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RUB-A-DUB-DUB!

(Herald photo by Chris Aagaard)

There were hoesers and vikings and an unprecedented number of people clad in wetsuits for this year's Crazy Boat Race down a meandering section of the Credit River between the Tenth Line Bridge and Glen Williams. The event, sponsored over the last 16 years by the Georgetown Jaycees, drew 250 entrants from across the province and helped raise \$7,000 for multiple sclerosis

research. Frigid temperatures failed to dampen enthusiasm and the Credit River boasted high water thanks to an ample amount of snow the area received this winter. No one jumped the starter's gun for Saturday's event, and Ontario's Lieutenant-Governor, John Aird, finally got to launch the race after being thwarted by overly ambitious boaters in 1981.

Ratepayers committee meets tonight

GARA exec unsure urban worries settled

The Georgetown Area Ratepayers Association (GARA) isn't satisfied that its concerns have been answered about future growth in the community as outlined in the urban review released to the public two weeks ago.

"There are still so many things to look at before you can consider expanding Georgetown's boundaries," GARA president Brian Bush told The Herald Monday, adding that the association's own urban review committee is expected to resolve GARA's official position on the report tonight (Wednesday).

Three years ago, GARA funded its own study of what effects additional growth would have if lands south of Silver Creek were opened for residential and industrial development. The report predicted that taxes in town would rise by 19 per cent to pay for road improvements and new schools for a larger population of children.

While traffic concerns stemming from new development in the southern portion of the community are expected to be answered in separate studies, new school needs are downplayed in the urban review, and GARA is now concerned that planning new boundaries

on the basis of an expanded sewage treatment plant may be premature.

The urban review has determined that if Georgetown's treatment plant is expanded (at an estimated 1982 cost of \$7.2 million) it could treat wastes which might be expected from a population equivalent of 40,000 people.

After treating waste from existing and new development in the current urban area of Georgetown, their would be enough sewage capacity left to treat wastes which might be produced by the average community of 11,284 residents.

The figure doesn't necessarily mean that 11,284 new residents will be able to move into the Silver Creek area, but also includes sewage capacity taken up by new industrial growth.

Chaired by Roy Vestadt, GARA's urban review committee hopes to prepare some kind of response to the study by the April 9 closing day for comments from the public and agencies interested in Georgetown's future. The committee will be considered by the urban review steering committee of town and regional council which is seeking to include new boundaries for Georgetown in local and regional planning policies.

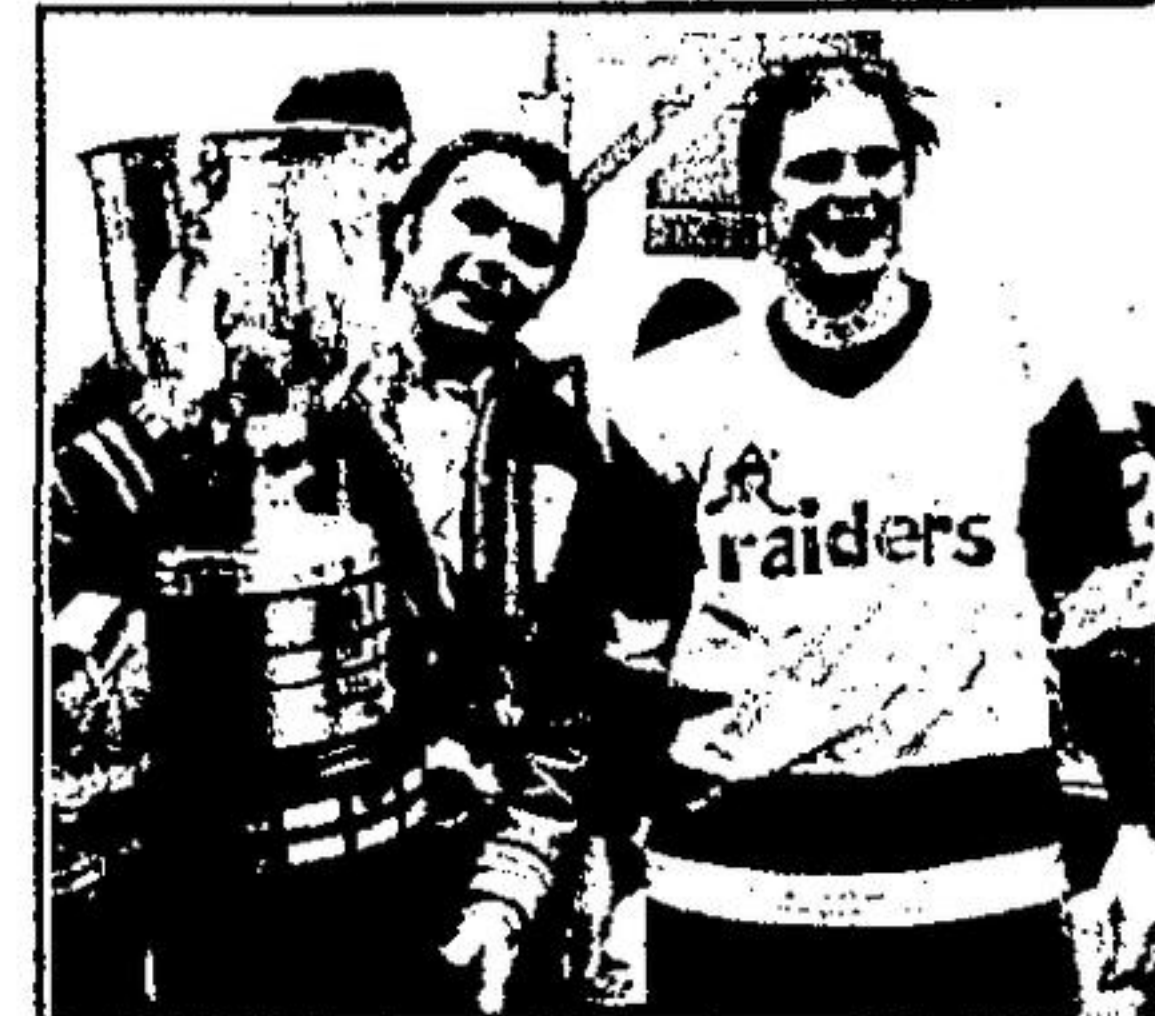
Mr. Bush argued that planners should be concerned with plugging leaks in the Georgetown sewage system and consider the amount of growth the treatment plant can handle if it is "lightened up" rather than expanded.

Provincial ministry of environment standards maintained that the Georgetown plant should be able to treat waste from an equivalent population of 30,000. Groundwater and rain run-off infiltrating the

system may be undermining the plant's sewage treatment capacity.

He argued that proposing new boundaries based on the 40,000 population equivalent

envisioned at the plant shouldn't even be considered until questions about the plant's ability to treat waste from 30,000 people have been settled.



HARDY CUP-BOUND

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders are 1982 Ontario Hockey Association champions (thanks to Sunday night's 2-1 overtime victory over Timmins). With the Hardy Cup play-offs up next, the team took a few moments for a much-deserved dressing room celebration. Raider John Saunders got a hand with the OHA cup from fan Steve Hoare. Inside today's Herald is a full game report and a special Hardy Cup Souvenir Edition.

Chilly dip nets \$7,000 for MS researchers

Thanks to 250 brave souls and outright fools who brought a wacky flotilla to the shores of the Credit River Saturday, the Georgetown Jaycees managed to raise \$7,000 for muscular sclerosis (MS) research.

Monday, many officials agreed that the event was an enormous success, despite the fact that cold weather and confusing radio reports may have cut back on the attendance this year.

Indeed, as Ontario Lieutenant Governor John Black Aird stepped from his limousine to review the line of eagerly waiting boats, it appeared that boat teams had put a lot of extra effort into their craft this year even though some of the models failed to perform as well in the water as they

Contacted by The Herald

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Autopsy confirms suicide as Fendley remanded again

While one of two murder suspects in last Wednesday's RR2 Acton murder has appeared for the second time in court, an autopsy has verified that the second killed himself with a single shot from a 20-gauge sawed-off shotgun.

An autopsy conducted Thursday at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital by Dr. Max Longfield determined that David Stanley McClean, 22, was killed by a single gunshot wound to his abdomen which caused extensive internal injuries.

Halton regional police who arrested McClean and Bradley James Fendley, 21, last Wednesday at the Silver Creek Towers apartments in Georgetown, said McClean was

concealing the shotgun beneath his jacket with which he shot himself. Despite conflicting police accounts, Sgt. Rick Kivell confirmed that police had already entered the eighth floor apartment and placed the two suspects and a third man under arrest.

Mr. Fendley, a long-time Georgetown resident, appeared for the second time in Guelph provincial court, yesterday (Tuesday) and was remanded to April 12.

The third man arrested, whom police declined to identify, was released from the custody of provincial police in Guelph after questioning. Police did not arrest the Georgetown apartment's tenant, a former girlfriend of McClean's, explaining she knew nothing of the murder or the Canada-wide warrants issued for McClean and Fendley shortly after it occurred.

The two men (McClean had no fixed address) were sought by police in connection with the shotgun murder of Donald Joseph Berriau, 30, of the Sixth Line south of Sideroad 5 near Acton. Mr. Berriau was found shot through the neck at 12:59 a.m. last Wednesday at the rented farmhouse where he lived with his common law wife and several other people.

Halton regional police, assisting the Guelph OPP investigation, arrested the two suspects at supper time that day. McClean died from his self-inflicted wound at 6:48 p.m. in Georgetown hospital. Fendley was subsequently charged with first degree murder in connection with the Berriau shooting.

Fendley's arrest Feb. 25

along with 30 others across Halton on drug trafficking charges had RR2 Acton residents speculating last week about activities at the Berriau farmhouse. Fendley was one of 30 area residents arrested during an anti-drug crackdown last month by a special squad of federal, provincial and regional police. He had been scheduled to appear in court on trafficking charges April 12.

Investigating officers acknowledged that the Berriau farmhouse had been the subject of a separate police investigation during the New Year's holiday. About that time, several neighbors'

homes were visited by a man who'd been stabbed in the face at a New Year's Eve party on the Berriau farm. Residents of two neighboring homes refused to let the man enter when he appealed for shelter. They said a great many people customarily visited the Berriau farm, particularly young males whose visits lasted an average of 20 minutes.

Eric Saunders of Brampton owns the farm but had rented it last November to Mr. Berriau's common law wife, a ministry of labor employee. Mr. Berriau's estranged wife lives in Limehouse and had custody of the couple's two children every other weekend.

FLEA MARKET TIME!

Old Glen Mill tours

You can find some great craft and flea market bargains and take a stroll through history at the same time when the Beaumont Knitting Mill (the old Glen Mill) in Glen Williams opens its doors for a special occasion this weekend. Tours of the historic mill, one of the area's oldest industries, will keep visitors interested while free gifts for the youngsters will keep small fry happy. As if that's not enough, there'll be great buys galore at the Craft and Flea Market open 10 to 5 Saturday (April 3) and noon to 4:30 Sunday. If you're an interested vendor or would like more information about the sale, call the mill at 877-3032.

Junction antiques?

With one successful flea market-cum-art auction under his belt, entrepreneur Jerry Robertson is considering a massive antique sale for the Norval Junction May 2, 3 and 4. If you're interested in setting up a booth in the former-Way-Jay and Riveria hall all day Sunday (May 2) or Monday and Tuesday evenings, call Jerry at the Junction (877-5570 or 846-0834) and let him know you're interested in antiques.

McDermid badgers government for aid

PM to check Norval UFFI woes

By AL HOGAN
Herald Special

The Prime Minister has promised to personally look into a Norval man's home insulation problem, and Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid plans to take him up on the offer.

Progressive Conservative McDermid took on Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau during question period in the House of Commons last Wednesday afternoon, telling him of the plight of a Norval man who has already lost his home and his wife, and now stands to lose his house - all because of Urea Formaldehyde Foam Insulation (UFFI).

Jim Rogers originally had his home financed by a private source. Now the source needs the money, and because Mr. Rogers' home is insulated by the hazardous UFFI, no public lending institution will consider lending him the money.

Mr. McDermid tried last Tuesday to have Housing Minister Paul Cosgrove provide the loan to Mr. Rogers through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), a federally-owned corporation which is normally used to provide funds to municipalities. Mr. Cosgrove refused, saying he would refer the problem to Consumer Affairs Minister

Andre Ouellet, who is responsible to dealing with UFFI problems.

Instead of waiting, Mr. McDermid took his fight to Mr. Trudeau.

Mr. McDermid responded by saying Mr. Cosgrove was correct in referring the issue to Mr. Ouellet. "The interest of the Prime Minister is heartwarming to say the least," Mr. McDermid responded sarcastically,

"but what will the Prime Minister do to assure Jim Rogers, and all the Jim Rogers of Canada, who in spite of CMHC insurance being offered, cannot re-finance their homes?"

"I do not think I could be expected to know this particular case," Mr. Trudeau responded, "but if the honorable member wants to refer the case to me, I would see in what way this gentleman could be helped," he said.

NOT PLEASED
Mr. McDermid later said he intends on taking Mr. Trudeau up on his offer to help Mr. Rogers. But he was not pleased with the response he received.

"He displayed his usual arrogance," Mr. McDermid said. "I don't care for his attitude. I am not pleased at all."

"I intend to call him on it," he said of Mr. Trudeau's offer. "We'll find out what he will do."

Mr. Rogers owned an insulating company when the government first approved UFFI and the grants to have the insulation installed in Canadian homes. He was forced into bankruptcy when the government, in 1980, banned the insulation because of the health hazards discovered. It has been proven to cause formaldehyde gas, which has been linked to respiratory diseases and cancer.

The subsequent problems caused marriage difficulties and his wife left him; Mr. McDermid said. Now he stands to lose his home, which he insulated with UFFI.

Mr. McDermid believes the federal government, which first approved the insulation and provided money to have it installed, is responsible for helping out homeowners now stuck with worthless homes. But the government claims no responsibility for the fiasco. It has, however, provided a program to help out homeowners facing definite formaldehyde gas problems. —Courtesy Brampton Times



SYMBOL OF HOPE

The Canadian Cancer Society's annual campaign for funds kicks off tomorrow and residents can brighten up their homes with daffodils purchased from cancer society volunteers in Acton and Georgetown. Daffodil sales, which will be held in conjunction with door-to-door canvassing and fund-raising among local businesses, will be held throughout town. Helping to launch the campaign by buying the first daffodil is Georgetown Citizen of the Year Ab Tennant (centre), joined by cancer campaign chairmen Ernie and Eileen Sykes.

(Herald photo)

Cancer Society
breakfast
tomorrow

Tomorrow (Thursday) is kick-off day for the Canadian Cancer Society's national fund-raising campaign and the Halton Hills unit will be launching its local campaign with a special breakfast at the North Halton District Golf and Country Club. April 1 is the correct date for the 7:45 a.m. breakfast, not April 2 as reported in Friday's Weekend Extra. If you or your business isn't helping the \$33,000 campaign of the launching pad tomorrow, please give generously to keep it soaring throughout the coming month. Canvassers will be calling on you.