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### About The Hills

#### College Royal

Anyone interested in seeing what goes on behind the scenes at a university is invited to attend the annual College Royal and campus-wide open house at the University of Guelph March 11 and 12. The open house, planned and run by students, will feature displays in almost every building on campus. The 54th annual College Royal will feature several new events, including a honey baking contest. Shuttle buses will be running all day Saturday and Sunday, providing free transportation between points of interest. University of Guelph also includes the Ontario Agricultural and Ontario Veterinary

#### Summer jobs

Health and Welfare Canada is making funds available through its non-medical use of drugs directorate to provide jobs for approximately 265 students this summer, as part of the federal government's Student Summer Employment and Activities program. The students will be involved in the development and testing of community responses to problems associated with the use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco. Applications for funding should be made by March 15, 1978. All hiring will be done through Canada Manpower Centres.

#### GLT general meeting

The March general meeting of the Georgetown Little Theatre group will be held in the home of Bob and Greta Lee on March 7 at 8 p.m. Following the meeting there will be a discussion of the "The Role of the Producer". The group will also be booking seats for a performance of "Hello Dolly!" by the Brampton Musical Society on April 22. Those interested in attending should contact Margaret Eggleton at 877-7309 after 5 p.m.

#### Top salesman

Jim Young, 10 Shelly Street, Georgetown, nas been named one of Clay Equipment Corporation's Top Ten territory sales representatives for 1977. Mr. Young represents Clay Equipment Corporation in Bruce, Halton, Huron, Perth, Waterloo and Wellington counties in Ontario. Clay Equipment Corporation manufactures milking parlor, dairy barn, livestock feeding, hog finishing, material handling and other such Pushbutton Farming equipment. The company is represented in Canada through a division office in Georgetown.

#### Maple syrup time

Beginning March 4 and running to April 9, the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre will again be hosting the Halton Region Conservation Authority's Annual Maple Syrup demonstration. From 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. visitors to the centre will be able to enjoy horse-drawn, sleigh or wagon rides, exhibits of the various methods for making maple syrup, the Sugar Bush Trail and samples of pancakes and maple syrup, and maple candy. The program will be run on Saturdays and Sundays within the dates mentioned above and will also operate during the spring break, from March 20 to 23, and on Good Friday and Easter Monday. Admission is \$2.50 per car, excluding pancakes and products.

#### Grant for hostel

The steering committee for The Stop Over, Halton's proposed hostel for beaten wives, has just learned that it has received its \$750 grant for operating expenses from the federal Secretary of State's office. The committee plans to employ four students during the summer to collect data on the extent of the need for a facility such as The Stop Over. The grant will be used to cover expenses of an office from which these students can work. Chairman of the committee Gloria Hincks says that she expects no word on further grants to provide funds to employ the students until the beginning of May.

#### Halton Tories meet

There will be meet the candidate meetings for the nomination for the Halton federal Progressive Conservative riding March 6 and March 14. Three candidates are: Doctor Arthur Ross, Otto Jelinek and Tristan Lett. The March 6 meeting will be held at the Bare Rug at the Charles Hotel in Milton, the March 14 at Wyldewood Golf and Country Club on Trafalgar Road. All the candidates will be there to answer any questions.

#### Contract talks

Jane Devlin, the mediator negotiating a contract between the Halton separate school board and its teachers has called a meeting for tonight. The teachers' bargaining committee has been replaced by members of the Separate School Teachers' Federation's provincial executive. Following a vote by the teachers last week. Hartley Sherk chairman of the board's negotiating committee, could give no hint of the topics to be discussed at tonight's meeting.

#### Police seek aid

Halton region's administration committee has recommended approval of a request by police chief Ken Skerrett for more aid during storms such as the great blizzard of Jan. 26. That storm taxed police resources to the limit, the chief said in a letter to the committee. He asked that an agreement be made with the Lorne Scots Regiment for use of their six wheel drive vehicles and personnel to rescue stranded people, that a snowplow and crew be available to the force to keep the roads open and that 1,000 disposable blankets at a cost of \$275 be bought and stored in the precinct stations.

#### Two escape uninjured

Two employees of Ann's Cartage, Georgetown, escaped uninjured Saturday when the pick-up truck they were riding in struck the side of a moving train at a level crossing on Britannia Road, east of Tremaine Road in Milton. Impact of the crash took off the front end of the truck up to the radiator, and spun the vehicle around almost 360 degrees. Damage to the train was minimal. The truck, a 1973 Chevrolet is a write-off. Also damaged was a rallway crossing warning sign.

#### Early stamp issue

In an effort to prevent the long line-ups which result on first day issues of stamps after an increase of postal rates, the Georgetown post office will release new 14 cent and 30 cent denomination stomps starting March 7. The new rates become effective April 1. On that date first class mall postage increases to 14 cents and first class mail for the United States rises to 30 cents.

#### Norval grant

Halton Hills finance-administration committee has recommended approval of a \$25 grant to the Norval Community Association to cover the rent for use of the community park for the 1978 Winter Carnival.

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# Georgetown citizen honored

By GEORGE EVASHUK Herald staff writer

Being picked Citizen of the Year by the Georgetown Lions Club was a highlight of life Walter Gray, 85, measures next to marrying his late wife Edith, the Church Street resident told The Herald in an interview from his bed at Georgetown District Memorial hospital.

But he missed the dinner Friday night in his honor.

About 160 persons, including Mr. Gray's sister Bya Bradley, and his nephew, William R. Bradley, both of Toronto, attended the Georgetown Lions Club Sixth Annual Citizen of the Year Awards banquet. · "I was disappointed," Mr.

Gray, clean shaven and comfortable appearing, said Sunday afternoon, "But there's no way I could stand it."

Mr. Gray entered hospital Thursday suffering from an painful arthritic hip. He was pleased at reports of the festivities and said be thought "that characteristic of the Lion's Club, they'd carry on any-

He added: "I wouldn't have wanted them to postpone it for anything."

But being in a hospital bed and missing the banquet did not mean that Mr. Gray was unable to enjoy the event to some degree. Lions Club members Fred Zorge, Ernie Sykes and Terry Peer arranged to tape record his acceptance speech just hours before the dinner, then record the speeches at dinner to play back to Mr. Gray Sunday afternoon.

At Friday's banquet, Mr. Gray's sisters said she feels "quite honored to have a brother who thinks of all his fellow

"The Georgetown people mean a lot to him," she said.



Georgetown's Citizen of the Year, Watter Gray, gets a visit from fellow Lions Sunday afternoon. Mr. Gray was unable to make the awards banquet held in his honor Friday night at the Lions hall From left to right are Fred Zorge.

Mr. Gray, Ernie Sykes, and Terry Peer. The Lions brought Mr. Gray a plaque commemorating him as Citizen of the Year and a tape recording of the speeches at the banquet.

"He's always singing the praises of the Georgetown people. It's all he ever talks about when he comes to visit."

Mr. Gray's nephew accepted a plaque from Premier William Davis noting the occasion. The plaque was presented by former MP Rud Whiting, who was representing MPs Dr. Frank Philbrook, Ross Milne, and MPP Julian Reed.

Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill presented the first town pin signifying extra-ordinary services to the town.

The list and amount of time Mr. Gray returned to the community is impressive. He was chairman for 21 years of a committee to distribute Christmas hampers to the needy. And during his eight years on council he was on the welfare committee, as well as deputyreeve three times, on the board of health, the police commission and the roads department.

Mr. Gray joined the Lions Club 25 years ago. He managed dairy farm for about nine years up until 1940 when he sold farm machinery for a year until he joined the Georgetown Lumber Company from which he retired in 1965.

Other recipients of Citizen of the Year from the Georgetown Lions Club are Peggy Treahy in 1973 for her work in a retarded workshop, the Georgetown Volunteer Firefighters Association in 1974, Rev. Peter Barrow in 1975 for helping establish the Contact Centre, The Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Association in 1976 and Connie Nieuwhof, a Hed Cross volunteer worker, in

Fred Zorge, past district Govenor of the Lions Club, said Mr. Gray was the first Georgetown Lions Club member ever named Citizen of the Year, "but in his case we felt it was warranted."

### Mayor seeks end to 'damn foolishness'

Finance-administration committee will review a funding of parks and recreation master plan for Halton Hills despite the urging of Mayor

Tom Hill to kill the project. Planning board last week didn't reach a vote on a motion by the mayor to shelve further

work on the project started last year under an \$8,000 Young Canada Works Program grant.

Mayor Hill proposed stopping the project after he learned that a further \$27,000 is required to enter phase 2 of the study. "I think we should stop the program: ..., he urged the board, "... until we have a addget and know where we have \$27,000 for this damn

foolishness." Recreation director Glen Gray said a further federal grant has been sought but provision has been made for

**CAMPAIGN BEGINS** 

campaign underway at Halton Hills offices in Georgetown

above are (from left to right) Diane Paulin, 12, David

March is Red Cross campaign month and getting the Huffman, 11, Wes Thoms, 12, Mayor Tom Hill and

Rosemary Baskin, Red Cross Youth Chairman.

local funding in the recreation The boat d was responding to

an information presentation by Robert Lockhart of Balmer, Crapo and Associates, consultants in recreation and tourism research, which began the study last summer

Town planner Mario Venditti said the intent of the program is to seek an over all longrange plan for parks and recreation facilities and determine future needs of the muni-Continued on Page 2

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School Trustee Don Long resigned his seat on Halton board of education Thursday.

In a letter to the board, Mr. Long said business commitments in the next six months prevent him from discharging his duties as a trustee and from representing Wards 3 and 4 (Georgetown) in Halton

Board chairman Garry Morton said someone would be appointed to the seat March 9. Advertisements will be placed in Halton Hills newspapers to attract applicants for the position, he said.

The board in committee of the whole may have to meet a half hour earlier than usual to select the successful candidate. Anyone who is interested should call him by March 8, Mr. Morton said.

Mr. Long's seat was declared vacant last week after he missed three consecutive meetings of the board while on business in Calgary. Under a section of the Education Act brought to the attention of the board by an Oakville woman, Lillian Kilpatricks, the trustee automatically loses his seat if he has no resolution from the board granting leave of absence. But the chairman said at the time there was a possibility that Mr. Long could be reappointed if business committe ments were short range.

At the end of Thursday's meeting, trustee passed a resolution permitting Milton trustce Bill Lawson to be absent from three consecutive meetings March 9, 16 and 30. Trustee Lawson told reporters he would be on vacation.

A number of trustees lauded Mr. Long, Trustee Jim Clelland of Onkville said Mr. Long was on the board because of interest, concern and enthusiasm. Long's resignation is "a real loss to the board in recog-".meaituding that enthusiasm." Millon trustee Ivan Arms-

trong said Mr. Long is a "sincere, hard worker. It is unfortunate it came this way." Board chairman Morton said Mr. Long's committment "was of a very high order."

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Sidewalk superintendents have had something to occupy their time this past week as Cucel Construction began digging up Mill Street in Georgetown to install a larger sewer pipe for the Halton Region's sewer and water crew. The line will end near Edith Street and it is expected that it will be another couple of weeks before the work is completed because of the depth of frost through which the trench must be dug.