

About the Hills

Eight months for ex-treasurer

Former Georgetown Figure Skating Club (GFSC) honorary treasurer Eugenia Petrelli was convicted Friday of theft and sentenced to eight months in prison for stealing \$41,000 from the club and a former employer.

But for the young ages of Mrs. Petrelli's four children, Judge Alan Sprague said following her conviction, the sentence would have been harsher. He recommended she be allowed to serve the sentence on a "temporary absence basis" so that she can visit and care for the children; he also recommended she receive psychiatric assessment and commence two years' probation.

A former resident of Pennington Crescent in Georgetown, Mrs. Petrelli pleaded guilty to two counts of theft. The court heard that she illegally obtained \$31,000 from her former employer, Protomp Finishing Systems Ltd. of Georgetown, and another \$10,000 from the GFSC, between April and November, 1979.

Married and the mother of four children ranging in age from three months to seven years, Mrs. Petrelli has been living in Brampton the past year.

A hundred homes

Work started on 118 housing units in the town of Halton Hills in 1980 and was completed on 404, says Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). During the year, work started on 50 single-family units, eight row-housing units and 60 apartment units. Work was completed on 53 single-family units, 89 row-housing units and 262 apartment units.

Businessman may sue

Deltacraft flood 'worst in 26 years'

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While town and Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) officials are confident new flood controls along the Credit River near Glen Williams passed a supreme test during last week's thaw, at least one area businessman says he suffered the worst flooding in 26 years.

Drive Thursday, ruining approximately \$7,000 worth of raw materials and damaging shop machinery. While the plant is now operating at full staff, Mr. Klee said about 30 men were told to go home when flooding shut down the shop.

"I really don't know how long it will take to get everything working again," he said Thursday, adding that flooding might have been averted if demolition experts began destroying ice jams below the dam before starting upriver in Glen Williams.

Blasting in various locations below the dam behind Georgetown's Armstrong Avenue cleared enough ice to lower water levels at Deltacraft and by 10 p.m. Friday night, Mr. Klee said, the water had dropped enough to call in workers to clean up Saturday morning.

Although Mr. Klee declined to confirm whether or not he would take the CVCA to court, partially blaming the dam's open sluiceway for building up water levels in front of the dam while ice was jammed further down stream, CVCA general manager Glenn Schnarr insisted that the \$500,000 worth of dredging, channelization and

dam modifications "responded admirably" to the sudden thaw.

"If this is the least flooding we get in Glen Williams this year, it will be the least flooding we get in many, many years," Mr. Schnarr told a CVCA meeting last Thursday night.

With the exception of the Deltacraft flooding, no serious property damage was reported in the Glen Williams area, he told The Herald later. However, a few roads in the Meadowvale area downstream were briefly submerged.

Meanwhile, the CVCA is hopeful that last week's break-up, though possibly temporary, will reduce the chances of serious flooding when the spring thaw finally arrives. Excluding wages paid to firefighters, town and CVCA employees, approximately \$3,500 was spent and 200 pounds of dynamite used in the four days last week when the ice jams were being cleared.

Beardmore's chemical spill 'just chloride' - spokesman

A Beardmore spokesman had denied there is anything dangerous about chemicals leaking into Black Creek and surrounding groundwater from the Acton tannery.

Canada Packers public relations officer Murray Stewart said Friday the chemical described by ministry of environment (MOE) consultants as leaking from the Beardmore plant's disposal facilities is common chloride.

Chloride gives the receiving water a salty taste, "but it's not a hazardous thing," Mr. Stewart said after the MOE study of 52 industrial waste disposal sites around Ontario found 11 of them leaking various chemicals, including at some locations nitrate, heavy metals and explosive levels of methane gas.

Mr. Stewart said Beardmore will co-operate with the MOE to determine the cause of the high chloride level. A meeting is expected to be arranged soon.

The tannery, Acton's oldest and largest employer, has its own sewage disposal plant adjacent to the plant, but its close proximity to municipal sewers has created suspicion as to which, if either, is actually leaking chemicals.

Don Morrier of Halton's works department said the region will not be involved in further studies to be undertaken by Beardmore and the MOE, but commented that runoff at this time of year can be expected to carry high chloride levels because of winter road salting.

MOE spokesman John Steele said last Wednesday all 11 trouble spots identified by the province-wide study must be watched closely.

of a grudge match (centre photo) at George Kennedy School between a local squad and the self-proclaimed "Brampton Burn-outs". The Brampton team's performances belied their name: Georgetown dropped a three-game series the previous

weekend 2-1 in Brampton, and was barely staying alive in Sunday's rematch series. In the minor leagues, meanwhile, Roger and Steven Alchin and Chris Macdonell (left) turned

Greystone Crescent into Maple Leaf gardens with some exciting

Toronto child missing

Rising river claims a victim

A 12-year-old Toronto boy is missing and presumed drowned after he fell into the Credit River on the Upper Canada College property in Norval Monday afternoon.

Scott Kovacs, 12, of Dunvegan Road in Toronto was on a field trip from his school, St. George's College along with 24 other boys and two teachers from his grade seven class. The group was walking beside the river when something gave way

under his feet and Scott fell into the water. Before the instructors could reach him, he had been swept away under a shelf of ice which still lines the river bank in spite of recent mild temperatures.



These young thespians from Joseph Gibbons School don't seem too nervous as they sit in their "dressing room" at Littlehouse Public School, waiting their turn to go onstage. The students, (left to right) Darrin Selby, Michelle Glassford and Angie Gambles, are members of the library club, which has

mounted a production of the play "Dracula", a substantially different version than the GLT's, at several different schools in the area.

(Herald photo by Lori Taylor)

BLOODSUCKERS AROUND

Recreating the classic, bloodthirsty pose struck by show business's best-known Dracula - Bela Lugosi - is Keith Harris, star of the Georgetown Little Theatre's latest thriller "Count Dracula", a contemporary shocker based on Bram Stoker's famous novel. The damsel whom Keith is playing in distress here is Melissa Bell, about to become one of Dracula's brides. The GLT's production opens Friday at Sacre Coeur Church hall. Performances follow Saturday night and March 5, 6 and 7.



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Jelinek calls Trudeau a liar, leaves House but not sorry

From the Ottawa Bureau of The Herald
Halton MP Otto Jelinek withdrew from the House of Commons Monday night after branding Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau a liar.

The outspoken Tory left the chamber voluntarily after deputy speaker Lloyd Francis had asked him a half-dozen times to withdraw the accusations. Justice minister Jean Chretien then demanded he be suspended.

Mr. Jelinek told reporters afterwards that his conscience would not allow him to withdraw the remarks.

"I feel that I was saying the truth, and though I had not planned to call Trudeau a liar, my conscience would not let me do it," he said.

ICE RINK'S GONE SO THEY'RE TAKIN' IT TO THE STREETS



Spring or fall, the mild weather means the ice rinks aren't playable, so it's into the streets and playgrounds for hockey buffs of all ages. Our photographer found roadhockey aplenty around the streets of Georgetown on the weekend, including a half-raiser

action, and on Metcalfe Court (right), Kenny Kingston went one-on-one against goalie Leslie Lompton.

(Herald photos by Harold Bransch)

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