



Pioneer Days in Georgetown brings out the best dressed gentlemen in town. The annual costume contest is a popular event which adds color and flare to the festivities. (Herald file photo)

Pioneer Days festivities steam into town Thurs.

By CHRIS AAGAARD
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Brace yourselves: the event which seems to get larger and better organized every year opens later this week in downtown Georgetown.

It's Pioneer Days, a salute to downtown Georgetown's past and an annual celebration for local merchants. Since its inception about four years ago, Pioneer Days has turned from a gala sidewalk sale to a full-blown carnival-like event with activities concentrated in the community's traditional business core.

Events run from Thursday (June 16) and wrap up on Saturday - three days and nights of down-

home entertainment. Pioneer Days and Summerfest, the Halton Hills Arts Council tribute to the season, are held concurrently.

Evolving from Globe Productions and Georgetown Little Theatre actors, as well as a number of new comers to the stage, Summerfest Theatre '83 makes its debut Thursday night and continues for a second show Friday night.

The cast and crew have put together a production of Warren Graves' "Chief Shaking Spear Rides Again" or "The Taming of the Sioux".

It's part of a dinner-theatre combination being thrown at the Masonic

Lodge at Georgetown's western boundary (off Trafalgar Road).

Other Summerfest activities include arts and crafts show on the rolling lawn outside of Knox Presbyterian Church on Church Street, Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Inside the church at about the same time, there'll be a horticultural show along the road. An antique show and sale is planned for the Library-cultural centre.

THURSDAY OPENING
For Pioneer Days itself, the official opening will be Thursday, Mayor Pete Pomeroy is expected to kick things off at 6:30 p.m. He'll be joined by downtown merchants and

the Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band.

The Pine Valley Squares will swing into action as well, sweeping up the audience to begin the first evening of dancing on Main Street.

If you like to enjoy your favorite refreshment outdoors, the McGibbon hotel is hosting a garden patio and entertainment on Main Street. Dancing will be on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Keep your ears and eyes peeled for old time music and old time-pioneer costumes. There have been some dandy outfits in past years.

Other exhibits of clothes include Girl Guide
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Local merchants in downtown Georgetown enjoy themselves by sewing costumes in old-time outfits. The fun starts Thursday evening and continues through until Saturday. Refreshments, dancing, exhibits and parades promise that residents of all ages will find some entertaining event to their liking. (Herald file photo)

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Party unity stressed

Local Tories grieve over Clark's defeat

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Brian Mulroney may not have been the first choice as Tory leader for John McDermid and Fran Baines, but they want to see old hatchets buried and the party put on the road towards leading the country after the next general election.

They are Joe Clark supporters, among the hundreds of delegates and thousands of campaign workers who were saddened by Mr. Clark's lost bid to regain leadership of the national Progressive Conservative party.

Mr. McDermid was responsible for campaign activities at the Ottawa leadership convention itself over the weekend.

Mrs. Baines co-chaired Mr. Clark's campaign efforts in Ontario, along with London's Don McDougall.

In interviews with The Herald earlier this week, both expressed confidence in Mr. Mulroney's leadership and the party's determination to move from Parliament's opposition benches.

"Obviously, (Mr. Mulroney) is not my first choice," Mrs. Baines commented, "but I'm a party loyalist and I think we can work with him. That's the thing about Mr. Clark's supporters - they are party loyalists willing to work hard to make sure the party stays together."

"I'm not sure that's true the other way around (had Mulroney lost)," she added.

LOYALTY
"I've been raised on the coattails of political life," Mr. McDermid said. "Loyalty to one's leader is very, very important and I'll continue to be loyal."

All members of the shadow cabinet appointed by Mr. Clark while he was

Tory leader resigned last Thursday, Mr. McDermid said. Without changes, Mr. Mulroney re-appointed them when he met with the Tory caucus on Monday.

Mr. McDermid will con-



FRAN BAINES

tinue to be the party's immigration spokesman.

"I think we can all work together and go out and win an election," Mr. McDermid said.

Mr. Clark's chances of winning might have been enhanced had leadership candidate David Crombie dropped out after the first of four ballots taken Saturday.

But, by staying on, he held on to votes which

No wild hysteria

It was Hugh Goebelle's first leadership convention and although his candidate didn't win, he found the experience highly interesting.

"I was a Clark supporter to the last ballot. I was really disappointed that he didn't get it," the 19-year old president of the Brampton-Georgetown Progressive Conservative Youth Federation said. "He had the strongest support within the party. Most people were amazed at how strong his support was and that it stayed at 35 per cent."

The feeling among Conservatives was "anti-Clark" rather than "pro-Brian", Mr. Goebelle said. The fact that Mr. Clark didn't pick up support when other leadership candidates dropped out demonstrated this, he said.

"The mood of the convention was really calm and relaxed at the beginning. People were seriously considering the candidates and the future of the party," Mr. Goebelle said.

"There was no wild hysteria. Even during the actual voting itself, I didn't get the feeling I've had at other PC conventions."

The floor was crowded and people were arguing away in the line-ups to vote, he recalled. "There was a lot of action going on as people tried to convert everyone before reaching the ballot boxes."

may have come over to the Clark camp of delegates.

The other surprise in the election was candidate Michael Wilson steering his votes to Mr. Mulroney after he dropped out of the race following the first ballot.

Financier Peter Pocklington also threw his support behind Mr. Mulroney when he retired from the race.

PLANNED WELL
"Nothing went wrong in our campaign," Mr. McDermid said.

"I wouldn't have done it any other way. Everything went well: the functions were good and well-attended."

When the fourth ballot was completed later Saturday night, Mr. Mulroney had 1,584 votes, Mr. Clark received 1,325.

In third place was John Crosbie, Mr. Clark's finance minister when the Tories held power briefly in 1979. Eliminated after the third ballot, Mr. Crosbie picked up 858 votes.

Mr. McDermid said the

Crosbie delegates split themselves into "Anyone But Clark" and "Anyone But Mulroney" camps, with Mr. Crosbie refusing to commit himself to either of the remaining candidates.

Acknowledging his victory, Mr. Mulroney indicated that Mr. Clark would continue to be an asset to the party and Mr. Mulroney's leadership.

Mrs. Baines wouldn't hazard a guess at what role Mr. Clark will now play in the party, but noted that he has been particularly strong supporting women's rights, expanding the Francophone role in the party and "opening up" the party to Canadians.

DREAM
"He has a dream for Canada," Mrs. Baines said, "and as long as he can play a role, he'll want to be there."

Lack of parliamentary experience may hinder Mr. Mulroney in the short run, Mr. McDermid said. But, he added, the new leader is surrounded by people with plenty of experience to guide him through.

"He's going to get stung a few times," Mr. McDermid said, "but we (MPs) all do. That's how you learn."

Mr. Clark, with his large following, can become the party's "great healer," he said, patching up harmful rifts across the country.



Pipe Bands were well received at the Speyside Highland Games Saturday at Fairgrounds Park. It was the eighth straight year that good weather had blessed the festivities. Around 4,000 people attended the annual event.



Scottish dancing is always one of the highlights of the Speyside Highland Games held at the Georgetown Fairgrounds. There were 350 dancers competing in a variety of levels, from baby class to 17 and over which is almost a professional category. (Herald photo)

ON THEIR TOES

Local ratepayers join escarpment coalition

Herald Special
The Speyside area ratepayers have joined the coalition on the Niagara Escarpment and some other citizens' groups in calling for a judicial review of the report on the proposed Niagara Escarpment plan.

Ratepayers president Jim Kenzie said the group has the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) to represent them in formal legal proceedings surrounding the request.

CELA is drawing up the papers to formalize their application for a review,

but they may not have sent them to the Provincial Resources Secretary yet.

Mr. Kenzie said the group feels much of the evidence presented to the hearing officers was poorly summarized or even ignored in the hearing officers' report. They also

feel the hearing officers were lax in their duty in certain instances of the hearing findings.

"If we can get that report rewritten in such a way as to more accurately reflect the information that was presented in light of evidence presented at the hearings, we feel that we have to try,"

Mr. Kenzie said. The group particularly feels the hearing officers' recommendation that Standard Aggregate be given a requested change of designation on the part of a 600-acre property at Speyside is not merited in light of evidence presented at the hearings.

Mr. Kenzie said the association has existed for 10 years through a common desire to prevent establishment of a huge quarry in their neighborhood. It has never been a formal group with regular meetings.

—Courtesy Guelph Mercury

SAFETY CHECK



Kinmen member Neil Young helps out Rob Batchelor get ready for the 10th annual Soap Box Derby Saturday afternoon. Each participant has his cart checked over by the race officials to make sure the vehicles are safe to maneuver the steep Maple Ave. hill. (Herald photo)

ABOUT THE HILLS

Kiwanis sale

The Georgetown Kiwanis Club are holding their annual garage sale Sat. June 18 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at The Herald parking lot.

Located at 45 Guelph St. the garage sale site is promised to be full of surprising items such as televisions, furniture, clothes, toys and games.

Auto fire

An auto fire, believed to be the result of a mechanical failure completely destroyed a propane powered taxi Tuesday at 12:45 a.m. Deputy fire chief Bob Hyde said damage estimates to the cab, owned by Kingsboro Taxi of Toronto, were \$6,000. The fire took place on Lot 28 and Concession 7.

Mischief against police

Two 20-year old Acton men were charged with mischief, and one as well with assaulting a police officer Friday at 1:10 a.m.

Halton regional police said the two were discovered letting out the air from the front right tire of one of the two cruisers parked in front of the Sitting Bull Tavern, near Acton's Mill and Main Streets.

The officers were inside dealing with a complaint, when they came out to discover the prank. While being arrested, one of the men bit two fingers on the right hand of an officer, drawing blood.

Jason's getting better

Little Jason Diachuk of King Street is off the critical list, although he's still in the Hospital for Sick Children's intensive care unit.

The four-year old Georgetown boy was trapped under the right rear tires of a dump truck backing out of a neighboring driveway last week.

He had been driving his red tricycle parallel to the truck while the truck was slowly backing out. "He's smiling and talking," Jason's dad said.

The youngster will be in traction for another six to eight weeks for a broken left leg and pelvic bone.

Appreciation night

The Georgetown unit of the Cancer Society is holding a volunteer appreciation night Wednesday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church Hall. Dessert and coffee will be served. Don Enslay is guest speaker. Everyone is welcome.

Disarmament meeting

Georgetown and Acton residents will meet next Monday June 20 to establish a permanent Peace and disarmament group in Halton Hills.

The nature and goals of the group will be decided by those present, whether it should be a simple phone network, or aim for public education and action.

All interested citizens are welcome at 8 p.m. Monday at 38 Chelvin Drive, Georgetown, or call 877-1994. June 20 is "International Day for Disarmament!"

Ward 3 drop-in

Councillors Finn Poulstrup, John McDonald and Phil Carney have invited recreation and parks department director Tom Shepard to this month's Ward 3 drop-in. If you have questions about the department or something of general interest to ask the councillors, the drop-in will be held tonight (Wednesday), Room 142 at Georgetown and District High School begins at 7:30 p.m.

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