



WOODCHOPPER'S DELIGHT

Timber Well, almost. Woodcutter Louis Berset, an employee of Mountclair Developments, is clearing a woodlot to make room for more homes in Glen Williams. His workmate, Allan Harding, not pictured, and he kept warm at a fire to get rid of the brush.

Domtar jobs

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union-Canada Manpower committee working to find alternative employment for the 176 employees affected.

He said he will investigate the placing of a want ad in a Toronto newspaper for an order processing clerk at a Domtar division in Mississauga prior to employees at Georgetown, according to the action committee, being informed of the opening. It is possible that despite notices to other divisions seeking co-operation that Georgetown may not have been notified, he said.

Plant manager Jack Crichton said more than 30 employees of the operation have found alternative employment. He refused to comment further.

The action committee was also critical of three area politicians involved in mediating the employment situation at the Domtar and Abitibi paper mills in Georgetown. Abitibi Provincial Paper will reduce its employment by 50 per cent by April.

Action committee chairman William Johnson said no reply has been received from Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed, Peel-Dufferin-Simcoe MPP Ross Milne or Halton MPP Dr. Frank Philbrook on a request for information on a worker-management concept operation for the papermill after it closes.

Mr. Reed said Monday he has not received any correspondence from the committee seeking such information and although he's helped individuals he is unaware of any problems in finding alternative employment.

Dr. Frank Philbrook said he had discussed the Domtar situation with the committee and had also talked with federal industry, trade and commerce ministry officials.

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As for comments on workers pensions in the HHCCG committee, Mr. Majurey said the laws governing pensions have been passed by the government in 1976 "and Bill Johnson or I can't change it."

Bill Johnson is former stationary engineer at Domtar and one of the founders of the Save Domtar Committee which later became the HHCCG.

No one is 100 per cent satisfied with their pensions, Mr. Majurey said "but most are reasonably satisfied, I don't know what they (HHCCG) can do about pensions."

The HHCCG "has nothing to do with us whatsoever," Mr. Majurey said. However, he felt the union's grant to the committee was a good investment even if only two jobs are found.

As for charges that few workers have been transferred to other Domtar plants, Mr. Majurey said most other plants are "on short-time now." He believes that management made the offer in good faith.

"We welcome any assistance in finding jobs," he said. "But let's face it—where are you to get the jobs?"

MP Ross Milne said Tuesday that he had not received from Halton Hills Concerned Citizens for Domtar the letter containing the charges against Canada Manpower and the company.

He said that when he and Halton MPP Dr. Frank Philbrook met last year with the union and the company another meeting was scheduled for mid January to see how much progress had been made. Dr. Philbrook has been in contact with Mayor Tom Hill, Domtar and the union and the consensus that "things are going as well as can be expected," he said.

"If their (HHCCG) brief is saying the community is concerned—that's welcome," Mr. Milne said. "But if they're criticizing what's going on at the plant, I can't see that the union would be happy about that."

He said he would be glad to help on any specific problems.



A WINTER RIDE

Jennifer Milne leads Judy as he provides the entertainment for Calum Munro, Rodney Weatherall and Lisa Faber at an outing Sunday at Wildwood Manor by members of the Georgetown Singles Club. Looking at the rear as he hitches a ride is David Midwood. Cross country skiing was also featured for the day's activity.

Community groups provide bridge with big government

Community associations serve a fundamental need of man to get together and build a decent life, and provide information on these needs to governments which are becoming increasingly centralized, Julian Reed, MPP for Halton-Burlington told the Norval Community Association Thursday.

"Communities will only disappear when the people let them disappear," he told about 70 people gathered at the Norval school.

"The role of the community association is that of communication," he said. It assembles

information and makes it more readily available. Communication is also the "biggest" challenge of any politician who wishes to serve his constituents.

"Community association tend to make our job more pleasant and easier as long as they exist; and as long as they flourish you are demonstrating something to government that the people want to make decisions among themselves," he said. "But if you disband, then you are saying the decisions are better made by a central government."

Centralized government also brings negative aspects of life which organizations such as the Norval association overcome, Mr. Reed said. These include "over-governing; over-regulation and over-taxing."

As a result, government depends on a battery of experts to make decisions, he said.

Mr. Reed described community associations as "the essence of the political system. It is the root." Instead of following the cry most heard in the past 10 to 15 years of "why doesn't government do something?" people should raise the question of why they do not do something.

In other business the association re-elected Hugh McFarlane as president for 1977. Other executive positions were filled by Joyce Hutton, Dorothy McLean, Fred Howse and Bob Crawford, all returned from the 1976 executive. New members include: Mary Robinson, Art Reinhardt, George Smith and Jamie Cunningham. Three positions remain vacant.

Mr. McFarlane urged everyone in the village to get involved and make the community a better place to live. Mr. Cunningham also announced that a wood cutting bee would begin shortly to remove dead elm trees from the area. The wood will be distributed to anyone senior citizen requesting it.

A survey will be conducted among residents seeking a 66 per cent majority in favor of either replacing or repairing the existing lights on roadways. Cost of rep is almost the same as replacing the lights with a lower energy. Use mercury or sodium vapor bulbs.



DOROTHY McLEAN HONORED BY NORVAL GROUP

Herald correspondent Dorothy McLean was honored Thursday by the Norval Community Association for the contribution she has made to the village over past years. Mrs. McLean was presented with a silver tray engraved with the words "Norval Community Association, 1976" at the association's annual meeting.

"We have with us a person whose dedication to the community is an example to be emulated by the young and old alike," president Hugh McFarlane said. His brief words were missed by Mrs. McLean who at the time was busy helping prepare a lunch for following the meeting.

Mr. McFarlane said Mrs. McLean is "a model citizen and a real lady in the true sense" and a person of whom he's heard no unkind words. "If Norval had a citizen of the year, it would be this person," he said. Mrs. McLean was later reappointed to the executive of the community association.

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Town pays water line costs

Developer Al Pilutti will be recompensed for the cost of a six inch watermain at his subdivision on Maple Street, if town council passes a recommendation of Finance-Administration committee.

After a 20 minute "in camera" session called for by Coun. Roy Booth at Monday's meeting, the committee recommended that Mr. Pilutti be advised he is liable for Halton's \$9,402 bill for a six inch watermain and also that the clerk prepare an amendment to the bylaw which would reduce the lot levy for Mr. Pilutti by an equal sum.

Coun. Booth said the "in camera" session was necessary because of confidential reports and personnel matters contained in the report.

RECOMMENDATION MADE Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) building committee has approved a recommendation calling for architects to prepare preliminary costs and space allotments for administration, engineering and planning sections to be included in a new administration building.

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Recognition list presented to council, honors sought for 17 local residents

A list of 17 persons in Halton Hills who, in the opinion of others deserve official recognition by the town, was released Monday at finance-administration committee.

Council is trying to come up with a method of formally recognizing persons or groups that make a notable achievement which brings recognition to Halton Hills.

Recreation director Glen Gray suggested that to honor the groups or individuals, a few moments be set aside at a council meeting where the recipients would get a keeper pin or lapel pin from the mayor and be introduced to council members and the public in attendance.

Coun. Roy Booth noted that the Georgetown Legion Royalettes, who started the whole business of council getting into its own awards night by winning All-Ontario Juvenile "A" title, Aug. 31 1976, weren't on the list.

Mr. Gray said the criterion for deciding who would receive an award would be provincial recognition or above.

Those named are: —Marilyn Thomas, president of Georgetown Jaycees, for a national album contest she won in July, 1976; —Stephen Saxon of Acton, a Grade 6 pupil last May for second place in an Optimist International Public Speaking Contest; —Nancy Wong, 10 Mill Street E. Acton for basketball free throw at Waterloo last May, first for 11-year-old girls;

—Robert Marchand, 59 Dayfoot Drive, for being a member of North York Merchants football club which won Ontario Intermediate O.A.S.A. "A" "A" championship in 1976;

Two other members of that championship team, one from Kitchener and the other from Georgetown also had their names submitted. They are Raymond Inglis, 7 Ostrander Blvd. and William Tilt of Kitchener;

—William Roy Ballentine, 425 Delrex Blvd. for operating a motor vehicle accident free for 20 years. The award to Mr. Ballentine by the Ontario Safety League is to take place at Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Feb. 28;

—Mrs. Lotte Zonnenberg, R.R.5 Georgetown, for designing and creating Halton Hills mayor's chain of office in addition to other distinctions in her craft;

—Ian Clark, 19 Chipper Court, Georgetown for first place gold medal in Ontario Federation of School's Athletic Association Midget Boy's cross country run, Nov. 1976;

—Meredith McLaren, 3 Fleming Cr. for first place gold medal in Ontario Federation of School's Athletic Association for midget girls 80 metre hurdles, June, 1976; —Rick Rodgers, R.R.2

Georgetown for winning Ontario Wrestling championships at 106.5 pounds at the Ontario Summer Games and also at Ontario Federation of School's Athletic Association competition, Feb., 1976;

—John Pendergast, 9 Mountain St., Glen Williams, Wrestling champion at Ontario Federation of School's Athletic Association competition, Feb., 1976;

—Brian Pendergast, 7 Mountain St., Glen Williams, wrestling champion at Ontario Federation of School's Athletic Association competition, Feb., 1976;

—William Bradley, 35 Normandy Blvd., Ontario Wrestling Champion, at 143 pounds during Ontario Summer

Games 1976. —Wayne Martin, R.R.4 Georgetown, Ontario wrestling champion at 165 pounds during Ontario Summer Games, 1976.

—Steven Turner, 19 Pennington Cres. Georgetown, Ontario wrestling champion at 191 pounds during Ontario Summer Games, 1976.

—Neil Young, 7 Reid Ct., winner of a national sports car race in Mont Tremblant, Quebec last September.

COMMUNICATION

Halton Chairman Ric Morrow says "communication is essential to co-operation" and proposes regional council meet with department heads on a rotating basis for status reports on the functions they are performing.

NOTICE
PUBLIC SKATING
Effective Feb. 5th, 1977, the Saturday Public Skating has been moved from Georgetown Memorial Arena to the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena 7:00 to 9:00 P.M., for the rest of the season.

Ballinafad and district news

By WINIFRED SMITH
Herald correspondent

The annual meeting concerning the Community Centre was held on Sunday afternoon. In spite of the blocked roads and severe cold weather there was a fairly good attendance.

The new board for 1977 will be Chairman - John Loughnan, Secretary - Linda Larson, Treasurer - Diane Colton, Co Treasurer - Jean Bait, Entertainment - Morley Shortliff, Public Relations - Marilyn Linstead, Maintenance - Ernie Thompson, Caretaker - Russell Snider.

There will be a meeting of the elected officers shortly to plan the activities for the year. The 1st. meeting of the 4-H Homemaking Club will be on Thurs. night of this week. This club is to be sewing "Clothes for Leisure". Girls over twelve are welcome to join. Meeting to be at Linda O'Connor's home.

Mrs. Heiga Schwarz entertained members of the Men's Choir and their wives on Sunday after church. It was in honour of her husband, Paul's birthday. Coffee and the traditional German style coffee cake, along with the Birthday cake was served. There were twenty-four present including Rev. and Mrs. Stiles. A happy time of fellowship was enjoyed. Paul was surprised as he

was presented with a gift of a beautiful pen holder from his friends.

One item omitted from the annual meeting of the Church news last week was a slight change in the time of Church Service. Instead of 11:30 service will commence at 11:45 am.

Mrs. Lloyd Marshall was released from hospital on Saturday and is convalescing at his home.

HALTON HILLS RECREATION DEPT
GEORGETOWN INDOOR POOL
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Feb. 7th - Feb. 23rd, 1977
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