



DON NICHOLSON CONGRATULATES 1977 GEORGETOWN FAIR PRESIDENT DON GOSLING

## Gosling heads board succeeding Nicholson

By MAC Mc GILVRAY  
The annual meeting of the Georgetown Agricultural Society sponsoring Georgetown fall fair was held last Thursday evening at Maple Leaf Research Centre, Ashgrove. A potluck supper for the directors preceded the meeting. President Don Nicholson chaired the meeting and Henry Stanley of Milton Ag. Rep. presided for the election of officers. Don Gosling was the unanimous choice for the 1977 presidency when Don Nicholson failed to stand for another

## Georgetown fair even despite reported loss

By MAC Mc GILVRAY  
The 1976 financial statement of the Georgetown Agricultural Society showed a deficit of \$2,450 on the year's operation. This however was somewhat misleading as a \$2500 donation to the town for seating in the park in 1975 was not paid for until 1976, thus the fair in 1976 broke even. Total receipts including grants of \$4,063.33 donations and advertising \$910.50; membership fees \$234.00; entry fees \$2,527.29; midway concessions \$1415.00 miscellaneous \$328.48. Gate receipts \$4859.00 amounted to \$14,391.60. Total expenditures amounted to \$16,843.48 including prize money \$5,498.51; affiliation fees \$217.00 judging expenses \$1,083.60; cups and rosettes \$1,255.13; administration \$2,202.46; other programming expenses \$4,066.78; bleachers \$2,500.00. It was felt the 1976 fair was most successful and that the association was financially sound. However the amount of ground space for the fair seemed to be shrinking due to many baseball diamonds and that in 1977 some exhibits on the horse section may have to be dropped from the prize list. Considerable time was spent discussing the possibility of remodeling the existing building on the grounds, so that it

can be put to better use. It was suggested that a floor be laid, either asphalt or concrete, the walls paneled, a drop ceiling and electricity be installed together with washrooms and office space. Also discussed was the feasibility of hiring a secretary-manager who would be responsible for the overall production of the fair. This position will be advertised in the near future. The directors stilled the idea of a two-day fair for at least another year in light of the proposed improvements. Delegates to the annual fairs association annual meeting in Toronto were appointed and include President and Mrs. D. Gosling, Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Fogal and Garfield McGilvray. Prior to adjournment plans were made for the annual fair board euchre party sometime in late March or early April.

## Trail bikers meet

Area trail bike riders are meeting for the first time Feb. 21 at the Georgetown Library for plans to form an association to help promote their sport. Trail bike riders are concerned that their requirements be considered in the development of recreational lands and facilities. The group intends to organize an effective voice to deal through, and with, the Ontario Trails Council. The group hopes to dispell some of the bad publicity that a few trail bike ride riders generate and improve a public image. In addition the association will explore methods of preserving riding areas and co-operating with other governmental agencies and branches of motor-cycle sport. Interested parties phone 877-1325 after 7 p.m.

## Budget meetings

Haltion board of education has changed its method of presenting its budget—over \$72 million last year—to allow more public input. Instead of four budget meetings, the board this year will have only two: one for expenditures and one for revenue. The expenditures budget will be reviewed Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at a meeting devoted entirely to the budget and the public are invited to attend at the board's offices, 2050 Guelph Line, Burlington. The revenue budget will be reviewed March 17.

## Norval farmer objects to permanent land use

Norval farmer Peter Branch has voiced objections to a proposal for the "permanent agricultural" use as defined in the proposed Halton official plan concepts and goals.

"Land freeze, or the more subtle expression, zoning for permanent agricultural uses, only serves to disrupt the natural economics of business, of housing, services and economies," he says in a letter to planning committee.

To impose such a restriction on farmers is to "impose on the farmer and landowner a loss which has no comparison with the reduction in assets other sections of society are expected to bear," he said. He feels that is a particular property is required for purposes such as a hydro corridor or landfill use, the agricultural zoning will be no hamper to the developer.

And as a result of "the imposed zoning, the landowner will only receive the zoning value rather than the true market value" of the land.

"Land zoned for permanent agricultural prevents the owners from taking advantage of natural inflation which other sectors of society readily latch on to, reduces his chances of comfortable retirement (the

farmers have a pension plan) and does nothing to conserve agricultural land."

Freezing agricultural land is

## GLT's new production, a festival entry

Georgetown audiences will again have another chance to enjoy live theatre as members of Georgetown Little Theatre (GLT) prepare for their next production, "The Summer of the 17th Doll."

The three-act Australian Drama that will be this year's entry in the Ontario Drama Festival in the non-musical category. March 3 will be adjudication night.

The production features Cherrice Matthews, Leslie Hale, Val Stoddart, Ron Hunt, Pat Joyes, Bev Nicholas and John Roe in the story of two itinerant can-cutters who for 16 years have been spending their summer lay-offs with two barmaids.

The tinselled dolls presented as a gift each summer is received by the girls to symbolize their unusual but

tender relationship. But this seventeenth summer is one of change for all concerned and the truth surfaces after 16 years of friendship.

The play written by Ray Lawler won critical acclamation as performed in the major theatrical centres of the world and under the direction of GLT's Ron Hill will bring theatre-goers from the Ontario Drama Festival circuit to Georgetown to share in this presentation.

Performances begin March 2 and follow through until March 5 at Howard Wrigglesworth School.

## ICY ROAD

Icy road conditions caused a vehicle to go out of control, Feb. 11 on 9th Line and 27 Sideroad, police said.

## Limehouse news

By MRS. A.W. BENTON  
Herald correspondent

The W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. A.W. Benton on Wed. 7, seven attending. Pres. Mrs. Roughley read Scripture from Psalm 77 and commented on the meaning of "I wander as I wander", and Mrs. Crichton followed with Prayer Text word "Justify" and roll call were answered in verses of Scripture, and each read an interesting item for current events. Mrs. Patterson read from Rev. McDougall's book, "Faith and Practice". Several hymns were sung and the Mizpah in union closed the meeting. The hostess served refreshments afterwards.

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