



Company officials with Mayor Hill, chairman Morrow

Milestone set Monday, first sod-turning since 1974

Mayor Tom Hill used a gold-painted shovel Monday afternoon to mark an important milestone in a town house development in Georgetown, the first since 1974.

The mayor showed about 50 people gathered for the event that he still could use a shovel even if the ground was wet after three days of rain, then heaved the clod of earth at photographers.

Lied de Carlo is president of Adobe Communities Ltd. which will be handling the project better known in Halton Hills as the Garthdale project. Its new name is River Run and

construction on the site - North of River Drive and east of Mountainview Road N and overlooking the Credit River - is already underway.

The plans that were finally approved called for 139 townhouses but construction is going on for only 89, which Mr. de Carlo said would be ready for occupancy in August.

Depending on how sales go, the balance may be started in the fall, he added.

The first phase of homes will be priced "in the mid-40's," a spokesman for the developer said. The project is one of the last in the Toronto

area to qualify for the government's 1977 Assisted Home Ownership Program (AHOP) which includes a forgivable grant and an interest free loan. There will also be tennis courts, a swimming pool and a recreation centre.

For developer Murray Grueson, the occasion of the ground breaking came after nine years of trying to get the development built and during a reception at The Cellar afterwards he was happy the project was underway.

Regional chairman Ric Morrow also stood in on the ground breaking ceremony.

Watch your health, doctors tell forum

By LORI TAYLOR
Herald staff writer
It is the responsibility of the public to watch over its health and take steps to prevent cancer, the audience was told at the Cancer Forum held by the Canadian Cancer Society last week.

The Georgetown branch of the society held a forum at Georgetown district high school May 17 as part of its program of education about cancer. Four doctors formed a panel, speaking about how their particular field is involved in treating cancer and answering questions about the diseases.

The four panelists were Dr. Bruce Duff, resident surgeon at Georgetown and District Hospital, Dr. D.J.A. Sutherland, from the Department of Medicine at Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto, Dr. H.S. Mander, a gynecologist practicing in Georgetown, and Dr. R.B. Hoggarth, a family doctor practicing in Georgetown.

Dr. Hoggarth reminded the audience that the key to treating cancer is early detection, and any unusual symptoms or health problems should be checked with the family doctor immediately. Annual health examinations can help doctors with detecting symptoms indicating a serious problem.

Dr. Hoggarth said the family doctor doesn't usually take an active role in treatment of cancer. Usually the patient will be referred to a regional cancer treatment centre, which in the case of Halton is the Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto.

"The family takes the news of terminal cancer harder than the patient in most cases, and needs as much support from their doctor," Dr. Hoggarth said.

Dr. Duff spoke mainly on cancer of the bowel and complications arising from it.

"Telling someone they have cancer of the bowel - it's like being dumped in a cesspool and fighting to find the light," he said. "There has to be absolute trust between the surgeon and his patient."

The incidence of cancer of the bowel has increased recently, possibly due to better reporting, Dr. Duff said.

"As Dr. Hoggarth said, early detection is the key," he said. "There's nothing more discouraging for a surgeon than being too late." Although cancer of the bowel is thought to strike people more often when they are over 45, it can also afflict younger people. Dr. Duff said he recently had a patient with cancer of the

bowel who was only 32, married and had children.

Dr. Sutherland said Princess Margaret Hospital specializes in a multi-discipline approach to cancer, getting the doctors to communicate with each other.

"The family practitioner's role is critical. He finds the patients at the earliest possible time," Dr. Sutherland said. "People who have cancer and have had specialized treatment need close contact with their family doctor. It isn't as if when you have cancer you'll never get anything else."

All the cancers our society gets are somehow conditioned by the way we live, Dr. Sutherland said. About 85 per cent of cancers are population-related.

"The common tumor in Canada 25 years ago was stomach cancer," he said. "The refrigerator cured stomach cancer. Before the refrigerator came into common use, most foods were pickled, and substances created by pickling gave rise to tumors."

59 permits in April

Halton Hills building department issued 59 permits during April to cover a total of \$1,236,049 in construction in the area.

Permits were issued for the building of 17 single family dwellings valued at \$678,820. This includes 11 homes in a plan of subdivision. One permit was also issued for another type of residential dwelling valued at \$50,000.

Permits for alterations to 17 residences were issued for a total of \$74,329 while eight swimming pools and three carports or garages will also be built.

"To a physician, increased public awareness of its health can't help but be a happy sight," Dr. Mander said.

He expressed his concern about the conflicting reports the public receives on cancer and the different methods of detection and treatment.

"Information given to the public must be that which has stood the test of time," Dr. Mander said. "The recent inundation of information is very confusing."

Gynecological cancer accounts for 20 to 25 per cent of all female cancers, Dr. Mander said, coming third to breast cancer and cancer of the bowel.

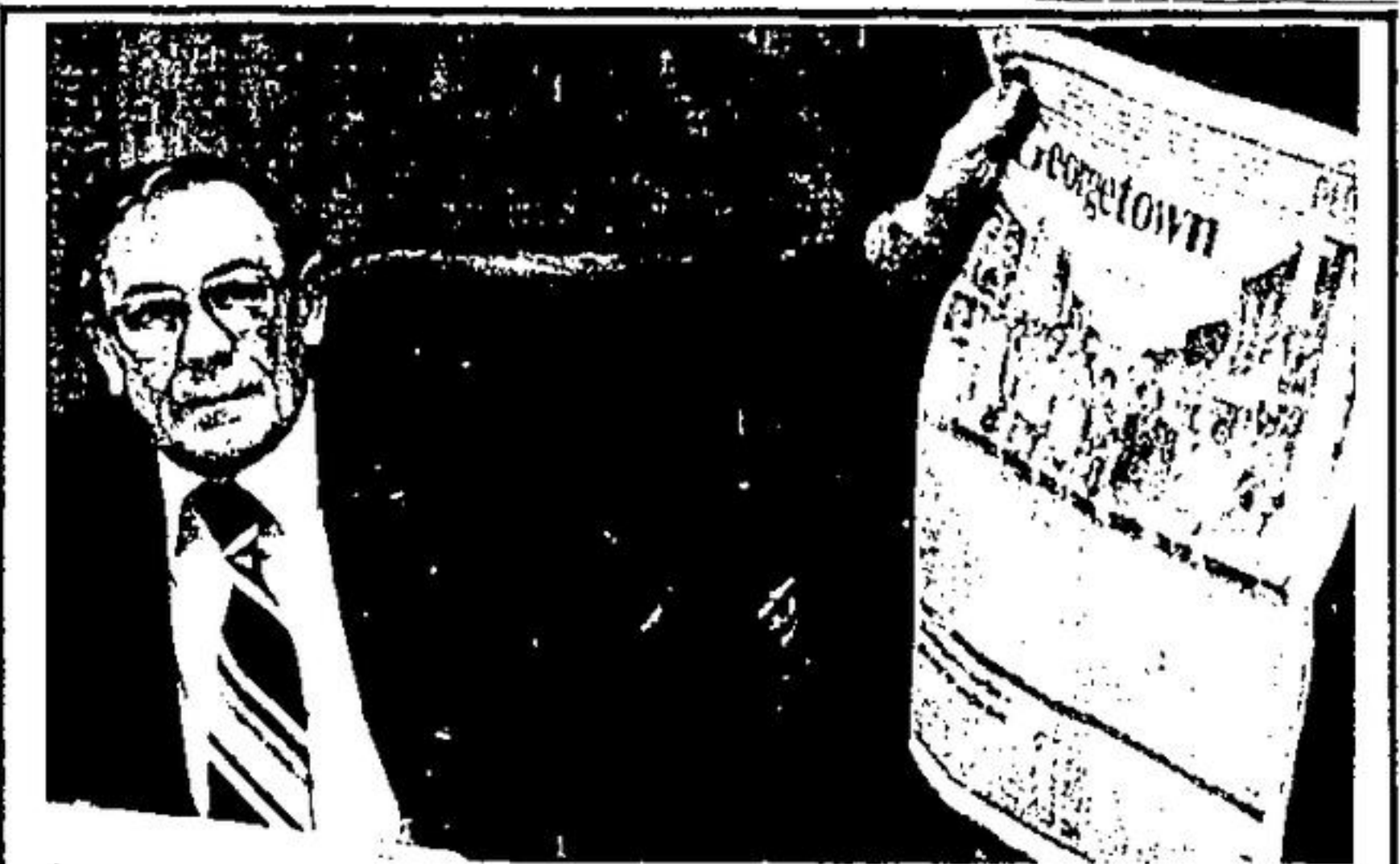
Cancer of the cervix begins in most cases in the late teens, but may never progress to a stage where it will invade other parts of the body. The Pap smear, which is a test for abnormalities in the cervix is a screening test which should be part of a regular health check, Dr. Mander said.

"It is a screening technique, and not a diagnostic technique," he said. "It shows malignant cells while the disease is still pre-invasive and not obvious clinically."

Dr. Mander recommended that a woman have two Pap smears tests a year apart. If both tests show no problems, then the woman should have a test every two years. He also suggested that women should have regular pelvic examinations, since ovarian cancer may not show any symptoms until it is in its advanced stages.

"Every patient with cancer is an individual, and you have to individualize the treatment," Dr. Sutherland said. "Cancer isn't one disease - it's a spectrum of disease."

"I get a kick out of seeing somebody who's looked over the edge, back up and see a new dawn," Dr. Duff said.



Story 'disgusting': Mayor

"I am fully disgusted with the whole article, Mayor Tom Hill told council Monday, while he held aloft a copy of a story about Georgetown's history.

"It's a figment of one person's mind," Coun. Garret (Pat) McKenzie said. Coun. McKenzie who lives in Acton told The Herald in an interview earlier that he had received three calls about the article. The common complaint was that the story "kicked a man when he was down," he said.

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Family calls story racist

Descendants of the John Shepherd family were to determine Tuesday what action they might be prepared to take to gain a retraction or apology from the Sunday Star for an article one family member described as racist.

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OBITUARY

Robert (Bob) Hugh Lee

Robert Hugh Lee, long-time member of the Georgetown Little Theatre, died Sunday in Georgetown Memorial hospital after a lengthy illness. He was 66.

First day

Ken Richardson, 40, the new clerk administrator of Halton Hills was sworn into office Monday, his first day on the job. Raised in Norval Mr. Richardson went to school at Georgetown district high school. He is married and lives with his wife and three children in Belfountain. He was clerk of Brampton before taking up his present post and has 13 years experience in municipal administration.

A native of Manchester, England, Mr. Lee came to Canada in 1952. He was a fabric retailer and managed a number of shops through the years including his own store on Main Street in Georgetown from 1963 to 1974.

Mr. Lee was an active member of Georgetown Little Theatre and served as president and treasurer of the organization as well as acting in productions. This year he was box office manager for the group. He belonged to Simcoe and Oshawa Little Theatre before coming to Georgetown.

He was also a member of the Norfolk Number 10 Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Lee is survived by his wife, Greta, sons, Michael, of

Woodstock, and Ian of Georgetown, and a daughter Mrs. Margaret Ostrander of Kennebec, Ont., and six grandchildren. He also leaves one sister in England. He was predeceased by a son, Colin.

A cremation service will be held in the McClure-Jones Funeral Home at 2:30 p.m. this afternoon. A Masonic service was held last night.

Objection

Halton Hills will be joining Milton in complaining about the recent increase in Ontario Hospital Insurance Program (OHIP) premiums.

A copy of the resolution is being forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario.

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