

Changing face

Don't take our word for it when we tell you Georgetown and area is growing and industry is surging.

While housing starts are few, industrial expansion is experiencing a mini-boom of sorts.

Some examples:
- a \$5 million contract just awarded to Rockwell International of Canada Ltd. to provide fibre optic electronics for a transcontinental network.

- William Neilson Ltd. announcing plans for a \$500,000 addition to its Guelph Street plant.

- The plaza at the corner of Guelph and Delrex Streets is being extended and businesses will be added. Estimates cost of the construction is \$500,000.

- Corrigan Instrumentation has just received a \$787,000 contract from the federal government to supply airport security equipment.

- At Varian, the Canadian government has requested work to be done for a contract worth \$1 million, announced three weeks ago.

- Sod turning begins this week for the Sands Condominium project, a 16-storey, 158 unit complex.

- By the summer, construction is expected to start on the new town hall complex.

- In downtown Georgetown, the three-storey medical-professional building is well on its way to being completed.

Town reflection

Gleaning ideas from counsellors and town staff, C.A. Ventin Architects has molded a model of our new town hall.

Shimmering in white, the model was released for public viewing last Tuesday evening.

It's not a bold and pretentious building. Rather, the new municipal complex fits in suitably with the natural landscape it surrounds.

The building seems to reflect the character of the town. A tall structure would look out of place in a town where the largest building is a 12-storey apartment.

In a town where councillors have traditionally fought large budget increases, it would be ironic to have a Toronto city hall-type structure.

Nevertheless, the new complex seems spacious and functional. In fact, company supervisors from private industry should be drooling over the abundance of private offices afforded to even the most junior of positions.

Another luxury the complex could certainly part with are washrooms for both staff and the public.

Those fearing crowded council chambers should feel better about the new structure. The circular chamber in the new building will accommodate over 100 members of the public. However, should there be a really contentious issue, a retractable wall would allow a standing-room only crowd to peer in at the councillors.

We're surprised the building won't have more of an overpowering effect on motorists passing by on Maple Street. One of the reasons the site was chosen was because of its prominent location and easy access. Will passers-by be puzzled at the low-level structure blending indiscriminately amongst the trees and ponds?

It's hard to be overly critical of the new town hall design. If council can keep to their budget predictions on building the complex, we foresee little opposition to their new home.

Man of the hour



Editor's notebook

By Dave Roney

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce deserves to be congratulated for choosing Doug Penrice as its new general manager.

Mr. Penrice has all the credentials to fulfill the role required by the Chamber. He's a former president and owner of the Beaumont Knitting Company. He knows Georgetown businesses and what they want because of his three-year tenure as president of the Chamber.

Besides, members will know what to expect from a man who many worked side by side with for a number of years.

It's hard to know whether to laugh or cry. Our police and school board reporter Sandy Campbell is leaving us after two years at the newspaper to return to school. We've appreciated his efforts, but know he'll enjoy his new challenge taking a Master of Journalism degree at Western.

Meanwhile, his replacement Brian MacLeod is no stranger to all of us in the newsroom. Brian was The Herald's co-op student last year during the fall and spring sessions at Sheridan College.

While our policy remains that no unsigned letter will be accepted, occasionally we're willing to

Write us a letter

What do you think about what is happening in Halton Hills... across the nation and around the world?

We are interested in your opinion.

All letters must be signed and include an address. Your phone number should be listed in order for us to verify the signature. Please keep your letter brief and to the point. The maximum length is 400 words.

Send your letters to: The Herald, 45 Guelph Street, Georgetown, Ont., L7G 3Z6.

Acid Rain

Little chance for a breakthrough



Ottawa Report

By Stewart MacLeod

Despite the apparent optimism of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, there is little to suggest there will be any major breakthrough on acid rain when he meets U.S. President Ronald Reagan next month.

When the president announced last week that he would ask Congress for \$2.5 billion for emission-control research, there was an immediate and enthusiastic response from Ottawa. Mr. Mulroney described it as an "important first step" and a "significant commitment".

But we soon came to realize this was not really a first step, but a repeat of a first step. The president was more or less restating a pledge from last year. Furthermore, the money, if forthcoming, will be used for more research - not actual emission control.

And when Mr. Reagan held his first news conference in four months, he said little to heighten hopes for any great war on acid rain. "The further we've gone, the more complex the issue of the source of acid rain becomes," he said.

"So what we've been trying to do is avoid going down some avenue that would disappoint us and we wouldn't really solve the problem

but we would have wasted our resources." In other words, we need to study it some more.

NOT NEEDED
This is not a view shared by either Environment Minister Tom McMillan or Mr. Mulroney, who extracted the original commitment on acid rain from the President of the 1985 Shamrock Summit.

Just a few days ago, the prime minister told the Wildlife Management Institute - whose members are mostly American - that "we know the cause of acid rain, we know the consequences, and we know the cure."

That seems clear enough.

He urged delegates, meeting in Quebec City, to "go home and talk to your congressmen and your senators to get that issue on the top of their agenda." He told them that "the government of Canada is firmly determined to end the blight of

acid rain and expects the same genuine resolve from the United States."

He expressed optimism that his meeting with Mr. Reagan will "move things along and the matter will ultimately be resolved."

But at the rate things are going, it could take a long time to clean up the sulphur-dioxide emissions, which come mainly from coal-burning power plants. And up until he became aware of Canada's intense interest in the matter, the president showed remarkably little enthusiasm for the subject. At one time he blamed trees, plants and wildlife for much of the pollution.

WELL-AWARE
But after his first meeting with Mr. Mulroney, when he was urged to put acid rain at the top of the agenda, he has been at least trying to say the right things at the right time. His suggestions of American action tend to coincide with, or precede, meetings with the prime minister - his latest being a good example.

Mr. Mulroney has been accused by one U.S. congressman, Democrat Gerry Sikorski, of taking the wrong approach in dealing with the president on acid rain. It was his view, stated rather forcefully to a group of

Canadian journalists, that whenever the prime minister appears grateful for an American initiative in this respect, it "confuses" Americans.

He said that the prime minister's apparent appreciation leaves the impression that Canada is satisfied with the American effort and this automatically takes pressure off Congress to take further action.

It's a doubtful theory, given the amount of attention Mr. Mulroney's comments generally get in the American media. What's probably far more harmful is, for instance, that editorial in the Washington Post which says the U.S. is spending too much money on acid rain.

In any event, the prime minister has gone far beyond mere appreciation in saying that acid rain is "a test of our relationship." In the last few days he hasn't been mincing his words about the importance of eliminating pollutants from the atmosphere.

But that doesn't mean we should expect a great breakthrough at the forthcoming Summit. There was more than mere caution in Mr. Reagan's remark about avoiding "the wrong avenue" - since he had just remarked, in a reference to the Iran arms scandal, that "I would not go down that same road again."



Citizens' forum

Political gouging by members

Re: "MP Privileges Ridiculous"
When is the political gouging of the public going to end?

With postal rate increases forever on the rise the public continue to be the scapegoat while MP's enjoy free mailing to tout their propaganda several times a year.

Most popular in this area is Otto Jelinek who sends his "political dribble" to thousands of residents in his riding at least three times per year.

Even private enterprise have to pay the going rate for junk mail.

If we were to calculate each peice of an MP's mail at 34 cents (I personally had Jelinek's weighed at the P.O.) multiply it by the thousands mailed and again consider each and every MP who does similar gouging, I am sure our postal deficit could be lowered considerably.

Is it not enough that these people retire with a considerable pension, enjoy many other privileges without sending out their "junk mail" at again the taxpayer's pocketbook?

Yours truly
Don Ryder
Bower Ave.,
Acton

Fed. Sales Tax Credit we gladly disallow
When net income, family of four, is princely eighteen thou.

So, elitist thou art. Err not in contrary supposition.
For further thoughts of Federal contumely in face of such exaltation.
J. Haverty,
Acton, Ont.

School reunion

Dear Sir,
Winnipeg, Man. Isbister School will be 90 years old in 1988! We are trying to reach all former students and staff to help celebrate in some special way. The committee needs names and addresses in order to formalize plans for this occasion. For further information contact: Mrs. Irene Simmonds (Pinniger), 89 Western Avenue, Guelph, Ont. N1H 6A7 (822-8873); or Mrs. Marilyn Funk (Scott), 649 Hilton Street, Winnipeg, Man. R3R 0Z1 (868-2018).

(Mrs.) Irene E. Simmonds,
89 Western Avenue,
Guelph, Ont. N1H 6A7
(519) 822-8873

Newcomer thanks

Dear Sir,
The Georgetown Newcomers' Club would like to extend a big thank you to the following businesses and persons, who made our Rock and Roll dance a huge success:
Mac's Milk, Mountainview Bulk Foods, Video Buff, A and P, Young's Pharmacy, Whimsey's.

Work That Body, Christiane Hair Styles and Boutique Ltd., Jack Austin Drugs, M and M Sports, Angela and George Czerwinski, Carla and Twan Van Veghel, Halton Hills Furniture, Butcher Shop, McDonalds, G.F.S.C. (Georgetown Figure Skating Club), Mother's Pizza, Miracle Mart, Zeller's, Molson's Breweries of Canada Ltd., Seagrams Distillers Limited.

Yours truly,
Heather Clemmer

Refugee support

The following was filed with The Herald for publication:

Hon. Benoit Bouchard
Minister of Employment and Immigration
House of Commons
Ottawa

Dear Sir:
As members of several churches in the Georgetown area, we wish to express our concern with the new regulations that would keep refugees from entering Canada until they have been screened at the border.

While we understand the need to determine if a refugee's claim is genuine, we believe there is a greater danger that some refugees will suffer deportation, arrest, and even death in their home countries, because of the delay.

We urge that Canada maintain its admirable record of kindness to refugees. We are reminded that Jesus and His parents were refugees in Egypt for a time after His birth, to escape the wrath of Herod.

Yours respectfully
Henriette Thompson
and 33 other signatures

Schedule 11

Dear Sir:
Schedule 11 Cometh (and Goeth) Gentle people, we beseech thee take heart

Poverty is relative though poor thinkst thou art.

Quick, perish the thought! Schedule eleven is for them with nought.

In your opinion

Drama in our churches?



PIERRE DECLERCQ: "It's very important, especially for the parish. It's a great achievement to have everyone participate."



GILBERT PAIVA: "Yes, I do. It helps people understand a better, and it's a change from sitting and listening to the priest talk."



CINDY HATCHER: "Yes, because it's easier for little kids to understand, instead of having to read it."



JULIE O'NEILL: "Yes, I do. Having them helps people understand and Christ more."



CORRY SMIT: "Yes, for sure. It's a kind of praying. It gives you more of a feeling about Jesus and his life."



JENNI COOK: "Yes, it's easier for people to see what it was like, instead of just hearing the Gospel read."

Question: Do you feel that dramatizations of biblical events are an important part of church life?



30 years ago

Over 90 per cent of Georgetown's business community petitioned council for parking meters Monday night. Mr. Sid Silver who represented the petitioners said the business community believes the present two-hour parking limit is being abused and the town cannot enforce it properly. Just two councillors, Deputy-Reeve Sargent and Alfred Sykes, opposed the motion.

The Georgetown Business and Professional Women's Club met for its first International Night on Monday at Mrs. Art Scott's home on Maple Ave. Mrs. Margery Powless was guest speaker. The evening featured a candlelight ceremony led by Mrs. Joan Wilson of the Guelph club and assisted by Isabel Dobson of Georgetown.

A Georgetown man with a ticket on the Grand National horse race in Aintree, England will receive 461 pounds or \$1200. Tom McNamara bet on Gossander and stood to win over \$140,000 if the horse had finished first.

15 years ago

Georgetown hosted the International Bantam Hockey tournament and last Saturday night Toronto's Young Nationals swept the finals recapturing the Grand Championship title. Mike Keating was named most valuable player and Georgetown forward Dean Popiel received the good sportsmanship award.

NASA awarded a Georgetown man for making an outstanding contribution to the space program. Bob Alexander who works for Spar Aerospace Products Ltd. in Toronto was one of a number of employees honoured for the first time in Canada. Spar designed two 25-foot-long booms that extended from the side of Apollo 15 as it orbited the moon.

At the third annual meeting of the Ashgrove 4-H club, members decided to change the club's name to the Ashgrove Launing Lassies. After a discussion on personal grooming, with home economist Mrs. Bannister, Mary Robinson and Anne McCle-Curve served lunch.

10 years ago

Acton residents face a 60 per cent increase in water rates this year. This is the first increase for the community since 1964 when water charges ranged from \$2.88 per month to \$54.92 per month for heavy commercial service.

Georgetown's Trachten Car Club hosted the third annual custom vehicle show, Motion 77. According to club founder and show chairman, Mike Adams, the show was a great success. "I'm tickled pink by the club's efforts," he said.

The Georgetown Raiders started a one game lead in their best-of-seven OHA Major Intermediate "A" final against the Fort Erie Mavericks. Ray Evans scored the winning goal in overtime for the Raiders to clinch the game 9-8.

The Ballinafad local talent night was named successful by chairman Ernie Thompson and members of the Ballinafad Hall Board. Musical selections by Pat and Bob Kerr, Earl Butt and Doug Wagner entertained the audience of relatives and interested people.

5 years ago

With a 2-1 victory over Timmins the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders became the 1982 Ontario Hockey Association champions. Joe Ens scored the overtime goal in the 2-1 contest to give the Raiders the victory.

Lucy Feller celebrated her 90th birthday in her Georgetown apartment. Among those joining her were her daughter Florina McNally, granddaughter Jane Fogal and great grandson Erik Fogal.

A map of Canada hooked by the Georgetown Ruy Hooking Guild was presented to the Halton Hills Library-Cultural Centre. Present at the presentation were Diane Swackhamer, Hank Huhtanen, Carol Piercy, Doreen Long, Mayor Peter Panteroy and Peggy Ewing. Stunt man Nick De Gironale, who has worked with the likes of Chuck Connors and George Kennedy, opened a karate club in Caledon East. The club is called a Kai Shin Karate Club.