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Posthumous tribute to John Elliott

Theatre's new name honors late councillor

Public contributions of the late John Elliott, a former Georgetown councillor and long-time community worker, have prompted the town to name the theatre portion of the new library-cultural centre in his honor.

Wife Norma and daughters Lois Elliott and Brenda Sissett joined Mayor Pete Pomeroy and building committee chairman Ab Tennant for a press conference inside the Church Street complex yesterday (Tuesday) morning, explaining that they plan to boost the building fund with a donation of unspecified amount when the centre opens Oct. 18. Mr. Elliott's son Ross was unable to attend the conference.

"Our family feels a strong tie to the arts," Lois explained. "My father was a great fan of music, especially country music, and he loved plays and comedies."

A music lover as well as a devoted father, Mr. Elliott, who died three years ago, encouraged his own interest in music, which she has pursued semi-professionally since her childhood. She'll appear onstage at the John Elliott

operation at the same location seven years later.

"I think it will be great for the people of the town to have someplace to go to see a play," Mrs. Elliott commented yesterday about the new arts complex. "I hope people of all ages enjoy it and that other groups besides our Georgetown Little Theatre come and perform for us."

Mr. Elliott's daughters share their mother's expectations for the new facility.

"Dad was always working and didn't have much spare time to go far, but if there had been a theatre close by, he would have enjoyed it," Brenda said.

"As much as the theatre is named the John Elliott Theatre," Mrs. Elliott added, "this theatre belongs to everyone. We don't feel this is our theatre. I strongly believe this belongs to the town."

"We want people to keep contributing to the project fund," Brenda said. "If they hear the money has almost been raised, their incentive to contribute won't be so high."

Mayor Pomeroy acknowledged that the anticipated Elliott donation will greatly boost the public fund-raising campaign, now within \$5,000 of its \$20,000 goal. Organizers have pointed out, however, that additional funds will be needed to purchase interior equipment and furnishings.

John Alwyn Elliott was born Aug. 9, 1925, in Grenfell, Saskatchewan. Along with his four brothers, he served in World War II. As a member of the Royal Canadian Navy on the destroyer Algonquin, he took part in the D-Day invasion of Normandy. He came to Ontario in 1946, and married Norma Costello of Clarkson two years later.

John and Norma moved from Oakville to Georgetown with their three children in 1955. John was station master at the CNR station until he retired in 1976, after 30 years with the railway.

An ambitious man, Mr. Elliott studied for his customs



A brief but emotional ceremony yesterday morning as the theatre portion of the new complex was named after the late John Elliott, a former Georgetown councillor. Present at the ceremony were members of the Elliott family. (Left to right) Brenda Sissett, Norma Elliott and Lois Elliott. The family is also establishing annual scholarships worth \$500 each for GDHS music and theatre students.

High school teachers accept new contract

Herald Special

Halton's 1,120 secondary school teachers voted in favor of a new contract last Friday which will give them a 12 per cent pay increase retroactive to Sept. 1 and a further two to three per cent increase in January depending on their teaching experience.

Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) district nine president Joe Harwood said the teachers showed a clear majority in favor of the contract in Friday's vote but would not release the figures until the Halton board of education also voted on the contract. That is scheduled to be done at Thursday's board meeting.

Mr. Harwood said the new contract gives a two per cent increase to teachers under the maximum years experience in January while those over the maximum 12 years receive a three per cent increase. The average wage of Halton high school teachers is \$28,100.

The new agreement also means a slight drop in the pupil-teacher ratio, Mr. Harwood said.



PIT STOP PERUSAL

The first step in competing in Georgetown's soap box derby is having your four-wheeled kart checked over by knowledgeable officials from the Kismen, who helped to sponsor and organized the Sunday event. Here Kismen scrutineers Don Pearson (left) and Gary Evans look over Grant Cox's mean machine in preparation for his battle against the clock. See page A2.



The 19-member Golden Helmets team of volunteer OPP motorcycle patrol officers delighted spectators at the Friday evening opening ceremonies for Georgetown's fall fair. To mold the squad into a precision team takes weeks of practicing intricate maneuvers.

(Herald photos by Dave Rowney and Harold Bransch)



Under the watchful eyes of father Andy Burt, eleven-month old Stephen enjoys his first merry-go-round ride at Georgetown's fall fair and if his wistful expression is any indication of the fun he's having, he'll want to return again next year to visit the strange horses with poles through their manes!

Fall fair attendance rises 30%

By BETTYANNE WELLSLEAD
Fall Fair Publicist

Overcast skies and cool temperatures failed to dampen the spirit of visitors to this year's 135th anniversary of Georgetown Fair, as fair directors report a considerable jump in attendance over last year.

"The two days of the Fair, Friday evening and Saturday, helped boost our attendance, of course," said Fair President Joyce Gosling. "We don't have attendance figures, the Lions Club looked after the three gates, but we do know the total gate receipts for both days are up approximately 30 per cent over last year, and this has given us a boost. Just what we need."

"If Friday evening had been less cold, we could have filled the fairgrounds for the OPP Golden Helmets performance," says Mrs. Gosling. "It was very exciting. We are grateful to the Ontario Provincial Police for coming and putting on such an excellent program despite the wet condition of the track. Corporal Smouter and the men are to be commended. Saturday started out with cloudy skies and a cool breeze, so that would keep some people away as well. But it warmed up during the afternoon and we are very pleased on the whole."

"Our increased promotion throughout the area, headed by Bettyanne Wellslead with Garfield McGillivray, really has helped a great deal. With warmer weather, the crowds would have made a real record breaker," said the president.

Agricultural Society secretary Denny Charles reports interest in all classes of the Fair with a record number of entries in the Hunter horse classes, running over a ten

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Southfield subdivision faces OMB challenge

Extra house encroaches on floodplain

By CHRIS AAGAARD
Herald Staff Writer

A Market Street, Georgetown, woman is going to challenge a developer's proposal to add an additional house to the new Southfield subdivision which borders on Silver Creek.

Presenting her case before town council Monday night, Midge Hampshire said the

proposal to add a 13th home to the 12-house subdivision near the southeast corner of Main and Maple Avenue means building on the floodplain and possibly harming environmentally sensitive property.

She has appealed to Ontario Municipal Board and a hearing is scheduled for Oct. 13.

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority, which is responsible for designating floodplains around the Credit River and its numerous tributaries, maintains that the mapping scale on which the floodplains are established permits minor variations of the floodplain line. Discussing Southfield's request to add an additional house on the disputed property while reviewing its own mapping, the Authority has

stated that the floodplain, in fact, lies beyond the proposed lot.

Meanwhile, the town's planning department told the planning board last week that it has no objections to the Southfield proposal, noting that the Authority says the property is out of the floodplain.

But Mrs. Hampshire, in a long and thorough argument, said there are conflicting opinions about where the floodplain really lies, adding that their are definite regulations against building on floodplain property. She recalled the neighboring residents' bitter debate before council and the OMB two years ago when Southfield presented its proposal to build in the scenic area, nestled in a small valley

Seven homes proposed for Wildwood area

Wildwood Road residents west of Glen Williams may soon have new neighbors if town council approves a small subdivision proposal presented last week by local developers Chateau Belair Ltd.

Headed for a public meeting Oct. 13, the Belair proposal would build seven homes on a 41-acre site at the southeast corner of the road and the CNR tracks. The houses will cover about five acres of the entire property.

Most of the hitches which may slow the project originate at the region, planning board members determined last week. Coun. Roy Booth pointed out that the project can't go ahead without Halton's approval of the Glen Williams secondary plan, which may not happen for two years.

In addition, the region may not allow the project to hook



WOOLLY BULLY FOR MIKE

Winning the steer hide in the ActiVan draw held during the Georgetown fall fair was a "moooving" experience, judging by the grin on Coun. Mike Armstrong's face. Holding the winning ticket, Coun. Armstrong was presented with the hide at Monday night's council meeting by ActiVan committee chairman Coun. Marilyn Serjantson. The fact that two councillors from the same ward were involved with the draw is "steer" coincidence and Coun. Armstrong indicated he won't "cow" to remarks that there was some kind of collusion in the draw's outcome. ActiVan raised \$430 in the steer hide raffle.

(Herald photo)

bisected by Silver Creek.

Following council's decision town staff will attend the OMB meeting held to discuss Mrs. Hampshire's case but will not present evidence unless asked to by board members.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy pointed out that if the OMB rules that the floodplain lines as established on the map must remain inflexible, then the builder may apply to have them varied slightly to exclude the property. The creek's floodplain can be altered by changing the levels of its banks near the affected property.

Coun. Roy Booth expressed concern about the construction of any house on the property. He indicated that it would have to be a "strange" type of construction to fit into the property without spilling on to restricted parts of the yard. In addition, the house must be at least 25 feet from the nearest edge of the 66-foot wide road allowance. OMB hearing which originally considered unsuccessful objections to the Southfield subdivision two years ago was given misleading and inaccurate information. Now, she told councillors, "there's no way the Authority can claim that the new lot is not part of the floodplain."

Later, Mrs. Hampshire indicated the construction of an additional house in the subdivision on the questionable property would obstruct her view of the small valley from her Market Street home. And, she pointed out, bulldozers and the construction necessary to alter the floodplain pose a threat to the area surrounding the creek-side portion of the subdivision which the OMB has earlier declared environmentally sensitive.