



**The end of school draws mixed reviews,  
 Poor Mom will miss her morning snooze;  
 Dear teachers on the other hand  
 Have six weeks in a rest home planned.**

- contributed by Mrs. John Bellbody, Herald correspondent

Not all students are as buried under with school work as our young friend Scott DeForest appears to be, but they're no doubt just as glad as he that school is out for another year, and they face two glorious months of sun and fun. Scott is a Grade 3 student at Glen Williams Public School who will be returning next fall to Grade 4. Between now and then, he should be able to dig himself out from under all those books for some summer fun. (Herald photo by Lori Taylor)

## Surprise motion Debate today on Bill 151

A surprise motion from Burlington Mayor Roly Bird calling on the provincial government to dismantle Halton region is expected to come before regional council today (Wednesday).

The region's administration and finance committee voted 4-3 to bring the controversial motion before council last Wednesday following a heated, hour-long debate that saw Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy steadfastly defending the six-year-old regional system.

The surprise motion came as the committee was about to discuss proposed reforms to Bill 151, the provincial legislation which formed Halton region.

"We should know where we stand right away," Mayor Bird said, complaining that councillors were hypocritical to discuss changes to legislation while at the same time advocating an outright split-up of the region.

Following an hour of angry discussion, the committee's vote on the necessary motion to seek council's decision was 4-3. Committee chairman Mac Anderson cast the tie-breaking vote, claiming that he only wished to see the matter brought before council.

Joining Mayor Bird in supporting the motion were Burlington Coun. Steve Toth and Milton Mayor Don Gordon. Steadfastly opposed to any plans to scuttle regional government were Mayor Pomeroy, Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett and Oakville Coun. Bonnie Brown.

Mayor Bird warned that the province will not be receptive to any proposed changes in the bill and added that "constructive suggestions" in the past have been "thwarted" at Queen's Park.

Two of the region's four area municipalities are considering a public referendum on whether or not to stay in the region. The question would likely be included with ballots when municipal elections are held in Oakville and Milton next fall, should the scheme be approved.

The committee has also recommended to council that regional road maintenance be turned over to the four municipalities' public works departments, which would then charge the region for service costs.

The committee has suggested that sewage disposal and water supply remain the responsibility of the region but that providing services to the home should become the responsibility of the local municipality.

## Mayor predicts motion will die

Mayor Pete Pomeroy doesn't believe the radical motion proposed by Burlington Mayor Roly Bird, calling on the province to shelve Halton's regional government, will get far.

"I expect the motion to be defeated," Mayor Pomeroy said of the recommendation which goes before regional council this afternoon (Wednesday).

Mayor Pomeroy said council must decide whether "constructive, positive time" can be put into regional government to make it work.

If not, he said, "there are other things we can do with our own municipalities."

Mayor Pomeroy said he does not think Mayor Bird wants to see the region break up, but proposed the motion to find out how council really feels about regional government.

"I think he feels the same way I do," Mayor Pomeroy said. "We should do what we can to straighten up the mess."

## TRAIN KILLS WOMAN

An Acton woman was killed instantly when she was struck by a train Thursday night at the CNR tracks north of Mill Street.

The woman, who was 41, married and with children, stood on the tracks with her back to the train. The train crew saw her while they were one-quarter mile away and applied the emergency brake and sounded the whistle, but the train was unable to stop in time.

The woman died instantly. The speed of the train at the time of the impact was estimated at 30 miles per hour.



Town Coun. Mike Armstrong presented Mrs. Mabel Licata with an award honoring her late husband Richard (Dick) Licata for his efforts in building Georgetown's first swimming pool located next to the Lions Hall in 1958. The ceremony took place last Thursday evening as the Georgetown Lions rededicated the Georgetown pool the "Dick Licata Memorial Swimming Pool". (Herald photo)

## LICATA POOL DEDICATION

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
 Herald Staff Writer

In an historic ceremony last Thursday evening the Lions Club of Georgetown renamed its outdoor pool behind the Memorial Arena the Dick Licata Memorial Outdoor Swimming Pool in honor of the late member who played a major role in the pool's planning and construction between 1942 and 1958. Mr. Licata died in 1978.

In Thursday's dedication ceremony, Mr. Licata's widow, Mabel, was presented with a plaque by Coun. Mike Armstrong honoring Mr. Licata's service with the Lions' Club from 1934 until his death.

Mr. Licata was president of the Lions' Club in 1942 when it purchased the land on which the pool is located.

In 1954, the Georgetown volunteer brigade tore down an old slaughterhouse on the property and money was eventually raised for the pool project to begin. The pool was finally opened in 1958, becoming Georgetown's first such public facility.

Coun. Armstrong cited a long list of Mr. Licata's contributions to the town.

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Aside from his involvement with the Lions' Club, Mr. Licata was president of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce from 1964 to 1976. He was also chairman of the community's cemetery board, started Georgetown's first night school and was instrumental on the town's hospital board. Mr. Licata served on the arena board and organized Georgetown's first figure skating program.

"He never looked for any recognition," Coun. Armstrong told the audience of about 25 people gathered inside the Lions' Hall for the ceremony. "He looked more to contributing to the Lions' Club and the community he lived in."

Coun. Armstrong added that Mr. Licata "dedicated his life to put the community on the right path."

In some ways the rededication ceremony resembled the original pool opening 22 years ago. Ab Tennant, who was in charge of the construction contract when the pool was built, was present to honor Mr. Licata. The Georgetown Girls Pipe Band performed during the rededication ceremony, just as the Georgetown Boys Band heralded the opening of the first pool in 1958.

## Armstrong calls demolition 'logical'

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
 Herald staff writer

"It's the most logical thing to do," town planning board chairman Mike Armstrong told The Herald when asked about the proposed demolition of the Chapel Street school, the oldest such institution in Georgetown.

The planned demolition by owner Chateau Belair Developments Ltd. was announced last Tuesday evening at the planning board meeting as councillors were preparing to discuss bylaw amendments which would have allowed Belair to turn the old school into 22 apartment dwellings and develop the surrounding property at the corner of Chapel Street and Dayfoot drive, for four single family houses.

Coun. Armstrong, who attended the school in the mid-1940's said it would have been difficult to restore the old school. Additions to the school since the turn of the century have made its interior a "maze" of walls and shortened classrooms.

Chateau Belair president Al Pilutti said his company withdrew its development plans for the school because of "pure, simple economics."

"We made all efforts to save the old school," Mr. Pilutti told The Herald last week, adding that the company could not have "charged high enough rents to make the project pay for itself."

Mr. Pilutti said the decision to demolish the school "came suddenly" when Chateau Belair received favorable quotations for the demolition. Chateau Belair estimates that it has lost six months' work on the project while investigating the cost of restoring the school.

Ward 3 Coun. Roy Booth said he is "disappointed" with plans to tear down the school and recalled that the town could have purchased the property at a "fairly moderate price" three years ago.

Ward 3's other councillors, John McDonald and Walter Blehn, were unavailable for comment.

Meanwhile, a demolition permit has been issued to Chateau Belair. Mr. Pilutti did not specify when the firm will proceed with the demolition.

## Car strikes house

A motorist escaped relatively unscathed Saturday night when the car he was driving struck a house on Chelvin Drive in Georgetown.

The car was southbound on Fagan Drive, turned around at the dead end and went out of control. The car ran up onto the boulevard on the east side, crossed over to the west side, and then west across Chelvin Drive and up on to the front lawn of the house at 30 Chelvin.

The driver suffered a bump on the head and was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$1,000. Damage to the house was estimated at \$1,200.

Charges are pending against the driver.

## U.S. company buys Inmont

The Foreign Investment Review Agency has approved a takeover of a Georgetown company by United Technologies Corporation of Hartford, Connecticut.

The takeover by the company involves Inmont-Pressite Ltd., Inmont Canada Ltd. of Brampton, Carrier Air Conditioning Ltd. and Carrier Air Conditioning Distributors Ltd., both of Brampton.

Industry Minister Herb Gray, the minister responsible for the agency, said the transaction will result in a number of meaningful economic benefits. He said that substantial capital expenditures on plant and equipment and the rationalization of production in Canada of a number of product lines will likely lead to increased exports, new jobs, and improved plant productivity and enhanced industrial efficiency.

Improvements are also expected in the level of Canadian participation in the direction and management of the Inmont and Carrier operation.

Substantial increases are also expected in research and development spending and United Technologies has stated it would centre in Canada the design and manufacture of a number of new air conditioning and related products for sale in the North American market. United Technologies intends to commit \$300 million to its Canadian operations for research and development in the 1980-85 period.

Inmont-Pressite manufactures industrial sealants, while Inmont in Brampton manufactures printing inks and auto paints.

**RR1 Georgetown jockey  
 Hugo Dittfisch rode  
 Someolio Man  
 to a second place finish  
 in Saturday's Queen's Plate**  
 See Sportweek

## No bug spraying for time being

Attempts to launch spray programs to control mosquitoes in the Acton area failed to win the town's approval June 23.

However, town council will be inviting University of Guelph environmental biologist Dr. Surgeoner to address members on mosquito control with an eye to preparing a program for next year.

In a report from town engineer Bob Austin, council members were told that two types of spraying programs could be used. A mechanical fogging process aimed at adult mosquitoes should be done twice daily and its benefits "seem minor compared to the costs", while spraying the larvae costs more than \$500 a day to implement.

While the town could get a subsidy through the region's Medical Officer of Health if encephalitis-carrying mosquitoes were involved, there is no financial help for other types.

One town employee is licensed to use larvicide, but since chemicals are not in the current budget, the town could not begin spraying immediately.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy agreed that mosquitoes in certain parts of Acton are worse than in any other part of the municipality this year, but he opposed spending town money on spraying when there is no guarantee residents would be doing anything on their own properties to supplement spraying on town lands.

He suggested that the town purchase the chemicals and make it available to residents to purchase and apply to their own lands. Mr. Austin told him, however, that the town can't do this legally.

Committee decided to send the matter back to staff for further information, including a visit from Dr. Surgeoner and also details on a seminar on mosquito control slated for later this summer.

## Subdivision rejected

The town planning board last week turned down an application by Kay Fisher of Mississauga to turn 36 acres of rural land on Highway 25 south of the Beardmore Tannery's aeration fields into a residential development containing approximately 112 single family dwellings. Planning department staff rejected the location since it is sandwiched between Beardmore's fields, McNair Mushroom Farms and diagonally adjoins the town's sewage treatment plant. It was recommended that the property be included in the Acton urban study area to be examined by the town and the region.

## Lottery ticket sales brisk, first draw in September

By MAGGIE HANNAH  
 Herald Special

Ticket sales are "absolutely fantastic" for the Acton Lottery raising funds for the restoration of Acton's old town hall, according to organizers.

Ticket chairman Jake Kuiken said this week he has had money and stubs turned in for about 40 tickets already.

"One person I know with an organization has 50 tickets out and going so well with his members he has asked for another 50 tickets," Mr. Kuiken said. "Ted Tyler (lottery co-chairman) has turned in a dozen tickets and (Acton citizen of the year) Arlie White turned in his five tickets the next day after he received them to sell. The demand is unbelievable. It's going to be a sell-out."

Mr. Tyler said he is equally pleased with the reception the lottery is receiving. He is surprised at the number of people who have paid the \$100 price of the ticket immediately as a lump sum rather than opting for \$26 quarterly instalments.

More than 500 tickets are in the hands of ticket sellers already and he has been approached by people not connected with any organization who want to participate some way.

"It looks like we've got a winner," he said.

The year-long lottery will feature a weekly draw for \$350 prize each Saturday. In addition bonus prizes may be awarded each week depending on the amount of ticket sales, and a trip will be awarded monthly.

Tickets will be sold during the summer with the first draw taking place in downtown Acton September 6.

The lottery scheme is a final attempt to save the community's 99-year old red brick hall from the wrecker's hammer after more than two years of unsuccessful fund-raising efforts.

A huge public protest in 1977 persuaded town council to give residents time to raise funds and restore the building at the corner of Willow and Bower Streets. It had originally been scheduled for demolition in favor of extra parking space for the town's fire hall next door. When an addition to the fire hall was tied into the town hall, structural defects in the building were discovered and restoration costs climbed to \$236,000.

Town residents must raise \$50,000 on their own to save the building. If that can be done, they can collect grants from Wintario and the Ontario Heritage Foundation. The town has also promised to donate money to have been used to raze the building to its preservation instead.



George Elliot, leader of the Acton Citizens Band purchased the first ticket of Acton's "save our town hall lottery", which was launched Friday during Back to Acton Days festivities. Dr. Elliot is flanked by lottery chairpersons Ted Tyler and Yvonne Rosenquist. (Herald photo by Chris Aagaard)