



HERE'S HOW IT'S DONE

Therese Scholz received an assist from one of the instructors at the Y's Christmas and craft workshop, which was held on Nov. 29 and 30. The women worked on a variety of crafts, including decorative wreaths, and ornamental dolls.

Norval district news

By MRS. DOROTHY MCLEAN Herald correspondent

A good number of the Pinevalley Squares from the Norval modern square dancing group visited Ferguson on Friday evening, December 2nd, to attend a "Christmas Quakers Party" sponsored by the Elora modern square dancing group.

Earl MacArthur was one of the lucky ones of the evening winning one of the door prizes. The Alexander Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Norval Presbyterian Church held their Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. Clure Archdekin on Monday afternoon, December 5th.

Mrs. Gertrude McGee, president, opened the meeting by reading a Christmas poem. A letter from Mrs. McLean, president of the Brampton Presbyterian, was read announcing the annual meeting of the Brampton Presbyterial to be held on Tuesday, February 7th, at 9:30 p.m. in Boston Church.

The White Gifts were in the form of a collection of money to be donated to the school for the retarded adults at Hornby to assist with their Christmas. Gifts were also received to be donated to Halton Centennial Manor.

Mrs. McGee opened the devotional period with a reading "Christ Our Redeemer." Christmas carols were sung between the various readings of the program. Mrs. Bernice Bell gave a scripture reading from Luke and Mrs. John M. McClure led in prayer. Mrs. McGee read another scripture reading from Luke and Mrs. Bell gave a reading "Kicking the Commercial Christmas Habits", this brought many ideas of Christmas giving.

The roll call was answered with a Christmas verse with 17 present. Singing of Christmas carols ended the program and Mrs. McGee closed the meeting with prayer after which a social time was enjoyed with Mrs. Elmer Carney assisting the hostess serve a dainty lunch.

The Christmas meeting of Unit Two of Norval United Church U.C.W. was held at the home of Mrs. Marilyn Smith on Wednesday evening, December 7th, starting with a delicious pot luck supper at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Phyllis Moffatt presided for the meeting. Deanna Clew and Ella Laidlaw gave the devotional with Ella giving a Christmas reading Marilyn Smith gave a Christmas reading "What Christmas Means to Me" by Helen Rice.

A sing song of carols was enjoyed followed by Ella Laidlaw assisted by her niece Barbara demonstrating how to make a Christmas corsage.

A kitchen shower for the church kitchen will be held at the next meeting to be held in the church on January 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Barnhill were host and hostess at their home in Brampton for Unit One of Norval United Church U.C.W. and their husbands and a few friends at their Christmas pot luck luncheon on Saturday afternoon, December 10th with 28 present.

Following the delicious buffet luncheon, Mrs. Agnes

Miller opened a short program with a poem "Recipe for Happiness". Mrs. May Cleave gave an inspirational devotional based on the Christmas story and peace for mankind, with Mrs. Catherine Laidlaw reading the scripture lesson.

Mrs. Marion Laird, Mrs. Muriel Wey, Mrs. Kay Wilson and Mrs. Dorothy McLean put on a short skit "The Time of the Stranger" with the message that a little kindness shown to others will help bring the Christmas peace into their lives.

Mrs. Kay Wilson thanked the Barnhills for their hospitality after which a sing song of favourite carols was enjoyed around the organ with Mrs. Marg Ridley playing the organ.

Rev. R. Walter Ridley pronounced the benediction at the end of a very enjoyable afternoon.

Mrs. Helen Louth of Norval, who has retired from the Orenda division of Hawker Sydney where she was employed in the office of the shipping and receiving department for 21 years, was honoured with a farewell party at the plant recently and showered with gifts and good wishes for the future.

She was presented with a gold typewriter charm for her charm bracelet, a gold wrist watch, a large size suitcase to match her luggage, and the boys of the department presented her with a plaque they had made of her desk and chair where she had worked for so many years. Following the presentation of gifts and speeches the girls she had worked with took her out to lunch. The party was a surprise for Mrs. Louth.

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Four natural rinks ordered immediately

The construction of four natural ice rinks in town will begin immediately, finance administration committee decided Monday.

The committee authorized immediate construction after the item was returned from council the week before because councillors could not agree on the working of the resolution.

Under the wording adopted by committee, which wanted the rinks ready before the Christmas break, the expectation is that local citizens will maintain the rinks after town crews have flooded them but that if necessary the rinks will be maintained by the town.

The town will also consider proposals from other areas in town where the residents are prepared to maintain the rinks themselves.

The committee agreed that on the four sites, town works crews would help in the case of a heavy snow fall. The four approved sites are McKenzie-Smith middle school, Joseph Gibbons Park, Joseph Gibbons school and Harrison school.

Suzy Lorita, spokesman for a group of residents from the Joseph Gibbons park area, told committee they were angry because they were angry council had not passed the resolution the week before. She outlined the use of the neighborhood rink, which was used "constantly".

Service from the town last year was "terrific," she said and this year the cleaning duties would be shared by 10 families in the neighbourhood.

Crews on Corners

Works committee will be asking council to pass a resolution expressing agreement with the signing of the Crews on Corners area as a statutory 50 km-h speed zone.

Township council brought the matter of speed limits in the area to works committee's attention because it is that council's wish to reduce the present 80 km-h limit and the area is the intersection of boundary roads between Erin township, Halton Hills, and Milton.

Since the area qualifies as a "bull-up area," under the Highway Traffic Act, no by-law is required to establish such a statutory speed zone. Erin will be erecting the necessary signs.

Ramautarsingh elected

A Georgetown man has recently been elected to the executive of a new university organization — the Council of Ontario University Alumni Associations. Tom Ramautarsingh is vice chairman of the organization which has as its main objectives the fostering of communication between provincial alumni associations. Mr. Ramautarsingh is an alumni of Sir Wilfrid Laurier University. Chairman of the organization is Gordon Whitehead of the University of Western Ontario. Anna Young of the University of Toronto is the secretary.

1978 capital budget forecast to 1982 in council's hands

Halton Hills council has received a draft of the 1978 capital budget calling for expenditures of \$1.8 million and a capital forecast for 1979 to 1982.

The draft budget lets council set priorities, determine how to pay for the projects with the implications on present and future debt charges and forward the budget to Halton Region for inclusion in the over all capital expenditures quota required by the Ontario Municipal Board.

In the 1978 capital budget, \$677,800 will come from the 1978 operating budget, \$677,100

from subsidies, \$20,000 from reserve funds and \$521,000 from debentures. In all there are 23 capital projects the town will attempt but cuts are possible by council.

A list of the projects, their cost and financing follows:

- Purchase of off-street parking in Acton - \$50,000 funded by debenture;
- \$20,000 for a rescue van in fire area 1 (Acton) funded out of the 1978 operating budget;
- \$100,000 for parking at the firehall in Acton, funded by debenture;

- \$60,000 for a fire pumper in fire area 2 (Georgetown) funded by debenture;
- Road construction and erosion control amounting to \$1,651,000 of which \$405,000 comes from the 1978 operating budget and \$645,000 from subsidies. These projects are:

- \$375,000 for reconstruction of Main St. South in Acton;
- \$100,000 for Lakeview storm sewer construction; \$260,000 for reconstruction of Main St. South in Georgetown; \$135,000 for reconstruction of Henry Street, Mary Street and Cleaveholme Drive; \$130,000 for reconstruction of Prince Charles Drive; \$40,000 for erosion control in Metcalf ravine and \$11,000 for erosion control in Regan Crescent.

- \$40,000 for improvements to the works yard, funded from the 1978 operating budget;
- \$170,500 for equipment purchase of which \$150,500 will come from the operating budget and \$20,000 from reserve funds;

- Recreation and parks expenditures account for \$174,000 of which \$26,400 is for a sprinkler system at the Georgetown Memorial Arena; \$16,000 for reconstruction of Acton tennis courts; \$60,000 for a new roadway into Cedarvale Park and a bridge over the creek; and \$72,000 for construction of soccer fields at Gordon Alcott Arena.

Of the parks and recreation expenditures, \$31,800 is from the 1978 operating budget, \$31,600 from subsidies and \$111,000 by debentures.

- \$30,000 to the library board, funded from the 1978 operating budget;
- \$200,000 to the Georgetown Hydro commission, funded by debenture.

In the period 1979 to 1982 capital projects total \$4,611,000 of which \$2,354,500 are from operating budgets, \$1,402,000 from subsidies and \$854,500 from reserve funds and lot levies plus \$400,000 in self-liquidating debentures.

In his report to council, treasurer Ray King noted that as of Dec. 31, 1977 existing debenture debt for local town purposes was \$1,354,514. Based on a population of 33,993, the per capita debt is \$39.85. The percentage of debt to equalized assessment is .45 per cent, below the town's limit of one percent which itself is below the OMB's guidelines of 1.5 per cent.

Projected debenture debt by 1982 is \$1,186,514 which on a projected population of 44,796 would be a per capita debt of \$26.04. The percentage of debt to equalized assessment would be .32 per cent. Maximum allowable debt by 1982 would be \$3,620,000.

No provision was made in the 1978 capital budget or the forecast for expansion of the town's offices on Trafalgar Road.

Endorsation refused

A request from Toronto asking Halton Hills support of a resolution adopted by the City of Stratford calling upon the province to pass legislation enabling individual municipalities to pass bylaws prohibiting the sale of non-returnable soft-drink containers failed Monday to receive the endorsement of finance-administration committee.

Acton grant

A request of the Acton Centennial Atom Hockey Tournament for \$200 to cover the cost of crests has been deferred until 1978 because the 1977 grants budget is all but spent.

Sheep producers annual meeting

HENRY J. STANLEY Herald correspondent

Some 90 sheep producers and friends from this area of Ontario met for the annual meeting of Zone 3 Ontario Sheep Association at the Cotton Golf Club, Guelph on Saturday, December 3rd. Highlights were the excellent smorgasbord at noon and the talk by Richard Everett, shepherd at Mac-Mar, Beaverton.

Mr. Everett told of the management of this flock owned by George McLaughlin, former Chairman of the Ontario Milk Marketing Board.

The 700 ewes are a mixture of Ramouillet, Finnish Landrace, Corriedale and Dorset breeding. Suffolk rams are used on one-half the flock to produce market lambs while the other half produce replacement ewe lambs for adding to the flock and for sale to others.

Mr. Everett stated that ewe lambs which are kept for breeding must weigh eight lbs. at birth if they are twins and 12 lbs. if single. They select the top one-half based upon their 90-day weights and freedom from other physical defects. They have started to blood test all of the ewes at 90 days for pregnancy.

Special guests were contestants from the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Ladies Lead Class from this area - Debbie McMillan, Milton; Holly Hurren, Campbellville; and Valerie Knight, Puslinch.

Directors from Halton to the Zone for the coming year are Doug Garthouse, Milton and Dr. Brian Buckrell, Georgetown.

This year a special Sheep Congress is to be held for two days in July at the Ontario Test Station near New Hamburg. This two-day event will feature the R.O.P. Ram and Ewe Sale, the Western Ontario Ewe Sale, competitions, displays, speeches, etc.

Limehouse news

By Mrs. A.W. BENTON Herald correspondent

We extend sympathy to Mrs. Sam Mileham and family in the passing of Mr. Mileham a week ago.

We also extend sympathy to Mrs. R. Packer and family in the passing of Mr. Packer last week. Dick was well known here having lived here for a few years after immigrating from England.

Communion services were observed at Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

The Sunday School children enjoyed the annual Christmas dinner party on Sunday afternoon.



GETTING HER TEETH INTO IT

Stephanie Kentner, 9, works on the wire and cotton body she hopes to turn into a Christmas fairy like the one Gail Collett was teaching her to make at the Col-Craft decoration workshop



CRAFTS ON DISPLAY

Gail Russell and Noreen McElhorne display some of the Christmas decoration crafts which were offered for sale at Bet-Uanne's fashion shop on Main Street Saturday. The sale was sponsored by Zeta Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

You were ready for second snow fall

A snow storm Thursday, the second in a week to hit Halton Hills, did not catch as many people unprepared as did the first on Monday.

Police report, however, that the roads were bad. Halton Police Superintendent Floyd Schwartz said there was an increase in the number of traffic accidents. He urged drivers to have more caution and be wary of people walking on the roads.

Milton detachment of the Ontario Provincial police said no bad accidents were reported but there were a number of "fender-benders."

Roads were in rough shape, a lot of cars were in the ditch, and visibility was at times almost zero, the spokesman said.

No roads were closed. The first storm is kind of rough but for the second storm, "people are a little better adjusted."

It was much the same story from the Guelph detachment of the OPP, according to a spokesman, who noted that there were fewer accidents during the bad storm than on a "normal day". People are obviously driving with more caution in bad weather.

Halton Hills deputy engineer Ted Ballinger said the town work crews managed to cope

with the storm without any serious problem. "We were prepared," he added. The town's three snow plows were working steadily and there was some overtime as is usual in cases of storms of that kind.

Mr. Ballinger said one of the biggest problems facing the snowplows are cars parked on the road for more than three hours between midnight and 7 a.m., in contravention of a town bylaw. Police are supposed to ticket the cars, which could also be towed away, he said.

Thanks expressed for UNICEF donations

To the editor of The Herald: Once again it is time to express my sincere thanks to all the children in the Georgetown area who carried U.N.I.C.E.F. boxes at Halloween. To the people who gave generously, Verdun Rebekah Lodge, Knox Presbyterian Women's Association and the Countess of Strathmore Chapter I.O.D.E. who sent cheques. To the faithful friends who sorted, counted and wrapped the mounds of pennies, etc. (without them it couldn't be carried on). Some of these helpers have never missed a year in the 15 years I have been Voluntary Convener. My grateful thanks again to the staff at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce who so cheerfully checked it all.

This year's total of \$1,350.44 will go a long way to "Help U.N.I.C.E.F. Help" Their purpose is "Not Handouts but Help."

This means teaching well drilling for clean water, medicines to check disease, school supplies, training teachers and nurses, who in turn go out to teach others in their own language. About pre natal care and the importance of inoculating their children. Teaching improved farming methods, supplying tools and grains, etc.

U.N.I.C.E.F. has so many long range projects for improving living standards in the Underprivileged Countries. Someday take years to accomplish, but they are doing their utmost. They believe every human being has the right to good health, education and decent living conditions. Georgetown and area children are trying to do their share to help make "A Better World."

Sincerely,
Jean W. Barber (Mrs. K.D.)

Committee vetoes vinyl

Finance-administration committee has turned down a request from the Acton fire-fighters association who wanted the renovated fire station to have a vinyl wall covering in the building at a cost of \$2,900.

The specifications for the renovation call for a drywall installation, throughout the building except for two mylar walls in the lounge, acting chairman Peter Marks told the committee Monday. He added that neither the fire chief nor all the fire fighters wanted the vinyl.

The cost of having vinyl in just the lounge would be about \$500, Coun. Marks said.

Coun. Roy Booth said that if the fire fighters wanted to dress up their lounge, "It's about time they got doing some of the work themselves." The lounge of the Georgetown fire fighters was done by the fire fighters themselves and didn't cost the town "one red cent."

Town to split pick up fees

Works committee recommended Monday that Halton Hills absorb half of the cost paid by the Parking Authority for coin handling.

Earlier this year the Authority asked the town to pick up the entire \$950 for coin handling, as well as \$225 for legal and audit fees and \$300 for rental of a storage and repair area. Discussion with the town treasurer Ray King led to the proposal for equally sharing the fees for coin handling. No other money will be given to the authority.

Town engineer Bob Austin also vetoed the authority's request that the town do certain works such as sweeping, welding, snow removal and other minor maintenance work as requested because the town has neither the staff, the equipment nor the money for these functions.

DONATIONS 1977	
Centennial Sr. Public School	208.95
Stewarttown Sr. Public School	89.85
Georgetown & District High School	103.57
Verdun Rebekah Lodge	25.00
Countess of Strathmore Chapter I.O.D.E.	10.00
Georgetown District Christian School	130.11
Glen Williams Public School	79.63
Joseph Gibbons Public School	91.36
Howard Wrigglesworth Public School	70.56
Park Public School	43.52
Knox Presbyterian Sunday School	60.51
Limehouse Public School	3.37
St. John's United Sunday School	117.03
Norval & Huttonville United Sunday Schools	68.20
St. George's Anglican Sunday School	58.45
Mountainview Baptist Sunday School	17.93
Georgetown Library	17.87
St. Andrew's United Sunday School	50.00
Glen Williams & Norval Anglican Sunday Schools	23.02
Knox Presbyterian Women's Association	25.00
Balance in Bank from 1976	3.44
Norval & Union Presbyterian Sunday School	62.06
	\$1,344.43

Deposit slips Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Acct. 2201518	
November 7	85.00
November 10	352.37
November 15	479.06
November 21	105.50
November 24	204.51
November 25	61.52
November 27	50.00
November 30	3.03
Balance 1976	3.44
	\$1,344.43

I am respectfully submitting my 15th Annual Report as Voluntary Convener for U.N.I.C.E.F. Halloween donations. Enclosed please find cheque in the amount of \$1,344.43.