# Fall fair could close its gates forever

Georgetown will be without a fall fair for the first time in 140 years if new members aren't found to join

the executive. First Vice-President Bruce Mc-Clure wrote The Herald a letter to

may not be continued.

In an interview Monday, Mr. Mc- you can phone Mr. McClure at Clure said he "hoped the letter 878-4434. would spark a lot of interest - otherwise it (the fair) might have to go through the boards. We can't continue to bung our heads against the walls continuously."

The problem is the executive can't find new members to help out with a variety of duties that go with organizing the annual event.

"A few people can't do all the work," Mr. McClure said. In his letter, the vice-president asks residents to attend their annual meeting Jan. 24 at 1 p.m. at the Optimist Hall on Highway 7 to show the editor warning residents the fair their support for the fair. If you can't come to the meeting,

> There's enough sponsorship from businesses in the community, although costs are increasing year after year, he said, "It's the bodies we need, really, and the interest has got to be there, too," he said. Why keep the fair going? Mr. Mc-

Clure said the primary reason is for

the children to see how rural Canada

Organizers need support from community

lives. "Farming has always been the backbone of the country...", he said. A lot of the executive members are getting old, said secretarytreasurer Joyce Gosling. There's

lots of hard work for younger, commitment isn't overburdening. she said.

"It's got to the point where it's impossible to create another fair she said. without more help," she said.

Mr. McClure said he would like to
The executive discussed the lack have more staff to police the of support at their last meeting, Jan. 8. The numbers have been dropping

the fair for 50 years. "I imagine it's up to the new president to decide whether to hold

older, Mrs. Gosling said. "Some of

another fair," she said.

The secretary-treasurer said the stronger members a few days before fair "just about breaks even", but the fair opens, she said. The time it's an uphill financial struggle. The executive has had some recent problems with gate crashers. "Everyone wants to get in for free."

grounds so people wouldn't enter the grounds without paying. The Lions gradually as people have grown service club man the gates, but "even their numbers are decreasthe people have been connected with ing," he said.

If the fair had more people watching the fences for gate-crashers. they would be more successful dollar-wise, Mr. McClure said.

### No for Go

A north-south GO bus link to Milton for Georgetown and Acton residents is an idea that will have to wait until the summer.

That's when a Greater Toronto Area Travel Survey, also called the Toronto Tomorrow Survey, will be ready. With nearly 4,000 survey interviews undertaken in Halton, it will give information on the feasibility of such a bus link, and an estimate and forecast of potential ridership.

Rather than asking GO Transit to undertake a feasibility study which would be partly funded by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Halton councillors have decided to wait for the Toronto Tomorrow Survey results.

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Town complex

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of neighbor

They came to praise him, not hary him. Saturday night at St. George's Anglican Church hall members of the British Club held their eighth anmual Robbie Burns supper. One of the highlights of the meeting was the

paradlag throf the traggis, the "king of foods". Seen here are Piper Fraser

Ferguson and carriers Bill McLellan (middle) and Frank Phipps. The gentleman at the head table, second from the right, John Paterson, gave a beart-warming address to the baggis. (Herald photo)

# Marathon debate over Wildwood Rd.

Wildwood

A three and a half hour debate on the merits of reconstruction for Wildwood Road monopolized Monday night's general committee

meeting. Despite the hazardous road conditions due to 15 cm of snow, about 25 area residents came out to air their opposition to any widening of the road, especially if it meant chopping down existing roadside trees.

Road resurfacing or reconstruction, bank stabilization, drainage, and what all this will cost, is to be reported on by the town's engineering department and CC Parker Consultants Limited, for only the central by councillors for inclusion in the and east sections of Wildwood.

When this report is ready, an open house will be held for area residents. Central to the report is the condition set by councillors that property acquisition be kept to a minimum and roadside trees must be saved from management problems for the road. the buildozer.

Coun. Joe Hewitt asked for this report, instead of going along with another plan called the "preferred plan" prepared by CC Parker. The town engineer was hoping the "preferred plan" would be accepted

residents indicating proposals to improve traffic and storm water

Residents have made clear their position that any upgrading of their roadway should have minimal impact on them, and should only be undertaken because it is absolutely essential.

Preliminary Design Report for

The town has already hosted two

public information nights for

Wildwood Road is designated secondary arterial and its road base is structurally inadequate. It needs to be reconstructed to improve the

road base, the engineers say. A preliminary design report doesn't mean Wildwood is going to be reconstructed now, tomorrow or ever, stressed town engineer Bob Austin. He said the report could be shelved forever, if councillors decided not to spend any money on

Coun. Norman Elliott noted the town's rural roads are "in terrible need of repair", and council is always having delegations asking for their road to be fixed up.

"And here we have these people saving, please, don't do anything, and here we are trying to ram \$1 million down their throat," the coun-

cillor observed. "If we leave the road long enough, residents are going to be back wanting it to be fixed," Coun. Pam Johnston said. "Like we have in

other areas. Mr. Austin agreed with the observation that there is a backlog of substandard roads in town and said a May 1986 report estimated \$43 million would be needed to tackle

them all. Coun Hewitt said he couldn't justify putting money into improvements to Wildwood if it was only going to encourage more people to

#### business and professional offices. These uses were included within the bylaw for the proposed building. A letter from Mr. Humberstone's lawyer, Monty Hyde, says that under the Georgetown West Secondary Plan, secondary uses must

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in November.

date for an OMB hearing.

directly serve the main use, which in this case is administrative offices for the town. Mr. Humberstone doesn't object to

The town is going to the Untario

Municipal Board (OMB) over the

use of the Stevens property for more than administration offices for

Monday night, councillors gave their staff the go-ahead to book a

A neighbor to the proposed com-

plex, Donald Humberstone, wants the bylaw rezoning 7.2 acres of the

Stevens lands for a town administra-

tion complex appealed to the OMB. The bylaw was endorsed by council

Mr. Humberstone objects to the

lown using the property for a public

library, museum, art gallery, community centre, public and recreation

facilities, a place of assembly and

the property being used for ad-ministrative offices, the lawyer's letter, dated Nov. 21, says. His client has other concerns as

well, namely garbage storage plans of the town and the amount of buffer space between the town complex and Mr. Humberstone's home.

Town planning staff say 50 feet is enough of a rear yard setback, or buffer separation between the Humberstone home and the town complex. Mr. Humberstone wants 100 feet.

Planning staff say 100-feet buffer

separations are usually the case only when an industry backs onto homes, and that in this case, 100 feet

is excessive. Mr. Humberstone's buildings are 30 feet and 15 feet from the town property. The bylaw doesn't allow parking within 50 feet of the property line at this location.

The 100-foot buffer requested by Mr. Humberstone contains a large number of mature trees and Mr. Humberstone would like these trees to remain there.

As for garbage storage, that's apparently not going to be a problem as garbage facilities are intended to be located inside the administration complex, the town's deputy planner says in a report.

Both the question of keeping the trees and the garbage storage location are matters that the site plan process and not zoning deal with, the report says.

Mr. Humberstone also is concerned about access to his land, which is by a shared laneway over the municipal property, from Maple Avenue. He doesn't want parked cars blocking his ability to drive

Although the town is asking for a hearing date, it will continue to talk with Mr. Humberstone to try and reconcile the neighbor.

The decision to ask for an OMB hearing date was made by the town's building committee, which is a subcommittee of the municipally owned property committee. The town is required to do so when a resident gives a "notice of appeal" indicating they want to appeal a town bylaw to the OMB.

### Roadway needs drains, shoulders

most badly in need of attention is the central section, says the town metre shoulder/walkway on the Monday night, he told councillors

that section has poor drainage, poor structural capacity and needs shoulders. "It's the most crucial section by

far," the engineer declared. He sald doing maintenance work on the central section won't be cheaper than reconstruction. Reconstruction is estimated at

The staff recommendation is for a seven metre roadway with storm

The stretch of Wildwood Road sewers and curb and gutters and 1.5 metre shoulder on the north and 2.5

> For the west section, staff would like to see the road brought to seven metres and two metre shoulders on both sides. Cost is estimated at

Finally, work on the east side would include reconstruction of the road to seven metres, with storm sewers, curb and gutters, a 2 metre paved shoulder on the north and south sides. Cost is estimated at

## use it and to drive faster. 19 out of work as plant closes

Approximately 19 of 30 Halton Hills people have been laid off from their jobs with Benson and Hedges

This year, a service of praise and celebration will be held at St. Andrew's United Church on Moun-Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. The music and messages will revolve around this year's theme, 'Christ our Recon-

the Open Door youth ministry. All are invited.

### Cheaper fuel

The cheaper fuel prices have

and maintenance agreements." . However, that \$121,000 isn't coming back to taxpayers. The Force wants to use the money for more uniforms, to cover overspending in

(Canada) Inc. in Brampton. The layoff was announced Monday, and attributed to a fall decision by the company to amalgamate with

"This is the first in a series of steps to be taken to integrate operations of Rothmans and Benson and Hedges," P.J. Fennell, president of Rothmans, Benson and Hedges Inc.

The layoff does away with 127 jobs at the Brampton plant's making and packing departments. The jobs become redundant effective March 20. The company manufactures and blends tobacco. No further layoffs are anticipated

at present. The company will still continue with its "Dry Ice Expanded Tobacco (DIET)" process as well as finished goods warehousing in Brampton. Staff at the Brampton plant will

shrink to 80. Georgetown's John McDonald is one of the company's "survivors". He is personnel and industrial relations manager.

He said Canada Employment and Immigration staff have been in as well as the Unemployment Insurance Commission's regional manager. The good word they brought is that there are 600 job vacancies in the area. Mr. McDonald said over a dozen

offering work to the laid off staff. Mr. Fennell says in a press release that he doesn't unticipate any more job losses in the production division of the company. He says the involfs will improve the efficiency and com-

companies have called, interested in

petitiveness of the new company. In December, the company's cigarette processing Toronto plant was closed, putting about 170 employees out of work. In 1983, the Brampton plant laid off 143 staff.



No, no, no cigarettes for me, said Actin Mayor Lillias Bowman Monday morning (left). She wasn't tempted at all by the weed preferred by Eleanor Scarth of the Georgetown Cancer Society. Neither woman smokes, and they encourage of lung cancer patients have a photol

chance of cure. (Herald photo)



Young Tiffany Adams, born Jan you to give up your eigarettes today. 16 at the Georgetown District and make it a truly Weedless Memorial Hospital was the first Wednesday. Weedless Wednesday bally born during non-smoking week wraps up national non-smoking in Georgetown, Here, her mother week. Lung cancer is just one of the Margret Adams displays the T-shirt risks facing smokers. Smokers Tiffany won, it says, "first generashould know that only five per cent tion of non-smokers". (Herald

# Butt out today

Take the challenge and go smoke-free today. Weedless Wednesday, (Jan. 21). This is the final day of National Non-Smoking Week 1987 which is sponsored by the Canadlan Council on Smoking and Health, Smokers are encouraged to try to quit for the day. If you were planning on giving up tobacco anyway make this your 'quit' day, it has been found that many smokers who try to remain smoke-free on Weedless Wednesday are still

off eigarettes six months later. If you smoke, here are some tips which might help you be successful in

meeting the challenge on Weedless Wednesday: - Get a group of friends or co-workers to go smoke free with you. . You could challenge another group or department where you work to go smoke free on Weedless Wednesday. Make it a fun day!

- Put carrot and celery stick and pieces of fruit where the ashtrays are usually placed. - Butterless popcorn without alot of salt added, is another low-calorie

snack that could help you get through the day. - Drink water, with crushed ice, if possible. . Take a walk at lunch - fresh air and a change of pace will help reduce

the craving for a elgarette. - In addition to sponsoring the Weedless Wednesday Challenge. volunteers in this community, from health agencies such as the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Canadian Cancer Society and the Lung Association, have been working to organize a variety of health promotion pro-

grams which focus on the reduction of smoking and its effects. Try the Weedless Wednesday Challenge and join the 70% of Canadians who are smake free.

# In the hills

### Money matters

Are you anxious to invest your money to its fullest? If so, don't miss a financial planning seminar being held Jan. 27 by

The free seminar will be held at

the North Halton Golf and Country Club. You must phone first to reserve a seat by calling 873-1877. Feature speakers are Georgetown resident and businessman Jeffrey Irvine, owner of Money Concepts, a financial

of the First City Trust in Bramp-Last week The Herald incorrecty noted the seminar date as Jan.

planning firm and Terry McIntyre

### Collecting names

Did you ever attend Georgetown District High School? Have you received your registration form for the reunion? Do you know someone who has not received bis/her form yet? Give us a call and we'll see that you get one. Contact one of the names below for the decade attend-

ed (Grade 9 year if possible). Hazel Arnold 877-3038 (pre 1940); Dong Sargent 877-2909 (1940's); June Lenz 877-9307 (1950's); Tina Bell 877-3279 (1960's); Joan Beaumont 877-1810 (1970's); Kim Daquano, Georgetown High School (1980's).

### Peace group

#### Students and other young people are invited to an organizing meeting at St. George's Anglican Church Hall Friday night. Two Georgetown District High School students want to start up a peace group in town. Everybody is

#### welcome. Few inspections

The last fire department inspection of Halton Region Museum was in 1980. That's six years ago. Roger Clement of the Milton Fire Department says the Ontario Fire Code doesn't stipulate how often public buildings must be inspected. Such decisions are made at the discretion of the local fire depart-

ment, he said. The Museum was the subject of considerable concern when an architect studying improvements to the old building pointed out ex-

tremely unsafe fire conditions. Mr. Clement said annual inspections would be sufficient to maintain the Museum's fire code safety after the improvements have been

### completed.

refreshments will be served.

World gardens Georgetown and District Horticultural Society is holding a meeting Jun. 21 at 8 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, Georgetown. Mr. Ed Israel will be guest speaker and will presentaslides of gardens of the world, including the British Isles. New members are welcome and

### Week of prayer

Though the members of Georgetown's churches go their separate ways on Sundays, they are often pulled together by their common Christian allegiance. One occasion on which this is done is the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

tainview Road, on Wednesday,

The service is sponsored by the Georgetown Ministerial Association, and the collections are given to community projects: last year it was donated to the Red Cross, and this year it will be designated for

helped Halton Regional Police save about \$121,000 in 1986. A police report attributes the year-end surplus to "cancellation of equipment not required, cheaper rates for fuel, telephone

sick-leave payouts, and to fund renovation of office space at the White Oaks headquarters.