



The first combined celebration of Pioneer Days and Summerfest on the weekend was a great success. Attracted by the warm sunshine and the wide range of activities being offered, crowds flocked to Main Street and Cedarvale to join in the fun. Katherine Johnson and Deanna Finlayson (left) check out

their Pioneer Days costumes in a mirror at Cedarvale. Eleanor Inglis (right), who works at Young's Pharmacy, was one of the ladies who modelled pioneer bathing costumes in a fashion show organized by the Lingerie Boutique contrasting modern and old-fashioned bathing suits.

(Herald photo)

Sunny Summerfest and Pioneer Days double Georgetown's festive fun

By LORI TAYLOR
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 The first combined Pioneer Days and Summerfest went off with a bang, thanks to the efforts of all the volunteers, and the co-operation of the weatherman.
 Pioneer Days suffered greatly last year from bone-chilling winds and grey skies, but this year the sun shone and the crowds were there to take part in the various activities organized by the Georgetown Business Improvement Area, the Halton Hills Arts Council, and the Halton Hills Library.
 Entries were up for most competitions this year, although the skateboard competition which was a featured attraction last year was not held this year for lack of a sponsor.
 The Penniesworth Pioneer Days Bicycle Parade, co-sponsored by North Halton Sports, attracted 56 entrants. The judges in the contest were Marjorie Nazer, John

Somer and Judi Starkey. The winners in the various classes were Jeff Brady, Jamie Tripp, Kyle Goodlet, Tiffany Goodlet, Rachel Rodgers, Janet Rodgers, Susan Saxe, Leight Anne Saxe, Sara Hillman and a girl known only as Audrey.
 The best old-time costume contest was big with the ladies, but none of the men's classes, except for the boys' class for general entrants, had any entries. The judges were Edith Peck, Doris King, Mrs. Alex Spitzer, George Burt and James Goodlet Sr.
BEST COSTUME
 Winner of the prize for best costume for business ladies was Eileen Garde. The best

costume worn by the daughter of businessperson was won by Lisa Monchamp. There were no entries for sons of a businessperson.
 No men entered in the category open to members of the general public. In the ladies' competition, the winner was Glenna Wellstead. In the boys' category, the winner was Andrew Hoddinott. In the girls' category, the winner was Deanna Finlayson.
 "The new programs we had went very well," Lynn Barnard, partner in Penniesworth, said. "I think there were some innovative ideas. The costume contest was a good idea."

Mrs. Barnard said people were pleased with the idea of presenting an award for the Pioneer Citizen of the Year to John R. Barber.
 "The weather on Saturday made a big difference," Mrs. Barnard said. "The street dance with the Dolly Varden Revue was very well received and we had good crowds."
 "Those of us who worked hard on it had a good time," she added. "People don't realize that it's being done by businessmen in their spare time, and they don't have a lot of that."
GOODLET'S HELP
 "I think the job Brian (Goodlet) did, and his whole family helped out, was just

super," Mrs. Barnard said. "John MacDonald and George Markou deserve special thanks too, for their work as members of the BIA executive."
 "The co-operative effort with Summerfest, the library, the horticultural society with their flower show and strawberry social, and the historical walk, added something very special and I hope it will continue next year."
 Gretchen Day, president of the Halton Hills Arts Council, said the Summerfest side of the day went "very well."
 "It was very, very pleased. In the judging on Friday, we had an overwhelming turnout of entries, and the judges took a long time to judge them," Mrs. Day said. "I think people were happy to get their work criticized by professionals."
 "I think people enjoyed the displays we had during the day," she said. "Jim

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Col. John R. Barber Year's Pioneer Citizen



COL. JOHN BARBER

Claiming both a prosperous downtown business and ancestral roots extending to Georgetown's early history, Colonel John R. Barber is the natural choice to be the community's Pioneer Citizen of the Year, the first time such an honor has been bestowed.

A plaque recording the honor, sponsored by The Herald, was to have been presented to Colonel Barber Saturday in the midst of Pioneer Days festivities, but the recipient's absence on holiday forced a postponement of the official presentation.

A March, 1979, "Halton's People" feature in The Herald examined Mr. Barber's numerous excursions abroad, upon which he based his Georgetown travel agency, and which has evolved into the Barber and Henley travel and insurance company. Murray Henley is now general manager of the firm.

Colonel Barber is the son of James Barber, original owner of the Barber paper mill on River Road above Glen Williams, now owned by Bellcraft. The only child of his father's second marriage, he shared the family home in Berwick Hall, the towering house at Main and Park Streets. Colonel Barber moved from the house to Park and Market Streets following his father's death in 1916.

Mr. Barber was expected to return from his vacation yesterday (Tuesday). A presentation honoring him as Georgetown's first Pioneer Citizen of the Year will be made this week at a yet-to-be chosen location.

Hospital executive discusses expansion

Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital may have to expand its facilities and increase its staff to meet future needs in the community if present trends continue, hospital board chairman Paul Armstrong said Wednesday at the annual meeting of the hospital board.

Mr. Armstrong was quoting from the 1979-80 annual report, which said the hospital had its busiest year ever this past year, and if trends continue, the hospital will not be able to meet the needs of the community without expansion.

Mr. Armstrong said the hospital has been putting chronic care and extended care beds at the top of their list of priorities since 1975, but because there is also an increasing demand for active treatment beds, the government will have to respond to both those problems.
 The hospital has been re-surveyed by the Canadian Council

on Hospital Accreditation, and was awarded full accreditation status for three years, Mr. Armstrong said. The three-year accreditation is normally issued only to hospitals which meet or exceed all standards, he said.

THANK HELPERS

Mr. Armstrong expressed his appreciation, as did hospital administrator Fred Morris later in the meeting, for the assistance of the hospital auxiliary, the candy-strippers, and the community for their efforts on behalf of the hospital.

"Without financial support in the community, we would be hard pressed in acquiring equipment needed in the care of our patients," Mr. Armstrong said. "From these efforts, the financial picture looks a little brighter for the coming year."
 The hospital last year had a deficit of \$106,920, according to the financial operations report

Better odds than Wintario

Lottery proceeds to save town hall

By MAGGIE HANNAH
 Herald Special
 Efforts to raise the public portion of the funds necessary to restore the old Acton Town Hall will kick off this weekend when tickets go on sale for a year-long lottery.

Ted Tyler, one of the fundraising committee's co-chairmen, said this week tickets will be sold as a series of four for \$100, each good for a three-month period, or as singles for \$26 good for only one period.

Individual tickets could be sold on a weekly basis, he said, but this would involve far too much book work for the resulting profit, he said.

There will be a weekly draw each Saturday morning in downtown Acton beginning September 6. The winner will receive a \$350 cash prize whether he is present or not, but may also win an additional \$150 worth of merchandise prizes if he is present for the draw, depending on how well

ticket sales go. The winning ticket will be returned to the drum so that, theoretically, a ticket holder could win several times.

At the end of the month, the weekly prize winner will receive a trip valued at \$1,200 to \$1,800, Mr. Tyler said.

Only 1,000 tickets will be sold, so the chances of winning in the Acton lottery will be much better than in Wintario. Organizers are really enthusiastic about their lottery

since it has the potential to unite the whole town in the effort, Mr. Tyler said. Citizens stand a good chance to win prizes, merchants should be pleased with the extra potential customers drawn downtown each Saturday, and service clubs whose members will act as official ticket sellers can feel proud of their contribution to the project.

A good number of tickets

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Sewer rates motion dropped but review gets underway

By CHRIS AAGAARD
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 A controversial recommendation supported by the strong Burlington lobby on Halton regional council, which would have reversed the region's sewer rate system and boosted Halton Hills' mill rate, has been replaced by a motion to review the current system by September 15.

Council voted nearly unanimously last Wednesday to replace Burlington Coun. Joan Allingham's radical motion to revert back to the old chargeback system with a cautious study of the system now in use.

Implemented last January, the "equalized" rate system, by which all four area municipalities in Halton supposedly contribute equitable portions toward region-wide water and sewer facility costs on an assessment basis, has been attacked as "unfair" by councillors from the more populous areas of Oakville and Burlington.

Coun. Allingham herself turned a recommendation from chief administrative officer Ernie Reid into a motion to have outside consultants review the current system by September 15. In doing so, she cited major problems for some users because of the billing process, rebate troubles and problems with computers.

"The study will deal with policy problems and who pays what," she explained.

Oakville Coun. Ron Planche called the review motion "a new beginning", acknowledging that some Halton residents are being billed unfairly.

DEADLINE SET

Even though Coun. Allingham's motion set a deadline for the study's completion a month prior to the date recommended by Mr. Reid, Burlington Mayor Roly Bird fought for an even earlier deadline. Oakville Coun. Terry Mannell persuaded council to take its time, however.

"If we're going to do it, we should do it right for a change," Coun. Mannell said, calling the sewer rate debacle a "comedy series rivalling any seen in the old nickelodeon

theatres". The sole dissenter was Oakville Coun. Laurie Mannell, who expressed doubt that consultants can do the job.

"We've seen this before," he told council. "They'll ask Charlie over there in the corner, who does nothing but sharpen pencils, about sewer

surcharge rates, and all he knows is how to build urinals for left-handed people."

After passing the motion, some councillors reflected on past sewer surcharge debates. Oakville Coun. McLean Anderson said everyone on regional council should share the blame and realize that the

problems in implementing the surcharge rate schemes are a part of regional government's "evolution".

Coun. Carol Gooding of Oakville said that council was warned last October that "the change would be difficult" and would require "constant monitoring and upgrading".

Our new police building won't be 'gargoyle green'

Contrary to the wish of at least one colleague from the south, Halton Hills Coun. Roy Booth does not want the town's new police headquarters painted the same "gargoyle green" as the region's Oakville administration building.

"Surveying plans last Wednesday for the new Halton regional police building to be constructed adjacent to Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena in Georgetown, Oakville Coun. Terry Mannell took exception to the restricted use of Halton's official color: a shade somewhere between Kelly green and viridian, the

color appears only on the regional coat of arms to be attached to the police building.

"An identity should be made with the region," Coun. Mannell complained, "so that the public understands what the region is and where the services are."

The councillor's motion to have all regional buildings painted the same green color was soundly defeated by a majority of members apparently unimpressed by past descriptions of regional headquarters as "the jolly green giant" and the "Incredible Hulk".

Instead, Coun. Booth was a chance to have town council in Halton Hills decide on the police building's color scheme.

Oakville Coun. Ron Planche urged council to "get its act together" concerning design and decoration, noting that the debate over regional colors was "the third one in four years".

The region's sprawling administration headquarters, painted flat, metallic green from top to bottom, is located on Highway 25 immediately north of the Queen Elizabeth Way.

Landowners suing NEC for \$125 billion land loss

The Niagara Escarpment Ratepayers' Association is suing the province for \$125 billion.

In a writ served last week at the Niagara Escarpment Commission office in Georgetown and the Ontario Parliament buildings in Toronto, the association says it is suing the

commission, the provincial secretary for resource development and Ontario minister of housing and natural resources.

The group claims the commission has destroyed land values and limited land use.

Spokesman Norm Seabrook, told reporters at a press conference at Queen's Park the average loss to landowners is

\$2,000 an acre. If the association wins the class action, it will be up to individual landowners to file for damages.

Mr. Seabrook says landowners do not mind providing parkland for Ontario taxpayers, but those who benefit - the taxpayers - must pay for the park, not the landowners.



FASHIONABLE FURNISHINGS

Members of the Belles and Beaux held their end-of-season luncheon at the Stewarttown Hall Monday afternoon, and followed lunch with some entertainment. Rod Beaumont, who spends his off-hours as a constable with Halton Regional Police, entertained the gathering with some songs, and was followed with this fashion show, featuring everything, almost including the kitchen sink. The models had such gracious names as Miss Light, Miss Kitchen Gadgets, Miss Bedroom and Miss Sickroom, and they were dressed appropriately.

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