



Nineteen years after she became Georgetown District Memorial Hospital's first baby (the Princess Anne Drive facility had opened only weeks before she arrived June 28, 1961), Christine Moore (seated at left) is ready for another life's milestone. The smiling chap to her left is fiancé Bill Broome of Wingham, where Christine now lives with parents Mr. and Mrs. Dave Moore, seen here standing behind the couple-to-be alongside Christine's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Norm Smith of Glen Williams. Friends and relatives held a wedding shower Sunday in the Glen town hall.

Hospital's first baby plans a May wedding

The first baby born at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital is ready to mark another milestone in her life 19 years later: she's getting married next month.

Family and friends of Christine Moore, now a Wingham resident, gathered at the Glen Williams town hall Sunday afternoon for a wedding shower and an all-too-rare family reunion.

Present along with Christine and fiancé Bill Broome of Wingham were Christine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Moore, who have also moved to Wingham, and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Norm Smith, now living on Park Street in the Glen after 32 years in Georgetown.

Georgetown hospital was barely two months old itself when Christine was born there June 28, 1961, launching its long and continuing history of daily adventures in the maternity ward. The Georgetown Herald, now the Halton Hills Herald, was there to record the occasion, as it has done each New Year's ever since.

The Herald also visited the Moore household on McIntyre Crescent a year after Christine's birth to see how the new hospital's favorite child was doing.

Almost 19 years later, Christine's still doing fine, ready to marry May 31, much to the delight of aunts Joanne Hancock of Glen Williams and Cathy Dodds of

Campbellville, who organized Sunday's shower.

Christine and her parents moved from Georgetown to Wingham in April, 1969, after Christine had been attending Harrison Public School. The community sure has changed a lot since then, she says. Her mother said she still sees nurse Zina Hopwood, who assisted at Christine's birth.

Grandfather Norm Smith brought his young family to Georgetown in 1948. Here, he managed the Dominion Foods outlet on Main Street, opposite the modern location of and adjacent to another grocery shop operated by his friend and fellow Lions Club member, the late Dick Licata.

Private health club approved in vacant industrial plaza

After a sometimes heated debate town council amended a bylaw Monday evening to allow the location of a private commercial health club on industrial land.

Cherrytree Developments' proposed site for the club is a vacant building next to Kelly's Hardware and Brown's Furniture on Highway 7, between Sinclair Avenue and Delrex Boulevard.

Bill Marshall, Halton region's director of business development, commented in a letter to the town planning board that it isn't unusual to include recreational facilities in industrial areas and that the request for a site-specific amending bylaw is not out of line, "particularly in view of the generally commercial nature of Guelph Street".

The building in question was built approximately nine months ago, but has been empty since then. The health club would occupy almost 4,800 feet of the 14,000-square foot building.

At the urging of Coun. Roy Booth, the board had recommended approval for the health club, but the deletion of proposed public garages and service stations, which are legitimate industrial uses, Coun. Booth expressed fear that such institutions would

create too much noise for the Raylawn Crescent residents whose homes back onto the property.

At Monday's council meeting, Richard Wyler, a lawyer for Cherrytree Developments, asked that the service stations and garage option not be deleted from the proposed plan.

"No other owner in the area is subject to these restrictions," Mr. Wyler said. "We're giving up something to get something, and this was not our original intention. I'm here to try and maintain Cherrytree's options."

"You mean we give and you take? Is that it?" Coun. Booth asked.

"No. We just made an application for an amendment to the bylaw," Mr. Wyler claimed. "We're not horse-trading."

"This is a ridiculous situation," Coun. Mike Armstrong said. "I know the people in this area, and the hours of business a garage usually has wouldn't cause any trouble to the residents of this area. It's a frivolous move on our part to delete these uses from the zoning."

"There are already existing businesses of that type there, so I can't see why we are trying to put one over on

Cherrytree," Coun. Harry Levy commented. "I'm going to support Coun. Armstrong and recommend that garages be left in."

"I only suggested that service stations and garages be left out because they don't really seem compatible," Coun. Booth responded. "I

thought we were all in accord on that point when the planning board met last week."

"I think it's the landlord's problem as to what he fills his building with, as long as he stays within the M-1 (industrial) uses," Coun. Armstrong said. "Personally I think four or five guys running

around handing out cigars and putting on mufflers make far less noise than four or five guys splashing around in a swimming pool."

An application to amend the existing bylaw to permit a health club on the site was approved with no deletions to its existing industrial uses.

New budget up eight per cent

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8.5 per cent. In 1980, the average total tax bill will be \$644.02, compared to last year's \$597.33.

For Acton, the breakdown would be based on an average assessment of \$4,498.

General town purposes and urban area service will cost \$22.15 in 1980 as compared with \$209.10 last year, for an increase of 6.2 per cent.

The regional levy for Acton will be \$69.32 this year, an increase of 2.2 per cent over last year's \$67.83. Actonians will also contribute \$4.90 to the capital conservation levy.

The cost of education will go up to \$347.25 from last year's \$321.87, for an increase of 7.9 per cent.

In 1980 the average total tax bill will be \$643.52 for Acton ratepayers, compared to last year's \$598.80, an increase of 7.5 per cent.

Esqueusing figures are based on an average assessment of \$4,638.

The general town purposes comes to \$186.91 in 1980, for an increase of three per cent over last year's \$181.91.

Regional general levy and the capital conservation levy total \$74.20, as compared to \$67.85 paid in 1979. Last year, there was no capital conservation levy.

The total cost of education will be \$351.86, an increase of 8.6 per cent over last year's \$324.05.

This year's average total tax bill will be \$619.09, up \$39.71 from last year for an increase of 6.9 per cent.

Individual tax bills can be calculated by multiplying this year's mill rate by the assess-

ment value of your residence, which has been announced by mail to all Halton Hills homeowners.

As an example, if your assessment value is \$5,000 and you live in Georgetown, you would multiply it by 114.23. The total tax bill would be \$571.15.

TAX LEVY
The new mill rates for Acton and Esqueusing are 143.09 and 132.19, respectively.

The regional tax levy was considerably lower than initially forecast.

Last Wednesday, the region's finance and administration committee managed to lower the regional general levy by \$317,990 by financing part of the Oakville landfill site expansion from its capital contribution fund. Also to be financed from the capital contribution fund is the \$100,000 allocated to the expansion of the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital.

At regional council's meeting that same afternoon, a motion by Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett and Coun. Bonnie Brown was tabled to take \$300,000 from a Reserve for Working Capital and apply it against the mill rate.

The fund currently contains \$620,400, having been built up over the years from money raised in taxes.

"Obviously we need a fund like this to help us out when we overspend on certain projects," Mayor Pomeroy said.

"However, I can't see why we need quite so much money in the reserve fund. I think it would be a good idea to put the \$300,000 towards reducing the mill rate and give the region's ratepayers a break."



—Peter Jones Photo

A YEAR AGO - A CELEBRITY

JUNE 28th (today) is a special day for little Christine Moore. It's her birthday for one thing, but her secret goes farther than that. One year ago today Christine was the centre of publicity and the talk of the town - the first baby born in Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. She's the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Moore of 96 McIntyre Cresc.

Shops to set own hours

All existing bylaws regulating the closing of shops in Halton Hills were repealed by town council Monday evening. Shops will now be allowed to set their own hours according to what owners feel is appropriate and what the market demand is for their services.

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Daylight saving time

Town council has approved a resolution that Halton Hills observe daylight saving time, which starts Sunday at 2 a.m. Following that old axiom of "Spring Forward and Fall Back", residents are reminded to set their clocks ahead one hour before retiring Saturday night.

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