

## MDs waver over indefinite strike

Georgetown doctors haven't decided whether to go along with the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) strike scheduled to begin Thursday.

"We tried to meet this morning, but we couldn't come up with a major resolution," Georgetown doctors' spokesman Dr. James Ying told The Herald Tuesday. "Most of the doctors are still trying to digest the news."

The OMA made its announcement late Monday afternoon following a council meeting.

The proposed strike is a protest against the provincial government's Bill 94 which includes legislation banning extra-billing by doctors.

Tuesday night, as The Herald went to press, Georgetown doctors were to meet again, at Peel Memorial Hospital, with another 8 a.m. meeting scheduled for Wednesday morning (today).

"There are no definite plans or a direction to be taken yet," Dr. Ying said. "We haven't had enough time. It's a hard decision."

In principle, generally, the Georgetown doctors support the OMA, the spokesman said.

"They don't want government interference and feel their rights are being infringed upon. But the mechanism of it (objecting) is the thing we're still discussing," Dr. Ying said. "We do have a different community from Toronto and there is some difference in the way of medical practices here."

The OMA not only asks doctors to strike for an indefinite period of time, but it is also asking for the resignations of chiefs of staff at hospitals throughout the province.

This would affect Dr. Boyd Hoddinott, Chief of Staff at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital. He was not available for comment Tuesday as of press time.

One Georgetown doctor has already made up his mind as to what he's going to do.

"I, personally, am not going to follow the OMA directive. I feel that a strike is the wrong thing to do," Dr. Alistair Macintosh told The Herald. "I feel sad about this. The people who will be hurt are not the politicians, but are all the people."

He pointed out he and the rest of Georgetown's doctors don't extrabill.

"The trouble is, we're being outmaneuvered by the politicians so (that it appears) it's a strike for extra-billing," Dr. Macintosh said. "Naturally people are against extra-billing. The thing that disturbs me is the needless way in which the government is taking us over, with the short term hope of gaining political kudos."

## 'Losing their shirts'

### Let Halton farmer sell to developers

Farming in Halton isn't worth pursuing, a South Essex farmer says.

Instead, turn over the farmlands for development, Rod Pinkney of R13 Georgetown said at last week's regional council meeting.

He pointed out the housing situation is bad in north Halton and that the lands could be much better used for housing.

"I think you have to let the farmers who can get out without losing their shirts get out," Mr. Pinkney, representing the South Essex Landowners, said.

There's a world oversupply of food and many farms in Halton Hills

haven't been economically viable for a long time, he said.

They can't compete internationally or with southwestern Ontario, due to climate and soil conditions, according to Mr. Pinkney.

"Unless the region is prepared to spend a considerable amount of time, money and effort in helping its farmers, it should redirect its efforts into providing employment and housing for its citizens," Mr. Pinkney said.

Oakville Coun. Kevin Flynn didn't like what he was hearing.

There are only 47 farms in Halton that aren't subsidized by an outside income, he said.



Cub leader Hans Lindfors receives a 10 year service pin Wednesday night for his devotion to the 2nd Acton Trinity Cub Pack. He is seen here with Chief Scouts Chris Lee

(left) of the 1st Glen Williams Scout Troop and Jason Lockhard of the 4th Georgetown Scout Troop. The boys completed all of their badges required of a Scout. (Herald photo)

## This Highland fling includes a wedding

More than wedding bells will be ringing Saturday, as a Georgetown couple take their marriage vows at the Georgetown Fairgrounds.

Hundreds of bagpipe players will be blowing their congratulations to Tony Reid and Christine Hamilton of Georgetown's Gower Road.

In a last-minute decision, the two decided to celebrate their wedding day at the Georgetown Highland Games, a first for the Games.

Expected to take place at 12:45 p.m., after the parade and massed dancers and pipe bands have done their bit, the wedding is to be held in front of the permanent bleachers in the park.

A second marriage for both the bride and groom, the idea of holding their wedding at the Games started out as a bit of joking. When inquiries were made, the couple found Games organizers more than happy to accommodate them.

"This is rather funny," Tony Reid said. "We were first thinking of being very quiet about it, off in a corner. When we approached the (Games) committee about it, they got excited and said they would have somebody pipe the bride in and pipe us off after the ceremony."

Tony Reid takes all the responsibility for wanting a Scottish wedding.

"Definitely, the Scottish influence is me," Tony laughed.

His dad Ian is a Robertson, a clan located around Perthshire. Ian Reid comes from Bells Hill, a small Scottish town just outside Glasgow.

Naturally, the groom will be dressed in a kilt, a kilt borrowed from his dad. His brother Robert of Toronto, is also going to be wearing a kilt as best man.

As for the bride, her dress is to be a surprise, but she will be wearing a Robertson tartan sash over it, for the occasion.

"It's something I regretted not doing the first time, getting married in a kilt," Tony said. "I feel very comfortable in a kilt."

It's the more formal "Red Robertson" tartan the groom will be wearing at his wedding. Brother Robert will be wearing the less formal, mainly green "Hunting Robertson" tartan.

Rev. R. Rea of Toronto is to conduct the ceremony, and Tony says he won't be wearing a kilt.

Christine's maid-of-honor is to be Lyn Nix of Georgetown.

The couple met five years ago when both were working at Georgetown's Varian plant. Christine still works there, and Tony now works for Tonka Toys on Airport Road.

It was 2½ years ago they started dating, on a Thanksgiving weekend, Tony recalled. They have a son and daughter each, ranging in age from 11 to 19.

"The only thing I hope is, it's a sunny day," Tony said.

### Hamlet growing

Glen Williams could be on a building boom. The hamlet has once again been chosen for residential development.

This week, the town received an application to amend its Official Plan and zoning bylaw for the east half of Lot 21, Con. 9, Wildwood Road.

Rinaldi Brothers and a numbered company operating out of developer Al Pilutti's home on Summit Lane, Georgetown, want the amendments to allow 53 acres to be developed into 45 single family homes.

The application is being circulated to various agencies by the town planner prior to coming back to council as a report.

### New Acton factory

A new factory is in the building for Acton. The town's site plan review committee approved the Tuesday (yesterday) application by Alcot Plastics Ltd. of Milton to build a \$150,000 factory at 29 Commerce Court.

Relocating from rented facilities on Milton's Main Street, the factory will continue to manufacture foam tubing used for pipe installation. It's soft spongy material with some insulation value, used in baby cribs.

Alcot Plastics is the brainchild of design engineer Jan Alac, owner of the firm. The new 7,800 square foot factory will be just north of Caravan Trailers, in the industrial part of Commerce Court.

Planning technician Brian Murdoch said the industry isn't a high water user, recycling water used in the cooling process.

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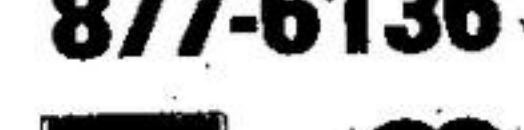
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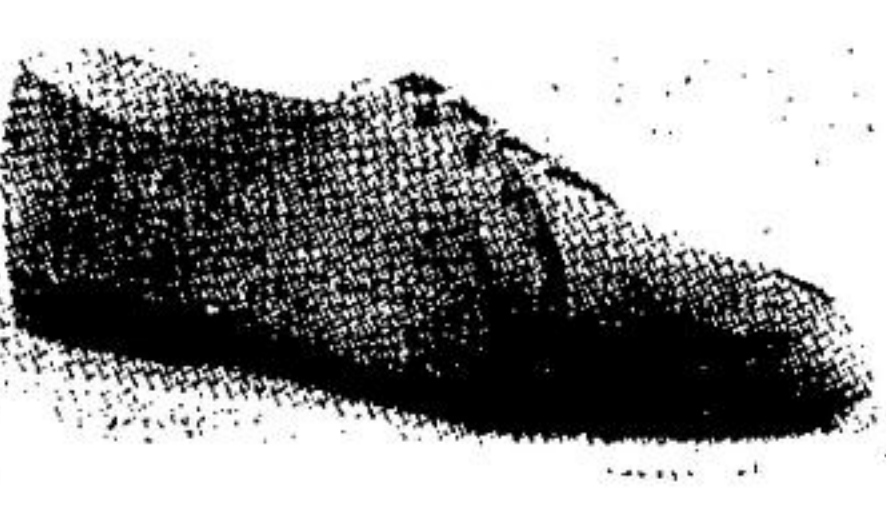
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