



JUST ONE MORE, DARLING

Georgetown Little Theatre's production, *Summer of the Seventeenth Doll*, opens tonight (Wednesday) for a four-night run at Howard Wrigglesworth school. Pictured above are Val Stoddart, who plays Olive - a

part-time lover of Ross Wever played by Bev Nicholas. Val has her hands full of kewpie dolls and a look on her face that says she wants no more as Ross offers another.

Women's council continues area public transport study

The question of a public transportation system in Georgetown was the topic of discussion at the Local Council of Women's meeting, Thursday.

The Council would like to see some type of public transportation system for the town of Georgetown. At the meeting they examined ways of gaining public support for such a plan. "Georgetown has grown very quickly in the past few years and for a lot of people there is no way for them to get around," president Honey Cornfoot, told the group.

"Not all of us are lucky enough to have two cars in the family, and I think also the senior citizens are being denied transportation services," she said.

Irene Lewis, who with her husband was instrumental in starting the Milton public transportation system spoke to the group and told them what they had to do to get a plan started.

Mrs. Lewis said that they had run a bus service between Milton and the Northern Electric plant in Bramalea and from this service came the idea of a bus service for the town of Milton.

Public transportation in Acton now, is partly subsidized by the town and the provincial government. There are three buses that run on an hourly schedule.

Six years ago a transportation committee was established in Georgetown to look into the feasibility of a public transportation system. Former Ward 4 councillor Harry Levy told the meeting that a survey was done in 1971 but that it was done in the summer when many people were on holidays, and wasn't a true reflection of public opinion.

The plans were set aside during the change to regional government.

Local Council of Women

asked the town if it could have a copy of the survey and were told it would cost them 25c per sheet. (The survey consists of 80 pages).

For many years the question of a public transportation system was not settled and now the Council wants to re-open the issue.

At the meeting the council also showed a film about a community group in Ottawa which grew tired of waiting for the government to move on the issue and started their own bus commuter system. Their system is now five years old and is running at a profit.

"It is generally accepted that public transportation will run at a deficit," Mr. Levy said. "The Georgetown survey showed that it would cost the town at least \$60,000 for the first year of operation."

He said that he is in favor of some type of public transportation in Georgetown.

\$117,000 in regional grants awaiting approval today

Regional council faces the task today of approving more than \$117,000 in grant recommendations from two committees.

But while the grants are

expected to be approved without much opposition, the committees have placed some groups on notice that grants will be reduced or slashed next year, and rejected for the first

Water pumphouse sought in Acton

Acton's Prospect Park water pumphouse is expected to be approved today, but regional council must seek approval of an additional \$69,000 in capital costs for the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) for the complete construction.

Public works committee last week learned that project, first approved in 1973 for \$133,000 in costs, had risen through inflation and a project redesign to \$201,000.

Works director Bob Moore said the pumphouse near the edge of the Fairy Lake is required to ease summer water shortages in the community.

Public works chairman Coun. Jack Baffis was adamant in saying that the preliminary work on the project was carried out by the former town of Acton.

"When Acton gets a water rate increase, they will place the blame on regional government," he said.

Members of the committee expressed concern that the Acton water area which is already in a deficit position might not be able to provide the new service without an increase in rates.

Chief administrator officer Ernest Reid said there is a substantial rate increase expected later this spring for some areas of the region. But while confirming that Acton can expect an increase in water rates, how substantial the increase will be remains unknown.

Oakville Coun. Laurie Mannell urged that Halton Hills Council make the decision on the project because the municipality may be required to pay the financing.

He said a request for the financing by the region can always be made by the local government.

"I am concerned about the people in Acton. This is still money and this has got to be paid for," he said.

Oakville Coun. Gord Bradshaw said the \$201,000 project in

time in the memory of one politician, a grant for the Lorne Scots Regiment Band.

The Lorne Scots had sought \$1,500 from council, an amount already matched by Peel Region. Major Lowell Brecken, deputy commanding officer of the region's home militia unit said the band is sanctioned, but is not approved as a full military band which would receive federal government financing.

The pipe band is composed of about 30 volunteers from Halton Dufferin County and Peel Region, some of which are also members of the militia unit, he said. The pipe band has in the past played for senior citizens in regular concerts at the Halton Centennial Manor and the Bronte residences.

Major Brecken said the unit will likely appear today to seek approval of the grant request. The balance of the \$7,000 fund-

ing for the band comes from past unit members, the present bondsmen and \$300 in grants from Dufferin County.

The request was denied in a tie-breaking vote by administration chairman Mac Anderson of Oakville who also broke a second tie rejecting a \$3,000 grant request from the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra.

Regional chairman Ric Morrow, Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett and Burlington Coun. Dave Coons supported the Lorne Scots request saying it is a matter of historical importance to support the band.

Administration committee also rejected a \$9,000 grant request from Festival Country to promote tourism within the regional and surrounding areas.

The rejection follows a pattern by council not to support the organization since it is funded in part by the province, and according to Oakville Coun. Carl Erikson, Halton is not responsible for promoting tourism within its boundaries.

Grants approved by the administration committee included \$26,200 to the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington. The grant is an increase of

about \$2,000 over last year but about \$19,000 less than the optimum grant that was requested by the Gardens.

Community and a social services committee approved nearly \$80,000 in grants to 13 agencies.

But next year the agencies will be expected to reduce

their grant expectations with a view to self-sufficiency in the long-term, Oakville Coun. Ron Planche said.

ASSAULT
A 15-year-old Georgetown youth was assaulted last week while walking along Guelph Street, police said.

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