



For the first time in the history of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce a woman was elected president. The new president is Marg Tanas. She was elected at the North

Halton Golf and Country Club May 1. Ms. Tanas is flanked by her vice-presidents (right) Don Cole and Rud Whiting. (Herald photo)

Grit program links investors

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce welcomed good news for small businesses from MPP Don Knight who gave them a "spinoff" speech of the Liberal government's first Throne Speech.

The occasion was the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting at the North Halton Golf and Country Club May 1.

The good news for small businesses is that the provincial government is working on a program to link businesses lacking capital with those looking to invest.

"To address the challenge of the 'equity gap' the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and the government of Ontario have collaborated to improve access-to-equity capital called the Ontario Investment Network," Mr. Knight said.

The Network would have a data base and equipment has been purchased by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce to run the data base.

"The project won't be successful if local chambers of commerce don't get involved," Mr. Knight told The Herald. The project could increase membership to the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and others, he said.

Alex McKee of J.A. McKee and Associates praised the idea during Thursday's meeting, and other Georgetown Chamber members showed support with applause.

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce has not yet been contacted. Invitations to join and more information will be sent out soon, Mr. Knight said.

Scotch Block heritage site

Town councillors are willing to designate Craiglea House a heritage property as long as the owner pays for all the costs associated with such a designation.

A 15-room white clapboard farm house located on a 97 acre farm in the "Scotch Block", Craiglea House belongs to Julius Gelst. He wants the designation in order to be eligible for an Ontario Heritage Foundation grant.

On part of the east half of Lot 9 Con. 3, the home is believed to be the first structure in the district built of anything more substantial than logs.

Built entirely of pine, it's thought to have been built between 1827 and 1830. It has an elaborate main door-frame with large-scale Doric frieze and pilasters. The interiors of the main rooms are detailed with large-scale decorative elements based on the classic order, with Greek aspects.

John Stewart (1809-99), for whom Craiglea was built, was born in Perth, Scotland, and came to Canada with his family in 1817. His father received the land on which Craiglea now stands as a crown grant in 1819, making the Stewart family among the first settlers in the Scotch Block.

An active supporter of William Lyon MacKenzie's Reform Party, Mr. MacKenzie is known to have held a meeting on the Stewart Farm. In support of the revolt, Mr. Stewart led a small force of rebels to Toronto in December 1837. He was arrested and imprisoned at Kingston. Escaping, he fled to the United States, but returned later when he was pardoned.

IN THE HILLS

New chamber

The Acton Chamber of Commerce elected new officers for 1986: Reg Dicola, president; Jennie Kuiken, first vice; Sharon Archibald, second vice; Cheryl Corson, secretary; and Len Tuitman, treasurer.

Elected directors on the chamber were: Murt Allison, Ted Tyler, Mike Manes, David Chapman, Kevin Freier, and Dave Park.

Pirates prance

Pirates will soon be invading the John Elliott Theatre. The Georgetown District High School Drama Club will be performing their own production of Gilbert and

Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance" May 7 to 10. The 75 students involved have been rehearsing this production since early fall, headed by Artistic Director Ms. Gooding and Musical Director Mrs. Blake, both teachers at GDHS. Tickets for the performances are now on sale at the school office with 273 seats available for each performance.

Handicap input

Make sure the proposed town hall is accessible for the handicapped, urges the Halton North Physically Handicapped Citizens' Association.

Member Kit Woode wrote a letter to the Halton Hills mayor requesting that the architectural designs for the new town hall incorporate access for the handicapped, much the same way as fire safety and structural soundness.

Lion support

The newly formed Canadian Foundation for Chronic Skin Disease is being sponsored by the Georgetown Lions Club.

To raise money for the Foundation, the Lions are helping host Brackens Annual Golf Tournament at the Georgetown Golf and Country Club May 26.

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WHEREAS, the problems of crime touch and effect all segments of our society and can undermine and erode the moral and economic strengths of our communities and their citizens if unabated, and

WHEREAS, public awareness and determination to maintain the faith in the preservation of law and order and the appreciation of the importance of law enforcement officers and their role in preserving social order in a democracy is everyone's responsibility, and

WHEREAS, Optimist Clubs and their members continue to sponsor and support programs aimed at combating crime and disrespect for law through year-round efforts; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that I, Russell Miller, Mayor of Halton Hills proclaim the week of May 11th - 17th, 1986 as RESPECT FOR LAW WEEK and as all citizens of HALTON HILLS to join with the Optimists in carrying the message of respect for law to other citizens, and by example, exercise responsible citizenship.

DATED AT the Town of Georgetown, this fifth day of May in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-six.

Russell Miller
(Mayor)



RESPECT FOR LAW WEEK

MAY 11 - 17th

Fire Marshall called to investigate blaze

A fire at 15 Gibbons Place in Georgetown is being investigated by the Office of the Fire Marshall and the Halton Regional Police.

The fire which caused \$58,000 in damage began in the upper rear

Hoping paint will hold back drivers

The pavement markings at Mill and Main Street in Acton are going to be repainted, and the town engineer hopes that will help cut down the high number of accidents at the frequently-used intersection.

Since January 1981, 26 accidents were reported at this intersection, and despite improvements in 1984, 13 more accidents have occurred to the present time.

Coun. Gerald Rennie questioned whether a paint job would resolve the problems at the intersection where many drivers are either turning right or left rather than going straight through.

Town Engineer Bob Austin admitted a paint job wouldn't resolve the problems. He said in most cases the driver was at fault for not yielding the right of way to pedestrians.

As for posting a yield sign, as suggested by Coun. Norman Elliott, Mr. Austin said there's not a lot of room for such a sign and that it would need provincial approval.

"There is great abuse of the system by pedestrians. A lot of them cross on red lights and do a lot of funny things at that intersection," Mr. Austin remarked.

area of the car port. Investigators do not know how the fire started, police said.

The owners of the home only lived there about one month. The fire began Saturday at 9:54 p.m., police said. Four adults and three children were watching a video when it began. They escaped without injury.

Two firefighters were injured in the blaze. One pulled a muscle in his hip while using a 1 1/2 inch fire hose, and the other hurt his elbow during cleanup.

The fire spread from the car port to the house which received extensive water and smoke damage. The aluminum siding on the house was burned. A storage shed was also damaged. The 1982 Honda parked in the car port was gutted by fire.

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