

The highland games are coming to town

Herald is going into
Haltontown in Halton Hills

Clean your kilt, practice your Scottish lilt and mark June 12 on your calendar, for that's the day the Halton-Heel Highland games will take place in Georgetown's fairgrounds. Town council Monday night gave its blessing and promise of possible financial

support to organizers of the games who in two fairly successful years in Brampton, have decided to move the Brampton Highland Games to Halton Hills. Recapping a presentation made last week to the town's administration committee Dr.

A.E. MacIntosh told town council that a number of members of the games' executive are actually Halton Hills residents and that they were keen that moving the one day event to Halton Hills would be a benefit to both the games and the town.

"Halton Hills has a more distinct corporate identity than Brampton which continues to be swallowed up by the growth of Toronto." "Halton Hills also has a close Scottish sympathy," he continued noting the existence of the town's two fine pipe bands, the Georgetown Legion Pipe Band and the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band. Bill Miller, another member of the organizing committee for the games, added "The games will bring a lot of colour to the town, and a lot of revenue."

In its last year in Brampton over 5,000 people saw 20 of Ontario's top pipe bands and 300 Scottish dancers performing in the Brampton Highland Games.

"It's something new, a cultural aspect for the town which we don't have at the present," commented Councillor Les Dudy. "The town can look very excitedly towards having such a fine annual event here."

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VALENTINE SMILES. Customers of the Soup Pot on St. Valentine's day were greeted by waitresses Lea Hutton and Louise

Boisvenue who used the occasion as an excuse to dab on a little extra make-up in the form of valentine hearts.

Herald provides best news coverage in weekly newspapers competition

The Herald has been judged to be providing the best news and feature stories of all Ontario weekly newspapers with circulations between 6,501 and 10,000.

Its composition and layout were also judged tops in that circulation category as were its editorial pages.

These latest honors for the Herald were announced by the Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association late

last week as the results of the 1975 Ontario weekly newspaper competitions were revealed.

In overall results the Herald placed third in Class 5 (circulations between 6,501 and 10,000).

First place in the prestigious award system, which is based on all aspects of a newspaper's content from photography to advertising, went to the Renfrew Mercury.

Second place was captured by the Hawkesbury Le Carillon.

Class 5 is the third largest circulation category.

Since the Herald entered the competition its circulation has jumped to over 11,000 as it has become a free circulation paper serving all of Halton Hills. Circulation of last week's Herald reached 11,650.

Town hall expansion approved

Despite protests of "railroading" and too few facts and figures on the project, town council Monday night approved plans to expand the town offices on the Seventh Line to accommodate a centralized administration complex.

Estimated cost of the entire consolidation of municipal services could be over \$600,000.

"This is a railroad, believe you me," stormed Councillor Harry Levy following presentation of a recommendation by council's Committee for the Development of New Municipal Administration Property and Buildings that the green light be given to the project and that the firm of Hallford and Wilson Architects be hired to carry out the designing of the addition to the former Township of Esqueving offices.

"This is the first time that has been brought before council and you assume we're going to approve everything...You waited until you had the entire picture before you came before us."

Councillor Levy termed the project "premature...Let us first look at the things

that have to be looked after." The town is going to be faced with some large expenditures, he said, to renovate or replace the old Georgetown Memorial Arena.

"I object to spending this money at this point simply for our own purposes."

Chairman of the special building committee, Ern Hyde, defended the expansion of the facilities. "It's much more efficient to bring all our departments into one unit."

At present the town's various departments are split between offices on Main Street in Georgetown, the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, and the Seventh Line building.

To finance the project the town has requested permission from the Ontario Municipal Board to issue debentures to the amount of \$600,000.

Town treasurer Ray King told council that OMB approval for \$300,000 of debentures was received Monday afternoon, but Hyde pointed out that a good portion of that amount had already been designated to move the ambulance service and fire departments into new quarters.

Under questioning by Councillor Hyde about any other town funds that might be available to assist in paying for the new municipal complex Mr. King noted that between \$125,000 and \$140,000 in reserve funds were available but, he added, he would not be prepared to recommend that they be used for the new building until "the need for those funds for other possible purposes is considered."

Don Hallford of the firm of Hallford and Wilson Architects presented council with rough plans for possible expansions to the former Esqueving building. One would have increased the size of the present 5,880 square foot building to well over 10,000 square feet. Another plan would increase the size to over 15,000 square feet with two, two-storey additions.

\$25 fine suggested for not buckling up

Provincial Court Judge W.S. Sharpe has sent a memo dated Feb. 5th to Chief Skerrett of the Halton Regional Police advising him that the suggested fine for out of court settlement on seat belt legislation will be \$25 and \$3 cost for a total of \$28.

The memo also suggested out of court settlement for careless driving of a motorized snow vehicle will be \$75 plus \$3 cost for a total of \$78.

The big question

New library is needed, but where?

The Halton Hills Public Library Board had little difficulty in convincing town council that a new library is needed in Georgetown. Council, however, proceeded to spend the next half hour Monday night deciding which one of their committees would investigate the need and come up with recommendations on a possible site.

Joan Lister, chairman of the public library board, met with council Monday to present the board's request for action in

finding new facilities for the library.

Since a request for an extension to the present Church Street library was turned down last year, no action on alleviating the library's cramped situation has been taken.

The situation, said Mrs. Lister, is becoming critical. The library does not have adequate seating, a proper reference file nor facilities for storing and showing films. Despite these inadequacies the

use of the library increased last year as 7,000 more books were taken out than the year before.

"We continually are reading in the paper of council's concern for improving arena facilities and yet never is the library mentioned."

To provide a proper library for Georgetown she explained that a 24,000 square foot building would be required to house the needed 60,000 volumes, plus room for film and file storage.

"We need a definite commitment from council."

As an example of the library's cramped conditions

Bradley line not cut

Julian Reed, Liberal MPP for Halton-Burlington, has called upon the provincial government to give priority to the development of renewable energy resources.

"Acting upon orders from treasurer Darcy McKeough Ontario Hydro has set out to trim \$5 billion from its 10-year expansion program," said Mr. Reed.

"The cuts involved some cancellation of large capital intensive projects including a \$100 million reduction in Hydro line expansion, however it is mainly a question of deferrals."

"We do not, as yet, have a detailed breakdown of how the reduction is to be implemented, but it appears—after making first hand inquiries—that the Bradley-to-Georgetown corridor will not be deferred."

"Although the \$5 billion reduction is an extremely large amount of money we have learned that this only represents one-seventh of Hydro's planned expansion program of \$35 million."

"The need for growth of this magnitude is based on Hydro's demand projections into the 1980's. However recent studies in the U.S. indicate that projections of future demands can be very substantially reduced by a sensible program of conservation without interfering with our standards of living in any way."

Health hazard must be shown before Norval gets water

Norval will not be getting a municipal water system in 1976 and, unless a serious health problem in the small village is shown, the likelihood of water for Norval in 1977 is not great.

The region's chief administrative officer, Ernie Reid, reported to the works committee last Wednesday on a meeting between Halton staff and officials from the ministry of the environment.

Environment minister George Kerr was present at the meeting and he told the region's representatives that the \$50,000 required from the province for the project was definitely not included in his ministry's 1976 budget and was not of high priority in the 1977 budget unless a definite health hazard was present in the village due to the lack of municipal water.

About the only good news for Norval's residents, who have already voiced strong concern over getting the Georgetown water system extended to their village, was that the region's works committee is ready to hire

consultants to draw up engineering plans for the project. Cost of that is estimated to be roughly \$51,000.

That money will be set aside in the region's 1976 budget.

Although the project has already gone through innumerable verbal reviews Burlington councillor Vern Connell could not miss the opportunity last Wednesday to once again question the advisability of providing Norval with a municipal water supply.

Connell predicted that the extra water flowing into the village will saturate the soil, affecting the villagers' septic tanks.

Oakville councillor Gord Brown agreed. "In two years when the septic tanks are all overflowing the people there will be saying 'Why didn't you tell us it would have been cheaper to truck in our water at \$20 per truckload.'"

Chairman of the works committee, Jack Raffis replied "If the problem occurs in two or three years we'll just have to deal with it." He was one of the prime movers in getting the works committee to endorse hiring the consultants.



A PAIR OF CRUTCHES did not keep Scott Peck of the 1st Georgetown troop from receiving his 5th Star at Awards night last Tuesday. Making the presentation to Scott is Asst. Provincial Commissioner Jack Kent.

Rusty Ford Owners file class-action lawsuit

Jeffery Lyons, a Toronto lawyer who's acting for the 150-member Rusty Ford Owners group has begun preliminary work on a class-action law suit against Ford Motor Co. of Canada.

Mr. Lyons who is presently working on a similar class-action law suit against General Motors has no date set for the Ford suit however, he predicts the suit should get off the ground before this upcoming summer.

Mr. Lyons is working with the Automobile Protection Association, a Montreal-based consumer group which helped organize the Ford-owners group.

The 150-strong Rusty Ford Owners group is co-ordinated by Tom Beeneey of Georgetown who's three-year-old Ford pickup truck is quickly deteriorating from rust. Mr. Beeneey,

not ready to sit still and let the rust ruin his new truck began making the public aware of this problem and inquiring about possible rust problems other owners faced.

Earlier this year Mr. Beeneey appeared on CHIC radio in Brampton telling the story of his truck and, through this, formed the group of 150 1969 to 1974 Ford owners with similar rust problems. Ford owners with the group come from all parts of Ontario including, Elliott Lake, London, Owen Sound, Barrie, Ottawa, Sarnia, Simcoe, all parts of Toronto with about 50 members from Halton Hills.

After being frequently approached concerning the rust problem Ford says car rust is an industry-wide problem, mainly due to the increasing use of salt and calcium chloride on roads in the winter.

All eyes are on Credit

Blasting to break up the ice build-up along the Credit River began early Tuesday morning by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

The initial blasting took place about one-half-mile north of the Paper Mill Dam.

The blasting is an attempt to loosen the ice from the bed of the river and allow the

water to flow downstream before the water rises.

According to Joan Hollings, information officer of the C.V.C.A. a flooding problem can be anticipated in the Credit River Valley if the weather continues to remain warm and mild. The chances of flooding become even greater with rain.

Bob Simpson re-elected Ambulance Service Chief

The Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service's annual meeting and election of officers was held at the ambulance hall on Sunday.

The following were elected to office:

Chief, Bob Simpson; deputy chief, Andy Fenton; Captains, Ken Brown, Garnet Cameron; secretary, John Lightowler; treasurer, Gerald Wilcox.

Lieutenants, Glen Chapman, Larry Cook, Bob Crawford, George Duncan, Mike Harley, Len Hunziger, Bill Maxwell, Frank Tyrrell; social chairman, Angus Stone; memberships chairman, Harry Stone.

A review was held of the facilities which will be available to the ambulance service when they make their move to new facilities in the fire hall building on Chapel Street.

Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill attended the meeting and conducted the elections.

