

## Questions raised about methods used to tender work on town building

Questions have been raised over the methods town council's committee for the development of new municipal administration property and buildings has used in selecting tenders for the addition to the works garage on the Seventh Line.

The question have centred specifically on

why the town's purchasing agent, Hugh Patterson, who is normally involved in the selection of tenders, was not consulted at all on four projects connected with the \$115,000 addition, and why some low tenders were not accepted.

The matter was brought up at Monday

night's personnel and finance committee meeting by Councillor Russ Miller who told the committee that the purchasing agent had not been consulted by the development committee prior to the tenders being drawn up or when they were being considered.

Councillor Pat McKenzie, a member of the development committee, admitted that he was unaware that the purchasing agent had been left out of the tendering process but that Patterson should have been consulted right from the start.

No committee members argued with that. Town treasurer Kay King, in fact, commented "No town tenders should be let through unless he (Patterson) is in on it."

It was, however, explained that because council does not have strict guidelines to follow when calling for tenders the development committee was not going beyond its legal limits in doing as it had done.

Miller also told the committee that he was disturbed with the wording of the tenders which, he said, asked for things that no other municipality asks for.

He pointed out that one tender that was accepted was actually \$3,000 higher than the lowest tender submitted and he questioned the reasoning behind that decision.

A Halton Hills businessman, Bob Reynolds of Bob Reynolds and Son Masonry Limited, in a public letter brought up similar questions about the tendering process after his bid for the work was turned down, despite the fact his bid was \$700 lower than the bid that was accepted.

Mr. Reynolds notes in his letter (found on page 5 of today's Herald) that his bid was rejected because it had not been accompanied by a 50 percent Performance Bond. The wording of the ads calling for the tenders states that "The successful tenderer" would only be required to furnish that 50 percent Performance Bond.

"I feel that it is most unfair and improper for the committee to change the conditions of bidding without allowing individuals, such as myself, an opportunity to submit a bid in accordance with the new requirements," Mr. Reynolds noted.

## 10,000 view first Speyside Games



THE CABER TOSS is one of the official sports practised at any Highland Games and the first Speyside Highland Games were no exception. When a gust of wind caught this already off-balance caber toss entrant heading the wrong way he sent a fellow contestant and some of the event's judges scattering to avoid the telephoned-sized pole's descent. More photos and stories about the first ever Speyside Highland Games on page 13.



PICKETING outside of Georgetown Health Unit Monday were three public health nurses. (Left to right): Molly Mulholland, Joyce Wood and Loveday Tuck. In one hour, 16 local citizens signed their petition supporting the province-wide demand for compulsory arbitration.

## Public nurses strike

Local public health nurses left their picket line in front of the Georgetown Health Unit this morning, (Wednesday) to demonstrate at Queen's Park.

Expected to join them were many of the 1,100 Ontario Public Health Nurses legally eligible to participate in the five-day, province-wide strike which began June 14. Sporting "Happiness is Community Health" buttons and boldly waving signs, local public health nurses, Loveday Tuck, Joyce Wood and Molly Mulholland had 16 names on their petition after one hour of stopping cars entering Georgetown's Health Unit Monday.

Loveday Tuck, Chairwoman of the Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) Bargaining Committee for Local Number One, employed at the Georgetown branch, stated that their demand is for compulsory arbitration to end strikes and lockouts.

Fighting for a larger part of the region's Health Care budget, now allocating two percent for preventative health care, is a secondary issue, Tuck said.

Chief Administration Officer for Halton, Ernie C. Reid, had a different interpretation of the reason for the impasse in negotiations, held regularly since the 1975 contract expired on December 31.

"From our viewpoint, we thought the main issue was salary." They (public health nurses) are requesting parity with the nurses in hospitals." They were offered the maximum permitted by the Anti-Inflation Board, an eight percent wage increase over the period of the contract, but there was no resolution of negotiations.

"Our latest offer to meet with them was made last week," Reid added.

After the Halton Board received a telegram June 9 from ONA executive director Anne Gribben, announcing the strike, a meeting was held, the result being a letter sent to Tuck by Halton's Director of Personnel, Dennis Camm, stating:

"I am instructed by the board members to advise you that those members who stop work June 14 will not have work available to them until a new collective agreement is reached."

"In a broad sense," explained Reid, "this means a lockout for those who went on strike."

Halton nurses are already locked out and Etobicoke is one of the other branches which will be joining them next week. "Those who did not strike can carry on as usual," Reid pointed out, "and supervisory persons will have to work out some kind of plan to deal with the emergency situation."

Disruption in services, including pre-natal classes, and other programs involving schools and senior citizens, has occurred throughout the province. The exact number of strikers in Halton is unknown but Reid counted 28 of the 47

regional public nurses picketing at regional headquarters, Monday morning, leaving few

to operate the offices located in Oakville, Burlington, Milton and Georgetown.

## Three-scoop cone downed in 49 seconds



MORE ENTRIES ARE NEEDED in the first ever Halton Hills Ice Cream Eating Contest jointly sponsored by Kentness Dairy Bar, Steens Dairy and the Halton Hills Herald. Eliminations will continue this Sunday from 1 to 4 and next Wednesday, June 23, from 7 to 9:30 with the big windup taking place on Saturday, June 26 as part of the downtown Pioneer Days.

Here Doug Crawford stumps his way through his three-scoop ice cream cone but not in record breaking time. The honours for that went to Carolyn Corbett, for the girls 10 years and under, four minutes and 18 seconds; Roberta Burke, girls 10 to 18, two

## Local resident dies in weekend auto crash

A Georgetown man, Lowell Lobsinger, 26, died in a car crash at Steeles Ave. and Winston Churchill Blvd. Saturday when his truck collided with a car in the intersection.

A Mississauga man, Reginald Fairweather, 23, a passenger in the car also died in the fiery crash to which Brampton firefighters were called. Injured in the crash and taken to Peel Memorial hospital were Garry Cameau, 21, of Etobicoke and John O'Brien, 22, of Toronto. Their condition, were reported to be satisfactory.

According to police, the crash site was such a "mess" it was not until Sunday that it could be determined who was driving the car. Funeral services for Lowell Lobsinger were held yesterday at Holy Cross church. He was buried at Greenwood Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Lena, a daughter, Gemma, his mother and father and three brothers and one sister.

## Fire damages Wright house

Fire Tuesday morning caused \$5,000 damage to the home of Denny Wright at 68 Hewson Cres., the Georgetown Fire Department reports. Volunteer firemen were called to the Wright home at 3:45 a.m. and spent about an hour and a half at the scene. No one was injured in the blaze.

Most of the damage was contained to the living room although the entire home suffered extensive smoke damage, a fire department official said. On Sunday, the volunteer firemen were called to the home of Julian Reed, MPP for Halton-Burlington, to extinguish a tractor

fire at 10:16 p.m. Two small fires were extinguished Saturday. One was a tree on Hwy. 7 in Norval and the other was a fuse box fire at 23 Noble Court where residents called the fire department after the power went off and they noticed an odor from the fuse box.

## Three live in car in Acton

The works committee will ask regional police to move three cars which are parked at the northeast corner of the parking lot behind the Presbyterian church on Main St. in Acton. Ward One Councillor Joe Hurst, said that three young people are living in one car, another car is on blocks and the third has two flat tires. The police are aware of the problem, Hurst said, but are not sure of the force of the overnight parking ban.

## The lights were out

After claiming since April 23rd that the traffic lights at Guelph St. and Mountainview Road are "out of whack" and "screwed up" in spite of objections from the town engineer that the lights are as they should be, Councillor Ernie Hyde learned Monday night that he was right all along. Deputy engineer Ted Belanger told the works committee Monday that the ministry of transport and communications had timed the lights last week and agreed something was wrong. The ministry officials felt the problem was with the traffic detectors which are under the surface of the road, Belanger said. The traffic

detectors monitor the number of vehicles waiting at the intersection. Belanger said the ministry would examine the situation Tuesday and likely recommend that the timing be changed until the detectors could be examined.

## Two barely escape fiery auto crash

Fire completely destroyed a 1976 Dodge on the Fourth Line, June 7th, after the car went out of control on loose gravel, rolled and struck a hydro pole. Cheryl Reed, 7 Raylawn Cres., the driver of the vehicle and her passenger both

escaped unharmed in the incident which occurred at 9:05 p.m. about 300 feet south of 17 Sideroad. Owner of the car is Michael K. McCandless, 4 Temple Road in Georgetown. Police estimate damage at \$2,000. John Hatfield, 9, of 39 Prince Charles Dr. was struck from behind on his bicycle on Shelley St., June 11 at six o'clock. The driver of the car