



## Ex-mayor's plight prompts review

Mayor Pete Pomeroy assured a Princess Anne Drive (Georgetown) resident Monday night that he would ask the region to investigate an 18-year old legal problem concerning the resident's sewer hook-up.

Former Georgetown mayor Wheldon "Steamer" Emmerson told council a saga of bureaucratic mismanagement which has limited access to his sewermain if it should break down.

After purchasing the Princess Anne house 18 years ago, he discovered that his sewer line was not hooked up and emptied under a vacant lot owned by the town. The town's works department at the time refused to move the

sewermain hook-up to his property and instead connected it under the town-owned lot.

Mr. Emmerson said he was later granted an easement over the town property in order to maintain the pipe.

The easement was later successfully challenged by a neighbor who had purchased the town lot neighboring Mr. Emmerson's property. While the town's committee of adjustment recently allowed the neighbor to construct a carport near the sewer line, Mr. Emmerson said an additional structure has been added and further hinders access to the main.

Mr. Emmerson asked

the town to solve the problem by moving the sewer line from the neighbor's property to his own. He said he has no easement for the water line, which runs across the neighbor's property, too.

Noting that sewer and water-related problems are the region's responsibility, Mayor Pomeroy said that he hopes to meet with regional staff and chairman Jack Rafits to look into the matter. In addition, town building department staff were instructed to check the additional structure Mr. Emmerson claims has been constructed without the committee of adjustment's approval.

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## Acton unveils 'Ciderfest' celebration

Acton businessmen are planning to hold a Leathertown Market and "Ciderfest" next summer and have been given permission to close off part of the community's Mill Street.

Noting that other southwestern Ontario towns have adopted "festival" themes to generate business and draw tourists, Acton chairman Ted Tyler told council Monday night he hopes the Acton event will be held annually after its inauguration around next Aug. 27.

Council agreed to close Mill Street East - actually a section of Highway 7 - diverting traffic along Bower Street or through Eastern and Church Streets. The closed section stretches west from the intersection of Mill and Main Streets.

Mr. Tyler acknowledged that while organizers may not use all the street for the event, heavy truck traffic will be more easily handled on Bower and Church Streets, rather than some of the smaller arteries surrounding the downtown core.

While last year's Leathertown Market was held on Willow Street, Mr. Tyler said this took away business from the Mill Street area where most of the community's merchants are located.

Mill Street has been closed for previous Back to Acton Days celebrations.

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complimented Monday night by Herald circulation manager Marie Shadbolt (centre) and McDonald's store activities representative Heather Kerns. The five carriers were presented with plaques and trophies honoring them as Carriers of the Year. The Herald's 110 carriers were treated to a McDonald's supper. (Herald photo by Ani Pedersen)

## Preparations underway for Lions' Santa parade

It hardly seems fair to summer-lovers, but preparations are already well underway for the Georgetown Lions Club annual Santa Claus parade.

Parade committee chairman Steve Harlow told The Herald last week he's lined up the first few entrants already for the Nov. 20 parade, for which more than 40 floats, bands and other entries are expected.

More "for the sake of change" than anything else, Mr. Harlow said, this year's Santa parade will make its way through Georgetown in reverse direction from previous years. Entrants will line up on Sinclair Avenue - formerly the finishing area - then parade down Guelph Street to Maple Avenue, parade left to Main Street and disband on James Street. Moore Park Plaza, previously the starting point, is not on this year's route.

Lion Fred Zorge will serve as parade marshal this year, leading a wide variety of four-wheeled and two-legged entries that will be decorated according to this year's theme "Storybook Characters".

Another change this year will remove the Lions Club canvassers who used to "pass the hat" at curbside while the floats rolled by. Rather than soliciting funds from bystanders, Mr. Harlow said, the club is hoping Georgetown area merchants and industries will consider sponsoring the parade through donations to the parade fund.

A letter campaign started last week to promote the idea of business sponsors, Mr. Harlow said.

Entries should be at the Sinclair Avenue starting point at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 20 ready for a 1:30 start. Prizes await the entries picked by celebrity judges as best overall, best service club entry, best

industrial entry, etc. Already confirmed for this year's parade are the Georgetown Girls' Pipe

## POLICE BEAT

### Car crosses lane, leaves men injured

Two Georgetown men suffered minimal injuries and another minor injuries Oct. 13 when a northbound car on the Ninth Line crossed the centre line of the roadway and struck a car in the opposite lane. Suffering minimal injuries were drivers James Brian Boland, 29, and Earl Wesley Merrill, 55. Suffering minor (slightly more serious) injuries was Stanley Callaghan, 50. Mr. Merrill and Mr. Callaghan were treated and released at Georgetown Memorial Hospital. There was \$6,000 damage to the two vehicles. The northbound driver was charged with failing to share the road and having over .08 per cent alcohol in his blood.

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