

AWARD WINNER

This photo, taken by former editor Michael Hollett during Glen Williams' 1979 Canada Day celebrations, won The Herald second-place honors in the Feature Photography category which makes up part of the annual Canadian Community Newspapers Association competition. The young men are seen taking part in a watermelon seed spitting contest, one of the events set up for Canada Day.

Letter to the Editor

Reader praises Pipe Band 'and I'm Irish'

To the editor of The Herald: I would like to express a very deep and sincere thank you to all of the members and supporters of the Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band.

Why, you might well ask? Please bear with me and I shall endeavor to explain.

Firstly, I am the father of two children, one son and one daughter; I am blessed with two talented and healthy children. This family of four moved from the city to settle north of Ballinafad approximately eight years ago.

I rapidly discovered that there were many things for a boy to do in the country but very few for a girl.

While I was feeling great pride (and many thanks to the hockey organizations in our area with regard to my son), I was feeling equally concerned about the lack of opportunity for individual expression on behalf of my daughter.

This was when a wonderful thing happened in the interest taken by the pipe band - hooray! She had found her very own individual form of self expression - and she has been able to carry her interest all the way to an Ontario drumming championship by winning the "Mason Drum Award" - the first girl to do so. O.K. - so proud I am, but she

owes it all to the fact that your marvellous, 38-year old tradition was there in Georgetown to begin with.

My daughter and your band have taught me that there's a touch of the Scot in all of us, consequently, I wish all of the terrific ladies the very best of luck at the Speyside Highland Games.

We'll be there supporting you and I hope the rest of the most beautiful town in Canada feels the same way.

Go get 'em girls, and thank you all and much love.

Thankfully,
Joseph L. Benville,
Box 66, Ballinafad.

P.S. You can always tell the true Scot at the Highland games: When the sound of the massed bands begins - he'll be the one with the tears running down his cheeks.

I do it too, and I'm Irish!

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Seek 3-way stop signs at Cobblehill, Victoria Rd.

Herald Special
A request for three-way stop signs on Cobblehill and Victoria Roads in Acton won't be granted until town engineer Bob Austin has prepared a report on its necessity.

Cobblehill Road resident Robert Fleming told the town's general committee Monday that the signs are being requested as a means of dealing with motorists travelling down the incline toward Highway 25 at speeds which present a danger to children.

Mr. Fleming said he had spoken to residents of the houses surrounding the proposed location of the sign and they support his request. He added that he could circulate a petition very quickly if necessary but didn't see the need for

such measures. Mr. Austin said a sign had been requested in that location before, but council decided against it after viewing the site on its spring roads tour a couple of years ago. Staff had recommended against the sign at that time, Mr. Austin said.

Coun. Mike Armstrong rejected a request from Coun. Russ Miller calling for a staff report on the need for the sign, saying he doubted that traffic has increased that much in that time.

Coun. Ed Wood agreed. "Let's take the bull by the horns and give the people what they want," he said. Coun. Miller pointed out places where other residents are also concerned about speeding, such as the hill in Stewart

town on Trafalgar Road. While it would be ridiculous to put a stop sign there to control speeding, he said, if council doesn't get a report before authorizing the installation of a stop sign, it would be setting a precedent, and anyone anywhere would be just as entitled to a stop sign as the Cobblehill Road residents.

"If you do it for one you have to do it for all," he said.

Coun. Armstrong remarked that stop signs won't prevent speeding. The report should really examine ways to stop speeding, he said, not where to put a sign.

Coun. George Maltby added that those who speed also tend to ignore stop signs, so the signs don't help anyway.

Pipe band season

Georgetown's Girls' Pipe Band kicked off its summer season with an appearance in Ottawa for the Annual Lions Convention May 31.

Parading down Banks Street in the nation's capital, the "girls" competed against bands from all over Ontario and Quebec and placed first, receiving the "Harold McGrath Trophy" for the best pipe band in the parade.

At the June 14 Speyside Highland Games in Fairgrounds Park, the girls will compete in Grade 4 in addition to parading in the dignitaries at noon for the official opening.



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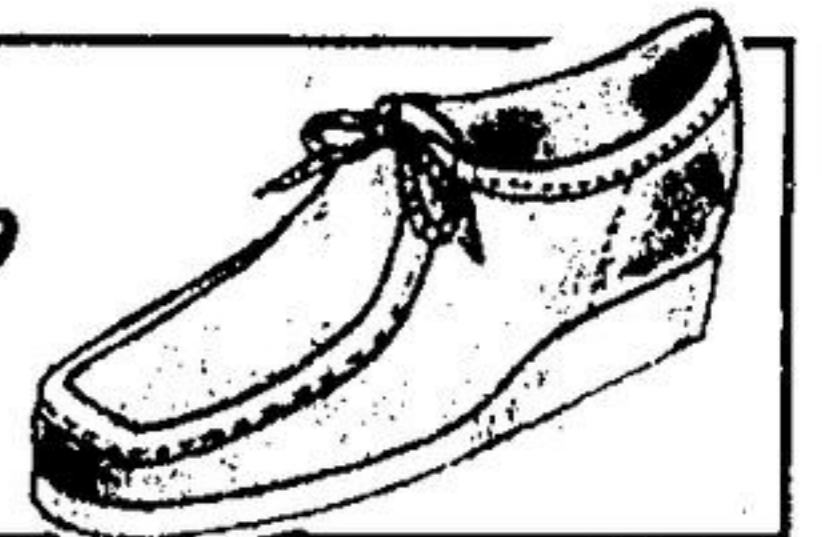
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