and Country Club have been presented to the town's subsidiary planning board.

Philip Weinstein, representing Georgetown Golf Estates Ltd. met with the planning board last Tuesday night and explained the subdivision proposal.

Noting that the golf course, although changed in appearance, would remain as part of the development, Mr. Weinstein showed slides of the 297-acre development.

There would be 190 large half-acre lots, each of which would have a private well and septic tank. There would be a communal tile bed for each 15 lots, he added.

Mr. Weinstein further added that the existing trees on the property would remain with only slight changes in one particular area.

The area covered by the subdivision proposal includes land in Lots 16, 17, 18 and 19, of Esqueving's Concession 10.

With a few questions from the planning board the plans were submitted to the planning department for further study and an eventual report from town planner Mario Venditti.

Santa Claus coming back Saturday for his 45th visit

Santa Claus will be coming to town this Saturday. Making his forty-fifth appearance in Georgetown, Santa will begin his parade at Moore Park Plaza, travel down Main St., along Maple Avenue to Guelph St. and then straight up to the Georgetown Market Plaza.

Parade time is 1:30 from Moore Park so make sure to

choose your spot along the route in enough time to see that "jolly old man."

The Santa Claus Parade, as it has been from its beginning, is sponsored by the Lions Club of Georgetown. Preparations began last spring, however it has been the last couple of weeks which have really started the ball rolling.

As in previous years the police force will clear the way for the parade. Also taking part will be the town's ambulance service and fire department.

However, in between is where all the goodies lie. The clowns, the bands and the floats all leading up to the grand entrance by Santa. As of this week over 20 floats have

been entered and it is anticipated that a number more will register for the parade.

Four bands have been booked: the Georgetown Girl's Pipe Band, the Acton Citizens Band, the Bramalea Lionsaires and the Royal Air Cadets.

The Georgetown Girl's Pipe Band, 25 strong, led the 1974 Royal Winter Fair Parade.

They also have chalked up to their list of achievements, first in grade four at the 1975 Burlington Highland Games, and sixth in the 1975 Indoor Highland Games at the CNE.

The Bramalea Lionsaires too have an impressive list of accomplishments including: Grand National World Champions in 1974. Senior

World Military Corps Champions, 1974, and World Colourguard Champions, 1973-1974.

The Georgetown Majorettes will march in tune adding that extra bit of flair.

With a line-up as such and with the list ever expanding Georgetown's Santa Claus Parade will be one which no child or adult should miss.



DOUBLE TROUBLE IN THE LAND OF OZ The two stars of the current Georgetown Little Theatre production "The Wizard of Oz", are preparing for their major roles in the annual Christmas play. Sheryll Leinweber Karen Van Sickle star in the musical presentation.



Wilfred Burt

Two million miles and truck is in better condition than pickup

If you asked Wilfred Burt, RRI Georgetown which of his two trucks he would prefer to take on his next trip to Florida to pick up some fresh produce, he wouldn't take too long in answering.

Sitting up his 1964 truck that has about two million miles on it, against his 1972 Ford pickup that has about 70,000 miles on it, he'll pick the '64 every time.

The reason is rust. There's more of it on the four-year-old truck than there is on the 11-year-old vehicle.

"I don't really trust the new one," Mr. Burt explained as he pointed out numerous areas on the '72 pickup truck's body that have completely eroded away because of rust.

"There has to be something wrong with the metal they used for all of this to happen," he said, pushing on side panels that freely swung in and out, almost separated from the rest of the body.

The tires are visible right through the wheels wells. Lift the hood and there's nothing there but daylight showing through sections of the side walls.

Mr. Burt's story is very similar to that of Tom Beoney, reported two weeks ago in the Herald.

Mr. Burt bought the one-year-old truck from a Brampton car dealership. Even at that point in its short life it had already been repainted and repaired. It was all downhill from then on.

When the body rust reached the point where it was almost hazardous to drive the truck Mr. Burt approached Ford. "I'm the type of guy who doesn't bother waiting around. I go and knock on doors."

The door he knocked on was a senior member of Ford's staff in the Bramalea plant. All he got was the statement, "The truck's too old and has too many miles on it."

When he tried to trade the truck in, all he was offered for the four-year-old vehicle was \$500.

"The '64 is worth more," he added. He had almost resigned himself to defeat in obtaining satisfaction until he heard of other Ford owner's experiences. He and the others are now formulating plans to show their dissatisfaction, including a possible protest parade.

Whatever actions they may take Wilfred Burt and his pickup will be among the first there. "This is as bad as any of them."

Fewer townhouses in Four Seasons plan?

A comprehensive traffic study of the area surrounding the Georgetown Market Plaza and the adjacent lands owned by Four Seasons Hotel Ltd. must be carried out before any decision about possible future use of the area is made.

The decisions about future use could possibly even include "institutional purposes" members of the subsidiary planning board concluded after a lengthy discussion of the Four Seasons' plans for the Market Plaza area, held last Tuesday night.

Town planner, Mario Venditti told the planning board members that a traffic study is necessary. The ministry of transportation and communications, with the region, would possibly carry out one covering Mountainview Road from John Street to Hungry Hollow and Guelph Street from Maple Avenue to Norval Hill, he said.

Basing his study on engineering reports, Mr. Venditti explained that if the land owned by Four Seasons to the south of the present plaza was developed solely as a commercial complex the traffic problems would be even greater than if the present 174-unit townhouse proposal by Four Seasons was okayed.

The configuration of the property, he added, would not be suitable for single or semi-detached homes. He felt that the committee would have to have complete design and siting control. The development of a townhouse complex, he concluded, would be preferable to street row housing or strip commercial.

The possibility of having a major plaza on the site was also discussed but planning board members stated that a shopping centre the size of Brampton's Shoppers World would seriously affect the downtown core of Georgetown. As well it was stated that the town's population would have to be in the area of approximately 60,000 people to be able to support such a major centre.

It was suggested that townhouses might best suit the use of the land but on a much smaller scale than the 174-unit proposal from Four Seasons.

The entire matter was returned to the planner for further discussion with Four Seasons on the idea that the number of condominium townhouses be reduced.

Reed calling for protection of independent gas stations

Julian Reed, Liberal MPP for Halton-Burlington, Monday afternoon asked the minister of energy, Dennis Timbrell, if he is prepared to introduce interim measures to protect independent service station dealers.

The minister said on Nov. 6, 1975 that such measures, "could come in the next few weeks."

Mr. Reed said that "the

minister's refusal to act now could leave the future of upwards of 10,000 retail gas dealers across the province in jeopardy. The very least we might expect is a yes or no decision on whether or not the measures will be taken."

Retail gasoline dealers are at present forced to absorb substantial losses in profits through competition with company owned self-serve

stations and yet the oil companies at the same time are claiming that the independent dealer is the back-bone of their industry, said Mr. Reed in a later statement.

"The time has come for a clear-cut decision that will indicate to the independent dealers where their future lies. It is a gross injustice to make a tentative promise to these independent businessmen and not follow through."

"Because he has not been directly involved in some aspects of the instruction role, it will be necessary, within existing funds, to provide some in-service for him."

Noting that his move was neither a promotion nor demotion to the board's executive setup but rather a "lateral move", Mr. Boich later stated that his main goal

Centre of board of education controversies gets new job

The man who has been at the centre of several controversies over the educational standards of the Halton Board of Education, superintendent of programs for the board, John Boich, has been transferred to the office of superintendent of instruction.

Mr. Boich will fill the vacancy which will occur when present superintendent of

instruction, Oris Gilmore, retires at the end of July, 1978.

The superintendent of instruction's office deals largely with internal personnel matters.

The key position of superintendent of program will be advertised internally and provincially, director of education Em Lavender told board trustees Thursday night.

"There are several people in Halton who could perform well in that role...My intention is that the necessary interviews for superintendent of program would be held in December with a recommendation to the board either December 18 or January 15."

Mr. Boich was most recently under fire over the use of two particular books in Halton high school English courses. He has been a constant target of Halton Renaissance.

In recommending Mr. Boich for his new position Mr. Lavender commented, "I believe John can work effectively through people and I believe that he has become increasingly effective in his 'people relationships'."

Someone got \$1,998 too much change

Halton Regional Police have been asked to assist in the location of a missing \$1,000 bill.

Blood clinic on Monday

Blood is a current of life so vital that the body cannot survive without it. It is no wonder that a donation of blood from anyone who takes the time to give, is a true, seasonal, "Gift of Life."

Give the only enduring gift for a person in need. Be a donor this Christmas on Monday, December 8 at Holy Cross Church.

Please remember, no aspirin-type medication or drugs 24 hours prior to giving blood.

bill. Sometime on November 29 at a local store, the bill was inadvertently exchanged by the owner who thought the bill was a \$2. bill. Thus far there has been no signs of the missing bill.

Police officers are currently investigating several thefts that took place in Georgetown this past week.

Hungry thieves took the opportunity to satisfy their hunger when they observed the delivery service from a local pizzeria. The unknown thieves took a pizza and one submarine sandwich from the parked car at a John Street address. Value of the meal was \$9.10.

Zellers at the Georgetown Market Centre reported to police last Friday that a front door window had been broken by unknown persons throwing rocks. No entry was gained in the act of wilful damage.

A bus parked at George Kennedy School was short one battery when the driver reported for work Thursday morning.

A Georgetown man was charged with abetting after unpaid goods were found to be in his possession from the Canadian Tire Store.

A break and enter of a Weber Drive residence is currently under investigation by detectives. The owners of the home report that cigarettes, cash and cheques were stolen in Thursday's incident.

A forged cheque was turned into police following its exchange for cash. The amount of a witness fee cheque had been altered by \$10 by the recipient, who was charged with uttering a forged document.

A RR 2 resident reports to police that a car trailer, valued at over \$200 was stolen from his rural home.