



INNOVATIONS ON DISPLAY

The Metro Bus and its Toronto driver, Gord Crosby, visited Halton Hills Sunday, but thankfully it wasn't an emergency visit. If it had been, "Emergency Support System Five", as it's also known, could have accommodated ten patients on stretchers for fast transportation to emergency disaster crisis centres for immediate treatment. Instead, local emergency workers and members of the public were relieved to view the bus during a non-crisis time, knowing it's available if ever needed.



Known as "Bandage One", this helicopter is a flying intensive care unit that was on display at the Georgetown hospital grounds Sunday as part of the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service open house. It features a cardiac monitor, suction devices and medicine and carries up to two stretcher patients or six passengers plus the crew for evacuation purposes. Open house guests who poked their heads inside the chopper learned that it's staffed by five full-time paramedics and four full-time pilots working on rotation.

(Herald photos by Harold Bransch)

Legislators look at how US handles unemployment

MP joins fact-finding trip

How the U.S. is coping with unemployment and associated training schemes is the lure bringing six Canadian parliamentarians to Washington this week.

MP John McDermid is one of the six chosen by the Centre for Legislative Exchange. The group left yesterday (Tuesday) and will be returning Thursday. Mr. McDermid left today to join his fellow

MP's as he was a pall-bearer in yesterday's funeral for Brampton Mayor Jim Archdekin.

The two Progressive Conservatives, three Liberals and one New Demo-

crats will meet senior government officials, and legislators as well as representatives of the private sector.

Together they will discuss the major directions in U.S. employment policy and retraining programs.

"Plagiarism is the finest form of flattery," Mr. McDermid said. "And if we see they're doing something that seems to be successful, well, we'll recommend it to the finance minister."

The exchange trip is not being funded by taxpayers, Mr. McDermid pointed out. He said the visit is being paid for by independent sources, notably industry.

"When we're so closely tied to the U.S. on a financial basis it's most important that we have this liaison," Mr. McDermid said, noting that 70 per cent of Canadian exports go to the U.S.

The visit is organized under the auspices of the Canada-U.S. Legislative Visits Programme, established ten years ago in the belief that Canada and the U.S. face common problems and that the experience in one may be useful to the other.

"Right now, we're very concerned in Canada with the unemployment situation," Mr. McDermid said.

"The government is backed in a corner. There are a tremendous number of people unemployed now and they're trying to help the core unemployed yet not get into deficit financing."

Obituary

J.W. Thompson, former court clerk

A World War I veteran and former Halton county court clerk, James Wallace Thompson died Sept. 14 at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital. He was 86.

Born in Georgetown in 1897 to William Thompson and Jennie Willis, he was educated at Georgetown public and high schools. He entered the Merchants Bank, then a short time later the Bank of Montreal, and was transferred to Clarkson.

Mr. Thompson enlisted in the 67th University of Toronto Battery and went overseas during World War I. Upon his return in 1919, he was again posted

at Georgetown's Bank of Montreal branch before transfers to Woodstock and Preston.

He was connected with Thompson Hardware when he returned to Georgetown in September, 1923, and later Provincial Papers and Hewson Motors. He was appointed clerk of the third division Halton county court in 1950.

Long associated with St. George's Anglican Church in Georgetown, Mr. Thompson was vestry clerk for 30 years and auditor for 35 years. He served as treasurer of Branch 120, Royal Canadian Legion, for 22 years, its

secretary for 12 years and its Poppy Fund chairman for 24 years.

He was a life member of Branch 120 as well as Credit Lodge A.F. and A.M.

Mr. Thompson leaves his wife, Jennie Irene (Huffman), sister Ethel Wheatley of Aylmer and brother Herbert E. Thompson of Burlington.

He rested at McClure-Jones Funeral Home in Georgetown prior to a service at St. George's and interment at Greenwood Cemetery. His family asked that donations be made to the Canadian Cancer Society in his memory.



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ABOUT THE TOWNS

K of C campaign

The Knights of Columbus are over the \$5,000 mark in their annual arthritis campaign this fall. Supported by members of the Old Timers Huff 'n Puffers hockey club, local residents and Parents Without Partners, the service club has been striving to achieve its goal of \$6,500. Although the drive was officially from Sept. 13 to 18, canvassers are still collecting this week. Industries which have been approached for donations are asked to please send in their cheques as it's not too late, and if anybody was missed by canvassers and would still like to donate, they're invited to call Doug Tucker at 877-9908. He'll pick up your donation. Last year, the Knights of Columbus collected \$6,700 for arthritis research and treatment.

Salute to seniors

Shoppers Drug Mart outlets across Canada are extending their annual Salute to Seniors Day to a two-day a year event with a Sept. 30 observation this year. The overwhelming positive response to last April's Seniors' Day prompted store directors to pick a second day to entertain senior citizens with some music, prizes, free refreshments and 15 per cent discounts on most drug store items.

Staying in town

Royal Trust Realty has decided to maintain a satellite office in Georgetown rather than letting its Brampton office serve the area following closure last Friday of its main Georgetown office. Several staff members are opening an office at 174 Guelph St. this week, continuing Royal Trust service launched here in 1973. The firm is closing some 40 offices across Canada.

Second storey planned

The Halton Hills Committee of Adjustment has approved plans to add a second storey to Georgetown's Bell Canada office at the corner of Main and James Streets. Bell's expansion plans for Georgetown servicing necessitates boosting the building's height to 35 feet, the committee learned recently.

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