

Barrie here Saturday

Geminis set for league playoffs

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Barry builds winning team

Barry Whitworth has won the Business Award for 1984, picked by the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce. The former football and hockey player believes in building a solid core of staff that work together - like a 'team'. See Page A3.

Fun or folly?

Two viewpoints on lotteries

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ABOUT THE HILLS

Blood clinic Feb. 11

Blood, especially "O" Positive and "O" Negative are needed by the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Come out Feb. 11 from 1:30 to 8:30 p.m. for the Georgetown blood donor clinic at Holy Cross Church auditorium.

Everyone's urged to come out and donate their blood, as all blood types are required.

Women outnumbered

The Town of Halton Hills is no different from the rest of the region when it comes to the number of women in supervisory jobs.

According to Clerk Administrator Ken Richardson's statistics, there are 28 men and three women in supervisory positions.

15 homes approved

A zoning change to allow the building of 15 estate homes on 34 acres of property south of Highway 7 and east of Fifth Line in Esquevas was approved by councillors in general committee meeting Monday night.

Final approval comes next Monday for the Almond Developments Ltd. application. Lot sizes are up to two acres each.

The balance of the 100-acre property is slopes, wetlands and wooded and is to be protected under the rural zoning "inherent hazard lands" at the request of the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Spotchecks still here

The spot checks didn't end with New Year's day.

Last month 372 drivers were stopped in Halton Hills as part of the anti-drinking and driving campaign chaired by town Coun. Pam Sheldon.

She said Halton regional police did eight ALERT tests and three drivers were charged with impaired driving as a result.

Police set up the spotchecking under the new blue and white sign atop Norval Hill on Highway 7, which announces Halton Hills to be an anti-drinking and driving community.

"Everybody was shocked to be stopped," Coun. Sheldon said. "People said, 'Why are you doing a RIDE (Reduced, Impaired Driving Everywhere) program? It isn't Christmas!'"

She said of the people stopped, 90 per cent were happy and they thought the sign was "terrific."

Balance the books

By KAY WILSON
Herald Correspondent

NORVAL - St. Paul's annual vestry was held Sunday Jan. 27 following the church service and lunch.

Reports showed the books balanced. Wardens are Charles Kall and Fred Dobbin; treasurer Luc Bertrand; lay delegate Bud Carter; secretary Liz Dodd.

A meeting will be held Feb. 12 to discuss restoration of the parish hall.

Stewarttown news

By JUNE ROSS
Herald Correspondent

STEWARTTOWN - Visiting in the area with friends and relatives this week from British Columbia is Marilyn Coge (nee Murray).

As a child Marilyn lived in the house now owned by her aunt Mrs. Phyllis Stewart.

St. John's Guild will be meeting Wednesday Feb. 6 at 7 p.m.

Bus tour to see the snow

Thanks to Coun. Rick Bonnette, town councillors will be going out for a bus tour of the town.

It's not to get the tourist's view of Halton Hills, but to get a better look at the sidewalks not currently being cleared that perhaps should be included in next year's snow removal budget.

Coun. Bonnette made the recommendation when a lengthy debate on whether to clear Norval's south sidewalks ensued Monday night. Town engineer Bob Austin is to arrange the bus tour, even though Coun. Bonnette is a travel agent by trade.

"Actually, I think it should be a walking tour," Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson suggested. "Hey, we'll meet you in Acton," chuckled Coun. Dave Whiting.

Councillors were asked to let the clerk's office know what streets they would like the bus tour to take in.

"Can we stop in and see the swans on this trip?" Coun. Whiting asked.

'Steamboat Bill'

A former mayor our top citizen

By ROBIN BAKEWELL
Herald Staff

The Lions Club of Georgetown made a surprise phone call to Wheldon (Steamer) Emmerson last week and informed the 59 year old Georgetown resident of his "Citizen of the Year" status. Steamer said he was flabbergasted by the call which brought the news.

"I was with my son, granddaughter, and a neighbor and had just finished talking to a relative on a long distance call. When Al (Watt) called I thought the Lions wanted me to do something for them...it was a really nice surprise," he said.

Steamer, originally nicknamed steamboat which later shortened, said he had been given the name well over 50 years ago.

Steamer said the name came from an old radio serial he and his family would listen to.

"The Alcotts and my parents were friends and one day Gordon asked me what my name was to which I replied, 'Steamboat Bill, and you spell it with two S's.'"

"It seems strange now when people call me by my proper name. I have to almost stop and say, 'that's me.'"

Steamer's accomplishments and positions in the town are numerous.

He has served on the executive of the Raider hockey team and played hockey in Georgetown as he grew up.

Steamer said he remembered playing a hockey game with the Little NHL before a Leaf and New York Americans match at Maple Leaf Gardens.

"By George, to play in front of 16,000 people, that was something," he said.

A press release from the Georgetown Lions Club says:

IMPOSSIBLE
"Steamer has done so many M.C. jobs and shows over the years that it is impossible to name them all, but this has been done in his community over a period of 40 years."

Arriving in the community from Nelsonville, Ohio, when he was less than a year old, Steamer was educated in draftsmanship but said it wasn't his "cup of tea."

He later joined his father-in-law in automobile and farm machinery sales. During this period Steamer was to have his first brush with

politics which would eventually lead to his becoming mayor in 1969.

Steamer's first political experience was when he used one of the convertibles from the automobile business to drive MP Sybil Bennett around on election night.

POLITICAL LIFE

In 1966 Steamer entered municipal politics as a councillor representing Ward One in Georgetown before becoming mayor.



Steamer Emmerson has been known around town wearing a number of different hats. He's an entertainer, a charity fundraiser, a tireless organizer and a former politician. He is this year's choice as the Georgetown Citizen of the Year.

"There were a lot of exciting times but I think the night I was elected mayor was very exciting. There's no question of that," he said.

Steamer has been involved with the Cancer Society, was charter president of the Barber-shoppers, first president of The Esquevas Historical Society, and has served on the Police Commission, Hydro Commission and was the first Water Commissioner.

He was the parade chairman for the 1967 Centennial Fair Board and also represented Georgetown at the 35th Anniversary Liberation of Holland.

In 1980 Steamer retired as Deputy Sheriff for the Judicial District of Halton.

"I'm not going full tilt in the community right now but try to keep active and busy," Steamer said, adding that his involvement with the William Ellis Real Estate Company helps him achieve that.

Steamer is looking forward to the "Citizen of the Year" dinner to be held by the Lions Club, Feb. 23.



HOLE IN ONE

Grade three student Chris Diachok leaps through a hoop at Wrigglesworth school as part of the winter carnival activities held last week. The school grounds became a child's winter paradise with games and activities. (Herald photo)

SO MANY MEMORIES:

Class reunions for Acton school chums

By MAGGIE HANNAH
Herald Special

Meeting old friends is fun but seeing old classmates again after years of separation can be down right surprising. Former Acton High school students will get their chance to renew old acquaintances this year as two high school reunions are planned in the town.

Three women who entered Acton High School in 1960 decided late last year it would be fun to get the old crowd together and see what

changes time has made. When Jill Hurst, Bonnie (MacDougall) Hamilton and Donna (Pendleton) Meyer started talking about their idea to others they discovered a lot of former high school students were also interested in a reunion and they have expanded their original guest list and the organizing committee.

Now the plan is to invite all students who entered what was then the new Acton High School between 1954 and 1960. That reunion is

scheduled for April 20 with an open house at the school in the afternoon and a dinner dance at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 197 in the evening.

Invitations are in the mail for those the committee could find. For those who could not be tracked down the committee is extending an invitation to call Doreen (Gordon) Lindsay at 519-853-2057 or Donna Meyer at 416-274-6318 so an invitation can be sent out.

For former students who have left the area and may find it confusing, the new high school was converted into McKenzie-Smith Middle School in 1977 when a second new high school was built in Acton.

To add to the confusion, and the fun, students of the old Acton High School or the old Stone school as it is fondly remembered, will be holding their reunion later this year.

The Stone school was converted from a house to a high school in 1907. Continued on page A3



Adam Jackson, 5, (right) was mighty proud of his pressman's hat. He'd added the special touch of dangling rags, which he made sure Kim Willshire, 8, next to him, noticed. All he had to do was turn his head. The two were taking part in the Georgetown Public Library's hat day. (Herald photo)

Burlington site for new landfill

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

Burlington's Aldershot area has been selected as the most suitable choice for a new regional landfill.

The site is right next to the existing Burlington dumpsite, north of Highway 403 and west of King Road.

Twelve technical reports on the suitability of six candidate sites in Oakville, Milton and Burlington were made public Monday. None of the candidate sites were in Halton Hills.

The region's senior planner Paul Attack said Burlington was chosen by a good number of the consultants as first choice, and in some cases as second choice.

"Looking at the public health and safety aspect, the hydrogeologist considered it the best site," Mr. Attack told The Herald. "One of the reasons was because there are no users of ground water in that area at all."

Residents of the nearest subdivision are half a mile away and are on

municipal water which comes from Lake Ontario. There aren't any residents dependent on well water.

Also, Mr. Attack noted there is no agricultural activity near the site. There are some industries down the road, like Trident Manufacturing.

The chosen site is currently licensed as a quarry, so the land has already been environmentally disturbed, he said.

Quarrying the 219 acres will be done simultaneously with landfilling, Mr. Attack said.

Next choice was a site in Milton west of Highway 25 and south of Britannia Road. Third choice was a site in Oakville east of Trafalgar Road and north of Burnhamthorpe Road.

Today, starting at 11 a.m., the report will be formally presented to regional councillors, in the regional council chamber.

"We still have quite a way to go before a site is chosen," Mr. Attack said.

Although the consult-

ants have named the preferred site, there is a long process ahead before that choice is finalized.

Public input is being sought on the reports, with three public meetings scheduled for the latter part of February.

Because Halton Hills is not directly affected by the choice of dumpsite, there isn't a public meeting scheduled for it, the region's planning director said.

Rasheed Mohammed said a public meeting was to be held Feb. 26 at Aldershot High School in Burlington, with a second one at General Wolfe Secondary School in Oakville Feb. 27, and a third at Milton's Halton Centennial Manor Feb. 28. They all begin at 7:30 p.m.

He intends to go to Burlington and Milton's town councils Feb. 11, and to Oakville town council Feb. 12.

Groups, agencies and the public are invited to make their input on the choice by March 22.

Herald wins 2 awards

The Halton Hills Herald is the winner of two Ontario Community Newspaper Association awards.

Friday it was announced The Herald had placed first in the premier awards category for a series of articles on the arts.

In addition, the paper collected a third place in the sports and recreation category for a series of features about minor hockey week.

Reporter Robin Bakewell was primarily responsible for the arts feature page. The minor hockey entry was a combined effort between reporters Gerry Timbers, Ani Pederian, Chris Aagaard and Dave Rowney.

Cartoonist Brian Lemay contributed cartoons or sketches to both of the entries.

The Herald will be presented with their prizes March 1st at a ceremony in Toronto.



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