



### NEW GEORGETOWN EAST GUIDES

The 7th Georgetown East Guide Company enrolled new members Thursday evening during their meeting at Harrison Public School. The new Guides are front row from left: Laura Rogers, Leslie Takahashi and Darla Gillespie. Centre row: Charlene Van Cleaf, Stephanie Callow, Jenny Daniels, Lugh

Cooper and Karen Kennedy. Back row: Kim Wooland, Tracey Quinton, Jacque Peyton, Mary Blik, Cheryl McElroy and Caroline Bjerkeland. Absent from the picture but also enrolled was Lynn Howell.

(Herald photo)

## Prisoners charge police abuse

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the courthouse. Mr. Harris thought they waited 45 minutes at the courthouse, with the engine running and the heater on. Mr. Turner said they waited for ten to twenty minutes, and the engine wasn't started until just prior to their departure. Mr. Carley said they waited ten minutes, and the engine was started until they actually left.

There were thirteen prisoners in the van, with one bound for Maplehurst, and the rest for Metro West. The prisoners were seated along two benches along the sides of the van. There is a grill, with a glass plate containing a sliding glass window, between the back of the van and the cab where the officers ride.

Witnesses testified that when the van left the courthouse, the driving was very erratic; with bursts of speed, followed by the driver slamming on the brakes. As a result, the prisoners were severely jostled, the witnesses said.

The witnesses differed on the amount of time, but all agreed that the trip back took a long time. Mr. Harris said the trip seemed "to take the scenic route", while Mr. Carley said the van drove around Milton for about one-half hour, including pulling into the rear of what appeared to be the police station, and pulling right out again. At that point, Mr. Carley said one of the officers hung his (Mr. Carley's) coat over the window into the front of the van, so the prisoners couldn't see where they were going.

## OMB hydro hearing

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legged, Mr. Stewart agreed with him that it is outside the board's jurisdiction to question the reasons behind the provincial government's 1974 decision to designate Halton Hills' Fifth Concession as the route for the Bruce to Milton corridor.

Hydro, which restricted its case to a single witness who testified that the corridor's Halton Hills crossing is technically sound and environmentally acceptable, criticized the corridor opponents for their lack of attention to the specific issue at hand - the planning aspects of the route through the municipality.

When the van arrived at the Metro West Detention Centre, the prisoners had to wait inside the van in the garage where prisoners are transferred until another police van from Peel Regional Police had departed. During this time, one witness said Constable Vanciel opened the door, and rapidly closed it again, catching the foot of the prisoner who had passed out; his foot had been leaning against the door, and fell out when the door opened. He was still unconscious at that time.

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## About the Hills

### Survival course

Bill Garrard of Georgetown will be demonstrating the basics of survival in an emergency situation to interested visitors at Terra Cotta Conservation Area on January 20 and 21 and on February 10 and 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Help for special Olympics

A Glen Williams girl canvassed for the telethon New Year's Day in aid of the special Olympics for the Mentally Handicapped. Marjorie Grieve, 13, collected \$18.23 to help handicapped youngsters attend the upcoming games for them. Marjorie is a Herald carrier.

### Red Cross Youth dance

Red Cross Youth is sponsoring a dance in Knox Church hall January 20 at 8 p.m. Music will be provided by Craig Teeter.

### Barbershoppers' executive

The newly-elected executive for the Brampton Towns-men Barbershoppers will be installed at a special banquet to be held this Saturday at 7 p.m. at The Cellar in Georgetown. Heading the new slate of officers is president Jack Clark of Georgetown, who takes over from past president John Clark, a former Georgetown resident. Herb McFeters will be the group's new secretary, while Lloyd Robinson is treasurer. Roy Saxton is programme vice-president, Ross Porritt of Georgetown is membership vice-president, Bill Hackney of Terra Cotta is bulletin editor, Joe Laing is public relations director and Bruce McTavish is chorus director. Eight executive members attended the recent annual conference of the Ontario District Barbershoppers, held Jan. 5 through 7.

### Society's annual dinner

The Georgetown Agricultural Society will hold its annual dinner this Friday evening at Hillcrest United Church near Hornby. The dinner begins at 7 p.m.

## No rise in health costs, inefficiency: survey shows

Studies of health care costs don't indicate runaway costs or inefficiency, Georgetown District Memorial Hospital Administrator Fred Morris told members of the University's Women's Club Tuesday.

Mr. Morris, who has been administrator at the Georgetown hospital for about 5 1/2 years, said there are few things in society "as precious as our personal health."

"Health care costs are described with many adjectives, among them 'sky-rocketing' and 'out-of-control'," Mr. Morris said. "The latest published statistics indicate, however, that government spending in health care has decreased in relation to the Gross National Product."

Mr. Morris said independent economists say the Canadian health care system is effective and relatively inexpensive. "The health care business, and it is a business, is a \$13 billion progressive service industry," he said.

Health care services account for 7.3 per cent of the Canadian Gross National Product (GNP) or \$70 per person, in 1977. In Ontario, it was \$450 per person, less than the national figure, Mr. Morris said.

Other countries The percentage of the GNP spent by other countries vary from 5.9 per cent in France to 8.7 per cent in West Germany. United States, which has said it will be using Canada's health care system as a model for setting up its own guidelines, spends about 8.3 per cent of its GNP on health care.

In the United States, the system is handled by private insurance carriers, Mr. Morris said, but they only cover 80 per cent of the costs. The elderly and the poor are covered by the federal department of health and welfare. But there are still bankruptcies filed because of health care costs, Mr. Morris said.

He described a case history of an Ontario woman who had been abroad and had entered a San Francisco hospital while she was in the States. Her bill for a 52-day stay totalled \$48,430 and ran on for 67 pages with 2,083 separate charges on the billing.

Projected health care costs for 1978-79 were \$3.8 billion dollars, Mr. Morris said, "and there's no question that running an open-ended health care system is expensive."

Among other items of concern Mr. Morris mentioned was the problem of the loss of medical practitioners. He said for the past six years, the medical association has co-operated in keeping salaries the same. Costs have increased along with inflation, and the doctor's take-home pay is considerably less than it would be in a free market, he said.

Mr. Morris said the shortage of extended care beds in the northern half of the region is still a problem even though Ministry of Health formulas say there are enough beds in the area.

"There is a reasonably good supply of beds - it's the distribution that's the problem," Mr. Morris said. As it stands now, there are no chronic care facilities in Halton Hills, and there are problems of loneliness and isolation involved when senior citizens have to live outside their communities, even for a short period of time.

One of the problems with the chronic care facilities in the south half of the region is that about 40 per cent of the beds are being occupied by people from the Hamilton-Wentworth Region, where there is a real shortage of extended care facilities, Mr. Morris said. Thus, while Halton has the beds, they aren't able to use them all, and the forecast says the region will be short 200 extended care beds by 1984.

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## Region's transit survey

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statistical bias. While detailed comparisons between the survey results and the results of the 1971 census led regional planners to conclude that there is no substantial bias in the results for the region as a whole, Mr. Wong explained, the results for Halton Hills and Oakville in particular must be qualified.

In Halton Hills, he said, the survey appears to have reached an inequitable number of long-time residents, while in Oakville, too many high-income families turned up in the results to allow planners to draw impartial conclusions.

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Mr. Wong told the committee that the survey questionnaire featured a blank space where respondents were invited to comment on aspects of transportation. Of some 2,067 comments received, he said, the largest group, comprising 110 respondents, indicated they would like to see GO transit service extended further across Halton.

Surprisingly, Mr. Wong said, 82 respondents commented that they are satisfied with the existing local transit system. Other comments were critical of such systems, though, pointing out that bus and train schedules are not co-ordinated in all areas, that transit travelling time is lengthy and that the suburban lifestyle in Halton demands access to private vehicles.

Comments were also broken down into groups according to the specific municipality where they originated. In terms of the most popular comments, Milton residents are mostly concerned with getting better transit connections with south Halton, Oakville residents want a connection with Mississauga, and Burlington residents want improvements made to the Skyway bridge route.

## Appointee needed

The French Language Advisory Committee of the Halton board of education will have to appoint someone to fill the vacant position representing Oakville because not enough people turned up at the meeting in Oakville to conduct a proper vote.

Mr. Lavender said that because not enough people were at the meeting in Oakville to elect someone to fill the spot, the committee would, according to the Education Act, have to appoint someone to fill the vacancy itself.

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