

Picked Up In Passing

Gibson transfers to BC

With a certain amount of sadness, but also enthusiastic happiness, The Herald announces that Colin Gibson, sports editor of The Herald since November, 1974, has been transferred. His leaving brings much sorrow to The Herald office since he was an active part of the team, a team which attempts to make this publication the most authoritative in the area. Happiness comes from knowing that Colin is suited for, and prepared to face, the challenge of a sports editor on the daily Nanaimo, B.C., Free Press. It's a tribute to his personal sacrifices and drive over the past 2 1/2 years that he was proposed as a candidate for the job opening on Vancouver Island. He began his new job Monday. Colin provided The Herald with a sense of humor, a style and grace which made its sports pages one of the best in Ontario according to the Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association which last year placed his pages fourth in the category of newspapers with circulation between 10,000 and 16,000.



COLIN GIBSON

CVCA reminder

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority reminds prospective homeowners that prior to building on the floodplain of the Credit River or its tributaries they must have a permit from the authority. The brochure, water and related land management, outlines the rules and explains the assistance available from the authority. It can be had by calling 451-1615.

2 grease fires

Firefighters checked two fires in the home of Georgetown residents last week, although the residents borrowed fire extinguishers from their neighbors to extinguish the kitchen fire. Both fires resulted from grease left unattended in an open pot on the stove, deputy firechief Bob Hyde said on Monday. The fire Tuesday at Eden place resulted in \$1,800 damage, and on Saturday \$600 to the home on Greystone Cres., with no one injured.

\$400 in prizes

Michael Boynton, of Brampton Musical Society, is looking for talented persons in Halton Hills to perform on a Gong Show he has scheduled for late September. All profits will be donated for research in Multiple Sclerosis, and Mr. Boynton is relying on local businesses to aid in the funding of cash prizes for the winners in the Gong Show. The show will be taped by Rogers Cable TV. A prize of \$300 will be given for first prize, \$100 for second prize, and a Gong trophy will be given. Anyone interested should call Michael Boynton at 453-3634.

McDonnell named to fair

W.D. (Doug) McDonnell, recently appointed general manager of the Ontario Stock Yards, has been named chairman of the market livestock committee, Royal Winter Fair. Mr. McDonnell, a Georgetown resident, is a 1970 graduate of the University of Guelph where he majored in animal science.

PLUARG open house

The International Joint Commission Reference Group on Pollution from Land Use Activities (PLUARG) will be holding an open house in Brampton on Tuesday, Aug. 2 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Brampton Public Library on Queen Street. There will be a slide show and coffee and donuts. The public will be given a chance to indicate if they are interested in further participating in the Public Consultation panels.



Best weaver

Thea Williams, 33 Stockman Cres., Georgetown was one of 25 Ontario craftsmen awarded prizes for work in Ontario Crafts '77, the second province-wide exhibition organized by the Ontario Crafts Council. Mrs. Williams won \$100 for the best weaving.

Auditions tonight

Tonight (Wednesday) auditions for "Dames at Sea", the next musical that will be performed by the Brampton Musical Society, will be held in Bromalea Civic Centre at 8 p.m. Performers who can act, sing or dance, or anyone interested in painting or constructing props for the show, should attend the audition. Bev Nicholas, a Georgetown resident is director.

Draft parking bylaw

The town solicitor and town engineer, Bob Austin, will prepare a bylaw restricting parking on Main Street, Acton, to two-hour intervals, and prohibiting cars parked within 30 feet of an intersection. Bob Austin said the best choice would have been to limit parking to only one side of the street, and Don Lindsay of the Downtown Business Improvement Association, said merchants would have been in favor of that proposal, if there was off-street parking.

Highways to go metric

The ministry of transportation and communications has announced Sept. 6 as the date when Ontario's provincial highway network goes metric. Kilometres (km) will replace miles on distance signs; kilometres per hour (km-h) will replace miles per hour on speed limit signs; and metres (m) will replace yards and feet on advisory signs. Existing speed limits will be converted as follows: 40 km-h replaces 25 mph; 50 km-h replaces 30 mph; 60 km-h replaces 35 mph; 100 km-h replaces 60 mph. James Snow, minister of transportation and communications, is MPP for Oakville.

OMB rescinds funds approval for library

The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) announced Friday that it will hold a public hearing next Wednesday, July 20, to hear arguments why a new public library in Georgetown should or should not be built on a two-acre site at Cedarvale Park. The OMB's decision rescinds an earlier ruling which permitted the funding for construction of a new library. It followed an affidavit by John W. Ferguson and Betty Fisher and a 3,500 name petition protesting the Cedarvale site. The affidavit asked the OMB to review its decision on the grounds that a \$400,000 debture was originally for an addition and reconstruction of the present library site, not for a new library. The affidavit also objects to the use of parkland as a site, claims the Cedarvale site is a hazard and that Halton Hills council has prejudged the issue. At Monday's finance-administration committee meeting, Coun. Roy Booth asked for a report on where the interest on the \$400,000 debture is going. He warned councillors that under a section of the Municipal Act there is a danger that councillors could be personally liable for the sum and be disqualified from holding municipal office for two years if the money is going for other purposes than paying off the debture. Estimated cost of the library at the Cedarvale site is \$750,000 of which \$400,000 has been raised through a debture and the balance from lot levies. Council by a recorded vote June 21, reaffirmed its support of the Cedarvale site for a new library despite a delegation asking it to allow consideration of other possible sites. Council failed to pass a motion by Coun. Peter Pomeroy to defer the reaffirmation for two weeks. Voting in favor of the Cedarvale site were Councillors Les Duly, George Malby Peter Marks, C.F. (Pat) Patterson, Mike Armstrong, Russ Miller and Garnet (Pat) McKenzie. Opposed were Councillors Roy Booth, Peter Pomeroy and Marilyn Serjeanston. Joan Lister, chairman of the library board, did not view the OMB decision as a setback for the library board's plans to build at Cedarvale. In a brief statement to The Herald Monday, she said that once the OMB has all the facts, she believes it will not stop construction of the library.

Hydro hearings end, resume again Aug. 15

The expropriation hearing on the southern section of the Bradley-Georgetown hydro corridor was recessed Wednesday so that the lawyers involved can honor previous commitments. One of the attorneys who is opposing the hydro corridor proposal predicted that the hearing will continue at least another week when it resumes at the Acton Legion Hall Aug. 15. Throughout the third day of the proceedings, representatives of the affected landowners in this municipality continued their cross-examination of Hydro's sole witness, land use planner Art Mosher. Leon Paroian and John Schneider attempted to trace the history of Hydro's studies of various proposed routes, determining finally that the utility abandoned its original plan to connect Bradley with the Kitchener transformer station on orders from the ministry of energy in July, 1974. The ministry's directive to bypass Kitchener in favor of a direct line to the Milton transformer station will ultimately cost Hydro approximately \$61 million, Mr. Paroian calculated. Ignoring Mr. Mosher's argument that the hypothesis would be totally impractical, Mr. Paroian built figures on top of the 23-mile distance which he said was the difference between the Bradley-Georgetown route and the shorter Bradley (Bruce)-to-Kitchener route. At a construction cost per mile of \$700,000, he reasoned, Hydro could spend an extra \$16 million to expand the line to Milton, and at the same time face a power loss of 25 megawatts for the additional distance. That amount of energy, Mr. Paroian learned, could be sold to consumers for \$3.3 million and increases tenfold through Hydro's practice of borrowing at a ten per cent interest rate. Adding \$12.5 million more to represent the cost of constructing a transformer station, he arrived at a total cost of \$61 million. Despite extensive haggling with Mr. Mosher over pertinent information and repeated refusals by Hydro lawyer Tom Marshall to provide evidence thus far not introduced, the landowner's lawyers established that no substantial studies were ever undertaken of the Bradley (Bruce)-to-Essa route, which is also shorter than the Bradley-Georgetown route. Mr. Mosher testified that the Bruce-to-Essa route was one of the five routing concepts considered by Hydro during 1970 and 1971 for their environmental aspects. A proposal to erect a 500 kilovolt line between Bruce and Essa was rejected, however, as a result of "many constraints" that were marked at the time on a reference map. When Mr. Mosher speculated that the map may have been subsequently discarded, Mr. Marshall refused a request to have a

Halton Helping Hands desperate for volunteers

Senior citizens or disabled persons who wish to remain in their homes are entitled to the assistance of volunteers, supervisor of Halton Helping Hands, Barb Stevens said on Monday. Mrs. Stevens however has no volunteers, yet she has 40 clients throughout Georgetown and Acton. She desperately needs someone who can drive a client to the Georgetown pool from 12-1 p.m.; someone who could change the double type of storm windows which the person has not been able to remove for five years; someone who could clean a yard; and someone willing to clean windows. These simple tasks are difficult for the senior citizen who has crippling arthritis, or even a mild form on a damp day. A disabled person is also unable to cut the grass, or plant a garden. Mrs. Stevens said she is not looking for one solitary volunteer to do all the work, but she would be content if someone would volunteer for a specific position. Anyone interested should call Barb Stevens at 878-2226.

Canoe voyage ends as Venturers attend PEI Jamboree

The excitement is over and the trip home has begun for the 15 members of the First Georgetown Venturers who canoed to Prince Edward Island. The boys and their Venturer advisor Howard Powell arrived Wednesday at the Canadian Jamboree at Cabot Park, P.E.I. when the Governor-General, Jules Léger, and a CBC television camera crew were all present for the official ceremonies. The Canadian Armed Forces air demonstration team, the Snowbirds, put on a performance after the ceremony. The Venturers were to present a plaque commemorating their 1,000 mile canoe trip to the mayor of Georgetown, P.E.I. from Georgetown, Ontario now part of Halton Hills. Four of the Venturers have already returned. Hob Heaton who drove the support van of supplies and camping equipment, Mike Dixon, and Brian and Tom Hastings arrived home Saturday afternoon with Carl Martino of Oakville. Some of the group are being picked up by their families during their vacation. Another group are picking up a van in Moncton and driving it back to Ontario for a company. Howard Powell and his son, Dale, will be visiting relatives and sight-seeing a bit in Moncton and Port Elgin, N.B., as well as Springhill, N.S. says Mrs. Powell. They were due to leave on July 10 or 11 and she expects them home by Friday (July 15). The Venturers arrival at CJ77 was covered by both Channel 9 television in Toronto who showed a brief clip of their arrival on the 11 o'clock news Friday evening, and by CFTR radio in Toronto who interviewed them live at noon on Wednesday. The Herald would like to correct two errors which appeared in last week's story on the Venturers. We said that they took the ferry from Cape Tormentine, N.B. to P.E.I. This is not correct. Apparently they discussed the crossing, then decided that after canoeing 1,000 miles they weren't going to use a ferry to go 24 miles across the bay. We also reported that Jeff Cole of Mississauga was with the Georgetown group. He did not make the trip, Mrs. Powell tells us.



Seven year old Tanya Morrow fed the small pony from Puck's Circus enough grass to give the pony plenty of energy throughout his performance.

The circus comes to town

Trailers from Puck's Circus rolled onto the grounds of the Way Jay Club in Norval Monday and a strange cargo began unloading. The performers wandered around the grounds of the club, stretching their legs after their long drive from Leamington. Disappointment showed on a few faces when the circus director wasn't sure if the backlot at the club is large enough to hold the tent. The owners of the Way-Jay Club weren't sure if they would move a few fences backwards to allow more room or if the circus would be held without the tent atmosphere. While the performers ate mountains of toast and donuts, gallons of coffee, tea and milk, a lion roared, a rooster crowed, horses whinnied and dogs barked. The final circus performance will be today (Wednesday) at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Way Jay Club in Norval. Before the show the crew checked the ropes, wires, seats lights, the props and a few costumes were mended. Clowns were the first to appear in make-up and costume, and the big show was ready for another performance. The time had come. The whistle blew, there was the National anthem, followed by the opening spectacle which is a salute to the Queen's Silver Jubilee. The act were full of suspense and children watched in wide-eyed wonder. The finale of the show brings back all the talented Canadian performers, every performer is a Canadian, who worked to entertain in a panoply of color and pageantry.

No committee, decision same day, Kerr says

Halton regional council shouldn't be making decisions based on committee meetings held earlier in the day, Milton Coun. Jim Kerr believes. Speaking following a council meeting last week, Mr. Kerr said the decision to accept the design of the new regional headquarters at a cost of nearly \$500,000 more than budget is an example of such action. He said he intends to make a written set of minutes for any committee meeting prior to that item being dealt with, or placed, on the council agenda. "There's no way that we should be discussing a major issue in a meeting in the morning and then making a decision in council in the same afternoon," he said. Total cost of the headquarters building is estimatee at \$2.5 million.



A happy group of Venturers from First Georgetown are seen as they arrived in a sheltered cove near the site of the Fourth Canadian Boy Scout Jamboree in Prince Edward Island Wednesday July 6. Fifteen of the boys manned the canoes while two others drove a van along the highway. The only concern of the Venturers was while sailing across the mouth of Miramichi Bay when a sudden squall came up but nothing serious developed. The trip started as a joke among the friends of the boys but ended in reality when they got to their destination to be welcomed by more than 16,000 Scouts and Venturers attending the Jamboree. Photo courtesy of Charlottetown Guardian-Patriot