

About the Hills

Honesty earns patron's praise

Two waitresses at a Georgetown restaurant, Wendy Lepine and Barb Wilkinson were praised for their honesty in returning a large sum of money left by a customer April 27. Ali Kullo of Georgetown's Main Street said he realized the next day he had misplaced the cash, and checked to see if he had dropped it in the parking lot. His wife checked at the restaurant and was told the two women had found it on the table and saved it in hopes the owner would claim it. A new resident of Georgetown, Mr. Kullo was very impressed with the honesty displayed by Wendy and Barb.

New nursing home

A private development has presented the town with a proposal to build a nursing home-retirement lodge for senior citizens on Mountainview Road North in Georgetown. Southrim Enterprises Ltd. of Toronto is seeking amendments to Georgetown's official plan and the restricted area bylaw to construct a facility which will include a 40-bed retirement lodge and a 50-bed nursing home, as well as an administration building. The site is located on the east side of Mountainview Road, south of the Varian plant and north of the railway tracks. The property is currently zoned for industrial use and the developers would like this changed to accommodate a retirement facility.

Caught in funding vise

The province's eleven per cent ceiling on funding increases for "support services"-organizations like Halton Helping Hands-means an extra demand for volunteers. While seniors and invalids shut in their homes used to rely on support organizations to hire household help, the ceiling puts a crimp on budgets and volunteers are needed for such chores as spring and fall cleaning, window washing, rug and furniture shampooing and the installation of grab bars and wheel-chair ramps. Remember: clients who have to go on waiting lists because of the cutbacks may take chances-doing things around the house which they normally shouldn't-and could become victims of serious accidents. Please call 875-1177.

Glenlea reconstruction

Advertisements will soon appear in The Herald announcing the town's plans to reconstruct part of Acton's Glenlea subdivision. The first part of the six-phase reconstruction project, replacing storm sewers and improving drainage in the area, begins in July on Longfield Road between Queen Street and Meadvale Road, as well as the entire length of Mowbray Place. The Mowbray storm sewer will be extended. In addition, the road will be widened and resurfaced and a sidewalk is planned for Longfield Road's east side. Halton region will also be replacing some of its sanitary sewer mains on Mowbray Place. The work is expected to be completed in September.

St. John's yard sale

A homemade dinner for four is being auctioned off Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. John's United Church. A dinner at someone's home is just one of several services and goodies up for bidding. The church will also be having a yard sale, bake sale and lunch. Proceeds from the spring fair will go for church work.

No vampires, please

The Georgetown Red Cross holds its spring blood donor clinic next Monday in the Holy Cross Church auditorium on Maple Avenue. The Kinsmen Club of Georgetown, originators of the service clubs' Bucket of Blood competition, will again be challenging other clubs to donate more pints than the Kinsmen. The clinic is open from 1:30 to 8:45 p.m.

'Festival of Music' May 5

The Peel Choral Society's "Spring Festival of Music", scheduled for May 5 at Brampton's Lester Pearson Theatre, comes to the John Elliott Theatre in Georgetown May 15 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5, or \$3 for seniors and students. Also on the PCS itinerary is a piano recital May 8 at 8 p.m. featuring pianist Andrew Dittgen and soprano Jane Patovsky, to be held at the Second Christian Reformed Church at Steeles Avenue and McLaughlin Road. Tickets are \$4. For tickets and information, call 793-6613.

Sidetracked to library

Georgetown's Model Railroad Club brings the clackety-clack of the old steam engines inside the Halton Hills Library-Cultural Centre this Friday and Saturday. Newly-mobile, the club will have its massive model railroad display set up for spectators to marvel at the intricate details of an exacting craft.

Trip through time

The Ontario Agricultural Museum in Milton opens for its fourth season May 17 until Oct. 10. The 80-acre site is an open door into Ontario's agricultural past, affording a chance to stroll through restored buildings of various ages and marvel at the rustic machinery once popular on the farm. Special events this year include the annual judging of the National Automobile Society of Canada June 5 and 6, the Agricultural Hall of Fame unveiling ceremony June 13 and Halton County Days July 4 featuring a variety of live entertainment. Call 878-8151 for more information.

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Folk Ten strums up some good times

The 'folkies' had fabulous fun last weekend as Georgetown District High School (GDHS) hosted the tenth folk festival.

Among the 200 to 300 people crowded into the high school's cafeteria were about 50 performers, entertaining the rest with their original music and lyrics and their versions of popular folk songs.

"I wrote to every school in the province," Jim Broughton, teacher and co-ordinator of the GDHS folk club, said. "I figure in any high school there's enough talent around that needs a forum."

Young people from high schools in Ottawa, Deep River, Agincourt, Mississauga, Scarborough, Kitchener, Burlington, Bracebridge, Drumbo, West Bay and Shelburne came together to take part in the annual festival being hosted for the eighth year by GDHS.

With the help of Mr. Broughton, the 20 members of the GDHS folk club put together the Friday night and Saturday musical treats.

"Folk isn't as popular as it used to be," Mr. Broughton said. "It's 'arty' and provides a creative outlet for kids. While not a large selling item, it can be done without piles of equipment. It's small space music and it's got its spot," he said.

Six judges, each with a musical background to their credit, listened to the young people perform solo, duet or in groups, rating them in each of these three classes.

In the solo class, GDHS student Mike Dine came in first, followed by schoolmate David Bootle. Trisha Rudy of Kitchener came in third.

In the duet class, Cheryl Hardy and Becky Baughman of Bracebridge won first place.



Last weekend marked the tenth anniversary of the high school folk festival in Ontario. Held for the eighth year at Georgetown District High School, young people came from as far away as Deep River and Ottawa to take part. Pritewinners among the duet entries were (left to right) second prize winners

followed by GDHS's David Bootle and Jill Pomeroy of GDHS, fifth prize winners Lorrie Bowles and David Crosby of Bracebridge, fourth prize winners Dave Lawson and Taras Zienchuk of Kitchener, and first prize winners Cheryl Caldwell and Donna Nicholson of Ottawa. (Herald photo)



With over 23 soloists taking part, six judges had a tough time selecting six finalists. Among the prize winners in the solo class were (left to right) first prize winner Mike Dine of GDHS, second prize winner David Bootle of GDHS, fourth prize winner Colleen Creary of GDHS, third prize winner Trisha Rudy of Kitchener, fifth prize winner Marion Rahn of Drumbo, and sixth prize winner Lynn Versteeg of Bracebridge.

Thatcher and Peter Clarke. Alumni of the GDHS folk club, the two are now in university, performing occasionally at Jack Tanner's Table in Acton.

Dave Mitchell of Kitchener also entertained over the weekend, pleasing the crowd with songs criticizing the political policies of the day.

Brantford's Scott Merritt, a recording artist who plays the six and 12 string dulcimer, put on an hour-long concert Friday night. Playing harmony with the reverberator, he demonstrated his creativity in an original number.

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Strumming on the Georgetown District High School stage over the weekend was Dave Lawson of Kitchener. The high school student performed solo and also duet with Taras Zienchuk. His performance came in fourth in the duet category. (Herald photo by Harald Bransch)

Census findings

The Town of Halton Hills had a population of 35,190 at the time of the June, 1981 federal census. The 1976 population was 34,477 and in 1971, 31,041.

In June of last year, there was a total of 10,830 occupied private dwellings (or private households) in the municipality. In 1976, the figure was 9,836.

Trailer maker opens Acton plant

Herald Special

Although major Canadian automobile plants are cutting back and many smaller related industries have failed as a result, Caravan Trailer Rental Company Limited is holding its own well enough to set up a new plant in Acton.

The Canadian-owned firm, which also operates in the United States, rents and leases transport type equipment. It also manufactures its own 45-foot-long trailers through its subsidiary Trailer Sent Manufacturing Ltd.

The firm has been operating in Mississauga for 15 years, said president L.R. Morgan. When it changed its operation it outgrew its 40,000 square foot plant there and had to find a new location. While the firm's headquarters and service depot will remain on property it owns near Toronto International Airport, the original eight acres it owned was sold in December.

The 20,000 square foot Acton plant is only half the size of their old plant, Mr. Morgan said, but it was designed for manufacturing and therefore has adequate space for the firm's needs.

The company began moving into the Commerce Court plant a couple of weeks ago and are already beginning to repair their own trailers for their rental fleet. While the move may seem foolish to some in today's economy, Mr. Morgan is optimistic enough to feel things will turn around eventually and his firm will be ready then when things pick up.

There are only 14 employees in the plant but if things were running to capacity they'd be turning out three to four trailers daily and using 40 to 50 people. At times they used as many as 90 people in their Mississauga plant, he said.

They bought the plant location from a spring and automotive parts manufacturer who went out of business earlier this year. People from that firm as well as people laid off by the closing of an Orangeville truck firm are beginning to contact him looking for work, Mr. Morgan said, but they're premature.

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