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## Traditional rural life fading: study

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Farmers feel their concerns are being ignored and their traditional rural community is disappearing.

town councillors at their general committee meeting Monday night. The majority of the respondents had lived in Halton for more than 10 years, were middle aged or older and two-thirds of them were full or part-time farmers.

The farmers reported that complaints from non-farmers about odor, noise and manure had increased by 58 per cent in the past five years. As far as problems caused by dogs, they increased by 47 per cent in the same time period, Mr. Langdon told councillors from his survey statistics.

## Cemetery damage will cost \$10,000

Damage estimates to tombstones in the Acton Cemetery are over \$10,000. Mayor Russ Miller said 16 headstones had been knocked over in the cemetery last week and four had been badly damaged.

A similar incident occurred 18 months ago and the young man responsible for the damage was convicted and given a two year prison sentence. "Is he out on parole?" Coun. Phil Carney King said.

Councillors are to receive a report on the damage. They were told some of the damage was irreparable. Traditionally, there is no insurance on headstones, town treasurer Ray King said.



IN STEP

Members of Georgetown's 676 Army Cadet Corps march around during their eleventh Annual Inspection last Wednesday. The Army Cadets are made up of people 13 to 19 years of age who usually go into the regular force or the Militia after their time there. (Herald photo)

## Film producer will capture Armenian Boys orphan story

Film cameras will be rolling again this summer for a July 1 picnic of the Georgetown Boys. Montreal film producer Dorothy Manookian told The Herald she plans to be shooting the reunion of the Boys at Cedarvale Park in Georgetown.

from when it was a 200-acre farm. They're Armenian orphans brought to Canada in 1923 from the Lord Mayor's Fund orphanage in Corfu, Greece. Only eight to 15 years old when they arrived in Georgetown they're now all over 70 years old. Their parents were slaughtered during the

Turkish genocide of the Armenian people at the turn of the century, and the Armenian Relief Association of Canada arranged for them to come to Georgetown. This summer, the Boys will be putting up a historical bronze plaque on the Cedarvale Park building in memory of their time there. Mrs. Manookian will be there to record the action for her half-hour documentary on the Boys. She showed up last year at the 60th anniversary picnic of the Boys, and began her

shooting. **FILMING** Prior to the July 1 picnic at Cedarvale, Mrs. Manookian will be doing some filming around town. She said last year's filming was successful except for sound problems due to windy weather. The project has received \$6,500 in federal funds from the department of multiculturalism. Another \$2,000 has been promised. The Armenian communities of Toronto and Montreal sponsored last year's shooting at Cedarvale.

## GREAT CANADIAN PARTICIPATION CHALLENGE

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Shape up Halton Hills, it's National Fitness Week and we're being challenged by a community from Red Deer, Alberta.

The fitness competition with Red Deer will determine how many residents were physically active for 15 minutes today (Wednesday).

Don't let your fellow residents down. Together with everyone's participation, we can prove that Halton Hills is the most active community in Canada.

Just exercise for 15 minutes doing the activity of your choice, then register by calling Neilson's challenge hotline at 873-1691.

## Limehouse woman dies in car crash

A weekend accident has claimed the life of a Limehouse woman who was a passenger in a 1970 Plymouth. Ada Roughley, 73, died from injuries she received from the Friday evening accident.

The Plymouth, driven by Margaret Anderson of Georgetown, was northbound on Winston Churchill Boulevard and apparently failed to observe a motorcycle travelling westbound at the Sideroad 17 intersection.

The 1980 Honda motorcycle, driven by Edward Pelligrims of Georgetown, struck the right side of the Plymouth. Mr. Pelligrims, 36, was admitted to Georgetown District Memorial Hospital with internal injuries. His condition is reported as stable. Mrs. Anderson, 61, was admitted to GDMH for observation and discharged Sunday morning.

Blanche Brigham, 80, of Limehouse and Amanda Harlow, 8, of Georgetown who were passengers in the Plymouth escaped with minimal injuries. An investigation is still underway and no decision has yet been made regarding charges.

## BANG-O-RAMA TIME

Musical ride tops list of colorful events

Bang-O-Rama '84 promises to be as colorful, entertaining and explosive as the fireworks that annually grace the skies of Halton Hills every May 21, thanks to the Georgetown Optimists.

For the eighth consecutive year, the Optimists have provided a fun-filled day at the Georgetown Fairgrounds with enough activities to keep a whole family occupied the entire day.

The Victoria Day celebrations will be highlighted by two special

events this year. The famed RCMP Musical Ride will be making an appearance at the Fairgrounds starting at 4 p.m., showing off their horsemanship skills, bright red coats and wide brimmed hats.

The precision riders will then do a walk-through to the hospital grounds so that patients at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital can see the handsome riders with their lances and banners.

As part of our bicentennial celebrations,

a marching band from Georgetown Kentucky will be performing to spectators. They'll be in the parade that's scheduled to start at 12:30 p.m. on Delrex Boulevard south of Maple Avenue.

The parade, which includes five bands, some floats and antique cars will proceed west on Maple Avenue, north on Main Street, west on Mill Street, south on Market Street and west on Park Street into the Fairgrounds.

Fireworks will be 27 per cent larger than last

year, containing some \$6,000 worth of bangs, blasts and colors, set to go around dusk.

Returning from last year will be the ever-popular BMX (Bicycle Moto Cross) competition starting at 9 a.m. and continuing until the late afternoon.

Also a crowd-pleaser for the kids is the mid-way full of amusements, games and rides plus a bike safety clinic and pony rides.

LOTS TO DO The adults won't walk away unsatisfied.

There's a garage sale starting at 7 a.m., commercial displays, a tractor pull competition, bingo, custom car show, food concessions, a band tattoo, art show and a horseshoe pitch.

In the early evening people can listen to the sounds of the Jeff Barry country band who entertained spectators last year at Bang-O-Rama.

Tickets are children and seniors \$1.50, adults \$4. Prices are reduced after the Musical Ride is completed.

## Stevens property rented for car park

It may only be a dollar, but it's a step in the right direction.

Town councillors accepted the offer of a \$1 to rent out their recently acquired Stevens property as a parking lot Monday.

"There were a numb-

er of us in favor of purchasing that land and we knew there would be an excellent return on that property," Coun. Mike Armstrong teased. "I'm happy to see it starting."

The request for the

land was made by the Georgetown Optimists Club. They want to use it during their Bang-O-Rama celebration in the nearby Georgetown Fairgrounds.

Optimist president John Kesteloot said he anticipated a bigger turnout than normal

## Kiwanis challenge

A Kiwanis club from Red Deer, Alberta has challenged our Georgetown Kiwanis club to a dance exercise competition.

During their regular Wednesday luncheon meeting, the Georgetown Kiwanis will break for 15 minutes at the North Halton Golf and Country Club to exercise.

Their movements will be supervised by dance and fitness instructor Laurie Burns and a video tape will be sent to Red Deer to prove how fit one of our service clubs are.

## Where's the beef?

A total of 400 pounds of steaks, hams, and bacon with an estimated value of \$1,000 were taken from the IGA store on Guelph Street sometime between Friday night and Saturday morning.

A roof hatch had been pried open on the roof but it is now known whether or not entry was gained there.

## WHAT'S INSIDE

### Section A

Pure fun explosion with Acton High School's Grease. On the beat, with policeman Nick Leon. Georgetown train station included in book about the steam era. Meet the Georgetown chiropractors.

### Section B

How to get re-elected on a \$38,000 budget. Grow your beard for Pioneer Days. Howard Wrigglesworth principal likes teaching. Holy Cross students at Black Creek Pioneer Village. Focus for Change graduates.

### Section C

Georgetown District High School student wrestles way to Canadian Champ title. Oplis still unbeatable. "How to" for getting in shape.



MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS

Georgetown Jayette Carmela Stringer convinces Angie Cook to buy a carnation for Mother's Day. The Jayettes were at the Georgetown Marketplace Saturday selling carnations with proceeds going to fight Multiple Sclerosis. (Herald photo)

## Smoke pours out of Medical Centre

Firefighters were called to the Medical Centre behind Georgetown District Memorial Hospital when smoke broke out in the building at approximately 3 p.m. Thursday.

Halton Hills Hydro had been working on a transformer at the back of the building. Apparently a power

surge occurred but there was no fire, only smoke poured out of the building. At 7 p.m. firefighters were again called to the scene but it was found to be a lingering odor from the previous incident.

Damages in the incident have not yet been estimated and are now under investigation.

## RCMP open house

If you're a horse lover, or you just love to see those men in red, the RCMP Musical Ride will be holding an open house Sunday afternoon from 3:30 p.m. until 6 p.m.

The horses are being kept under tents at Cedarvale Park in Georgetown, although they were originally to have been kept at Memorial Arena.



All that glitters is not gold, as the Prince of Morocco (Mike Turner, left) and his slave (Aaron Gooding) learned Thursday night when they chose the gold casket. The Prince was one of three suitors seeking the hand of Portia (Karen Ivany) in the Georgetown District High School's performance of Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice".

## Report says non-farm residences are 'blight'

Neighbors are marvellous to have in the rural community, a Halton Hills farmer and landscape architect told councillors Monday night.

Deborah Sankey of Acton objected to the use of the term "aesthetic blight" being used to describe non-farm residences in the rural area.

"Our neighbors are not aesthetic blights," Mrs. Sankey protested. "Even farmers say rural estates make their property more attractive."

She said non-farm residents in the country give the rural tax base a

boost and farmers benefit from the increased services it affords.

"I welcome our neighbors," Mrs. Sankey said enthusiastically. "They increase my vote if they live in the rural area than in town."

She said she believed rural non-farm residents would be on the side of farmers when it came to voting on issues because they would understand rural problems better because they live in the country.

Mrs. Sankey said the demand for residences in the rural areas has grown in Halton Hills, creating higher land prices here. People are willing to

pay more because they value a location near the Lester B. Pearson airport and Toronto, she said.

Referring to the region's Rural Development Policy Review, a recent series of papers prepared by regional staff, Mrs. Sankey said she saw many inconsistencies in it.

The study looks negatively on non-farm use of Halton's agricultural land.

Mrs. Sankey said increased trespassing and vandalism in the rural areas isn't due to people coming and living in the country. In talking with police,

she said she learned there are very few incidents of vandalism in the rural areas reported to police.

Instead, having neighbors is a benefit, Mrs. Sankey said. When her goats escape, they alert her of the animals' whereabouts, she commented.

Mrs. Sankey asked councillors to be very careful about reviewing the region's study.

Councillors Mike Armstrong and Ross Knechtel suggested she take her presentation to the region and air her views there. The region is welcoming public and town response to its staff report.