

Special committee set to help fund raisers

A special clearing-house committee has been established to co-ordinate community fund-raising drives to pay for Georgetown's new 1.25 million library-cultural centre.

"It's structured to communicate with all groups and individuals within the community which want to come forth with plans on raising money or other contributions towards the project," Rex Heslop told The Herald. "One local industry, Unilock, has already donated \$3,000 worth of interlocking paving bricks to the complex."

Ab Tennant and Mr. Heslop are the co-chairmen of the new committee, which includes Mayor Pete Pomeroy, Bud Whiting, Theresa Millenaar, Bert Arnold and Dave Kentner.

The group is also divided into sub-committees. Mayor Pomeroy and Mr. Whiting are in charge of "special activities". Mrs. Millenaar is representing the Halton Hills Arts Council. Mr. Kentner will co-ordinate fund-raising activities of sports groups, and Mr. Arnold, a local lawyer, will handle fund-raising dealings with professional and corporate sponsors.

Meeting every Monday at 8 a.m., the committee will grant approval to all community-wide fund-raising projects before they are implemented. "We want to make sure that there is no overlapping of events, and we'll set guidelines as to how specific projects should be implemented," Mr. Heslop said.

He called the community fund-raising efforts "unique", because the centre will rely heavily on public contributions. With a capital freeze on all Ontario grants, fund-raisers hope, instead, to collect \$200,000 of the project's cost through various events, pledges and a door-to-door campaign slated to begin shortly.

The Georgetown Little Theatre, the group likely to get the most use out of the building once it's completed, has raised \$26,000 in actual receipts from its seat pledge drive. Uncollected pledges from the Rotary Club and the CLT push the amount of promised and received funds to \$70,000.

The town, through existing budgets and lot levies as well as various provincial government grants, will make up the balance of the centre's costs. Confident that the fundraising drive will be a success over the next year, Mr. Heslop said it is extremely unlikely that the town would have to raise taxes next year if the drive falls short of the \$200,000 goal.

He explained that the formation of the fundraising committee is late this year because of the February federal elections and the desire to begin campaigning in the autumn when most people are accustomed to other fund-raising drives.

The anticipated seating capacity of approximately 300 persons "is a compromise that will accommodate the most number of local organizations using it", Mr. Heslop said, adding that centre architect

Keith Wagland tried to meet most of the requests in stage design and equipment sought for the theatre by the architectural advisory committee last year. There will be little room for expanding the complex once it's completed.

Rental fees, staff hiring and theatre operation will not be established until after the November 10 municipal and school board elections. Organizing an administrative body for the theatre and ironing out such delicate issues as whether the library board, a separate theatre board or a combination of the two will run the centre will be discussed with the new council.

There are no estimates available for the centre's operating costs and no official opening date has been announced.

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Vacation Guide

Paloozer Skiing at Terratima

By TONY SLOAN

Terratima, better known for cross-country skiing, is actually a working ranch in the rolling, forested foothill country near Rocky Mountain House in Alberta, Canada.

Larry and Claire Kennedy then are ranch people. That means they possess that indefinable, but characteristic, ability of Alberta ranch people to put guests at ease and convey an easy enthusiasm for enjoying either the countryside trails or a laid back fireside chat.

They also introduced me to paloozer skiing.

"We're invited to dinner with the Foothills Nordic Ski Club tonight," Larry Kennedy stated, "and afterwards we'll use paloozers to ski over to the schoolhouse for some dancing. Do you know how to dance a Virginia reel?"

"I'll probably cope but what's a paloozer?"

A most ingenious device as turned out. It was simply a Vogue tobacco tin with a ragged-edged hole punched in the side and a short candle inserted so it will stand upright inside the can. The can hangs on its side and is suspended by a stiff wire from around the neck.

The bottom of the can, which bounces gently against your belly when skiing, doubles as a reflector and casts a soft but illuminating light on the trail.

"My father was a trapper," Larry explained, "and during the short winter days, he spent a good part of the time travelling the trail at night. I don't know why it's called a paloozer but it's ideal for skiing at night as you'll see."

Terratima is a hostel-style resort where you supply and cook your own vittles on an old fashioned range stove, bring your own sleeping bag to bed down in either the housekeeping cabins, the main hostel -- a two-story ranch house -- or the most recent addition, a two-story log home.

All kitchens are fully equipped, including an authentic two bedroom log house 1.6 km (1 mile) back in the woods, if you fancy a real pioneer life style at night while skiing the trails by day.

The main hostel and log home, including furniture, are authentic early period Alberta ranch style tempered by electricity and indoor plumbing.

The cabins are sans indoor facilities and, as somewhat of an outdoor hilly fancier, the Terratima facility is imaginative and probably unique in Canada.

Tell me triangular (Viking I think) and the color -- bright but not gaudy -- (early Ming dynasty I would say) the location affords a beautiful view from the heights overlooking Prairie Creek. The Foothills Nordic Ski Club, whose members hail from Calgary, Red Deer and nearby centres are an affable mixture of outdoor buffs who like fine food, a good trail and congenial companionship and as such, make superb hosts.

Wined and dined, we donned skis and paloozers and set off for the schoolhouse, 2 km (1.2 miles) on an easy trail that wound through deep woods in the dark of night.

A line of 20 paloozers gliding along on a winter trail is a stirring sight and a pleasant little adventure in itself.

The one-room schoolhouse, circa 1923, and long since abandoned to the merriment of nighttime nordic skiers, still retained the well remembered implements of torture that beat my alleged and recalcitrant mind into total submission.

The desks were stacked neatly against the wall, to make space for the dancing, and the blackboard stood blank to the left of where once sat the highest authority on earth. No longer did prim little girls and tow-headed young louts squint up in frowning trepidation as yet another diabolical mystery was thereon inscribed.

The great monster of a wood stove (this one would have heated a 10-unit apartment building) radiated heat like a volcano and the room was stifling within minutes.

The glueshein was ladled out, the taped music blared a toe-lapping rhythm and lines were formed for the reel.

"By gosh," as a friend of mine up Fort McMurray way would say, "but we had a good time."

Terratima is particularly well suited for groups of four or more. The main hostel, for example, accommodates 12 guests and the log home sleeps six to eight.

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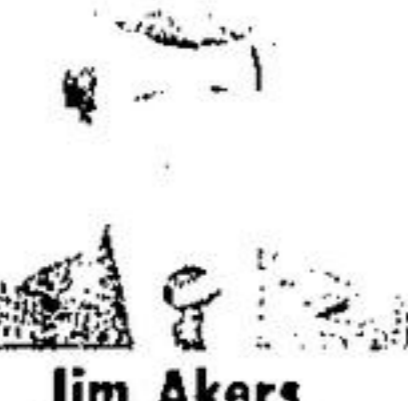
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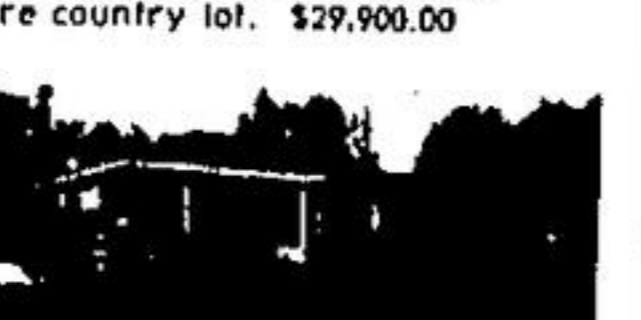
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