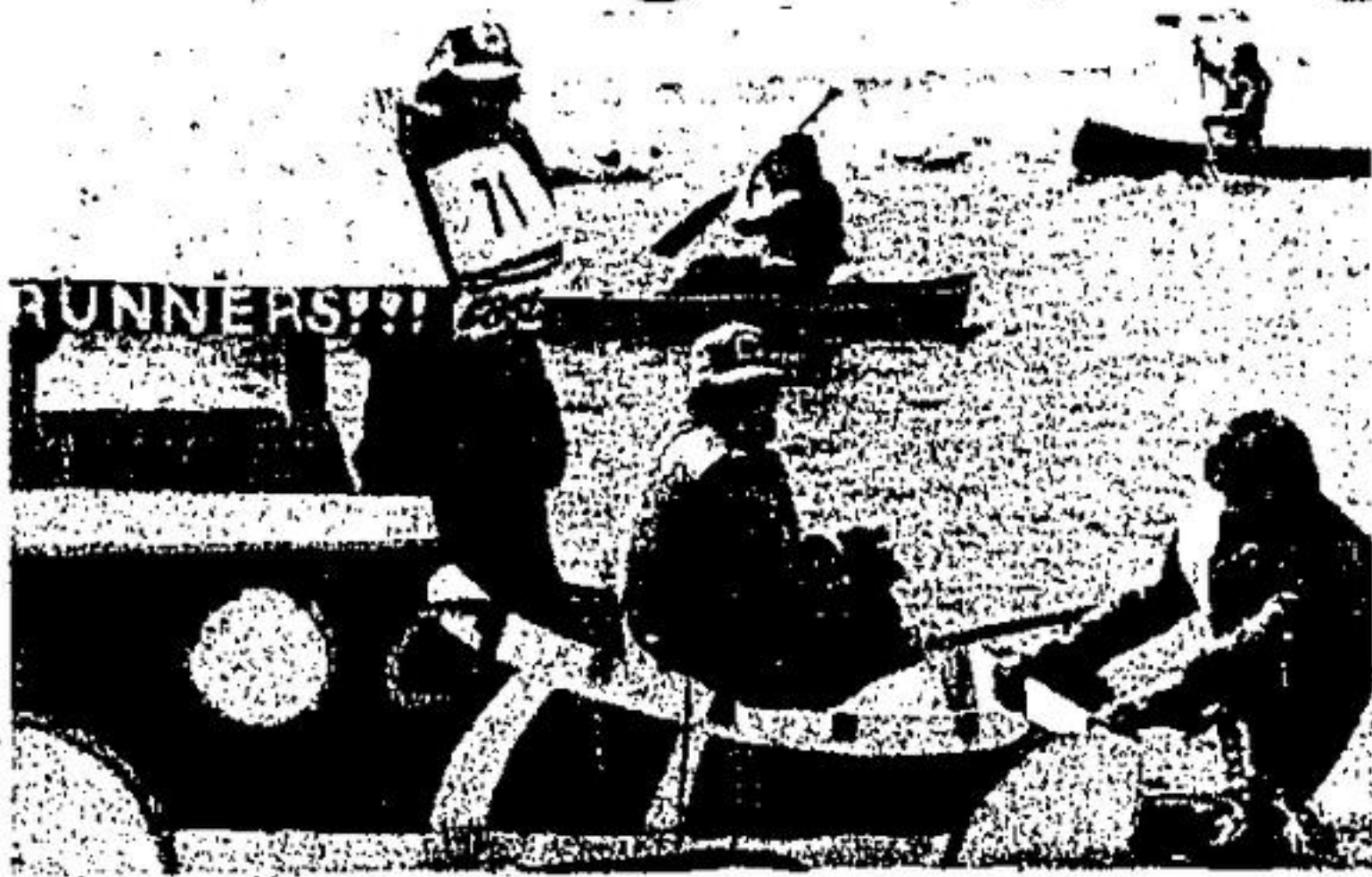


Coming of spring marked by Jaycee's Crazy Boat Race



One sure sign of spring is symbolized in the Jaycees-sponsored Crazy Boat Race. (Herald file photo)

By CHRIS AAGAARD
Herald Staff Writer
It's back and it's as absurd as ever!
Georgetown's Jaycees have unveiled plans for this year's Crazy Boat Race, a kind of poor man's regatta down the frigid spring waters of the Credit River.

April 9 has been set as race date and it already promises to attract the unique bunch of sailors whose skills in nautical architecture come up with a genuinely bizarre collection of craft. There are those who prefer to really "slum it", and travel the route in canoes. Once again, the Jaycees have enlisted the Muscular Sclerosis Soc-

ety of Canada as the charity which will benefit from race proceeds and pledges. Participants in last year's event raised \$7,000 for MS research. There were 290 of them plying the Credit's chop in sub-zero weather and in 87 craft which formed one of the oddest flotillas the race has seen in its 10-year history.

Participants are encouraged to gather sponsors and, if they collect more than \$50 in pledges, the \$7 entry fee will be waived. There have been some slight changes to the race this year, changes which will be imperceptible to all but the most senior

finisher and to the "best presented" craft. ALL TYPES Boats of all types, including rubber craft, fall under the Class C. Awards in this class will also be presented to the first place finisher and the "best presented" boat. Crazy boats will launch from the Tenth Line bridge near Glen Williams and finish at the Glen's Main Street bridge. Winners will be awarded at the victory dance and presentations are expected to begin at 10 p.m. Criterion Carpets, a Georgetown firm, is adding its sponsorship to the race, along with Molson's Breweries.

Crazy boat race publicity chairman Bob Sullivan told The Herald that race officials hope to draw as many as 100 craft this year. There's a chance Premier Bill Davis will open the race along with Halton Hills mayor Pete Pomeroy. PLEDGES Gathering pledges for the MS fund-raising efforts is not a prerequisite for entering the race, but there are a number of rules to keep in mind before the race gets underway at 1:15 (for crazy boats) and 12:30 for canoes. Among them: -all craft must be registered at the launch sites, starting at 11 a.m. -a \$3 deposit must be paid on the racing bib -all boats must be manually powered (no motors) -registrants must sign a waiver releasing the club from responsibility in the event of injury or even death -registrants must be 18 years old or have a waiver signed by their parents -life jackets must be worn and helmets and wet suits are RECOMMENDED NO ROUGHNESS -deliberate rough housing and dunking will cause officials to disqualify participants. Throughout the race, a shore safety patrol will be on duty, but competitors Continued on page A3

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Rural residents organize Citizen's promise: rough roads ahead

By CHRIS AAGAARD
Herald Staff Writer
A newly-formed citizen's group has promised rough roads ahead for town council unless something is done about the state of disrepair on the Ninth and Tenth Lines and Sideroad 27.

Lynn Aiken, a Ninth Line resident, presented council Monday night with a 187-name petition calling for extensive road works in the northeastern corner of the town. She said she was speaking on behalf of the Rural Road Improvement Committee.

DECLINED She later declined to elaborate on what the committee would do if the graveling proposal is rejected during council's budget deliberations next month.

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Economic woes increase caseload for Family Services

By ANI FEDERIAN
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Unemployment puts a lot of stress on families and brings out problems that might otherwise have lain dormant for a number of years, says a social worker.

Halton Family Services' (HFS), assistant executive director Jack Knight said the number of cases being handled by HFS has nearly doubled in one year.

With a staff of seven, three full-time and four part-time social workers, the regional service also offers a full-time credit counsellor.

It's a really ripe situation for people to feel discouraged and has a lot of implications on marriage and what people want for their family," Mr. Knight said.

He said people enter relationships with certain expectations and goals: that they'll be able to have a family; they feel it's a right to own a home; they expect to have some freedom with their money to enjoy life.

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Parks dept. brochure ready

On Wednesday, March 9 the recreational and parks department will be issuing the spring and summer community recreation brochure. Program opportunities for the spring and summer will be in this issue.

TRULY YOURS

Stuffing Valentine's Day wishes into an already crammed box was no easy feat for (left to right) Daniel Young, Chris Coleman, and Lesley Watson. The

HEY, SQUIRT!

Scouts Russell Law, 11, of Main Street, (he's the one who's armed) and 12-year-old Chris McHale indulged in war games of a sort at the 'Scout-A-Rama' on the weekend at Cedarvale Park. More than 150

Council will form task force on aggregate position Mayor is 'cautiously optimistic'

Mayor Pete Pomeroy is "cautiously optimistic" that future aggregate policies from the province won't undermine local official plans and will consider the rights of private property owners.

ABOUT THE HILLS Red Cross campaign

On Monday, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m. there will be a March Campaign-for-Funds kick-off night in St. George's Anglican Church Hall.

The department is also offering a new registration system for your convenience. "Mail in" registration forms can be found inside this brochure.

three-year olds are students in the Halton Hills Nursery School. With their playmates they enjoyed a pink laced heart-shaped cake and other treats Feb. 15. (Herald photo)

The apparent softening

of the province's aggregate stance, Mayor Pomeroy said, is probably due to last year's public reaction in Halton Hills to MNR's mineral resource protection area maps. "Maybe they are starting to listen," Mayor Pomeroy commented.

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