

Behind the scenes at Wintario

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People are fairly careful when it comes to money - especially when millions of dollars are involved.

Such will be the case Thursday as Ontario's weekly lottery, Wintario, comes to Georgetown.

A Montreal Trust officer will break the sealed box containing the lottery balls used in the draw and keep a cautious eye on proceedings.

The solid rubber lottery balls used in the draw are not of your average variety.

With a quarter inch

imprint displaying numbers or letters the balls undergo regular testing at the Ontario Research Foundation to make sure, each is identical to assure fairness.

The tests, numbering six, begin with a visual check of the balls. The weight, diameter, volume and density are all checked and the resilience of each ball tested.

Immediately following the draw the Montreal Trust officer will return the balls to their box to make sure there is no tampering with them.

Ontario Lottery Corporation (OLC) information officer Annette Taylor said three months preparation goes into each draw.

About 25 people are involved with the proceedings from the OLC which includes the Global television crew.

Along with the hosts Faye Dance and Greg Beresford, Mrs. Taylor said there'll be a manager, supervisor, technicians, draw officers and ball girl Val Holding on hand.

The trucks start arriving at Georgetown District High School Thursday morning when the

stage will be set up and an afternoon rehearsal will take place.

A large satellite dish will be placed behind GDHS to transmit the live signal to the Global viewing audience. The draw will begin at 9 p.m. after local entertainers have finished.

Mrs. Taylor said communities experience the most difficulty preparing material used in a short documentary profiling their area.

Chairman of the Wintario project with the Georgetown Kinsmen Bruce McLean, confirmed he helped accumulate

about 60 minutes of information for the 'minute production'.

Mr. McLean said he was quite surprised when Wintario officials got in touch with him last January with the proposition for a Wintario draw in Georgetown.

"They approached me personally. How they got my name I don't know. I put the proposition before the club, gained approval and ran with co-ordinating everything," he said.

Mr. McLean said that meant meeting with the Wintario and Global people, finding a local-

on, co-ordinating the seating and entertainment, and arranging for the St. John's Ambulance attendants to be on hand.

Arrangements were also made for the concession stand, security, ushers, ticket sales and outlets.

Tom Hower, organizer on the GDHS end of the function, said the biggest problem he has encountered has been the shuffling of classes within the school on the draw date.

Lunch room facilities must be removed and 1,000 individual seats set up for guests in the

expected full house.

He said the television crew were at the school last week to finalize equipment positions and Bell Canada employees had done checks for their lines from the gym to the control trailer.

Dressing rooms have been set aside in the school for Wintario hosts and there has been no change in entertainment for the evening which includes the GDHS Band, Debbie Tilson, Edgar Thatcher, Paul d'Entremont and the Georgetown Alumni Choir.

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Designing his way to the 'big times'

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Daydreaming in class and designing clothes on paper margins may have its advantages if it opens avenues to a career in the field.

From such a beginning, Georgetown's Ryan Roberts is heading in that direction.

The 17 year old has just had the satisfaction of seeing several models display his designs at a show in Toronto's Royal York Hotel and has been invited back for another in the fall.

Organized by a group of clothing manufacturers from the Spadina Road area in Toronto, Ryan said for a first show it was a good break.

The break came about through a friend's mother, Barbara Young, who owns a Toronto-based modelling agency and had helped Ryan become involved.

Ryan said things have started to materialize for him in the past three months. Models in Toronto are interested in him supplying clothes for shows, a number of his designs are available at a Queen Street store named "Boogaloo" and, closer to home, the

GMH's Women's Auxiliary have expressed interest in his designs. "Boogaloo" has taken over a dozen of his designs for sale on a consignment basis and have sold three in the last two months.

Ryan is presently taking a pattern design course during the evenings at Sheridan College and plans to return to the fashion design course as a full time student in a couple of years.

He credits Mrs. Robins of Georgetown Fabrics where he is involved in a co-ed program through GDHS for his progression in the field and his keen interest.

"She really pushed me gave me an old sewing machine, and always encouraged me," he said.

Ryan said a design will come to him while watching television or just sitting around. From idea to design to finished product will take about six to eight hours he said, giving a jacket design as an example.

"Some people call my designs trendy because I like to keep everything loose and long and really comfortable, but it depends on the mood I'm in and the situation," he said.

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EGGS-TRAORDINARY
It was an eggs-traordinary feat, that's for sure. Wednesday morning Anne Goodwill of Jocelyn Cres. in Georgetown managed to line up eight eggs on their end. After listening to a channel 7 television weatherman, she discovered the earth was at an equinox. It's the only time when eggs will stand on their ends. Try it! Around March 21 the sun crosses the equator and day and night are everywhere of equal length. (Herald photo)

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Fewer requests for welfare aid

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Welfare cases aren't expected to increase over last year.

"We feel it's safe to say there will be a zero growth of actual numbers of people in need of welfare, although there'll be growth in the amount they'll receive, the region's social services director Debbie Oakley said last week. A rate increase of 6 per cent has been made.

Last year, there were 9,328 welfare cases, with approximately 2,500 (or 27 per cent) from Halton Hills, the region's income maintenance division manager David Szwarc said.

"We noted an 11 1/2 per cent decrease in 1984 over 1983, and so we've

budgeted for the same level of case load in 1985 as in 1984," Mr. Szwarc said.

So far this year, there have been 802 welfare cases in January and 864 in February, with about 450 of them from Halton Hills, he said.

Last year, the region spent \$566,850 on welfare with the provincial and federal governments making up the remainder of the \$3 million bill. The region only pays 20 per cent of the total.

Mr. Szwarc said welfare cases peaked in 1983 when there was a 10 1/2 per cent increase in cases over 1982, costing the region \$585,000.

The main reason for the recent dropping off in welfare cases was attributed to a turnaround in

the economy, by Mr. Szwarc.

Those on welfare who were employable were able to find jobs and cross themselves off the welfare list, he said.

"Although we still have a difficult employment situation for youth 16 to 25 and for people over 55," Mr. Szwarc said.

The region is referring these cases to other agencies and following through with them.

To try and help these groups, the region is introducing two new programs to look at what are the barriers to employment for them and how they can be overcome.

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