

Two lawyers were arguing a case in court and began to attack each other's personalities. "You're a shyster," said one. "And you're just an ambulance-chaser," was the reply. Finally, the judge settled the matter. "Now that you two have introduced each other to this court," the judge said, "you may proceed."

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AN ALTER EGO

How to make normal-sized people look like dwarves might prove a problem for some amateur theatre groups, but Harrison public school staff and students found a solution when they produced Gulliver for their spring concert last week. They used sacks stuffed with paper and made themselves a 12-foot high model of the star of Jonathan Swift's novel. Ropes and pulleys manipulated

from backstage let the huge puppet move its arms and Kendra Weston provided its voice. Kendra, a fifth grader, stands beside her king-size image in the costume she wore to play the role of one of literature's best-known giants. For a review of the concert, see page 9. Photo by Maggie Hannah

Council's action irresponsible region chairman charges

By GEORGE EVASHUK Herald staff writer

Halton regional council has acted irresponsibly toward the growing garbage crisis in the region, says regional chairman Ric Morrow.

Mr. Morrow, dejected and disappointed, made the charge after Wednesday's meeting when council voted 12-8 not to allow test drillings on possible landfill sites in Oakville and Burlington. The action could have been used to relieve pressure on existing sites which have recently had dump-

ping bans imposed on industrial and commercial haulers.

"I can't believe it," Mr. Morrow told reporters afterwards. "Council is not reacting to the crisis."

What council did was to reject a recommendation of regional solicitor Dennis Perlin, who had stressed earlier that preparation of reports and studies of the two sites was "essential" for presentation of a proper case before Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) on the issue of Site F.

The region is appealing to OMB to overturn a decision of

Milton council which has refused to grant rezoning or an official plan amendment to permit the dump on 246 acre prime farmland.

"It is essential as part of the case of the region that the region show that it has long term planning in mind in its approach to landfill requirements," Mr. Perlin said. "The tests on the two sites would merely indicate that the sites cannot be included in the region's long term plans for landfill."

Council's rejection of the solicitor's recommendation

fore the heart out at a package of recommendations made by Mr. Perlin, who said after the meeting that he had "absolutely no comment."

Mr. Morrow told council during the discussion on the recommendation that the onus is on council to prove to an independent body such as the OMB, "that we have the best site and how can we if we won't drill on B and D?"

Mr. Morrow said later to reporters that the "hypocrisy" of three Milton councillors to vote against the drilling tests weakens the case at the

OMB. A nay vote gives the OMB some cause to deny the application.

"Now we are moving down an area with no alternatives," Mr. Morrow said. "How can three Milton councillors oppose to Site F oppose drilling elsewhere?"

Council did agree, however, to set the size of Site F at 246 acres and change the life of the site from six years to two million tons instead.

Council also agreed to respond to a resolution of Milton council which listed ten items the town is concerned about.

Legal fees plan urged, based on OHIP scheme

By MAGGIE HANNAH Herald staff writer

A Georgetown lawyer would like to see Canadians carry legal fees insurance in a manner similar to hospital insurance but she does not feel Ontario could afford such a scheme.

"No one would be happier than the lawyers if the province took care of our bills," says John McMillan of Hesson, Barnes, Belloghem and Steele.

"People are reluctant to talk about what a lawyer's fees are and discussing money seems rather lacking when people come in with a problem. It seems as if all you're worried about is how he can pay for your services, not the problem he wants you to sort out for him."

she advises. Lawyers just like other businessmen, want satisfied clients who spread their successes verbally rather than dissatisfied clients who run them down behind their backs because of high bills.

If the bill seems really excessive and the lawyer is not prepared to make what you feel is a satisfactory explanation she advises people to take it to another lawyer and have it examined. This, of course, costs money. The Law Society of Upper Canada can also be asked to look into the matter, but again such should not be undertaken on a whim.

Ms. McMillan stresses that people need not be afraid of asking a lawyer's advice just because they have little money. When a client comes to discuss something with a lawyer and it is obvious that the person has no money to meet legal fees the lawyer can ask him to sign a \$60 legal advice certificate and the legal system will cover the bill.

Ms. McMillan points out that lawyers don't have to clear these bills with the legal aid people first. The bills are just sent in for such cases and "I've never had one refused yet," she says.

If the case is more complicated than that however, the client can get an application and send it to the legal aid centre in Oakville. Then the client will be assessed for ability to pay and the legal aid system will cover the lawyer's fees.

Ms. McMillan notes that changes brought about by the Family Law Reform Act passed in March gave courts the right to temporarily and fairly quickly remove the offending party from the matrimonial home even though the home may be in that partner's name if one of the partners wants to separate.

While such action still requires sufficient grounds to be seen as almost an emergency

situation, it is possible to have an abusive spouse removed now. Formerly the dissatisfied partner must leave and forfeit all rights to the home if the offending partner owned the home or refused to leave. Even joint ownership did not entitle a wife to remove an abusive husband under the old system.

The need to prove fault in order to get support money is gone since the passage of the act, she notes. Now both parties have an obligation to support themselves, and their children and either spouse can ask the other's help in meeting their children's needs.

One of the members of the audience inquired if a woman could be asked to support a husband who had been crippled in an accident and would never be able to work again.

Ms. McMillan says that while the wife could be asked for support in such a case the amount would depend upon her ability to provide for herself and their children and still have money left to contribute to her husband. The husband would have to apply to the courts for such support, she says, and as yet most men don't think of applying, although attitudes may change once the legislation has been in effect for a while.

The court's ability to attach wages in order to enforce payment of support orders is another change resulting from the March 31 legislation, she notes. The court can also haul an employer in on contempt charges if it can be proved that an employer was fired because his wages were attached for support.

Ms. McMillan advises couples to put their home into joint ownership so that they will automatically get the house if one spouse dies. Depending on the value of the house this may not totally protect the surviving spouse, however, if there are young children involved. Where no will exists the provi-

nces' official guardian gets involved and any money in the estate beyond the \$75,000 to which a widow or widower is automatically entitled must be divided between the survivor and the children.

If they are minors the government gets into the affair and it costs the estate money. The only way to avoid this, Ms. McMillan notes, is for both husband and wife to have a will.

About The Hills Annual show

Brampton Townsman's annual show will be held in Chinguacousy secondary school, Williams Parkway, Brampton at 8 p.m. June 3. The Royal Assent barbershop quartet from Kitchener who are representing the Ontario district at the International Barbershop Convention in Cincinnati in July will be the featured attraction of the show. Tickets are available at 877-4333.

Rotary exchange

Bob Lang of Stevens (recent has returned from Brazil where he was part of a Rotary Group Study Exchange program. The Brazilian team visited Canada in 1977 and the southern Ontario team of which Mr. Lang was a part, returned the visit this year. The purpose of the exchange is to study the business, commercial, educational, political, social and economic basis of the countries involved, as well as to promote an understanding of one's home country and generally foster a climate for understanding in the world.

Children's parade

Georgetown Jaycees will be holding their Children's Parade at 1 p.m. Saturday from Remembrance Park Children, this is the time to decorate those bikes and trikes and show off your pet, the organizers say, and maybe even the your own costume to wear as you strut along James, Main and Park Streets. Organizers ask mothers to accompany very young children on the parade. They will be serving refreshments and passing out ribbons in the park at the end of the parade.

Disaster course

The Georgetown and District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society will be giving a free course, to prepare workers for major and minor disasters, on Saturday, June 10, 1978 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Red Cross Cedarvale Office, Main-Maple Avenue in Georgetown. Free coffee and lunch provided. Since this Mini-Course might fill up fast with registrations, anyone interested in any organization etc. can call the Red Cross office at 877-5233 (Tuesdays and Thursdays) or the Contact Centre at 877-1211 to get an application form.

Vandals on wrecking spree, slashing seats, damaging cars

Vandals went on a spree of malicious damage to cars parked in driveways in the area bounded by Maple Avenue, Charles Street, William Street and Market Street, May 15.

Approximately 110 pounds of a car on Main Street, one on William Street and two on

Maple Avenue all suffered slashed front seats. The vandals slashed the seats of a

car parked outside a residence on Charles Street and poured three boxes of grass seed over the car. Two lawn chairs were slashed outside another residence on Charles Street.

Residents on Market Street may have suffered the most in the series of incidents. One car had the front seats slashed and the first aid kit taken out and the contents scattered over the street. Three other cars on the street also suffered slashed seats.

A truck parked on Market Street had its antenna bent, and the spare wheel cover slashed. Two planters were also overturned. A wall mirror stored in one car was broken and the glove compartment ransacked.

Police are continuing to investigate the incidents.

A COMMUNITY SECOND TO NONE

Georgetown is a place we at The Herald believe is second to none. Contrary to a report published in the May 14 issue of the Toronto Sunday Star it is a place where it is good to raise children; a place where community spirit thrives.

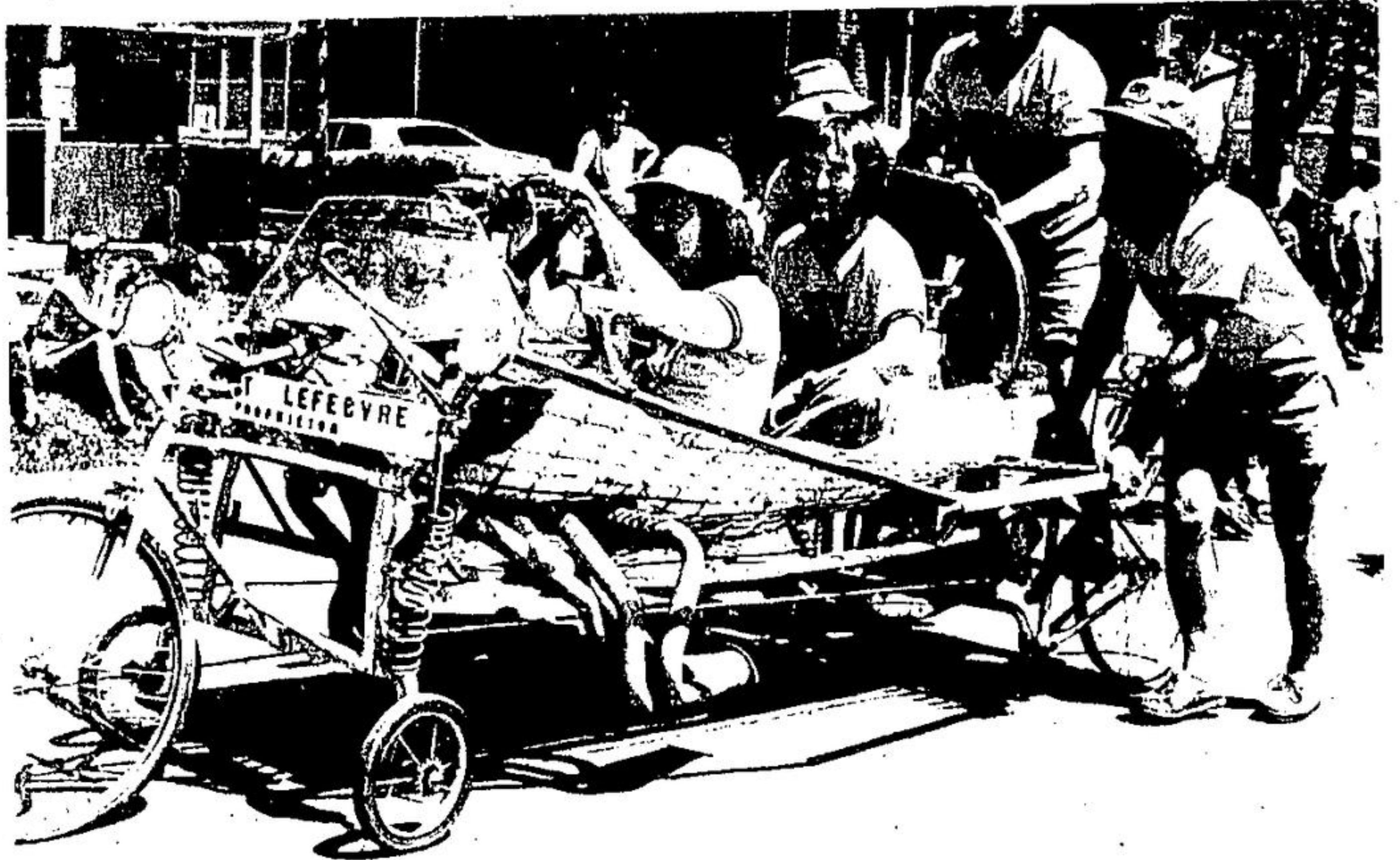
Individuals and groups alike, are urged to tell us why they settled here and their hopes for the community. So why not drop us a letter to the editor telling us about ourselves. All letters will be published, possibly as a special feature.

We would like to know your thoughts about the community in which you live. Anyone,

Letters may be dropped through the front door of The Herald offices or mailed to 103 Main St., S. Georgetown.

Residents along these streets and also on Edith Street reported various kinds of damage to their cars in 15 separate incidents. The vandals broke into a van on Edith Street, sprayed the interior with a fire extinguisher and ransacked the glove compartment. Another car parked outside an Edith Street residence also had its interior sprayed with a fire extinguisher.

Seven flower pots filled with soil and sitting in a back yard on Edith Street were tipped over. The pots weight ap-



AND THE RACE IS ON

Members of the Fobert Flyers ball team designed and built this vehicle for the crazy bed race staged during Norval's Victoria Day celebrations Monday afternoon. Their vehicle came complete with lights, springs, dual

exhaust, a stick shift and rear view mirrors. It won the competition for the best bed in the parade but the Norval United Church Holy Roadster won the race.