#### YOUR MORNING SMILE

The commuter bus was crowded and an overweight lady got on board. "Isn't some gentleman going to offer me a seat," she asked with little tact.

A man rose and said. "Well, I'm willing to make a contribution."

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#### CRAZY BOAT BATTLERS

The Georgetown Jaycees' and Jaycettes' annual Crazy Boat Race was crazler than ever this year, with a record number of participants and speciators gathering from around southern Ontario for Saturday's big event. Organizers estimate that more than 400 brave souls challenged the river's fast current and chilly temperature for a chance to complete the five-mile route ahead of everyone

else and have a lot of fun besides. From the starting point in Terra Cotta, Mayor Pete Pomeroy launched the armada of crazy boats on their way downstream to Glen Williams. More photos page nine.

(Herald photo by Peter West)



JOHN McDERMID

#### Campaign underway

The current federal election campaign is barely more than a week old. Herald editor Michael Hollett found out how Brampton-Georgetown candidates spent the first week of the election race and what lies ahead in their campaign.

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### Second City

## a smash

With less than 200 people in the audience, Thursday night's Second City show at the Way-Jay Club in Norval may not have been a commercial success, but for those who did attend, the renowned troupe of comedians lived up to the highest expectations. Herald writer Paul Dorsey reviews the show inside.

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### Barber takes third

Glen Williams' Kris Barber and his dance pair partner Kelly Johnson returned from West Germany Monday where they finished third in the Junior World Figure Skating Championships. There were 21 dance pairs competing representing 13 countries.

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### Record crowd attends race as Crazy Boaters dazzle fans

Warm sunshine and a break in the weekend rains helped the Georgetown Jaycees and Jaycettes establish a new attendance record for their annual Crazy Boat Race Saturday afternoon.

Thousands of spectators lined the banks of the Credit River between Terra Cotta and Glen Williams to watch nearly 400 couragous sailors and would-be sailors paddle, float and at times swim alongside their vessels of all descrip-

LAUNCHED ARMADA

Jaycette Bev Daquano reported that 139 different craft were entered in the five categories of competition, representing an increase of about 32 boats over last year. The individual erazy boats had more crew members aboard then last year on the average, she added.

The needs and interests of

Halton's farming community

may soon be represented by a

formal advisory committee

that would keep regional coun-

eil in touch with ongoing con-

cerns and provide farmers

with direct input into regional

A presentation by Halton

farmers to the region's ad-

ministration and finance com-

mittee last month has prompt-

ed regional planners to trot out

a section of Halton's new offi-

cial plan in which the etablish-

ment of such a committee was

identified as a policy for future

The plan recommends the

establishment, when consider-

ed necessary, of an advisory

committee to assist council in

investigating and pursuing

"alternative agricultural plan-

ning techniques" and in im-

plementing other agricultural

DIFFERENT FORMAT

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Bob White of the is sonal

policies of the official plan.

implementation.

Once a flotilla of two-man canoes had raced the Terra Cotta Inn on their way downstream from the Class A starting point at Cheltenham, Mayor Pete Pomeroy officially launched the vast armada of crazy craft from the riverbank

The race's organizers inadvertently added some extra fun this year in their attempt to provide a better system of getting the craft back onto shore at the finish line.

near the Inn.

To offset the effect of the fast-moving river current, they suspended a row of inflated inner tubes from the Regional Road 32 bridge in Glen Williams within arm's reach of the passing craft. Time after time, though, when crazy boat crew members reached up to the hanging tubes to try and slow their vessels down, and aim them into shore, they

which differed only in the kind

of format in which an advisory

committee would operate and

in designating the body which

would actively organize the

Rather than have council

establish the committee or

farm organizations as advi-

sory committees, the planning

committee fast week decided

that the farmers themselves

should take the initial steps in

The alternative selected, if

approved this week by council,

will see Hallon's farm-oriented

organizations requested by the

tative committee to act as

"formal spokesman" for them

in advising council on agricul-

"It would meet as the needs

arises and would be totally

controlled by the farm agricul-

tural organizations," Mr.

White said. "It would report to

regional council through the

tural matters.

region to establish a represen-

setting up such a committee.

formally designate existing

Farming committee

planned by region

committee.

ended up either being dragged off the boats or flipping the entire craft and fellow crew members upside down. The crowds of spectators loved

every minute. Jaycees and helpers cost lines out to the boats being carried further along by the swift current to drag them

There were no injuries or serious mishaps reported, and even the wettest and most tired sailors appeared to be

having a great time. At the victory dance held Saturday night at Norval's Way-Jay Club, J.D. Hobbs of Barrie and Mike Ruddock of Orillia claimed the Class A

trophy for the first two-man

canoe to cross the finish line. The Class B trophy for fast est entry in the crazy boat class category went to perennial winners John, Terry and

ASSOCIATION

Halton's agricultural repre-

sentative, Henry Stanley, out-

fined his views of the situation

in recent letters to the region's

chief administrative officer.

Ernic Reid, and Milton Coun-

While saying the Halton Fe-

deration of Agriculture and its

related groups have had no

trouble in presenting their con-

cerns and opinions to council

and its committees, Mr. Stan-

ley said he would like to see the

scope of the organization's

agricultural input expanded in

1979. He suggested regular

visits to the administration

and finance committee during

which the views of the farming

community could be expressed

Mr. Stanley added that the

group tentatively plans to

meet every six weeks and

determine whether they are

any forthcoming regional is

sues into which their inpu:

may be valuable or essential.

by a representative group.

Gus Goutouski.

following up on the policy rappropriate standing commit-

Joe Campbell of Georgetown, who, along with Dan Norman, guided their sleek, plywood vessel to a third consecutive victory.

CRAZY CRAFT

Also in Class B, the trophy for best presented crazy craft went to Perry and Linda Jameson, who manned a giant mousetrap, donned rodent masks and squeaked their way to the finish line.

Crazy craft and other boats of all types were entered in Class C, and Georgetowners Roger Richards and Jim Barclay led the rest of their competition to the finish line to claim the "first to finish"

Class D belonged to the service clubs, with a strong four-man team representing the Frenchman's Bay Jaycees from the Pickering area, finishing the race first.

The best presented entry in Class D was the three-man vessel sponsored and manned by the Whitby Jaycees.

Beating all other commercial entries to a Class E victory was a boat sponsored by Harry Green, a Liberal Party candidate in the riding of Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe. Darrell, R. Andrew Shields, Art Johnston, Robert Miller and Gary Luker were aboard

the craft for the race. Varian Associates Ltd. of Georgetown claimed "best presented" honors in Class E for its Love Boat entry, which was guided along the route by an all-girl crew that included Mary Kay Millar, Helen De bour, Jeanette Hancock and Linda Bastedo. The builders of their own craft, the women became the first female crazy boat sailors ever to complete

Mrs. Daquano expressed thanks to all the Jaycees and Jaycettes, along with their helpers and supporters, who made the 12th Crazy Boat Race the "best we've ever

the race.

This year's event would have been the Jaycees' 13 annual race but for one recent season when routing, support and safety concerns necessitated the race's cancellation. The Crazy Boat Race is ti . Jaycees' designated community service project, annually drawing widespread attention, as well as participation, from around southern Ontario.

## Support for a combined culture centre

By MICHAEL HOLLETT Herald editor

Local library and little theatre officials are sharing Mayor Pete Pomeroy's hopes that the combined library and cultural centre being considered by lown council will ultimately resolve two major problems that have plagued the town for

Monday night council con-

decision abandoning plans to incorporate a theatre into planned renovations at the gave few details.

Howard Wrigglesworth School (see page nine). At that time consultants hired by the town discussed a "third option" but The mayor elaborated further on the third option this week

firmed a recent committee

for The Herald and explained that a combined theatre and

seriously considered. Mr. Donut's sign okay, council says

By PAUL DORSEY Herald staff writer

Accusations that some town council members are trying to discourage commerce and industry in Halton Hills helped persuade a majority of councillors Monday night to overturn a recommendation of the general committee and approve plans for a commercial pylon sign at the new Mr.

Donut site in Georgetown. The committee last week recommended that council should reject the application by Marport Corporation Ltd. to erect a 60-foot high Mr. Donut sign at the site of the new outlet adjacent to Frank Vetere's Pizzeria on Highway 7. The sign itself will measure 15

feet by six feet. The application was rejected last week in a 6-6 vote, but strong arguments by councillors Mike Armstrong, Pat Patteson and Roy Booth gained some additional support for the sign Monday night and ended with council's approval

of the application 8-4. RECORDED VOTE Opposing the application in a recorded vote were councillors Ed Wood, Harry Levy, Marilyn Serjeantson and John Me-Donald. Those voting in favor of the new sign were councillors Booth, Patterson, Armstrong, Russ Miller, Walter Biehn, Les Duby, George Malthy and Ross Knechtel. Mayor

Pete Pomeroy was absent. Hoping to overturn the committee recommendation, Coun. Armstrong expressed hope that "common sense might prevail" and council might choose "the lesser of two evils".

He said pylon signs already exist along Highway 7, having

library structure are being

been approved by council for

Vetere's Pizzeria, the A and P

Grocery, Beaver Lumber,

Shoprite and his own place of

employment, Masson Motors

an ugly mess," he assured

council, "That's a clean area

and I want to keep it clean, but

I don't think this is going to

create any ugly, unsightly

Noting that Halton Hills

"wants new industry and busi-

ness in the worst way," Coun.

Patterson criticized council for

moving too slowly on a comp-

rehensive sign control bylaw

that has been on the drawing

"It's time we stopped all the

pussyfooting that's gone on

here in the past," he said.

"With this type of thinking,

Georgetown will continue to be

a bedroom town. Signs like

appearances".

board for years.

"We're not going to create

300 seat theatre as well as a new library, among other facilities. NEW BUILDING Mayor Pomeroy said the existing library may be incorporated into the plan but that is

> unlikely. He did say he is "determined" to preserve the old library building, possibly finding a new use for the structure.

The mayor said the plan

would probably involve the

construction of a new building

at a yet to be determined site.

The building would contain a

"I said during my campaign that we would solve this problem during my first term in office and we intend to do it," he stated.

"Even if we have to bring back-plans to council every

week we will do it", Mayor Pomeroy said that by constructing a combined facility the town would save money in a number of ways including

reduced maintenance costs. He predicts that details of the third option will be presented to council within a month. COMBINED SUPPORT

Spokesmen for both the libr-

ary and the Georgetown Little Theatre told The Herald they are pleased with the proposal for a combined facility.

Derek Joynes of the GLT would definitely get involved in some form of fund-raising campaign if council opts for a combined facility.

Halton Hills library board chairman Dick Howitt told The Herald, "I'm personally in favor of a combined facility and I think I'm speaking on behalf of the entire board when I say this".

"The concept is really great, the building would become almost a focal point for the town. I could see the combined facility taking the place of a

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community centre,"

**\$2,000 RAISE FOR** 

### EDUCATION DIRECTOR

The Halton board of education has approved an increase of \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year in the maximum salary categories for the board's area superintendents, superintendents and director of education.

The maximum for area superintendents has been increased by \$1,000, to \$43,120; for area superintendents, the increase was \$2,000 to \$47,620; the maximum for the director of education was increased \$2,000 a year to \$54,620. Director of education Em Lavender said the increase would cost the board an additional \$7,000 this year. In a comparison with 13 other major boards of education,

the salary scale in Halton places them in the eighth position, with seven boards paying higher average salaries, and five paying lower salaries.



### COLUMBIAN SQUIRES MONTH

April was proclaimed Columbian Squires Month by town council Monday night in honor of the 18,000 young men in 900 communities around the world who work to raise funds and help others. Chief Squire of the local circle 2279. Joe Domingos (left) and the circle's senior counsellor Ed Kaspraycki (right)

looked on as Acting Mayor Ross Knechtel signed the proclamation isto law. Now in its 53rd year of operation, the international Columbian Squires organization is currently raising funds for the construction of a \$30,000 trade school in Guyana.

(Herald photo)