

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

By ANI PEDIERIAN

Who do people call when the neighbor's dogs are barking non-stop or they need a building permit or they want to know how to get welfare? Town councillors.

Any day of the week, town councillors can expect such calls from their constituents. Most calls are placed at reasonable hours, although there's the occasional drunk letting off steam at 3 a.m.

"People don't call on big issues. They think about them instead," Whiting said, the Ward 1 councillor Dave Whiting told The Herald. "Usually, calls are about individual problems instead."

Most times, Coun. Whiting said, the problems don't need council action and can be dealt with by the town's senior staff. The coun-



JOHN McDONALD  
councillor serves as a liaison person.

the public are good. If a resident wants something brought up in council, Coun. Whiting said he'll take it up for him even if he doesn't agree.

**MANY CALLS**  
Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson of Ward 4 said some weeks she'll get many phone calls and other weeks none.

"It depends on the issues and what personally affects individuals," she said. "People get on the phone when it directly affects them. That's when they're ready to stand up and

say 'Gee, this is wrong.'"

Many people don't know how to attack a problem they're experiencing and that's another time when they'll turn to their councillor for referral to the right staff member or agency.

"If they know who to talk to, they'd rather do it themselves anyway," Coun. Serjeantson said. "It's when they get the run-around that it's frustrating for them."

Coun. John McDonald of Ward 3 said major issues don't necessarily

bring him phone calls from constituents.

"The Stevens property issue was probably one of the more controversial ones to hit the town in some time, but while we (council) were going through debate I didn't hear from anybody," Coun. McDonald said.

He said he only heard from one "token Ward 3 resident" whom he kept informed by forwarding minutes of council's meetings.

When the purchase of the Stevens property was approved, Coun.



MARILYN SERJEANTSON  
McDonald said it was then that he got feedback from people when he went on errands about the town.

major issue, the public feedback wasn't that great. It was virtually nil after the fact," he said.

However, when the question of whether to hold an election or appoint a new mayor came up early this year, feedback from the public was high, Coun. McDonald said.

"That was one issue on which I heard from the most people," he said. "When I was in Acton I heard about it, when I was in Georgetown I heard about it, and when I was in Es-

quering I heard about it."

"We don't get as many people at the Acton drop-ins anymore," Coun. Whiting said.

As the numbers began dropping off at the five-year old drop-in hosted by town councillors, the calls to Coun. Whiting increased, he noted.

"I think people got complacent - got used to it being there," he said. "Also, when they discuss their problems, many people like to keep it to themselves and are reluctant to speak in front of reporters."

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## ABOUT THE TOWN

**Injured workers meet**  
Changes are being proposed to the Worker's Compensation Law that could make the lot of injured workers worse. To find out about the proposals, come to an information meeting being sponsored by the Halton Hills Community Legal Clinic.

Injured workers and the general public are invited to come to St. John's United Church on Georgetown's Guelph Street July 11 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Rebecca Rutherford at 877-6256.

## 90th birthday Sunday

By KAY WILSON  
Herald Correspondent  
Mrs. Mae Cleave of Brampton, a former Norval area resident, celebrated her 90th birthday Saturday at Grace United Church.

Up to 150 relatives and friends called to extend this lovely lady their best birthday greetings. Numerous flower arrangements graced the hall and included plaques from the Brampton mayor and the MP John McDermid.

Mrs. Cleave's two sons and their wives, Jim and Shirley Cleave of Georgetown and Barry and Beth Cleave of Waldemar, Ontario, helped greet guests, as did granddaughter Christine Cleave of Georgetown.

## Welfare lists down

The region's welfare load is 15 per cent below what it was for the first five months of the year last year.

If this trend continues, the region will be able to save approximately \$65,000.

Regional treasurer Joe Rinaldo points to a general improvement in employment and other economic trends as the underlying cause for the decline in welfare handouts.

A report due next month will examine this situation in more depth.

## Travelling puppets

Mountsberg Wildlife Centre has a puppet show troupe that will visit your group with their environmental message.

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The puppet shows are suitable for day care, library, camp, hospital, summer school and other groups of children, ages 4-7 years.

If you would like Ribbet the Frog and his travelling puppet troupe to visit your group, they will be touring Halton Wednesdays from July 11-August 22.

For more information call 878-4131.

## Candidate selection

The Brampton-Georgetown Federal Liberal riding association are holding a meeting to select a candidate to run in the next election.

The date is July 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Central Peel Secondary School, 32 Kennedy Road North in Brampton.

For more information call 459-4106 or 454-2801.

## Section A

Water consumption up for Georgetown, Acton. A student wants to organize injured workers. Scoutmaster honored as Glen Citizen. Stewarttown, Sacre Coeur and Holy Cross grads.

## Section B

A picture page about our Canada Day celebrations in Halton Hills. Lots of pictures from Centennial's graduation ceremonies. Ballinafad hosts a bicentennial craft show and tea for residents.

## Section C

Georgetown's Mike Hurley defeated the top two seeds en route to winning the Ontario Closed Junior Tennis Playdowns held Saturday in Hamilton. The 15-year-old now will compete in the provincial championships slated for Toronto in August.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY CANADA



Who's a paleface? Certainly not these colorfully painted girls. Sarah Broughton, 11, (left), and her smiling chum Cheryl-Anne Poth, 11, tickled the funny bone of youngsters at the Glen Williams Canada Day celebrations Saturday. Sarah won a prize for having the best costume.

## Motorcycle crash kills Acton man

A 21 year old Acton man was pronounced dead at Georgetown District Hospital after he lost control of the motorcycle he was driving on June 28 at approximately 8 a.m.

Mark Kevin Bannion while driving east-bound on 17 Sideroad at the 8th Line lost control of his vehicle and struck the guard rails on the north side of 17 Sideroad.

An investigation into the accident is underway.

Funeral services were held for Mark Bannion Tuesday in Acton at 1 p.m. He will be sorely missed by four brothers Kelly, Jim, Gary, Wayne and parents Ken and Nellie.

Mark had his 750 Honda motorcycle for only two months when the crash occurred, but he has been riding bikes for a number of years, said older brother Jim.

Jim was accompanying his brother on their way to look for a job when Mark's bike crashed.

Mark just finished up working on a Town of Halton Hills incentive program at a Georgetown hockey arena. He had worked on construction and as an electrician.

He liked working on cars and tinkering with motors and was a handy-man type of person, said Jim.

Mark was a very helpful type of person and would assist others if they needed work on their motorcycle. He never asked for anything in return, Jim said.

## At GDHS Technical courses down 56 per cent

By ANI PEDIERIAN  
Herald Staff  
Technical education has lost more than half of the Grade 9 students it used to attract at Georgetown District High School (GDHS).

GDHS Principal Don Baker said technical education enrolments for September 1984 are down 56.2 per cent over last year.

Provincially, they're down 20.5 per cent in high schools. Why such a large drop at GDHS?

The drop has been blamed on the Ministry of Education's secondary school reforms (OSIS) that take effect this September with the incoming Grade 9 students.

Students are now required to take 16 compulsory courses for graduation, an increase of



BERT COCKS  
seven courses. "There's very little space left to take any options," GDHS machine shop teacher Bert Cocks said. Mr. Baker said another factor in the large decrease of Grade 9 technical education stu-

dents at GDHS compared to high schools elsewhere in the province is the fact that GDHS had a very strong Grade 9 tech program to start with.

"A very high percentage of Grade 9s took tech," Mr. Baker said.

Last September, there were 254 technical credits taken by Grade 9 students. For September 1984, 90 technical credits have been selected. Grade 9 enrolment at the school, hasn't dropped significantly according to the principal.

"It's really cut into the Grade 9 double credit in tech," Mr. Baker noted.

The school tried to prepare itself for the provincial reforms, anticipating the effect it

## Armenian Boys celebrate

# Canada Day unveils spirit of a nation

By ANI PEDIERIAN  
Herald Staff

It was called a fitting way to be celebrating Canada's 117th birthday by Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid Sunday as he and other politicians turned up at Georgetown's Cedarvale Park to attend the unveiling of a memorial plaque.

The plaque, to be put on the outdoor wall of Cedarvale's main building, is in memory of the 100 Armenian orphan boys and two girls brought to Canada by the Armenian Relief Association back in the 1920s.

The youngsters became known as "The Georgetown Boys" as they were housed, educated and trained until 1929 at Cedarvale Farm. The children were orphaned during the 1915 massacres in Turkey in which 1.5 million Armenians were killed.

## CHORES

After learning farming chores at Cedarvale Farm, the "boys" were dispatched to farms throughout Ontario. Today, some are still involved in farming, like Albert Papazian who has a fruit farm in Winona and is secretary-treasurer of the Georgetown Armenian Boys Association.

Sunday, Mr. Papazian shared the master of ceremonies position with Aram Alexanian, president of Alexanian Carpets and son of Aris Alexanian, the man who taught the Georgetown Boys at the farm.

Over 150 spectators, most of whom were Georgetown Boys with their children, grandchildren and friends sat through searing sunshine as the hour-long dedication ceremony took place near the Cedarvale buildings.

"I can't think of a more fitting way to be celebrating Canada's 117th birthday than to honor those who came here 61 years ago and those that followed to find a new home in Canada, and participate in the building of what I think is the greatest country in the world," MP John McDermid said.

He recalled his father having a wheel-less old Toronto Transit Commission bus near Cedarvale Park which the family used as a cottage. At that time, the farm had changed hands and was a girls' school.

"I can remember my grandfather talking to me about the Georgetown Boys," MPP Julian Reed said. "All of you have made your contribution to this country and a great contribution that is."

## TRAGIC

He said the tragic circumstances that orphaned the "boys" and brought them to Canada should remind Canadians of their responsibility to keep Canada good and compassionate.

"It's an honor to have you look to Georgetown as your home and we're proud of you forming part of Georgetown's history," Mayor Russ Miller said.

Ministry of Citizenship and Culture Executive Director Morris Diakowsky said that although Canadians tend to look at refugees as helpless and pitiful, they mustn't underestimate their dedication and toughness. He pointed to the Georgetown Boys as an example of those qualities.

## MEMORIES

"Cedarvale Farm has many fond memories for us. Here we played as all boys do," Georgetown Boys Association chairman Paul Adouri-



It was cool picnicking under the tall trees at Cedarvale Park Sunday afternoon for George Shirinian (left) and his dad Mampr. The two men munched on Armenian fare including the traditional pilaf and lahmajoun (like pizza).

an, said. "What we are doing today will keep the name of the Georgetown Boys and Georgetown Cedarvale Home alive. May this plaque stay on this site for our children."

The author of the 140 page book "The Georgetown Boys", Jack Apramian said he was only eight when he arrived in Canada.

"So closely were we

involved with the town that the name of the town was eventually given to us," he said.

"Now, after 61 years, we have become a part of the Canadian social order."

"Our children and grandchildren, born and educated here, work, play, socialize and intermarry with Canadians of many racial backgrounds."

## Limehouse

# Canada Day celebrations

Activities in Limehouse over the weekend were called successful as the Canada Day weekend wrapped up. Craft displays in the Limehouse Memorial Hall attracted local residents as well as some from the surrounding villages and towns.

Sharing the hall with the quilting and candlewick needlework and other handicrafts were the Tweedsmuir history books. As usual, the old pictures in the history books gathered a crowd

about them. A display of antique clothing got a few glances as spectators viewed the long skirted bathing suits, over knickerbockers and old fashioned children's clothing loaned for the exhibition by members of the community.

It was the eighth year that Limehouse residents held Canada Day celebrations. Saturday the hall was open for viewing and a bake sale in the scout hut next door was held.

## TOP OF THE CLASS



Major award winners last week at Stewarttown Senior Public School were (front, left to right) Lisa Walters, Jim Lowry, Tom Costain, Tara Robinson, Carolyn Vallance, Meredith Hamp, Treva Mackey and Marimo Kubota. Tara and Tom won the citizenship award presented by Mrs. C.A. Yuzwa; Marimo, with her 87.7 per cent average had

the highest academic standing; Lisa with an 84.5 per cent average had the second highest mark; Meredith and Treva won the drama award; Jim was the recipient of the J. Lenz award for the most improved boy student from year 7 to 8; and Carolyn won the D.R. Magwood award for the most improved girl student from year 7 to 8.