



LEE URSELF

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Racing driver offers tips for soap box builders

Lee Urself is only 26, but he believes he has something to pass onto young people in Halton Hills.

He is co-ordinator for the Sixth Annual Georgetown Motor Sport Club's soap box derby, Sept. 18.

But instead of passing tips to the young people about how to drive a straight line through a curve in Formula Ford racing at Mosport or Shannonville, Ontario, the Mountinview Road North resident will be swinging a hammer helping to repair soap box cars and telling young people to drive straight down hill.

"If it (the car) does not look like it will fall apart going off the ramp," he said, "we will let them go down the hill."

Constructing a car which won't fall apart, however, is only part of the safety requirements for youngsters seven to 14 who wish to compete in the afternoon event.

Drivers must wear a helmet (any hockey or sports helmet will do) to prevent injury in case of accident. The carts themselves will in some cases reach 30 miles per hour by the time they get to the bottom of the hill. And the carts must also be equipped with a brake which works on the wheels.

Urself says its getting easier each year to set up the event. First brochures must be printed, rules set (which haven't been revised in three years), permission for road closing sought and each of the residents along Maple Avenue contacted prior to announcing the derby.

"They (the homeowners) think it's great," Urself said,

"and they always come out to watch. We only have some problems with the church. They have baptisms on that day."

But he sees no problem in overcoming the need for traffic into and out of Holy Cross Church. "We'll have the police direct traffic in and out of the church lot and stop the races."

The derby starts at 1 p.m. since the last mass at the church finishes about that time. Drivers and their cars must report for inspection, last minute repairs and preparation before participating in practice and official runs down the hill.

McDonald's Restaurant, sponsors of this year's Halton Hills Grand Prix, has removed one difficult aspect of organizing the event, Urself said in an interview Monday. It will provide the trophies and distribute vouchers for food to the participants. In past this has required members of the GTMSC to canvass local businesses for support.

"I am hoping for about 50 kids this year," he said. "Last year it fell off to about 40 and we had 50 the year before. It could have been something about the date. We had it early last year."

He says he enjoys organizing the derby, but "the hardest part is the day itself. We have to get up about 7 a.m. to go out to the farm to pick up hay bales. These are donated and used to keep kids from going in the river at the bottom of the hill."

More than 300 spectators are expected to view the event. Winners in the event are

restricted to residents of Halton Hills. The club recently reviews its position on who should be eligible for trophies and concurred in its belief that the event is primarily for the enjoyment of local people.

It is for that reason that the club has not taken out membership in the newly-formed Ontario Soap Box Derby Foundation, he says. Nor is the event linked with the large-scale and commercial-like American event held annually in Akron, Ohio.

Originally, Urself said, "the club thought it wanted to do something for the community and to get itself known, to get its name known." Prospective members could also be found from the annual soap box fraternity. The event is open to both girls and boys and will be run in three classes.

For those interested in entering, forms are available at The Herald and at Young's Pharmacy on Main Street. Measurements for construction of cars, to allow them to fit the start ramp by the club, are attached.

Wheels and weight play an important role in the construction of a cart, Urself cautions would-be car builders. If soap box wheels (the best) are not available, go-kart or lawn mower wheels are acceptable. But any wheel using ball bearings is probably better than average.

And the start crew will not accept any weight increases such as has happened in past. Unsecured objects are not allowed inside the car—the includes rocks added for extra speed.

CVCA political decision likely on dam removal

By KAREN WARD
Herald staff writer

The conclusions drawn by a consulting firm which performed an engineering study for Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) are against the removal of Papermill Dam, whereas the same study has recommended the removal of the dam.

"This study leaves the CVCA up the creek without a paddle," information office Joan Rollings said in an interview Monday. "It will definitely end up a political decision."

The major recommendation of the study states: "Ice control based on the removal

of the Papermill dam and the dredging of the head pond be adopted as a means of reducing ice jamming in Glen Williams."

But, the study conclusions state: "To remove the dam would be marginally uneconomical based upon a benefit-cost analysis and removal of the dam would not affect the ground water and wells in Glen Williams."

A further conclusion of the study states: "...removal of the papermill dam will alter the formation of the river in the area of ice jamming, but could create several ice jams

further downstream of the dam site."

The study stated four proposals which range in estimated cost of \$75,000 to \$2 million. Mrs. Rollings said.

The second, most inclusive proposal costs \$388,000. This proposal includes the removal of the Papermill dam, relocation of Delta Craft, Industries dredging the head pond, the removal of a rock island at the dam, widening the downstream channel, and channelizing the flood prone areas.

This proposal would protect for 100 year level storm.

The study was performed by a Willowdale consulting firm Chrysler and Lathan, and Mrs. Rollings described the study as "quite extensive." The consultants based quite a bit of the study on past history and included detailed pictures of the site.

A copy of the study has been sent to the ministry of environment for its engineers to comment on it. Mrs. Rollings said. Then, the study will return again to the CVCA.

30 attend birthday

Mrs. Ethel McMurdo, 168 Main St. S., Georgetown, was busy on the weekend preparing for a family reunion held in honor of her mother's birthday. Mrs. William McDonald's children and grandchildren all gathered together at Mrs. McMurdo's home Sunday afternoon. Mrs. McMurdo said the day was a success, with about 30 relatives present at dinner.

Hydro hearings end in stalemate

A major battle in the Interested Citizens Group's four-year-old war against the proposed Bradley-to-Georgetown hydro corridor ended last Tuesday, with an expropriation hearing dealing with the southern most section of the corridor route concluded, nine months after it began.

The hearing's final day at the Acton Legion Hall saw lawyers and spokesmen for Ontario Hydro and the affected landowners summarizing their arguments.

Before retiring to prepare his report for Energy Minister James Taylor, hearing officer Donald Meyrick told the lawyers that the corridor had become "a hard-fought issue of tremendous importance" during the course of the proceedings.

The hearing began Nov. 22, four months after an inquiry into the northern section of the corridor had concluded after only a few days. The hearing

of necessity for the central section took place in March, while divisional and appeal court proceedings continued to interrupt the Halton Hills inquiry.

Amid charges that Hydro has ignored a recent ruling by the Ontario Supreme Court of Appeal that evidence of alternative route studies must be considered, Hydro lawyer Tom Marshall maintained that the examination of any major variations in the Bradley-to-Georgetown line were outside the hearing's terms of reference.

The placement of the corridor between Bradley and Georgetown, he argued, had been previously determined as the best route by a Hydro environmental study and by public inquiries conducted by the Environmental Hearing Board and the 1974 Solandt Commission.

"There is ample evidence that Hydro has thoroughly investigated alternative

routes," Mr. Marshall said, "but there has been no evidence presented to you that would support any other possible alternative. It is inconceivable that (the landowners) have been unable to produce supporting evidence for that kind of alternative. They did so at previous hearings."

Mr. Meyrick acknowledged that such testimony was given at the initial inquiries into the route selection process and denied a motion by the citizens' lawyers for a month-long adjournment, during which they could prepare the evidence. Despite ICG spokesmen John Schneider's comparison of the task of obtaining information from Hydro to a dentist extracting a tooth, Mr. Meyrick offered only a two day adjournment.

The lawyers argued that two days would not be sufficient time and agreed to proceed without a break.

Although Mr. Marshall

claimed to have produced all the information necessary for Mr. Meyrick to make his decision, the citizens' lawyers insisted that shorter, less expensive and less socially damaging alternative routes exist.

Leon Parolan, lawyer for ICG director Walter Scott, noted from the reports of an Ontario Supreme Court and the Supreme Court of Appeal.

"To eliminate the question of alternatives negates the value of the inquiry," he read. Quoting the energy minister, he added, "Hydro must demonstrate that the concerns of the landowners have been fully appreciated and investigated."

Instead, Mr. Parolan said, Hydro denies owners the right to examine its planning process that led to the selection of the route. A similar failure, on Hydro's part in southwestern Ontario, he pointed out, led one expropriation officer to conclude

that the utility's application had to be denied.

"Why wouldn't Hydro volunteer that information?" he asked. "How will the truth hurt? Hydro has the unmitigated gall as the fourth largest corporation in the world, to tell these people they'll have to come up with their own evidence."

Speaking hypothetically, Mr. Parolan described a situation in which Hydro applies to "The Meyrick Bank" for a loan. The public complains because Hydro has failed to complete its application form, but is told by Hydro that it is the public's obligation to complete the form.

Lawyer Dick Howitt, representing most of the affected landowners in Halton Hills, advised Mr. Meyrick against accepting Hydro's statement that the route has already been approved in general.

"If the route choice is an

inflexible decision, then there was no reason to hold their hearing and the Expropriation Act is rendered completely useless," he said.

Mr. Howitt speculated that the Solandt Commission's report may have recommended an alternative route if the commission had been supplied with the pertinent information which he claimed Hydro is hiding. As an example, he pointed out that Solandt and others believed the corridor's proposed terminus at Milton to be a transformer station, when it is shown this week to be simply a switching station.

"Where is the urgent need to specifically get to Milton if it is only a switching station?" Mr. Howitt asked.

Mr. Schneider added that Hydro fooled Solandt, Mr. Meyrick and even Premier William Davis into accepting a statement that the route has already been approved in general.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Readers reply to furniture costs letter

To the editor of The Herald:

It is our understanding that in this week's edition of the newspaper (August 24, 1977) there will be a letter from Mrs. Joan Lister, Chairman of the Halton Hills Library Board, typed and signed by Mrs. Cornwell. We wish to reply to this letter.

In the budget for the new library dated January 12, 1977, the building was to have 18,000 square feet for the cost of \$275,000. Since then the area has been reduced to 17,000 square feet for the cost of no more than \$750,000, this cost being laid down by council. No where in this capital budget does it mention parking facilities or landscaping. How long will it be before the taxpayers are asked for more money to cover costs such as landscaping and parking facilities, these being both necessary and expensive, particularly paved parking facilities since there is

no on-street parking at the Cedarvale site. Construction costs of parking facilities could be raised if problems arise, such as the necessity of relocating sewers, cables, etc., if they are obstructive.

We cannot argue with the calculations of the town treasurer. The average household will be paying \$3.20 for 20 years to pay off the \$400,000 debenture. Has anyone stopped to consider that the final repayment figure at \$3.20 for 20 years (being paid by approximately 20,000 households) represents a repayment in excess of 1.2 million dollars? Also, we point out that this building is designed for an addition in five years (1982). We must assume, then, that taxpayers will be required to pay additional costs for other debentures issued for this project.

Contrary to Mrs. Lister's letter, we and others like us are not opponents of the li-

brary, we are opponents of the proposed Cedarvale site. With all the controversy concerning the library, one would think that the Library Board would be, by now, well aware of our position. Since it appears they

are not, we shall reiterate our stand once again, WE ARE NOT OPPOSING THE LIBRARY, WE ARE OPPOSING THE CEDARVALE SITE.

Mary Breckenridge,
Susan Breckenridge.

Norval group expresses concern over water, street lights

By DOROTHY McLEAN
Herald correspondent

The executive of Norval Community Association met at the Norval School Community Centre on Monday evening, Aug. 15, with Hugh McFarlane presiding.

Concern was expressed that there has been no definite commitment made from the Ontario government regarding water for the village. It was decided that Art Reinhardt, chairman of the water committee, will arrange a meeting with MPP Julian Reed, regional coun. Russ Miller, and Halton Hills Coun. Pat Patterson, to discuss what action can be taken next and report the results at the next meeting.

It was also reported that Halton Hills council has taken no action on the recommendation for better street lights for the village. Homeowners were canvassed in the spring and the brief was presented to Halton Hills council in May but so far it has not been dealt with at a work's committee meeting.

Frustration was the general feeling of the meeting especially after many hours of work by various committees bring no results. The mood of the members was that they were fed up with promises, promises, but no action. Action will be taken by the lighting committee to get Halton Hills council moving on this project.

George Smith reported that plans are well underway for the fall dance to be held at the Way Jay Club, the former Riviera, on Saturday, Nov. 26.

This is the only money making project of the Norval Community Association to meet the expenses of renting a room in the Norval School Community Centre for Norval activities and for support of these activities, so mark your calendar now. The aim is for this dance to be a real community party. For the dance to be a success it needs the support of everyone in the community.

Jamie Cunningham, recreation chairman, reported that minor baseball is going well this summer with 67 children

and teenagers registered. A thank you letter will be sent to the six local businesses that sponsored a team by purchasing sweaters.

Jamie reported that fall activities for the Community Centre include Ping pong, Brownies, Norval Neighbors Club, Yoga, Modern square dancing club, Euchre and movies every other Thursday evening. Flyers will go out in the mail with details about these activities.

The design of the "Welcome to Norval" signs was chosen with Bob Crawford in charge of getting them made and installed.

Plans for the community public meeting to be held on

Thursday evening, Oct. 20th, were discussed and it was decided to invite a speaker from the Peel Regional government as half of the members live in Peel.

Joyce Hutton, secretary, reported that 14 "Welcome to Norval" letters were sent to new families who have moved into the community recently.

Pat Patterson is chairman of a committee looking into the feasibility of restoring the old Norval school and they will have a report soon.

The next executive meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 19.

Congratulations to Bill Pomeroy who has been notified from the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, France, that he is to be honored at their world conference to be held in Rome early in October for his outstanding feat of breaking the world speed record with his own homemade plane at the speed trials held last summer on July 11 at the Brampton Flying Club.

The 4H Club project for the fall will be "World of Food in Canada." Any girl in the community who has reached the age of 12 by September 1 is welcome to join the club.

The training school for the leaders will be held on September 12 and 13. Meetings will be held weekly. For particulars about the course and the dates of the meetings contact leaders Mrs. Ina Terry 455-8373, or Mrs. Ruth Hyatt 455-8373.

Finn H. Poulstrup, Real Estate has opened business offices in the former Tripp Real Estate office on Guelph Street, Norval near the Norval School Community Centre. We welcome this new business to the village.

Mr. Poulstrup's wife, Joanne, works at the office most days. They have two sons, Jake, 5, and Adam, 3-years-old. They live on Fagan Drive, Georgetown.

R.C. (Bob) Ollivier is representative of the business and Irene Zillio is secretary.

Newcomers to the village Mr. and Mrs. C. Hawkins and family who purchased the former White house at the east end of the village, came home from shopping early Thursday evening to find the laundry room at the back of the house on fire and the rest of the house filled with smoke. Halton Hills fire department contained the blaze to the laundry room where the ceiling and floor were badly burned.

According to the firemen the Hawkins family discovered the fire just in time to save the rest of their home. It is believed that the fire started from wiring.

Mr. Hawkins is employed at Beckett Elevator, Toronto. They have three children, Steven, 10, Trudy, 13, who will attend Centennial School in Georgetown, and Sherrie 14, will be starting high school in September.

The Hawkins family moved from Hawks Place, Georgetown about three months ago and we welcome them to Norval.

Sam and Joyce Nell and family have moved into the former Rudd home on Draper Street, next to Mrs. Dorothy McDonald's about two weeks ago from Mountainview Road, Georgetown.

Mr. Nell is employed by Continental New Toronto. They have two teenagers at home. Kevin, 15, and Sharon, 14. Kevin has been attending Georgetown and District high school and Sharon will start high school in September.

They also have a married son and two grandchildren. We welcome the Nell family to the village.

Ice cream was gulping good

The second annual ice-cream eating contest held at Kentner's Dairy Bar was a huge success.

About 50 children participated in the contest and not one child was sick. The winner succeeds by eating a chocolate ice cream cone, faster than his other contestants but by eating more than his competitors.

Gord Dolg, downed his ice cream cone in 18 seconds, judge Larry Martin announced. Gord participated in the 11-15 age group. John DeHaas came second and Dave Griffiths came third.

The winner of the 7-10 category were all from Eleanor Crescent, Georgetown. Donald Corrigan was first place, Ian

Fudge was second-place winner and Eleanore Corrigan placed third.

Only two tots participated in the 0-6 age group, with Bryan Mathews taking the lead and Marcus Thuwich placing second.

Robin Mathews, who said she didn't really want to participate, beat Harold Frederickson and owner Dave Kentner.

Spectators crammed the Dairy Bar cheering on the contestants. Larry Martin said he was afraid one child would be ill, but after taking a little walk around the restaurant the child felt better.

Contestants were all given glasses of water to cool their mouths down as they gobbled up the ice cream. Comments of "oooh, it's so cold" filled the restaurant.

First place winners were given a fountain treat of their choice, a large bag of potato chips and a jumbo bottle of coke. Second place winners were given a sundae treat of their choice, a large bag of potato chips and a jumbo bottle of coke. Third place winners received an ice cream cone, a large bag of chips, and a jumbo bottle of Coke.

Stephanie Kentner rounded up the contestants for the day, Lori Kentner and Julie Ferraro served the ice cream cones to the participants. Dave Kentner supervised the contest and Larry Martin handled the judging of the contest. "Good fun was had by all," he said.

Andy Cavanagh eyed his fellow contestants, in an ice-cream contest held Saturday at Kentner's Dairy Bar, as he quickly ate his ice cream cone. He didn't eat the cone fast enough though for Gord Dolg won in the 11-15 year old group.



Robin Mathews, 17 Credit St., Glen Williams, was the winner of the 16 and over group competing in an ice cream contest held at Kentner's Dairy Bar on Saturday. Dave Kentner, referee and watched her slowly as she gobbled up her cone. She beat her competitor Harold Frederickson by about 10 seconds.



CADETS RETURN

Five cadets from the 678 Lorne Scots Army Cadet Corps have returned home after spending the last six weeks at Ipperwash Army Cadet Camp. While at camp, they received instruction in the use of the FNCI rifle, repelling, fieldcraft, watermanship, and instructional techniques. The skills learned this summer will be of great value when instructing cadets this year. Pictured above are: front row, Brian Steed, Blain Steed. Second row: Sgt. David Olthen, Sgt. David Hodskins and Sgt. Wayne Gale.