

ELECTION CENTRAL

Howitt secures Esquesing trusteeship

Incumbents were returned to their Halton board of education seats in Wards 1, 3 and 4, while in Ward 2, Richard Howitt came to the fore after a close start with opponent Jim Kenzie.

contact he made with his constituents. A Georgetown lawyer with his office on Main Street, Mr. Howitt said this is his fourth campaign, and he was covering the same area

as when he was on council. Before he left public office in 1976, Mr. Howitt served three years on the former township of Esquesing council, another three years on the Halton

Hills council and one and a half years as a regional councillor. For the past four years, he has been chairman of the library board and said now that he has won the seat as trustee he will

have to resign from the library board. Mr. Howitt said his term would have ended in December anyway and he hadn't been planning to reapply.

Mr. Howitt will join the board before the other new trustees, who will be sworn in in December. He said he had received a letter indicating that because the Ward 2 seat has been empty since September, so close to the elections, the board had decided to fill it this way until December rather than undertake a hiring procedure as they would otherwise.



WHAT A PARTY!

Opening the first evening of amateur performances in the John Elliott Theatre, the Glen Echo group broke the ice. Organized by the recreation department to celebrate the Halton Hills Cultural Centre's first anniversary, last Tuesday's amateur night brought out about 100 people, including a fair number of children. The evening was repeated with more local talent last Wednesday night. The one-year old Glen Echo group told their audience they were celebrating their birthday this month too.

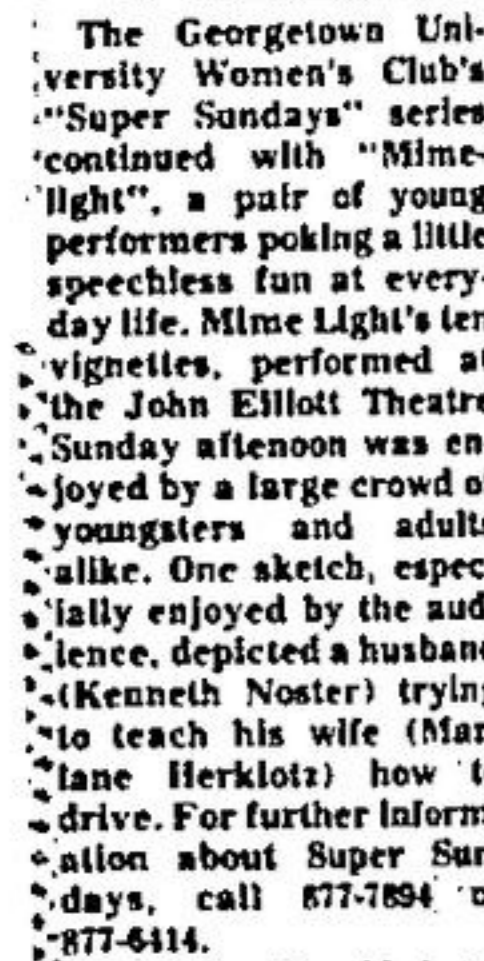
(Herald photos by Ani Pederian)



She was a hit with the kids. When Frances Siderius appeared on the Elliott Theatre stage, the youngsters all wiggled and cast excited, expectant glances at each other. Mrs. Siderius was the first to tell the children and likely many of the audience had ever heard live. When she opened her mouth, and the sound came out, they weren't disappointed.



"I love money, sonny, I love the feel of cash in my hands," sang Joseph Gibbons Public School teacher Alan Gotlib Nov. 2. The Grade 4 and 5 French Immersion teacher had his John Elliott Theatre audience chortling at his four original love songs. Guitar in hand, he also sang of his love for his television.



The Georgetown University Women's Club's "Super Sundays" series continued with "Mime-light", a pair of young performers poking a little speechless fun at everyday life. Mime Light's ten vignettes, performed at the John Elliott Theatre Sunday afternoon was enjoyed by a large crowd of youngsters and adults alike. One sketch, especially enjoyed by the audience, depicted a husband (Kenneth Noster) trying to teach his wife (Marlane Herklotz) how to drive. For further information about Super Sundays, call 877-7894 or 877-6414.

(Herald photo)

GARA holds elections of its own

The Georgetown Area Ratepayers Association (GARA) has a new executive, chosen last Tuesday night prior to GARA's all-candidates meeting. Brian Bush returns as president, as do vice-presidents Roy Yestadt and Betty Fisher. Rita Thomson signs on as a vice-president, Mike Quinn is the new GARA treasurer and Dave McCarthy is secretary. Fraser Robbin is in charge of memberships. This year's election has kept the GARA particularly busy recently. In addition to organizing the all-candidates night, it co-ordinated local Cable TV coverage of election results, reporting in figures as they became available from the central returning office at the Gordon Alcott Arena in Georgetown.

Hickory Dickory Dock

GLT presents a 'timely' offering

Fairy tales like "Cinderella" and "Jack and the Beanstalk" aren't just for children's books. Ask any member of the Georgetown Little Theatre. They're universal, the stuff dreams are made of. Add some comedy, puffs of magic, boisterous music and sharply clever dialogue and the immortal fairy tale turns into satire, or in theatrical terms - pantomime. GLT is pooling forces with the Peel Pantomime Players this Christmas season for "Hickory Dickory Dock", a marvelous amalgamation for youngsters from two to 82, with 28 different characters spilling over the stage.



So before the clock strikes one, order your tickets early to avoid disappointment. The Georgetown shows are Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 11 and 12 at 1 and 3:30 p.m. All seats are \$2.50, but groups of 20 or more can buy them for \$2. A stamped, self-addressed envelope accompanying your order and cheque will ensure quick return of your tickets. Mail to P.O. Box 64, Georgetown, or phone the GLT box office at 877-3700.

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New face on Hydro

A former Acton and later Halton Hills hydro supervisor has ousted veteran commissioner Wilf McEachern from Ward 1's Hydro Commission seat. Doug Mason spent 35 years with hydro offices in the area, most of them in a supervisory position, until he retired two years ago.

When all the polls reported in, Mr. Mason had edged out Mr. McEachern by slightly less than 300 votes, ending a career on Commissions which stretched for more than 18 years.

Ab Tennant, a Hydro commissioner for six years, the last two as chairman of Halton Hills Hydro, retained his Ward 3 commission seat. He was opposed by Mississauga Hydro employee Norm Tretter and downtown Georgetown businessman Ralph Fletcher.

Mr. Fletcher, the closest of Mr. Tennant's opponents, lost by 265 votes, although he proved to be

strong competition for the incumbent as votes were counted throughout the evening. Mr. Tennant praised Mr. Fletcher as a "worthy opponent" who mounted a strong campaign and worked at it. He added that people have shown a continued interest in Hydro, turning out to vote for a new Commission despite a lapse of several years since the last Commission was elected.

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Ward's incumbents return

Marilyn Serjeantson bounced into her fourth term as town councillor Monday night, leading the balloting for Ward 4 by a 300-vote margin.

Next in the running was Coun. Harry Levy with 1,606 votes. The two incumbents beat new challenger Mike Ross.

Coun. Serjeantson predicts that the coming three-year term will be tough in terms of keeping costs down while maintaining the town's current service levels.

Monday night she watched the results come in at the Alcott Arena then joined Mayor Pete Pomeroy's victory party at the Chateau Restaurant on Guelph Street.

She was unavailable for comment as of press time. Ward 4 Coun. Harry Levy had "just about finished" celebrating Monday night when contacted at home by The Herald.

"Under the circumstances, because I was tied up a lot during the campaigning, I was really pleased with the results," Coun. Levy, 55, said. "I certainly didn't knock on too many doors. People must have voted

for me on my past record." A councillor since 1969, he's been through nine elections so far, but said it doesn't get easier as the years go by.

The general manager and comptroller of Roofmart (Ontario) Ltd. in Brampton, Coun. Levy said his business keeps him busy.

However, from the residents he was able to talk to, he said he found people were concerned with taxes and most of them were aware that was his specialty.

Favoring tight budget control, Mr. Levy is chairman of the Halton Hills's finance committee and said although the town is very healthy now, with no new debts and a balanced budget coming up for next year, there will be financial problems in the future.

"We're ahead of many other communities," Mr. Levy said. "We started this year with over half a million dollars in the good, but it won't be so next year."

He's already been working on next year's budget and warns the coming year is going to be really tough.

'Work' wins for Irene

Knocking on 125 doors a day since she declared her intention to run as separate school trustee helped Irene McCauley hold onto the seat she won two years ago.

"I'm very happy. I was very nervous. My opponents were good," Mrs. McCauley said Monday night at Alcott Arena where returns were posted. "I'm really glad people came out and voted for me."

Looking forward to a three-year term as trustee, Mrs. McCauley who won back the seat over challengers Tom Simmons and Irene Wood, said she will be fighting for junior kindergarten, and home economics and industrial arts courses in Catholic elementary schools.

She said she received a lot of positive comments about her work on the board from people she met during the campaign. "Everyone said, 'Mrs. McCauley, you've worked hard,'" Mrs. McCauley said. "I think my experience helped me get back in."

With two years experience behind her now, Mrs. McCauley thinks the learning process will continue still for her, but many things won't be as difficult for her as when she first became trustee.

"I was very fortunate in the workers I had helping me. They won this for me," Mrs. McCauley said of her 50 volunteers.

Trustees for the 1983 to 1986 separate school board will be sworn in Dec. 1.

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