



NEW YM-YWCA EXECUTIVE

The 1979 YM-YWCA board of directors include front row from the left: Isabel Cruise, secretary, Brian Preston, vice-president, Cheryl Lightowler, president, Wayne Peasgood, treasurer and Joanna Dobbin, vice-president. Second row: Karl Klein, Claudette Smith, Diane Deruchie, Jane Elinesky, Edith Paterson

and Irene Fairles. Back row: Jill Blair, Ron Chatten, Brian Herner, Renate Euteneier and John Carter. Other board members absent from the picture are Jim Bowles, Mary Hughes, Randy Humenicki, Karen Morris, Bryan Osatchuk, Don Stiles, Lyndsey Thom and Blair Wilson.

(Herald photo)

Town's 'Y' ends year in black

For the first time in several years the Georgetown YM-YWCA ended the year in the black.

Speaking to the annual meeting last week treasurer Wayne Peasgood said that while the group had only \$433 left over from 1978's expenses the fact that there was any money left at all indicated that they had "broken the tradition of ever increasing deficits" which had plagued the organization since about 1975.

"We have moved from a position of being quite vulnerable to any sudden drop in income to a position of being able to withstand moderate financial changes," he said. He attributed this to a num-

ber of things including the fact that fees for Y courses brought in approximately \$3,600 more in 1978 than in 1977 and the annual fall campaign also raised an extra \$2,400 during the same period.

Although the overall picture looks better for the organization Wayne and Meaus chairman Dianne Anderson had to report that that committee fell short of its \$3,400 target for the year by about \$1,500.

The Y raised \$1,200 for international development via the Y.O.U. walk in May, said one of the committee's members Ruth Law. Of this money \$1,000 went to the development pro-

ject in Lima, Peru which is being supported by South Central Region Ys, including Georgetown. The remaining \$200 went to refugee camps for children in Asia.

New members elected to the Y board of directors for 1979 include Jim Bowles, John Car-

ter, Irene Fairles, Karen Morris, Claudette Smith and Lyndsey Thom. The executive members are Cheryl Lightowler, president, Joanna Dobbin and Brian Preston, vice-presidents, Isabel Cruise, secretary, and Wayne Peasgood, treasurer.

Region awaits town's decision on hydro corridor

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Bonnie Brown of Oakville agreed.

CLOSED DOOR
Mayor Pomeroy pointed out that, contrary to Mr. Reid's advice, the Cabinet has not specifically considered the corridor's Halton Hills, crossing eight times. He opposed a motion that took council behind closed doors for an in camera session during which the solicitor was asked to outline possible avenues of appeal.

Outside the council chamber, ICG spokesman John Minns told The Herald that corridor opponents face four routes of appeal. The OMB ruling, he said, can be appealed directly to the Cabinet, to two levels of courts of law or to the OMB itself by virtue of a clause in the OMB Act that enables the OMB to reconsider and rescind its past decisions.

Mr. Minns said the expenses incurred by Halton Hills in its opposition to the corridor have been, and would continue to be, only minimal compared to the tax dollars contributed by the approximately 80 families whose lives and properties would be directly affected by the 500,000-volt corridor.

DISTRIBUTED COPIES
Mr. Minns distributed copies of a letter sent to Ontario Hydro by Keith Hollett, execu-

tive director for the office of the province's Ombudsman. Dated Feb. 21, the letter asks Hydro to postpone or cease construction of the corridor on lands within the Niagara Escarpment Commission development control area in Halton Hills until an ongoing investigation is completed.

Mr. Hollett explains in the letter that his office is looking into a complaint filed by the ICG over the issuance of a land development permit to Hydro by Housing minister Claude Bennett. Mr. Hollett assures Hydro that the investigation, expected to last 60 days, will be conducted expeditiously in order to minimize any inconvenience.

The ICG is concerned that Mr. Bennett may have stepped outside his appointed authority in sanctioning the Hydro project on Escarpment land.

Flag theft

Is there patriotism among thieves?

A Reid Court resident has reason to think so — someone stole two flags from the rear of his home on the weekend. The flags were both Union Jacks, one three feet by six feet and the other 18 inches by 36 inches.

Labor board files charges

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tacted by The Herald.

A meeting held in the Oddfellows Hall in Georgetown on Saturday drew more than 70 per cent of the workers to listen as union organizer Bill Rannachan and education and research director John McNamee discussed the function of a union in a factory and answered questions from the floor on the matter.

Mr. Rannachan said he was pleased at the "excellent turnout" for the meeting and felt that those present had had a "very good meeting".

"We discussed problems they are having in the plant and explained how a union would seek to promote job security through seniority," he said.

BETTER WAGES

He said they also explained that the union would ask for what the workers wanted and seek to bargain for those things whether they be welfare benefits, better wages or some other item of interest to the employees.

"One of the anti-union people admitted to the meeting that she was doing a man's job, lift-

ing rolls of fabric weighing in excess of 70 pounds," he said. "but she's only receiving \$4 an hour. The man she replaced when she took the job was getting \$5.50. It also came out that she was worried about her back but when it was suggested that she should ask Mr. Geng for help with the lifting she refused because she feared she would be fired over such a request."

Mr. Rannachan said that although the union began organizing employees in the industries it lists in its title it has diversified in recent years until it now represents workers at various industries including Diversy Chemical Company, Alexandria Footwear and Carnation Foods. It is also in the process of being certified in two steel companies.

No date for a hearing of the charges has been set as yet but Mr. Rannachan says this will come from the OLRB. Section 7(a) of the Labour Relations Act gives the board the right to grant automatic certification to the union if it deems the company has interfered too greatly in the organizing of the union after hearing the evidence at a hearing, he says.

Employees at the Acton factory which makes industrial gloves of all types began organizing about a month ago in an effort to combat what they feel like bad working conditions in the plant. The plant lacks lunch room facilities, and allegedly has poor toilet facilities, has no ventilation except for an inoperable fan, lacks proper fire exits and plant temperatures fluctuate to extreme degrees depending on weather conditions. Workers must also contend with particles of asbestos from glove linings which contaminate work benches off which some workers must eat since there is no lunch room facility, union organizers say.

"The meeting Saturday drew the union supporters closer together," Mr. Rannachan said and made us even more determined to succeed in forming a union."

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Mailbox vandals draw complaints

Halton Hills mailboxes have been prime targets for vandals over the past week or two, with a few incidents happening two weeks ago, and four more this week.

A resident at RR2 Georgetown, reported that his metal mailbox was taken from the post in front of his residence. While on patrol, a Halton Regional Police officer found three other mailboxes in the area of Ashgrove had been damaged.

A home on Sargent Road was broken into, with the burglars gaining entry by way of a basement window. A quantity of liquor and cash was stolen, and two juveniles have been apprehended in connection with the incident. The stolen property was recovered and returned.

A Georgetown woman left her car on the 4th Line south of the town line when it broke down, and when she returned, found that someone had put the vehicle on its side. The fenders and the paint on the car was damaged.

A Halton Hills woman reported the theft of her wallet and personal papers from the Georgetown Memorial Arena on the weekend.

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About the Hills Georgetown on display

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Dance for youth

The local chapter of Red Cross Youth is holding a dance March 10 at Knox Presbyterian Church from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. The disc jockeys will be Craig Teeter and Mike Dine. Admission is \$1.50 per person and \$2.50 per couple, with a variety of prizes.

Local skiers' guide

The staff of Operation ACTION have compiled a list of places to cross-country ski in and around the Halton Hills area. It includes information on fees; rentals; location; trails and instruction. It's free and available at your local YM-YWCA, Recreation Department or by calling Operation ACTION at 877-7211.

GVAS executive named

Georgetown's volunteer ambulance service has a new executive effective February 18 and Peter Marshall has been named President.

Vice-president in the new executive will be John Lightowler; Daryl Giberson will be the director of administration; Gerard Wilcox is the new director of operations and Donna Massena is the new director of training.

Official opening correction

A report in last week's issue of The Herald incorrectly stated that the official opening for Halton region's new headquarters on Highway 25 in Oakville will be held Mar. 23. The opening will, in fact, be held May 25, with an open house for members of the public to follow the next day. The region's administration committee is currently awaiting an itemized list of costs related to the official opening and its subsequent decision may affect the nature and extent of the opening festivities, to which some 500 guests were to be invited, according to initial plans.

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