

Year in review continued

Haltom Hills received word early in February that Georgetown's Memorial Arena along with hundreds across the province was unsafe. Early estimates of repair reached \$350,000.

GO buses began linking Georgetown and Toronto on Sundays was headline news, too, with the tiny story attached that April would bring a 12 per cent hike in fares.

Town councillors balked at first of spending \$2,000 to underwrite the Brampton Highland Games which was looking for a new permanent base and expressed a willingness to take council's name which turned out to be Speyside Highland Games.

Council also approved in February expansion of the town offices on Seventh Line and even then the matter, which became an election issue and caused large outcries of protest from the public was attended with cries of "railroading" and "premature."

Rusty Ford Owners, 150 of them then, began a class action lawsuit against the Ford Motor Company of Canada. Georgetown's Tom Beene, who thought his pickup truck rusted too rapidly and wanted a better deal, became the head of an organization of growing numbers of disgruntled owners.

By the end of the frigid month, taxpayers learned they'd need to find an extra \$120 to keep the system going, but at least Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital was safe from Health Minister's Frank Miller's surgery.

MARCH
March came in like a lamb as far as news headlines were concerned but before the week was out tragedy in Acton focussed national interest there. The instant death of seven local youths in a head-on collision on Highway 25 shocked and stunned all who heard of it.

Named as citizen of the year by the Lion's Club were the men of Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Council took a look at plans for a \$1.2 million arena with a library and theatre to be next to Gordon Alcott Arena.

The cancellation of the Crazy Boat Race caused ripples of disappointment to reach even Toronto where some fans phoned The Herald to make sure it wasn't all some terrible mistake.

At the region, local opposition was mounting as Site F' began looking better to southern councillors as a place to dump garbage.

Contract negotiations between Economy Forms Corporation in Georgetown and Local 7337 of the United Steel Workers of America broke down over money differences and workers went on strike.

Ministry of environment officials came to the Credit River near Georgetown to sample water for the presence of leachate.

APRIL
April and warmer weather brought Metcalfe ravine back to headlines as more land began sinking and backyards

disappearing.
Words failed Coun. Ric Morrow who inspected a sludge disposal site near Ashgrove that had residents nearby asking for help from town council.

A coroner's jury which heard evidence on the death of seven local youths in a head-on collision recommended police adopt a high speed chase policy, better supervision and communications commended Haltom Regional Police constable Thomas Roduck for his conduct in the incident.

The Interested Citizen's Group vowed to continue its four-year-old battle against Ontario Hydro's proposed 500 Kv line from Bradley to Georgetown, though Energy Minister Dennis Timbrell announced approval of the final link in the line and Ombudsman Arthur Maloney had proved powerless to stop the provincial cabinet's order in council.

Georgetown and district high school bowlers set a tournament high-scoring record in winning the second annual All-Ontario High School Bowling Championships.

Samples of Credit River water taken below the landfill site in Georgetown showed leachate was getting into the river but in quantities that were "not serious."

Haltom Board of education came in with an expenditure budget up 14.13 per cent over its 1975 budget and amounting to over \$72 million.

A happy ending for a Georgetown resident came in April when Ziggy Psarski after a 34-month struggle managed to have his wife Joanna return from Warsaw, Poland, where she had been detained after attending her father's funeral.

Council learned that reconstructing Georgetown Memorial Arena would cost \$200,000 and shelved plans for a second ice surface at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. It also approved the construction of a \$106,000 addition to the works garage adjacent to the municipal building on Seventh Line, but turned down a request by a councillor that the public and the press be barred from committee meetings.

MAY
Acton learned that an addition to its sewage plant could let the town grow, with some industry, to a limit equivalent to 10,000 persons.

Council learned that Petrofina, which wanted a self-serve gas station at the corner of Mountainview Road and Guelph street, was taking it to court over the issue. Council considered hiring an architect to design the addition to the town offices.

Homeowners in the Marywood Meadows subdivision petitioned council for some help in solving problems in their area where construction was still proceeding.

The regional budget added three mills to the mill rate for Haltom Hills taxpayers in an effort to raise a net \$870,286 not including sewage costs from the town.

Then council called a special Wednesday and hired the Oakville firm of Hallford and



SEASONAL GOOD WORK FINISHED

Seventy-one Georgetown area families enjoyed a Christmas they might not have because of the efforts of the Good Neighbour Service. Roma Timpson, above, who co-ordinated the service, puts the finishing touches on hampers Thursday. Mrs. Timpson said the community donated money and goods to help make the service a success. School children

from schools in Ballinacra, Limehouse, Stewartstown and Georgetown donated canned goods, the Kinette Club looked after gifts and the Lions Club helped with transportation. Below Lions Ross Irwin and Don Jarvis load the first of many hampers into a truck for delivery.



Energy effects studied

A University of Toronto professor who heads a group studying the health of people working on 500Kv transmission lines, says the results of the study won't be ready until November, 1977.

Professor Jim Stopps said in an interview last week his department has been asked by the Canadian Electrical Association to conduct the tests.

The tests may answer many of the questions raised by the opponents of the Bradley-to-Georgetown high voltage transmission corridor. In recent weeks these questions have dealt with the effect on persons living and working beneath such corridor wires. Unlike studies done in Russia, Quebec, and Baltimore, this study will have a control group, Prof. Stopps

said. There are 30 Ontario Hydro linemen some of whom have been working on high voltage lines as long as 20 years. They have been matched in age with an equal number of workers who do not work on the lines.

Only two persons can be studied each week, he said. Each person goes through a "comprehensive two-day examination by a number of psychiatrists, psychologists, internists, neurologists and other specialists."

The problem with the other studies is that there were no control groups, Prof. Stopps said. In the Soviet study complaints of headaches, fatigue and non-specific complaints were noted by workers near high voltage lines, were noted. "They may well be due to

power lines," Prof. Stopps said but such complaints are "not uncommon in the general public."

Another shortcoming of previous tests is that the actual exposure to the transmission lines was not measured. The force of electric and magnetic fields fall off rapidly as distance from the line increases, he said. "It's critical to know, exactly where they are working."

He said no tests were planned for people, such as farmers, who must work under the lines on a regular basis or those who live near the right of way. In comparison with linemen, those types of people have "tremendously reduced exposure," he said. The \$50,000 cost of the study will be paid for by the Canadian Electrical Association.

Only one fatality reported

Haltom Regional Police report a very quiet holiday weekend. One fatality was reported in District 1 which takes in Georgetown and urban Milton.

Dead is Raffaella Belardi, 36, of Toronto, a passenger in a car. Her husband Alfredo Belardi, 45, who was admitted to Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital in critical condition.

Police said the Belardi car was eastbound on Britannia Road when it struck a bridge abutment between the Eighth and Ninth Lines sometime between 10:30 and 11 p.m. Christmas Day.

Also injured in the accident were: Massimo Belardi, 17, and Marcello Belardi, 11.

Police said the four-member family had been celebrating Christmas with relatives in Milton and were returning to Toronto when the accident occurred.

A Raylawn Crescent resident reports the loss of two suits from his car sometime between Dec. 13 and Dec. 24. Police are continuing its investigation.

A window was broken at the United Co-Op Store on Guelph Street sometime overnight Dec. 23-24, police said. Damage amounted to \$15. It is not known whether entry was made.

Limehouse news

By MRS. A.W. HENTON
Herald correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Houghley are home from Edmonton for the holidays.

We wish a good recovery for Mr. Ritchie Henton in hospital in Georgetown, and to Mrs. Milleham who underwent surgery in Brampton recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brooks hosted a Christmas party for Acton Junior Farmers a week ago.

Limehouse Presbyterian Church was filled for a candle light carol service on Christmas Eve. The choir sang special anthems and Christian Hook a solo CHRISTMAS. Rev. Harrow conducted the service.

We extend Season's Greetings to the Editor and Staff at the Herald for the whole of the holidays.



PIONEER CHRISTMAS

Pioneer Christmas. How Christmas was like in the old days was the theme of a Christmas celebration at George Kennedy School. Grade 3 students pictured above (from left to right) Karen Daniell, Brian Bell and Cathy Lyons examine articles which could have made fine Christmas presents in the past.

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