



SERVIN' 'EM UP

The Georgetown Jaycees sat more than 100 people down to a pancake and entertainment breakfast Sunday morning at St. Alban's Church in Glen Williams. Money raised from the early-riser banquet will help pay for special television converter which will enable students at E.C. Drury School in Milton

to watch close-captioned programming for the hearing impaired. Among the cooking staff were (left to right) Ted Daquano, Doug Penrice, Cathy Dudley, Mr. Williston of E.C. Drury School, Robby Smith, Pat Smith, Bev. Smith, Sharon Atkinson and Mayor Pete Pomeroy.

Ten jobs on the line as Shop-Rite closes

Georgetown's Guelph Street Shop-Rite outlet will be among 65 closed across the province when the Hudson's Bay Company-owned chain shuts down Jan. 30. Blaming poor economic performance — Shop-Rite had been losing about \$3 million a year, the Bay decided to close the chain last Tuesday, forcing 310 full-time and 280 part-time employees from their jobs. The Georgetown operation

is managed by Judy Griffins and employs two full-time employees and seven part-time staffers. Wherever possible, a spokesman from Shop-Rite's Toronto head office told The Herald, Shop-Rite personnel will be fitted into existing jobs within the Bay organization. Shop-Rite's customer services section will be taken over by the Bay, including purchase exchanges and warranty commitments.

Shop-Rite was purchased by the Bay in 1972 when the chain was a small, four-store business in the London, Ontario, area. As the chain expanded, a central distributing centre was constructed in neighboring Brampton, which employs 70 people. Customers who have purchased goods at Shop-Rite will be served by the store until the end of January. Services will then be assumed by the Bay (Georgetown residents can use the Bay's outlet in the Bramalea City Centre).

Local firm 'caught in vise' mayor says

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ion-making process. Last week, he presented council with copies of a letter he wrote to federal industry, trade and commerce minister Herb Gray, outlining his disappointment over the Irwin-Dorsey closure and questioning whether the best interests of the community had been served by FIRA's involvement. He described the town and the Irwin-Dorsey employees as being caught "in a vise between the high principles of Dow Jones and the goals of the FIRA."

"It would appear," Mayor Pomeroy wrote, "that about the only accomplishment in the closing of the plant in Halton Hills... is a further weakened (local) infrastructure already economically

depressed by the past closing of the Domtar Inc. coated paper division and the pending closure of Abitibi... both anchor industries within our municipality."

A petition against the shutdown signed by Irwin-Dorsey employees and copies of local press reports of the closing was included with Mayor Pomeroy's correspondence.

Although Dow Jones has lost its Canadian publishing arm, it will still be selling its books in Canada, Mr. McDermid said, and will continue to make profits from Canadian consumers.

As of presstime Tuesday, The Herald was unable to reach Irwin-Dorsey president Dick Willis for comments on FIRA's invitation to file another application on behalf of the firm's case.

Abitibi lays off most staff

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year's end because of declining orders for coated fine papers.

Employees at the 73-year old industrial landmark were told that Abitibi's closure is inevitable, but there was still some question about how long it would take.

Modern paper producers do much of their own coating as part of the production process, reducing the need for industries like the Georgetown mill. Abitibi's neighbor, the former Domtar plant, suffered a similar fate about four years ago.

Neighborhood Watch idea does work

Recently, two Oakville area residents observed a youth acting in a suspicious manner in their neighborhood. Both residents reported the matter to the police and as a result of their descriptions and police investigation, a suspect was apprehended and a total of seven house break and entries were solved. This is but one of many investigations that are successful due to the dedication of area residents who do become involved in the protection of their residential areas through a Neighbourhood Watch programme. For more information on the Neighbourhood Watch programme, call your District Crime Prevention Officer at 878-5311.



JUST TO MAKE SURE

Watch your fingers, Doc. This one looks like he doesn't particularly care for the province's war against rabies. An indignant Cindy was one of dozens of cats and dogs vaccinated against rabies at a free clinic at Georgetown's Gordon Alcott Arena Monday. Although held securely by (front to back) Valerie, Cheryl and Cecile Buck, Cindy really didn't appreciate the brief "needling" she got from Doctor Earl Benson of Brampton's Health of Animals Clinic. Dr. Benson and colleagues Robert Beattie and Joe Kennedy were administering the vaccine during the five-hour free session. A similar clinic was held Thursday in Acton. (Herald photo)

Acton's eastern boundary can be stretched - consultants

Acton's long-awaited urban boundary study is ready for public scrutiny, members of the town's general committee determined Monday calling for a public forum to discuss the matter Dec. 8. Initiated in August last year, and a sister to a similar review being conducted in Georgetown, the Acton study has been trying to set boundaries for the community, somewhat based

on the limits of the community's sewage disposal plant handling capacity. Developments have been proposed in certain areas just outside the urban limits, but have not been given the town's approval while the study continued because there is speculation that they can not be accommodated with municipal sewer services. Studies have determined

that the Acton sewage plant can handle up to one million gallons of waste per day, dumping the treated effluent into Black Creek, a waterway prone to fluctuating levels in different seasons. Proctor and Rodfern Consultants, the firm hired to do much of the study, as well as regional and local planning officials, have indicated that Acton's eastern boundary can

be extended slightly to take in a greater residential area. The sewage treatment plant is expected to treat effluent from a population of about 10,000 people. Boundary extensions are also being considered for an area of industrial land in Acton, about a quarter of which will be serviced privately (wells and septic systems). As the committee discussed the Sept. 17 minutes of the Halton Hills Urban Area Review Steering Committee regarding the Acton study, Coun. Harry Levy called for more information on the studies in Georgetown and Acton in the future.

Favorable response for local United Way

Several community social service organizations in Halton Hills favor the formation of a local United Way by 1983, as proposed in Halton region's volunteer funding report, released earlier this year. Fran Jamieson, a Georgetown rep on the report's steering committee, told the town's general committee Monday night that Halton Hills residents could have their own United Way to help fund a number of helpful, non-profit community organizations.

Larger groups, like the local Heart Fund and the Cancer Society, have indicated they would support a United Way in Halton Hills, but because they do not come under its funding umbrella, have asked that its fund-raising efforts not conflict with their own. Mrs. Jamieson said that a lot of services which the town doesn't have now could draw from the UW campaign and benefit the community in the future. Currently, about 60 per cent of funds raised for charitable services come from community drives. Service clubs contribute another 32 per cent and the provincial government, through grants, adds about two per cent. In 1979, the community raised \$140,040 for social services in town.

Groups responding to the region's request for comments regarding the proposed United Way included the Canadian Institute for the Blind, the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada, the Georgetown YM-YWCA and the Acton Community Services Centre. While some councillors expressed concern that money

raised for United Way activities in Halton Hills may eventually be pooled with a larger, region-wide United Way drive by 1985, Mrs. Jamieson said it will be up to the town's political representatives to ensure that the town gets its share of support from the larger agency. He also argued that each council member should get his own copy of the Acton study draft report, rather than having to read it at the town's Trafalgar Road headquarters. Clerk-administrator Ken Richardson indicated that Halton region would be contacted to supply more copies of the report. No public meeting has yet been set for the Georgetown study.

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