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It's Worth The Drive To Acton

Skater Kemp streaks to silver

Georgetown's Darren Kemp capped off a remarkable season this week, winning the Junior men's silver medal at the Canadian Figure-Skating Championships in North Bay.

The 19-year-old finished behind Edmonton's Michael Slipchuk in the final standings. Earlier this year Kemp won the gold at the Sectional meet held in Georgetown and took top spot in the Divisional competition held in Whitby.

Kemp won the compulsory figures and was second in both the short and long programs.

This was Kemp's second shot at a Canadian championship medal. Two years ago he competed in the novice men's class and was fourth. Prior to the competition Kemp said getting a medal would be his main goal.

As to his future goals, Kemp will find out in May if he will compete internationally for Canada. His name will be brought before a board, and they will vote on whether the Georgetown native will carry Canada's colors abroad.

Another area skater competed in North Bay. Campbellville's Kevin Parker was fourth overall in the Senior Men's competition.

For further results see Sports-week.



DARREN KEMP



Toe-tingling tonic

Along with cheering for the Helson, Kogan and Ashbee team, four-year-old Matthew Jones kept himself warm with hot chocolate. The youngster kept

his bench warm at the Kiwanis snow baseball tournament Saturday morning (Herald photo)

Maplehurst youth riot

Eleven young offenders and two 18-year-olds were charged with 36 offences after a Jan. 1 riot at the Maplehurst Detention Centre in Milton.

There was \$10,000 worth of damage to desks, mattresses, screens, windows, lighting fixtures. Four correctional staff were assaulted and received minimal injuries.

The riot started in the young offenders wing after an inmate was removed from the wing for misconduct. The riot lasted about an hour. "It was an extreme overreaction to something that happens quite often," said John Leithead, meaning that removing inmates from the wing because of misconduct is common. Mr. Leithead is the acting superintendent of Maplehurst Detention Centre.

Most of the damage was caused early in the riot. Once it was underway the 13 charged rioters were warned to stop. When they did not, the Crisis Intervention Team was sent in. The team received minimal injuries.

Maplehurst Detention Centre has been holding young offenders since May 1985. This was the first serious incident involving them. Superintendent Leithead said. The last serious riot was in 1979 in the adult section of the centre, he said.

Youth convicted for negligence in car crash

Georgetown resident Keith Reiger was convicted of criminal negligence causing death Feb. 3 in Milton Provincial Court.

"There were no legal complications in the trial. The case was based on facts and that is why it went so quickly," Crown Prosecutor John Ayre said. The court hearing, which began Monday, was over Tuesday afternoon.

The young man was the driver of a car which overturned in Glen Williams drowning a passenger, teenager Ken Morrow, a recent grade 12 graduate. The vehicle hit a concrete abutment, rolled over and trapped Ken Morrow under the car by the creek near Wildwood Road in Glen Williams. The accident happened in December of 1984.

Mr. Reiger was also convicted of driving over the legal limit of 80 milligrams. The blood alcohol level in his system was close to 140 milligrams. Crown Prosecutor Ayre said.

The crown prosecutor called eight witnesses: citizens at the scene, people at a party, a surviving passenger of the crash, a forensic specialist and police

officers. The defense called not witnesses.

Evidence supplied at the trial revealed that Keith Reiger had at least eight bottles of beer before driving. He and Ken Morrow drove to a pizzeria where they met 16-year-old Susan Hoekstra of RRI Limehouse.

Susan Hoekstra was asked to go to the car and listen to the car stereo. She did and once inside, the three drove away. They ended up on Wildwood Road. Miss Hoekstra asked Keith Reiger to slow the car down, said Mr. Ayre.

They passed over the bridge on Wildwood Road twice. After the second pass Mr. Reiger turned the car into a parking lot where he spun the car in circles, Crown Prosecutor Ayre said.

Mr. Reiger left the parking lot and drove onto Wildwood Road. Again Susan Hoekstra asked him to slow down, Crown Prosecutor Ayre said.

The vehicle hit the concrete abutment, Ken Morrow fell out of the T-roof and got trapped under the car. Susan Hoekstra was treated and released from Georgetown District Memorial Hospital within three days of the accident. Keith Reiger suffered minor injuries.

Judge D. Carnwath will be sentencing Keith Reiger April 4. The maximum sentence is life imprisonment.

Where death and alcohol are involved, the Attorney General advises lengthy sentences and long license suspensions, Crown Prosecutor Ayre said.

September hearings

Circle September in red. That's the date Halton region will begin its Environmental Protection Act hearings with the Ministry of the Environment over the choice of a new regional dump.

Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy reassured fellow councillors that Halton is still on track for its September hearing date. The process is going according to schedule and no hearing delays are anticipated as a result, he said.

Ronald works out

Join Ronald McDonald for "Fitness Fun" at Community Open House, Saturday, March 1. Ronald will be on the stage of the cafeteria of the Georgetown District High School from 12:45 until 1:45.

Bring out the whole family for a day of demonstrations and exhibits for the Community Open House, March 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Valentine ski

Bring your sweetheart or the whole family for a Valentine Moonlight Ski Feb. 14 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. at the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre.

Guided cross country ski hikes by moonlight provide visitors with a view of nature in winter.

IN THE HILLS

Frig leaks gas

Four firefighters and five people from a Ewing Street home were taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital after being exposed to gas leaking from a refrigerator. The firefighters arrived at the home Thursday at 1:31 a.m. and removed the fridge. The home was evacuated.

The fridge's age was believed to be the cause of the leaks, fire prevention officer Bob Meads said. People from the home complaining of feeling sick were kept at the hospital for a few hours. Firefighters were released from the hospital after brief visit with a doctor as a precaution.

Grossman talk

Larry Grossman, leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party, is to be the guest speaker at a fund-raising dinner next month.

The Halton Burlington Progressive Conservatives are hosting the dinner March 19 at Halton Hills Place in Milton.

For more information and tickets, please call Pam Johnston at 877-4392 or Tom Kilmer at 877-0701 or John Gray at 877-5347.

Only wishing wells at chamber meeting

By SANDY CAMPBELL, Herald Staff

Acton businessmen banged on the pipes and yelled down the wishing well but only saw the mirage of water at a meeting at the Acton Band Hall last Tuesday.

The meeting, organized by the Acton Chamber of Commerce, was an opportunity for businessmen to meet and hear speeches from regional and town staff concerned with development in Acton.

The main topic of the evening ended up being water. By the end of the meeting, businessmen realized regional and town staff were just as frustrated as Actonians because of a lack of progress on the water problem. Just as frustrated? Perhaps not. As Acton businessman Ted Tyler said, "Your wallets (those of regional and town staff) aren't getting thinner."

Attendance at the meeting was particularly low. The Acton Chamber sent out 300 invitations and less than 15 businessmen came out on the rainy evening.

The meeting was well attended by local politicians and town and regional staff.

Town Councillors Gerald Rennie and Norm Elliott, Regional Councillor Rick Bonnette and Mayor Russ Miller attended.

Those in the thick of the discussion between Acton businessmen and staff were Dennis Perlin, Chief Administration Officer of Halton; Rash Mohammed, Director of Planning and Development for Halton; Vince Suffoletta, Water Plant Engineer; Ian Keith, Town Planning Director; and George Woodburn, Manager of Engineering Services and Public Works for Halton.

Regional employees put their faith in Acton's growth based on the Prospect Park well. Everyone is waiting to hear the Ministry of Environment's decision on the ecological safety of the well.

Once the well is approved, a \$1.3 million treatment plant must be built. Then the effect of taking water from the well must be studied further before it can be used to meet all the needs of the town. Water from the well will be 100,000 gallons a day initially and will be gradually increased, regional staff explained.

Businessmen listening to these comments were disappointed and complained at that rate it will be another five years before Acton's water problem is solved.

Businessmen wondered why there could not be a short term solution that didn't include such long studies. They wanted a solution to provide enough water to begin a housing subdivision in Acton east. Such a subdivision would bring at least some prosperity to the ailing businesses of Acton, businessmen said.

The amount of extra water required for such growth would be about 100,000 gallons a day. Ted Tyler, owner of Tyler Transport, said he had two wells on his property which can produce between 130,000 and 140,000 gallons a day.

Those figures came from a regional assessment of the wells. Mr. Tyler said he was offered \$2,500 for the use of the wells which included use of a 400 foot by 12 foot strip of land and enough land to build two pumping stations. "You don't want the water very bad if all you offer is \$2,500," Mr. Tyler said. Later an offer of \$5,000 was made, he said.

Vince Suffoletta, Water Plant Engineer, explained to Mr. Tyler the region and town are putting their efforts and hopes in the Prospect Park well which they believe will be able to supply 500,000 gallons a day and meet the long term needs of Acton.

There are two wells in Acton that will provide enough water for some growth, said George Woodburn, Manager of Engineering Services and Public Works in Halton. One provides 10,000 gallons a day and the other 50,000 gallons a day.

These wells provide enough extra

water for small development but not major new subdivisions. Not the kind of development Goldfan Holdings Limited want to undertake.

Goldfan owns 100 acres in east Acton and were represented at Tuesday's meeting by their engineering manager, Zeev Drach.

The amount of houses built on the land will depend on the density allowed by the town and on other developments in Acton cutting into the water and sewage, Mr. Drach said. Mr. Drach will be surprised if he can start building within five years, he said.

Wrecking yard property on CVCA buyer's list

Fred Tolton's wrecking yard in Limehouse might be purchased by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. The Limehouse property is on a list for a ten year land acquisition project. If the wrecking yard is bought, it won't be soon.

The property has a 'long term', or low priority. Properties with 'medium' and 'short-term' priorities are being considered first. Over the next ten years \$25 million from the Ontario Heritage Foundation and Ministry of Natural Resources will be used to buy land along the Niagara Escarpment.

That \$25 million is seed money which could be increased, said Ken Owen, manager of land resources for the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. "Unless the fund increases, then some properties will be taken off the list," he said.

The Limehouse property, as a long term priority, would be one of those likely to be removed from the acquisi-

tion list. Even if the fund is increased, that does not mean the property will be purchased as conservation land.

Before the 10 years planned for land acquisition is up, the program could be cancelled.

Mr. Tolton must also agree to sell his property. The Credit Valley Conservation Authority will not offer land owners more than the land's market value which a qualified appraiser determines. "If we can't come to terms, we walk," Mr. Owen said.

The Limehouse property will remain a long term priority, but that does not mean that it will not be purchased before medium or immediate priority properties, Mr. Owen said.

If the town or some other source is willing to provide some of the money, the conservation authority would consider buying land, Mr. Owen said.

Mr. Tolton has not been approached yet by the conservation authority, but he will be informed soon that they are interested in his two acres.



Could it be love?

Oh, to be young again, and possibly in love! It's two days before Valentine's Day and these two youngsters couldn't wait to celebrate a bit early. Teri Joliffe, 5, and her friend Simon

Ford, 4 are most willing to give freely of their hearts. The two children are enrolled at the Halton Hills Kinder School in Georgetown. (Herald photo by Sandy Campbell)

Dice loaded in hunt game: citizen

Halton Hills Coun. Pam Sheldon and vice-chairman Burlington Coun. John Graham. The task force is to include



Pam Sheldon

two members of the public-at-large one of whom is to be a neighbor of the forests and the other a Halton resident not associated with the neighbors or with the hunting or agricultural

communities. The task force is to include an individual from the hunting and another from the agricultural communities, as well as a Ministry of Natural Resources representative and a Halton regional police representative.

Couns. Sheldon, Graham and Pat McLaughlin are to select the task force members at a noon meeting Feb. 19.

This set-up of the task force makes for a pro-hunting bias, assuming the hunting rep, the agricultural rep and the Ministry vote to lift the hunting ban, Mrs. McLellan said.

She said the Ministry's pro-hunting policy is well documented and asked that the Ministry be removed from the task force and serve only in an advisory role. In its place, Mrs. McLellan urged a representative of the horse industry be put.

A 1983 land use report by the Cambridge office of the Ministry stated the goal of increasing hunting opportunities by 43 per cent, she pointed out.

New in town?

New in town? Georgetown Newcomer's Club meets every third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is February 19, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Church, 99 Mountainview Rd. S. New members are welcome.

There will be a guest speaker from Meadows Nursery and he will be speaking about landscaping. For more information call 877-1340.