

# Snow, wind cause havoc on area roads

While people in the midst of a storm always see the present situation as the worst they can recall an Environment Canada climatologist says we were in exactly the same circumstances at this time last year.

"Last year we had the same kind of frontal wind and snow in fields was drifting around. Driving conditions were poor, particularly in the Barrie area where most of the roads were closed," he said.

As of press time Tuesday afternoon, a forecaster from the same government service predicted that the worst would be over by this morning. Wind was expected to die down last night although it was expected that brisk winds would continue for the next day or so, and temperatures were expected to rise slightly.

Haltom Hills works superintendent Frank Morette said workmen would keep roads clear as well as possible while the winds continued. There were plans to declare any roads closed.

The high winds, in addition to causing difficulties with maintaining roads, made sanding "futile", Mr. Morette said.

"The sanding is really doing no good. We can't use salt because it's too cold," he said. "We're only sanding for appearance's sake at intersections."

He explained that sand merely holds the snow to the roads.

Haltom Hills schools were open although buses were not running. The board of education said they would "play each day by ear" and parents would have to check the situation by listening for bulletins on a Brampton radio station.

Ontario Provincial Police at Milton and Guelph recommended that motorists stay off the roads. No roads were officially closed but many west of Georgetown were barely passable.

Men running towing services in the area say they are getting more calls to remove cars from snowbanks than to pick up the pieces of wrecks.

Fred Tolton says that accidents that do happen in this weather tend to be less serious. Drivers seem to slow down and they bounce off rather than inflict extensive damage.

"The snow makes great brakes," he says, "and it doesn't damage cars when they land in a snowbank."

Superintendent Floyd Schwartz of the Haltom Hills Police said that drivers seemed to be taking extra care. There were a number of accidents in the police files in which poor road conditions were a factor. However none of them included serious injuries and only one included extensive property damage.

GO Transit reported problems getting buses through between Guelph and Georgetown. GO spokesman, Tom Henry, recommended trains

as the most reliable method of transportation under the type of road conditions prevailing for the past few days.

Georgetown and District Memorial hospital reported no "drastic" injuries resulting from the storm.

Fuel deliveries were hampered by road conditions and at least one truck was reported stuck on a sideroad north of Georgetown. Deliveries were being made as usual, although a few emergency calls came in.

Sid Spears of Ballinafad has been "run off his feet" with emergency calls to repair furnaces. The high winds place a greater strain on the furnace because of the constant operation and thus older furnaces tend to break down in cold, windy weather.

Bad roads gave the rural mail carriers problems yesterday, too. Deliveries went through as scheduled to all the Acton routes except rural route 2. The lower portions of the Third, Fourth, Fifth and

Sixth lines received delivery, but up into Erin Township near Highway 24 the roads became impassible and the mailman had to give up.

At press time, Georgetown mailmen had not returned to the post office, except the one for rural route 4, who had to turn back because an accident blocked the road.

As Mr. Morette indicated "the only thing you can do with a storm like this is ride it out."

## Liberals name officers

The Brampton-Georgetown Federal Liberal Association held its second annual meeting Wednesday at Snelgrove Community Centre.

The meeting was called to elect a slate of officers for 1978, hear from the outgoing executive, elect delegates to a Liberal National Convention in February, and to listen to guest speaker Ross Milne.

New association president is Ron Nelson, a Brampton resident and a teacher at Georgetown District High School. Other executive members are Frank Allen vice-president; Cameron Welsh, secretary; Lynn Callahan, treasurer; president of organization; Marg Whitaker, vice-president for committees; Alice Walker, vice-president for Georgetown; George Henderson, rural vice-

president, Doreen Lithwood, vice-president for Bramalea; and Sam Stubbs, vice-president for Brampton.

The Brampton-Georgetown association was formed to conform to new federal restructuring of federal ridings. Currently, until the next election Hoss Milne is the member for Peel-Dufferin-Simcoe. During the campaign he will be running in the Brampton-Georgetown riding.

Because this was the association's first year, outgoing president Rick Weller said in his report that it had been a difficult year but he considered it a success. He stressed the association was in readiness if an election was called.

Delegates to attend the Liberal party's national policy convention in Ottawa Feb. 24, 25 and 26 were chosen at the

meeting.

During his speech to the association, Milne told the members that "the convention will show where this party stand on questions like national unity. There will be some very fundamental choices to be made."

At the convention, attended by delegates and alternates from every riding association across Canada, policy for the party election platform will be debated.

The elected delegates from the Brampton-Georgetown association elected are Pat Emmott, Rick Weller, Norm Emmott, Bill Agnew, Jeanne Milne, Rob Milne and Lynn Callahan. Alternates elected are Doreen Lithwood, George Henderson, Marg Whitaker, Brenda Brook, Pat McCarthy, Linda Reid and Sam Hundah.

## Ballinafad

By WINIFRED SMITH  
Herald correspondent

The first meeting of the New Year for the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Leo Jamieson on the afternoon of Jan. 4.

Twenty members answered the roll call, which proved to be quite interesting when each had a beef which could be used for a resolution.

Members were pleased to welcome back Mrs. Retu Shortill who through illness, has not been able to attend as regularly as she would like.

Mrs. Emily Plouffe gave a report on the Area Convention she attended in November. Mrs. Stessoritis also commended favourably on the convention.

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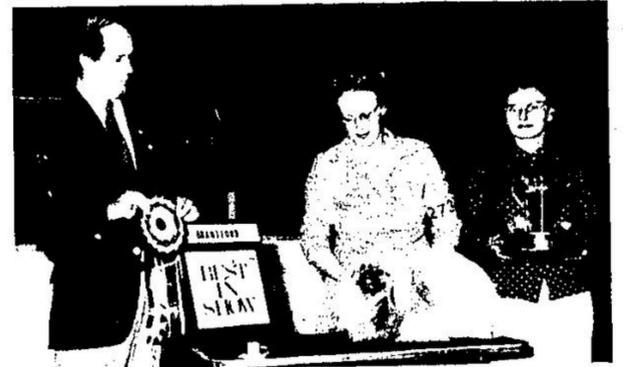
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## Yo-Yo is a top dog

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## JOYCE BEATON

### A pleasant joy

Isn't it a joy to be served by a good waitress? Women should be appreciative of waitresses if for no other reason than they can identify so closely — and sympathize so readily.

I don't think I've ever had what I would call a really "bad" waitress. I guess it's because I think anyone who has the job needs all the help she can get, and I try not to make her task any heavier. Recently, I had the pleasure of being so impressed by a waitress I left her a note of appreciation with my tip.

I was feeling particularly tired on the evening in question and had to eat alone before going to an evening assignment. Her perception was marvellous. The setting was a noisy, busy truck stop and in the midst of all her duties she took the time to smile as she approached my table and to say, "You look tired this evening, what can I get you to make you feel better."

Served gracefully She was in like Flynn. I responded immediately by feeling ever so much better (this is often the way when someone appears to really care). I have never enjoyed eating alone but this evening in particular was different. Sue saw to it my meal was served as gracefully as you can serve a meal under those circumstances. She chatted when she had a few minutes and it wasn't mindless prattle. It was the conversation of an educated young woman, which intrigued me even more. Why on earth would a college student wait on tables to make a living, especially one who had taken a year off her studies to save some money? Her answer was simple, she could make good tips and I believed her. I made sure mine was generous.

Since my happy encounter with Sue (who I now must confess is one of my favourite waitresses) I have been curious as to how women can stand the job. It's been my observation they encounter all kinds of abuses in what must surely be one of the most thankless jobs in the world.

Some of their gripes Here are a few of the things I've been told a waitress must endure while performing her job:

— There are customers who actually insult and embarrass waitresses by leaving a penny tip under the plate. Most waitresses would prefer no tip at all to this mindless act.

— Even when waitress is wearing a name tag she is often called to the table by a customer by such chauvinist terms as "sweetie", "honey", or "Toots". Can you imagine a waiter accepting with good grace being summoned as "gorgeous" or "big boy"?

— When a waitress is obviously swamped with work, customers will insist upon being waited on first and then want her undivided attention even when others around them sat down first.

— It's not infrequent for a customer to say "no thanks" when offered a coffee, a glass of water, or dessert, but then holler for it later when the waitress is busy waiting on others.

— There are customers who insist on asking questions about the woman's personal life and think she should be flattered when asked what she's doing after work. It's my observation there are few waitresses who are interested in picking up the customers, they are there to do their jobs — period.

Dumb broads Many males have the attitude waitresses are nothing but "dumb broads" and today that is anything but the truth. Many are full or part-time students paying their way through school or who are qualified for jobs as nurses, secretaries, etc., but take employment as waitresses because of the flexible hours. This enables them to take care of husband, children and housework as well as hold down a job.

Having the ability to smile and act pleasant when someone chafed at the next table has just insulted you or ridiculed you must be difficult indeed. I have nothing but the greatest admiration for an efficient, pleasant waitress and I think it's about time their efforts were appreciated.

## Committee offers service club grant

The Lions Club of Georgetown got a break Monday from Haltom Hills finance-administration committee.

The committee decided that since the Lions club had lost money on their Windfall 77, a project to raise funds for the renovation of the Georgetown Memorial Arena, they shouldn't have to pay rent of \$150 for the arena.

The Lions club was under the impression that fund raising events for the Memorial arena could use the arena free of charge and so they stated in a letter in which they also included the rent cheque.

Committee heard that the policy of free use for service clubs and other organizations of the arena for fund raising events had changed some time ago.

"If they made money," Coun. Roy Booth said, "it would be different." The committee endorsed a motion by Coun. Booth that the service club should request a grant from the town.

## Probe store opening laws

Before Haltom Hill's finance administration committee comes to grips with the issue of designating the town a tourist area so that certain stores can remain open on Sundays and holidays, the committee wants another report.

Acting clerk administrator Delmar French was asked Monday to prepare a list of all the businesses in Haltom Hills that may be affected by a bylaw which would exempt a shop from provisions in the Retail Business Holidays Act.

The exemption has been requested by merchants in Glen Williams who were represented at the meeting by lawyer Clinton Banbury. If Haltom Hills council does pass such an exemption, however, it will apply to the entire town.

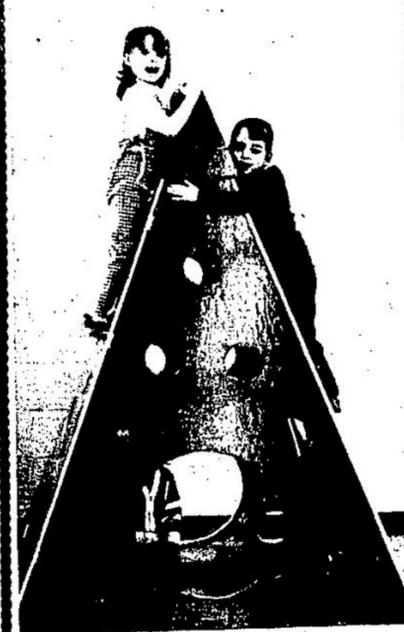
Councillors criticized the report prepared by former clerk-administrator Douglas Pritchard by saying it did not contain the list of businesses they asked for. But Mr. Pritchard noted in his report that the Act does exempt retail businesses, "... where antiques or handicrafts are offered for sale, where the number of persons engaged in the service of the public does not exceed three at any one time, ... and where the total floor space is less than 2,400 square feet."

He was educated in Oakville's Appleby College, has occupied an apartment on Marlborough Court, Oakville, since last summer and is president of Jelinek Cork Ltd., Oakville.



The fascination of magnetism attracts Gail Goldsack, a child at Maple Nursery School. Gail and her nursery school chums worked indoors Monday afternoon keeping out of winter's cold snap.

## ADVENTURES



Scaling the sides of the pyramid are Wendy Thomas (left) and David McDonald, both members of the Maple Nursery school. Looking up from the inside out is Billy McNally.

## Limehouse news

By Mrs. A.W. BENTON  
Herald correspondent  
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brooks on the arrival of a little daughter at hospital in Milton on January 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown hosted for about 40 members of the Brown families for Christmas dinner in Limehouse Memorial Hall on Dec. 26.

Christmas eve service of Carols was quite well attended. Several Sunday School children sang at the church service on Jan. 1.

Those travelling during the holiday season includes: Mrs. E. Sanford to Edmonton to visit her sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. James Evans, Mrs. Jas. Noble with the Jack Nobles' from Haltom Centennial Manor, where she now makes her home.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D.B. Shepard had their family home for Christmas holidays. Susan from Kingston, Robert from Toronto and John from London all going to Toronto for Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Quinton of Meaford, the Jack Quintons of Georgetown and Mrs. Benton and Neil with the Bert Benton's, Mrs. Glynn to Woodbridge and Kings, The Roughley's with the Rev. Mackenzies in Acton, Mrs. Mills and Miss Helen to Barrie.

Mrs. Mileham with son Fred Morgan and wife, Brampton after entertaining the Mileham families at her home for lunch, Mrs. R. Mitchell with the John Michie's to Mrs. George Michie and family home at Schomberg.

The Walter Linhan's with the Longstreets at Orton, Mr. and Mrs. John McLaughlin had the Robert Lindsay family and the Allen Jennings family and the Crichton's with the Hal-

nes in Glen Williams, Mr. Sam Glsby formerly of Limehouse with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glsby in Guelph. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Booth entertained their families as did Mr. and Mrs. H. Norton.

Mrs. Booth W.I. president presided at the regular meeting held at the home of Mrs. Benton on Thursday. She wished all a Happy New Year and read The Emmau's Road. Roll call. The first home I remembered living in, brought interesting stories from all Canada and to Germany.

After considerable discussion a committee was appointed to plan a picnic and rally to observe July 1 on the proper day. Another needpoint work meeting will be held on Jan. 11, and the Summary Day will be Feb. 8 at Hillcrest Church.

## O'Connor declines Halton Tory ticket

Oakville lawyer, Terry O'Connor, 39, has decided not to seek the Progressive-Conservative nomination for Halton riding in the upcoming federal election.

He said Monday that he is not interested for personal and family reasons.

Last year O'Connor, a former MP for the area, indicated he might be interested in seeking re-election.

Haltom is currently held by Liberal Dr. Frank Philbrook of Oakville.

In the 1974 election he defeated O'Connor by 1,911 votes. O'Connor had served as MP for one term.

The only declared candidate

so far for the Halton PC nomination is Otto Jelinek, 37, Progressive Conservative MP for Toronto's High Park-Humber Valley riding since 1972.

His riding is being split into four new constituencies under redistribution.

Jelinek wants to seek re-election in Halton because he was brought up in Oakville and most of his business and personal interests are in the region.

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