

\$100,000 damage as tornado rips through Georgetown



ALBERT WILLIAMS looks at the up rooted Manitoba maple the tornado toppled over in his back yard at the corner of Market Street and Church Street. In the background, cleaning up is Mike Payne.



CLEANING UP operations were already underway Sunday morning on this tree knocked down by the tornado at the corner of Mill Street and Market Street. Guelph Street near Main Street is the scene of this damage following Saturday's tornado.



Legion Lines returns

After missing several weeks, Legion Notes returns and hopefully we will have a column each week from now on.

During this time of year, the Branch plays host to visitors and former residents of Georgetown who are visiting during their vacations and all provide stories and remembrances which are interesting, however several weeks ago we were visited by Georgina Henry from Melbourne, Florida, and her sister Gladys Henry-Poole from Toronto and their visit was of particular interest to Branch members.

Their father purchased the building we now occupy and for a number of years he operated a livery business from this location until he had to give it up in 1926 due to ill health.

During a tour of the building the Henry sisters pointed out a number of areas where they recalled as having once held stables for horses or storage areas for sleighs and carriages. It was not only an enjoyable experience for them but also for those who accompanied them on the tour.

It was unfortunate that no one in the Branch that evening remember Mr. Henry but we have talked to several members since then who recalled him and his family and they would welcome an opportunity to meet the Henry sisters if they visit the Branch again.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in store for the Royalties ball team who have just completed a full season of league play without

suffering a single loss. As a result, these girls and their coaches have been chosen to play in the Ontario playdowns which is open to the top ten teams in the province.

To show the team the high admiration in which they are held in the Branch, it is hoped that as many members, their families and friends as possible will turn out to support them during their first annual tournament which is to be held on Sept. 4. This tournament is being sponsored by the Branch and entries have been received from some of the top teams in the area.

The Legion corn roast is to be held on the afternoon of Sept. 12 at Gord Browne's home. There will be more on this in later editions but try to keep this date open.

A reminder that we will not have tickets available for the C.N.E. Warriors Day Parade on 21 August as we have had in past years, and that former service personnel must apply individually to the following address if they want tickets:

The Ticket Chairman,
Warriors Day Council,
P.O. Box 882, Station K,
2384 Yonge St.,
Toronto, M4P 2E0.

Applicants must provide their service number and the name of the unit or service in which they served.

WARRIORS DAY

In recognition of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion, we are to lead the Warriors Day Parade and it is hoped that as many marchers as possible will attend from Georgetown. Our

Pipe Band, Colour Parties from the Branch, Ladies Auxiliary and Imperial Section and other marchers will join with District "B" in the parade.

It is understood that District "D" will host the other Districts following the parade. Buses will be provided by the Branch to the marching units only and we ask that those members wishing to participate and requiring transportation put their names on the list on the bulletin board in the club room.

Zone Golf is to be held on August 14th at the Richview Golf Club which we understand is on Highway 25 north of Highway 5. The Branch will pay the entry fee but the green fee of \$7.50 each is to be paid by the players.

On August 6th Stubbington and Cock will be in the Lounge.

Angels play tonight

The Herald Angels play the third game of their series tonight (Wednesday) when they meet the Combined Effort, a team from L & L Ford of Acton and Halton Hills Collision of Crews Corners. Game time is 7 p.m. at Harrison School, 59 Rexway Dr.

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Five injured in separate collisions

An 11-year-old girl was treated and held for observation at hospital Sunday after she suffered lacerations to her scalp in a traffic accident.

Police said Dianna Jenkins, 90 Raylawn Cres., "darted out from behind a parked truck into the path of a vehicle" driven by Frederick T. Harris, 2 Raylawn Cres.

Haltom Road 3 and Highway 7 was the scene of an accident July 27 when three occupants of a car were taken to hospital after the car, driven by Keith B. Halliday of Mississauga, went out of control on a curve and struck a hydro pole, police said.

Besides the driver, Kimberly Quail, also of Mississauga and Bonnie Shaw of Clarkson were hospitalized.

A fourth passenger escaped unharmed. Miss Shaw, who suffered a fracture, was released the next day. Her companions were treated and released.

Estimated damages were \$1,500 to Halliday's vehicle and \$300 to a hydro pole.

An Oakville driver, Elizabeth Dymock, swerved to miss a dog on Haltom Road 3 and 10 Sideroad, July 30, and her car struck a utility pole, police said.

Dymock was taken to hospital with minor injuries, the dog died. Estimated damages were \$1,000.

A Toronto driver, Douglas Twigger, left the road on the Ninth Line about two-tenths of a mile south of 32 Sideroad, skidded 101 feet into a hydro

pole and after breaking it, skidded a further 176 feet along the road shoulder before stopping, July 27, police say. Estimated damages were \$1,000 to Twigger's car and \$300 to the hydro pole.

Mill Street and Main Street in Georgetown was the scene of an accident July 28 when a car driven by George Bergsma, 311 Maple S. Ave., was in collision with one driven by Donald Brian Boyd, 139 Main St. S., police say.

Estimated damages were \$25 to Bergsma's vehicle and \$11 to Boyd's.

An unknown driver caused \$200 in damages to a parked car owned by Duane F. Campbell, 5 Sims Gate, July 31, police say. The accident happened in the parking lot at the west side of 82 Mill St.

The Georgetown Market Place parking lot was the scene of an accident July 30 when a car driven by Joyce Gawley, 17 Main St. S., was in collision with a car owned by Derek Ezekiel, 31 Sargent Rd., police say.

Damages were estimated at \$100 to Ezekiel's vehicle but nil to Gawleys.

The 10th Line about three-quarters of a mile south of Regional Road 42 was the

scene of an accident for Bramalea driver, Jack A. Moon who lost control of his car and struck a tree, July 27, police say.

Estimated damages were \$300.

The parking lot at 83 Mill St. in Georgetown was the scene of an accident July 28 when a truck driven by Grant T. Wilkinson of Kitchener collided with a car owned by Eugene Donalds, 392 Guelph St.,

police say. Estimated damages were \$40 to the truck and \$10 to Donalds' vehicle.

Damages were nil in an accident June 29 when a car driven by Samuel Watt, 49 Duncan Dr. was in collision with one driven by David Balasko, 9 Weber Dr., police say. The accident happened on Weber Drive about 100 feet north of Delrex Boulevard.

Jim Day's last ride?

Jim Day, 31, of Hornby and a member of Canada's Gold Medal equestrian team in the 1968 Olympics, came up with the same malady that has plagued many of Canada's top athletes in the just ended, Montreal Olympics. He failed to rise to the occasion.

Day was one of the most heralded riders of the Canadian equestrian team, leading up to the Olympics. In fact, the task that he had laid out for himself was one - had it been completed - that would have made Canadian equestrian history and elevated him to a position that

few world-class riders had attained. Day had decided to compete in both the grueling three-day event and the Grand Prix jumping competition.

He started out well enough in the dressage aspect of the three-day (finishing in fourth place, but then withdrew from the event after his horse, Viceroy had a bad time of it in the endurance test.

On to the jumping. Day was aboard Sympatico, a highly touted horse, and was expected to do extremely well. Sympatico, a 10 year old thoroughbred, acquired by the Canadian team for an

estimated \$190,000, is the holder of the world jumping record of 7'4" in the puissance and was regarded as the class of the jumping field. Perhaps bottom of the class would be a more apt description.

The horse should have taken the wide obstacles in his stride, instead, he seemed bent on destruction. He incurred 28 faults and this gave Day a share of 15th place.

On Sunday, Day also took part in the team jumping competition but met with much the same type of ill-luck and the Canadian team finished fifth.

Tender awarded for arena is \$50,000 below estimate

Cost of the reconstruction of the Georgetown Memorial Arena will be about \$150,000 once all construction and engineering costs are paid.

The cost is about \$50,000 less than anticipated by council this spring when it studied the possible reconstruction of the Mill Street facility following its closing by the industrial safety branch of the provincial ministry of labor.

Dickie Construction Co. Ltd. of Toronto was awarded the tender Thursday at a special meeting of council after bidding \$137,225 plus a \$80 bonding. A bylaw confirming the move is expected to meet no opposition from council at its regular meeting held last night.

Only eight members of council attended the meeting Thursday called three weeks ago when council approved invitation bids to speed up construction of the facility.

The Mill Street arena requires extensive structural steel repairs to the roof, first and second floor levels and the main entrance.

Funding for the project will be supplied from existing operating and reserve funds and from a ministry of culture and recreation community centres grant which totals 25 per cent of the project cost.

BYLAWSET

Under a resolution passed Thursday and expected to be approved Tuesday by bylaw, the town will pay \$50,000 from 1976 operating funds and provide the balance through the provincial grant and existing reserve funds established by lot levies.

The Dickie tender was one of six received by the deadline at noon Thursday. One other unopened bid received shortly after the deadline was ordered returned by the clerk to the bidder unopened. It is the second time in two weeks that council has been asked to act on a late tender.

Dickie construction provided the lowest of the six tenders while Inman Contracting of Scarborough sought \$220,000 plus a clause in the agreement making the firm not responsible for any damage to the building which may result from the reconstruction project.

The funding also covers the engineering costs of 10 per cent which will be paid to Alan

Zeegan and Associates, consulting engineers, who carried out town engineering studies on the structure.

Work on the installation of structural steel is expected to start within three weeks with the company using the interim to prepare the site and carry out small scale repairs.

The arena is expected under the contract to be ready for re-opening by the end of 1976. Mr. Zeegan said the contractor is aware that the work must be completed by the end of November.

John Rae and Sons Construction bid \$182,595; A. V. Tennant Construction \$150,865; William McNally Construction, of Georgetown, \$155,000 and Richard and B. A. Ryan Construction, \$182,500.

"All this money has been set aside," Coun. Harry Levy stressed, "or, we know where it is coming from and it won't increase taxes." He said approval has already been given to the application by the town for a provincial community centres subsidy.

Coun. Ern Hyde, who handled all the details of the project, said there's been a request from facilities superintendent Pat Sheehan for the additional installation of a new boiler and insulation of the arena roof during construction.

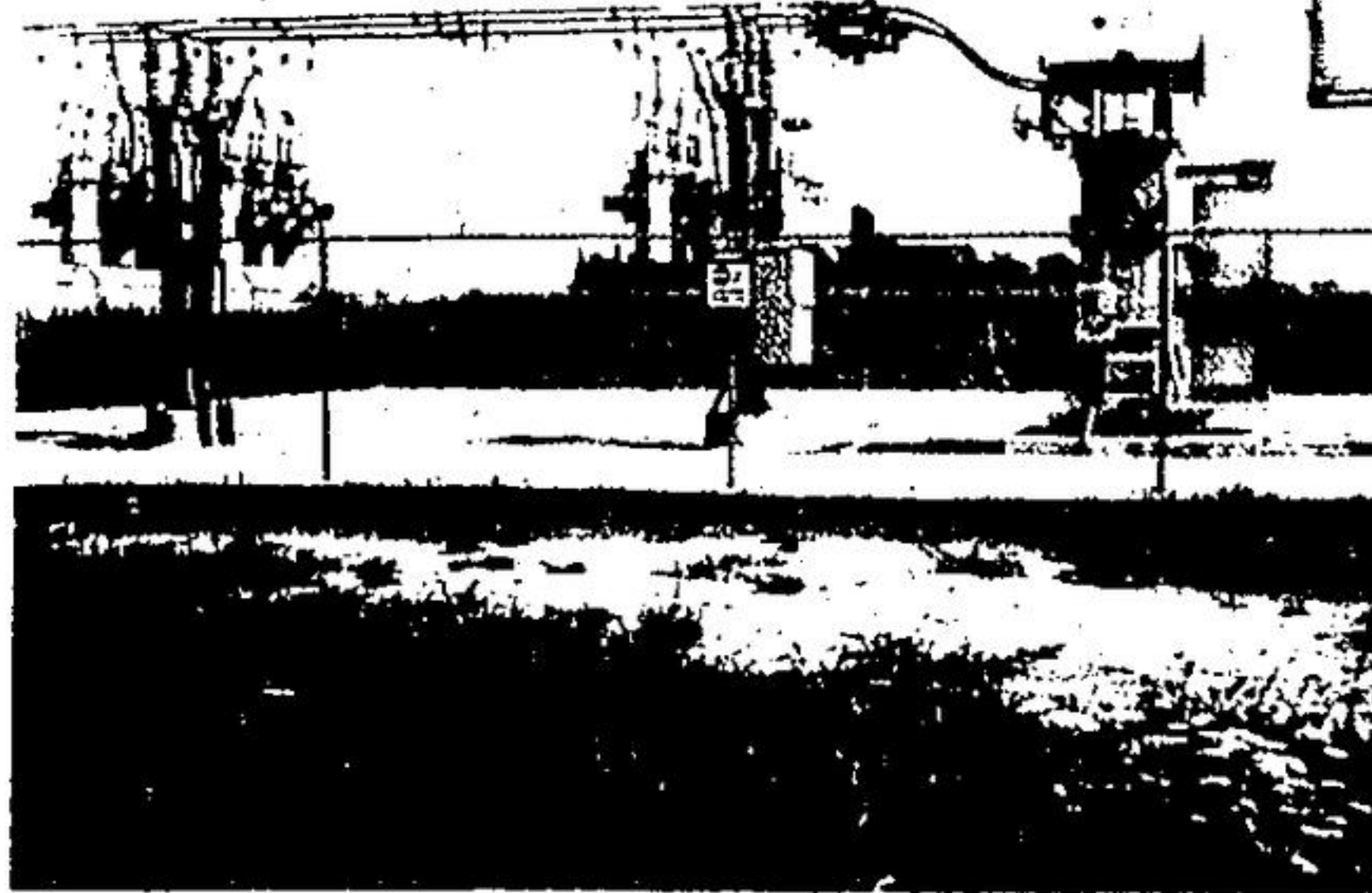
Council will look at these needs as the work reaches the point where it is economical to make the installations.

Coun. Levy said as "one who was sceptical" at first, the end result has been a job well done by Coun. Hyde in bringing the tender in below estimate.

"We are more than pleased with what has happened," Coun. Hyde said. "I think by contracting this move now we have saved our memorial arena and there's more to it than just saving a few thousand dollars."

He said the mere fact that the arena has been saved for some years to come is as important as the \$2 million the municipality might have been forced to pay for a new facility.

He sees no reason why the council move will be turned down, and believes the municipality will have two ice surfaces in operation by the new year.



TOWN INVESTIGATES HYDRO SITES

An Ontario Hydro substation at Ashgrove is unsightly and Coun. Dick Howitt wants answers to questions of why landscaping has not taken place at the site.

Council will also investigate the site of another hydro

substation at Ballinacoff.

"I can remember in Esqueuing (in 1972) when they left the substation in, they showed trees and even went so far as to say what species," Coun. Howitt said.

Other council members

added that the process for approval of the two sites was completed after Halton Hills was formed in 1973. They said the town clerk carried out negotiations with the provincial utility.



1,475 SIGN FURNESS PETITION

Dr. Alex Furness turns over a citizens petition, Dr. Furness said, Council meeting petition opposing the \$900,000 municipal Tuesday (last night) is expected to discuss complex to Clerk-Administrator Doug Pritchard Wednesday. 1475 people signed the

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