



CREDIT CRAZINESS RETURNS SATURDAY

This Saturday's the day when hundreds of seagoing supermen (and women) take their annual plunge into the chilly, spilly waters of the Credit River. Every spring for 15 years or so now, obscure heroes like the gentlemen above have taken up the Georgetown Jaycees challenge and enter the Crazy Boat Race - for the fun, for the glory, for an excuse to act the fool in public. Those who have the nerve to actually enter the water with their crazy craft at the Tenth Line bridge just beyond Glen Williams, and those whose boats make it past the shallows, crags and turbulence, and those who don't pack it in when their rafts, canoes and bathtubs disintegrate in disgust, might just find themselves swinging from the inner tubes suspended from the Confederation Street bridge in the Glen, which marks the finish line. Spectators have several choice vantage points along the river route. Registration takes place at the Tenth Line bridge starting at 10 a.m., the canoe class entries leave Cheltenham

Bridge upstream at noon, and the Crazy Boats hit the surf at 12:45, with Ontario Lieutenant-Governor John Black Aird at the starting pistol, assisted by CFNY-FM celebrities Pete and Geets and Mayor Pete Pomeroy. Once the last Viking is fished from the drink and dried off, there'll be a victory dance at the Acton Legion hall starting at 9 p.m., preceded at 8 by the awards. Dance tickets at \$5 per person are available from Jaycees Bill Smith (853-2711) or Crest Diaman (877-5690). By special arrangement, the Jaycees have found a very worthwhile beneficiary for Crazy Boat Race proceeds. The club is asking all who enter to master as many pledges as they can in aid of muscular-dystrophy (MS) research. This year, an estimated 35,000 young Canadians will be struck by the disease, which attacks the central nervous system. Bring your pledge sheets to registration Saturday morning, and make a worthwhile outing all the more worthwhile. (Herald file photo)

Parkland envisioned in waterway valleys

Focal scheme to change?

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The urban review anticipates that hospital requirements caused by new development will likely be met in the existing urban area of Georgetown.

Neighborhood corner stores have been visualized in the study, but consultants have stood behind the town's determination to limit any future large-scale commercial development to the Georgetown Main Street core.

Of the 1.4 million gallons per day capacity left for additional development, 722,170 gallons will be used by new industrial growth. Calculations in the study translate this into 300 acres for industrial development in the new area of the community.

MASTER PARKS
Currently, the town's master

plans for the Georgetown area notes that there is 55 acres of parkland for the community's population, which works out to about three acres of open space for every 1,000 people. Under the proposed urban boundary guidelines, the ratio would rise to five acres for every 1,000 residents.

Using the 40,000 population equivalent, the study states that there is still a need for 145 additional acres of parkland within an enlarged Georgetown and speculates that most of this open space will be found in the largely undevelopable floodplain of the Credit River and Silver Creek.

The valleys of both these waterways cover a total of 650 acres. There are several developers with property interests

south of Silver Creek, including 360 acres of land owned by Focal Properties Ltd. of Mississauga, which has tried unsuccessfully since 1968 to develop in the area.

Currently, Focal's \$27 million law suit filed against the town four years ago for alleged breach of promise is in limbo while town officials and developers negotiate Georgetown's potential for growth.

STILL TALKING
Contacted by The Herald Monday, a representative for Focal's parent company, Mascan Corporation Ltd. (formerly S.B. McLaughlin and Company) cited the cooperation between developers and municipal officials during the urban area review as indication that the two sides are still talking and optimistic that an agreement for developing land south of Silver Creek

can be worked out.

As long as everyone who has an interest in Georgetown's growth is still ready to discuss the community's future, there isn't much concern at the moment for the adjourned court action against the town, Mike Millard, Mascan's general manager for Ontario development, said.

While he declined to give details, he said that the old Focal Properties proposal which sought to build about 1,700 homes "would have to be just about completely scrapped."

SOME UNHAPPY
"There's a great deal of work which still has to be done," Mr. Millard said. "The size of a new Focal proposal will be completely different. Instead of planning alone we must plan with many other landowners in our section."

He added that Focal's interest in building in the area hasn't flagged despite its lengthy battle with previous Halton Hills and Georgetown councils. The company, he said, would prefer to negotiate a solution to the impasse, and until talks completely break down, the lawsuit option remains ready to be reactivated on 60 days notice.

Town planning board chairman Mike Armstrong, who headed the Halton Hills urban area review steering committee, told The Herald that he expects some developers will be unhappy because their properties have been left out of the proposed urban boundaries.

Groups wishing to respond to the study have until April 9 to get their submissions in, he said, after which the steering committee will weigh new information from the public session held last week.

Although area developers played a major role in funding the sewage treatment part of the study and were represented by an independent consultant on the steering committee, Mr. Millard said that Thursday night's unveiling was the first time his company and others had seen the study.

Coun. Armstrong maintained that public works projects planned in the town's five-year budget forecast would not lose their priority in the face of new development south of Silver Creek.

He stressed that any new development in the area is not expected to call on tax dollars for project funding.

Trustees approve budget

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in excess of established ministry ceilings, and at the secondary level, they are \$234 per pupil over. The excess cost must be paid for entirely by taxpayers, through the municipal levy.

raise 24 per cent more dollars than they did last year," Mrs. Riehm said. Had the grant rate remained the same, the board would have received \$2.9 million more revenue from the province, (accounting for declining students). That means the mill rate would only

have had to increase by 13.8 per cent, instead of 18.5 per cent, Mrs. Riehm said. Halton's cost per pupil at the elementary level has increased by 17.8 per cent to \$2,542 from \$2,106. At the secondary school level it's gone up from \$2,930 to \$3,455, an increase of

17.9 per cent. Chairman of the finance committee Bill Priestner blamed the increase on salary boosts, expenditures approved by the board last year, special education requirements of Bill 82 and on the board's reluctance to close classrooms as school populations decrease.

Hiring freeze planned in '82

A freeze on hiring additional staff for 1982 was agreed upon by concerned trustees Thursday night before passing the Halton board of education budget.

"We've had a net reduction in enrollment, yet we've added 250 teachers and they're averaging a salary of \$32,000 a year," trustee Noel Cooper said in introducing the freeze. "We've done a lot of adding on and I'm really concerned that add-ons are going to kill us in the future."

Superintendent of instruction Ray Stoney objected that the motion dealt with collective agreements already in place. He said contracts with secondary and elementary school teachers required changes in the pupil-teacher ratios for 1982, especially increases in special education and French instructors.

Mr. Stoney said the net effect of declining enrollment and a reduction in pupil-teacher ratios showed a decrease of 20 teachers at the elementary level and 27 at the secondary level for 1982.

Superintendent of special services Ron Chapman pointed out that the budget had cut requests for 20 special education staff down to six.

"Our local taxes will have to

happened since a lot of contractual agreements were made," Mr. Cooper

said, listing the woes of society from high unemployment to high interest rates.

Cookie crumbles

The coffee and cookies saga continued Thursday night as leading man John Bradley asked again that the treats be restored at Halton board of education meetings.

Supporting actress Halton Hills trustee Betty Fisher admitted to having scrounged for cookies left over from daytime meetings, and told fellow trustees "either we cut out all the cookies or we supply cookies for when the public comes down for our meetings."

However, the motion to restore the free snacks which cost taxpayers about \$7,000 a year was defeated by the more waist and budget conscious trustees on the board. The finance committee had cut the free treats from the 1982 budget as a symbolic gesture to show taxpayers trustees were cutting all corners. Coffee now costs 25 cents a cup.

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"People who are paying the bills are facing higher mortgage payments. Is there some way we can reflect what is going on by implementing some cost saving in light of today's economy?" he asked.

"A deal is a deal and I don't think Mr. Cooper is trying to get out of it, just trying to soften the blow of the effects of the deal," chairman Len Auger said of the salary contracts signed in the fall.

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Lynne Burns 451-0327 (after 6:00 p.m.)
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