



Longtime Smith and Stone employees Charles and Bill Gibbs stand next to a glaze mill which was one of the machines they operated in their 30 years service there. "I can set this thing up with my eyes closed," Charles Gibbs said.

(Herald photo)

Smith & Stone retirees return for open house

By ROBIN BAKEWELL
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Smith and Stone in Georgetown had the atmosphere of an old class reunion on June 27 as about 40 retirees returned to the plant on one of the company's annual plant tours. The company produces all kinds of wiring devices and has its own plastics and porcelain departments. It has been open since 1919. Georgetown resident Bill Gibbs, 92, and his brother Charles Gibbs, 80, from Glen Williams years ago worked in the maintenance department for 30 years. "There's been a big change here and they've put up a lot of new machinery," the younger Gibbs said. Walking over to a glaze mill which is used for the finish on the clay

he said, "I can set this thing up with my eyes closed."

Bill Gibbs said he could remember when they used to burn coal in order to provide the heat for the plant. "It was hard work back in those days but it was a good place to work. She was a good outfit here." Acton's Vern Wheeler returned to the plant for the first time since his retirement in 1968. He had worked for 22 years in the tool room and said when he worked there they made their own molds and dies in the 30 man plus department. Now the tool room does repairs only and is manned by eleven employees.

"It's all familiar to me, but just switched around," said visiting Judd Davidson.

ABOUT THE HILLS

Stolen property

An Acton teenager was charged by Halton regional police with possession of stolen property on June 27.

The youth had a guitar with an estimated value of \$200 in his possession which had been reported missing in a May 15 break and enter on 25 Sideroad in Acton.

Break and enter

A 19 year old Toronto man has been charged with two counts of break and enter by Halton regional police.

The charges stem from entries involving Joseph's Hairstyling, Fashion Trend Hairshoppe, Skippers Fish and Chips, the Armouries in Georgetown Fairgrounds and a residential break and enter.

Police charged the man on June 27.

Picnic park

Looking for a nice park to have a picnic? Mountsberg Wildlife Centre near Campbellville has 10 km of hiking trails, country farm animals and an interpretive centre for films and displays. For more information call 878-4131 weekdays.

Five tenders

Of five tenders returned to the town for the reconstruction project on Georgetown's Guelph Street, Armbrro Materials and Construction Ltd. of Brampton were recommended for the tender.

Their bid of \$771,681 was the lowest.

Tent name winners

Heather Ann Dutchburn of Park Public School is the winner of the Name the Tent Contest offered by the Georgetown Agricultural Society.

Heather Ann, 9, chose the name "Fabulous Fun Tent". She received \$15 from lawyer Simon Fraser for her contribution.

Cindy Squire of Park Public School and Todd Shelly of Glen Williams Public School were runners-up.



WEDDING BELLS

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Karen Ann to Ian Paul Wilde. Wedding to take place Saturday July 21, 3 p.m. in Knox Presbyterian Church.

(Photo submitted)

Film crews document ceremony

By ANI PEDERIAN
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Dorothy Manoukian and her film crew of four turned up Sunday afternoon to film the dedication of a plaque at Cedarvale Park in memory of the "Georgetown Boys".

The Montreal filmmaker is producing a half-hour documentary movie on the 111 Armenian orphans brought to Georgetown's Cedarvale Farm in 1923 after the holocaust of 1915 in Turkey.

One and a half million Armenians were killed in the first historically recognized genocide.

Mrs. Manoukian hopes to complete the film by the end of the year and told The Herald she would like to screen it in Georgetown.

She arrived in Georgetown Saturday and did some shooting of the downtown churches, "to get a feeling for the sort of environment the 'Boys' came into," Mrs. Manoukian said.

During the dedication Sunday of the new plaque to be put up at Cedarvale's main building, the camera was rolling. Speakers MPP John McDermid, MPP Julian Reed, Mayor Russ Miller, Multiculturalism and Citizenship Executive Director Morris Diakowsky and Stoney Creek Councillor Fred Lintack were all caught on 16 millimetre color film.

After the speeches, the crew moved among the picnic tables and caught snatches of conversations which Mrs. Manoukian intends to use as background to accompany archival photos she has filmed.

The project has received funding from the Armenian communities of Toronto and Montreal and from the Secretary of State's multiculturalism office. The National film board is assisting the production by making their equipment facilities and servicing available.

Downtown has it better

Student wants law extended

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

Having problems getting that leaky pipe repaired by your landlord, or how about that broken window?

If you live in downtown Georgetown or downtown Acton, you can get the town's municipal bylaw officer to

everywhere in Halton Hills.

According to the town's municipal bylaw officer Jack Lusty, the property standards bylaw is a strong one that states required conditions for human accommodation. Things like hot and cold running water, a sewer system,

tenant to pursue his complaints in court.

With the property standards bylaw, a tenant can call up Mr. Lusty to serve the landlord with a notice and eventually take the landlord to court if he doesn't comply. The matter is, essentially, taken out of the tenant's hands.

A summer student with the Halton Hills Community Legal Clinic in Georgetown, Noell is bringing up the matter with the town's Clerk Administrator Ken Richardson.

Through him, the request to extend the bylaw will be made in town council and eventually will be voted on by councillors.

"If council says no, we'll go for public support, to show the town the community's in favor of it," Noell said.

She's already prepared a survey for that eventually. It asks, among other things, whether residents are aware of the current

bylaw and if they've ever called Mr. Lusty for help.

The existing property standards bylaw was passed in 1981 to make the town's Business Improvement Areas eligible for a provincial grant.

"It was a kicker put in by the province for every municipality,"

Mr. Lusty said. As it only covers the downtown strips, many multi-family residences are excluded, like the Park Avenue, Maple Avenue and Raylawn Crescent apartments in Georgetown, Noell said. With most of the downtown buildings commercial, the bylaw applies to few residences.

Not like parking tickets

"It's (the town's property standards bylaw) not one of your active bylaws -- not like parking tickets," Jack Lusty commented.

He said he'd only been in the position of using it once and that was last year in Acton. A fire in the apartment took the matter out of his hands when the home had to be demolished after.

If this bylaw is passed, the town's three building inspectors may find their work load increased, Mr. Lusty said.

"I don't think we have a great problem in this municipality with poor accommodation," he said. "It's not like Jarvis Street in Toronto."

Standards bylaws are very rigid in Toronto, Mr. Lusty said because there is a lot of substandard housing there.

"Mostly, buildings in this town are newer and both downtown cores have spent a lot of money on them," he said.

Noell Jefferson started her project June 4 under a Canada Works grant which wraps up Aug. 31. In September she'll be going into her third year of science studies at the University of Toronto.



Noell Jefferson (left), 20, and Rebecca Rutherford, 25, are working on two separate projects for the Halton Legal Aid Clinic

but for you. Otherwise, it's up to you to take your landlord to small claims or county court; put up with the drip.

Noell Jefferson, 20, wants to change the way things stand for tenants in Halton Hills. She wants the town's property standards bylaw to extend beyond the downtown Georgetown and Acton cores to

windows and doors, lighting, ventilation, smooth floor coverings, and plumbing are covered by the bylaw.

Although many of these standards are covered by Section 96 of the Landlord Tenant Act which states a landlord is obliged to keep the premises in a good state of repair, it's up to the

HALTON HILLS ARTS COUNCIL

By PAT HRETCHKA
Herald Columnist

Summer is swimming and sunning and baseball and biking and walking and water skiing and surfing and sailing. Summer is all that and much more.

People who live in a tropical or subtropical country can have no idea what summer means to those of us who are intimately acquainted with winter.

We wait patiently for our few months of sunshine. We revel in it and glory in it. We also complain. We complain if it rains too much or not enough. We complain if it is too cold or too hot. We complain about the humidity and the bugs.

But without summer we could never face the long cold greyness of winter. Summer is our salvation.

ODE TO SUMMER

Summer sings her siren song
How can we not respond
To flowers in bloom

And birds in flight
And days which now
Outlast the night

This is our moment in the sun
We know it is only fleeting
So fill it full of joy and fun
And never never complain
The bugs are bad, the humidity's high
And won't it ever rain

From the poetic (hopefully) to the dramatic. Perhaps you have a budding thespian on your hands. The Recreation Department has the perfect program for your youngster.

Entitled "Dramatic Arts", it is made up of four two week sessions. You may sign your child up for one session or all four. Children from seven years and up are welcome. All aspects of theatre production will be examined. The location is Centennial Middle School, but there will be weekly special events in the Cultural Centre as well as regular swims and special outings.

Participants will have the opportunity to practise the fundamentals of acting through a variety of games and exercises. In addition there will be craft sessions where props and puppets will be made.

The times will be Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phone 877-5185 for registration and fees information.

IN YOUR OPINION

Are you proud to be a Canadian? Asked at Fairy Lake.



GREG SMITH: "Yes, I just like the country, especially Quebec and Acton."



LONNIE PATENAUDE: "Yes. There's lots of sports and everything. It's just a good country."



JEFF BYRES: "Yes. It's a nice country with beautiful towns."



JEREMY COONEY: "Yes. It's a beautiful country. Lots of people are happy with it and they take care of it."

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