



GETTING TO KNOW YOU. About 40 Troop last Thursday, Karen Richard, (left) a Brownies from the 2nd, 5th, 7th, 10th and 11th Brownie Packs of Georgetown met with their older sisters the Girl Guides of the 5th Guide

# Confrontation over arena or library

A "battle royal" is shaping up over what is next on the town's building list: A new arena? A new library? A combination of both?

Then there's the new municipal complex... And don't forget the new works garage planned for the Seventh Line.

Council, caught in the midst of this sudden demand for extra services and buildings, will be trying to sort out their priorities at a committee of the whole meeting slated for the near future.

At that meeting the report of the special building committee which listed a combined library-arena complex as one of four possible options will be weighed along with the request of the Halton Hills Library Board that it have a separate facility.

Council decided at last Tuesday's council meeting that such a meeting would be the best possible step for the council to take in moving towards a final decision. That decision must be made prior to the finalization of the town's 1976 budget within the next six weeks.

Two definite factions are developing over the issue of building priorities.

"The library is going to get the short end of the stick," said Councillor Pat McKenzie last Tuesday in fighting to have the library board officially invited to take part in the meeting.

"We have one problem that must be solved; fix the old arena or build a new one? Our priorities must be on providing a second ice surface for the town," was Councillor Roy Booth's feelings.

At that meeting—to which the public will be able to come although it will remain a committee of the whole decision whether they may take part in the discussions—the special building committee's four alternatives will be discussed as well as the engineering report on the old arena which stated that it would cost in the neighbourhood of \$200,000 to rebuild.

## GDHS students chip in to aid Guatemalan villagers

A concrete mixer, paid for by donations from students of Georgetown District High School, will be sent to the village of Gualan in earthquake torn Guatemala.

The students donated \$200 to the purchase of the concrete mixer after viewing a film made at the totally destroyed town by Helka Ferris, who, with her husband, Dr. Bob Ferris, heads the Kuan-Yin Foundation in Burlington for the relief of distressed children in the world.

Gualan is one the Motagua River about 85 miles north-east of Guatemala City.

The cheque for \$200 was presented Friday by Tracey Porter head of the student council at GDHS to Christian Bertelsen, a volunteer worker for the Kuan-Yin foundation and a science teacher at the school.

Mr. Bertelsen told the Herald he was uncertain where the concrete mixer would be purchased but that after it had been, it would be transported free to the village where homeless orphans are sleeping in tents on a soccer field.

The Kuan-Yin Foundation, founded three years ago in Burlington, was the organization which helped bring 80 orphaned children to Canada from Viet Nam last year.

## Darcy McKeough guest speaker at Chamber of Commerce meeting

"The Honorable Darcy" is going to be guest speaker at the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce's spring dinner and annual meeting to be held April 22 at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

"The Honorable Darcy" is Darcy McKeough, provincial treasurer, a man who is finding himself more and more on the political hot seat as regions attempt to tighten their budgets.

Because of space limitations at North Halton the CoC is carefully assigning the tickets to the evening with chamber members receiving first chance. After April 10 all tickets not sold will then become available to the general public on a first-come basis.

## Hollywood asks for liquor vote

The Hollywood House in Norval has asked the town for a liquor plebiscite to be held in Ward 2 at the time of this year's municipal elections.

The request has been turned over to the town's clerk-administrator Doug Pritchard for a full report.

## Police chairman resigns

At last Thursday's meeting of the police commissioners, Judge Warrander cited as his reason for resigning a Federal Statute which prohibits him from receiving any allowance for the position.

At the April 1 meeting of the commission a new chairman will be nominated and elected from among the board members which include, Mayor Tom Hill and Glenn Magnusson, who is vice-chairman of the board.

## Olympic organizers ask for Halton police assistance at soccer games

Before Halton Regional Police send a squad of police officers to Toronto to assist in Olympic security, the Halton police commission wants to know who will foot the bill?

Chief Skerrett told the police commission last Thursday he had a draft plan which could provide a 30-men force, including a senior officer and a non-commissioned officer, to the Olympic security force but that such a venture would be expensive.

He said that if a riot or other disturbance occurred in Toronto at the time of the games, it could spill over into Halton region and the men would be needed here.

Upon direction of Judge Wm. K. Warrander, chairman of the police commission, Chief Skerrett will submit a draft plan to the office of the solicitor general and ask who will cover the expenses.

## Councillors ask 'What are we getting into?'

What are we getting into? Some of Halton Hills' councillors are still asking that question as they see the town's new works garage extension take shape on the Seventh Line.

The pilings have been prepared and council was just about to okay a further \$23,037 to be spent on the buying and erection of the steel superstructure when Councillor Harry Levy asked the question, "How the heck can we go ahead with erecting a building when we don't even know what we're building?"

"We've had no full presentation on the plans. We have no idea of what it's going to cost in total," Councillor Levy added.

Mayor Tom Hill agreed that "we should have cost estimates for the whole building before proceeding any further." The only money allocated for the garage extension was \$6,000 for a preliminary report on the project, the Mayor said.

Councillor Ern Hyde, chairman of the committee for the development of new municipal administration property and buildings, which recommended the acceptance of the \$23,037 tender by Cooksville Steel for the steel superstructure, stated that the committee's approach to the project was probably saving the town between \$25,000 and \$30,000 as they are acting as their general contractors on the project.

"It's the cheapest route to go when you're your own general contractors," he said.

The plans for the building, Councillor Hyde said, were very similar to those for the present Maple Avenue works garage which are car-marked for use by the town's fire department.

Which caused Councillor Roy Booth to question the entire shuffling plans which will see the ambulance service move from their James Street building to the fire department's Chapel Street facilities, the fire department from their present quarters to the Maple Avenue works yard, and the works department to the new facilities on the Seventh Line.

"Somewhere along the line," stated Booth, "we've got to sit back and take a look at where we're going."

## All-time high for CofC membership

Indications are that the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce is on its way to a record year, membership-wise. To date 83 chamber members have renewed their memberships. With 15 new members, total membership, as of March 19, had reached 98 which is three more than 1975's total of 95.

Membership is, of course, still open. More information can be obtained by contacting the chamber through PO Box 111, Georgetown or calling 877-7119.

## Code 4 mentions local volunteers

The winter edition of "Code 4" the newsletter for Ontario's ambulance services carried almost a full page report on the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service's Christmas membership drive written by Ross Rennick, the GVAS secretary.

In it he outlined the role the town's newspapers and cable TV station played in raising 22 inquiries from prospective members. He also outlined the lengthy selecting process.

## Competition for students who grow

If you are in public school, you have a chance to win a medal for yourself and a trophy for your school by growing carrots, tomatoes, zinnias, marigolds and a potted plant.

## No left turns off Mountainview

Hoping to clear up the traffic-jams at the Mountainview Road entrance to the Market Plaza town council has asked the region to put up signs prohibiting left turns into the plaza off Mountainview.

They've also requested that the region give further consideration to a pedestrian crossover at the intersection of Campbell Gate and Mountainview Rd.

The Georgetown Horticultural Society has announced a contest open to school children. Details of the contest will be sent to school principals in the area.

Dianne Salter of the Horticultural Society said the purpose of the growing contest was to encourage school children to grow plants and to give them an opportunity to earn a prize for something other than sports.

Children can enter any one or all of the five categories. The prize winners will be announced early in September. For more information call Dianne Salter, 877-1527.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Association will be held in the hospital cafeteria at 8 p.m. on

**APRIL 8th, 1976**

Honourable life members and 1976 members are urged to attend.

**GUEST SPEAKER: MR. JULIAN REED**  
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