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Teen dies in highway collision

A Georgetown teenager died in a two-car collision at the intersection of the Sixth Line and Highway 7 in Halton Hills early May 30.

Philip Hughs, 17, of 25 McGillivray Cres. died in the crash which occurred at 2:18 a.m. Saturday.

Milton OPP say Philip Hughs was in the back seat behind the driver of a 1976 Mercury Comet, 18-year-old Christopher Hodgins of RHT Norval, when it collided with a 1979 Chevrolet, driven by 25-year-old Herbert Deynon of Mississauga.

The Comet was travelling south-bound on the Sixth Line. When it turned left onto Highway 7 it was struck by the Chevrolet, police report.

Four other passengers in the Hodgins car were injured, one

minor injuries at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital, police report.

Christopher Hodgins and Herbert Deynon received minimal injuries.

Both drivers have been charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle causing death and driving with over the legal limit of alcohol in the blood.

Philip Hughs was a co-op student in Grade 12 at Georgetown District High School. He was due to graduate this year, said his co-op monitor at the school Charles Genore.

He was placed at Varian Canada Inc. in the data processing field and he held down a part-time job at INN-FASCO Co. in Mississauga as a shipper and fork lift operator, Mr. Genore said.

"He was a well liked kid. There was a lot of sad faces around here yesterday," Mr. Genore said.

"He was a gentle individual, reliable, and he accepted criticism easily and appreciated the value of it," he said.

"He was an honest and trustworthy person as well."

Hughs had placed second in the national championships for junior boys five pin bowling and had travelled extensively in Europe, said Mr. Genore.

He also coached soccer locally as well, he said.

"He was not highly visible in school. He was the shy type," Mr. Genore said of Philip Hughs.

He said Hughs was interested in law enforcement or in taking business administration at college.



Philip Hughs

seriously. Greg Little, 16, of 12 Sunmack Trail in Georgetown is listed in critical condition in Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto. Little was sitting next to Hughs in the back seat.

Jason Bew, 18, of 115 John St., Jeff McNiven, 18, of 19 Windsor Rd. and Dennis Martin, 18, of 60 Park Ave. were all treated and released for



Alumni chorus

The Centennial Alumni Choir sang and danced to their version of S.R.O. (Standing Room Only), a fast-paced medley of Vaudeville, Broadway, Italo and Silver Screen favorites.

The Choir performed at the John Elliot Theatre May 27 and 28. The choir members that are shown in this chorus line are, front row from right: Karen Daniell, Jenny Daniels.

Shannon Marshall and Helen Bilik. Back row from right includes: Mary Lynn McVittie, Sarah Gurr, Gillian Johnston and Mary Bilik. See story on Page B1. (Photo by Charlie Gibbs)

Keeping your cool?

Record breaking temperatures in Southern Ontario over the past seven days have sent people scrambling for ways to cool themselves down.

In Halton Hills residents flocked to stores to buy air conditioners and fans and fast food outlets have kept temperatures down with beautiful servings of cool drinks and ice cream.

The Toronto weather office reports record-breaking temperatures on three days last week Thursday. May 29 saw the first day of the humid weather and a new record high of 32.5 degrees. The old mark was 31.1 set back in 1941. May 29 saw the mercury hit 32.5 degrees once more edging the 1969 record of 32.2 degrees.

Once again on Saturday temperatures hit the highest peak this year and every year since 1941. The temperature on Saturday hit the 33 degree mark shattering the old record of 31.6 set 43 years ago.

The average temperature for this time of year is 23 degrees on the high end of the thermometer with a low of 11.

The temperature at noon Tuesday was 25 degrees Celsius.

Canadian Tire and Zellers in Georgetown have experienced a run on fans and air conditioners.

Canadian Tire had two air conditioners left as of noon Tuesday and Zellers had five remaining.

Canadian Tire store manager Russ Hare said his store has fans remaining but new orders are hard to fill. "I don't think they've got much left in Toronto. I've got enough fans to last me for a little longer," he said.

Zellers manager Bob Vernon said his store completely sold out of fans on Saturday between 50 and 75 sold over Friday, Saturday and Monday, he said.

He too is having trouble ordering more fans because stores all over Southern Ontario are scrambling for units.

Harry Queen owner Terry Samcoe said his business thrives on the hot weather. Ice cold "Mr. Misty" drinks and milk shakes are popular in hot, humid weather, said Mr. Samcoe.

Halton aquatics director Joanne Wilson said attendance at the Georgetown indoor pool was up about 75 from the average to 265 on Saturday and lowered to an average 125 on clouder Sunday.

The outdoor pool in Georgetown, located on Mill Street, will be open for business June 27 along with the Prospect Park wading pool and beach in Acton.

In a surprise development, Acton's indoor pool will open its doors once more to the public on July 13, said Miss Wilson.

Terra Cotta Conservation Park filled about 120 cars a day on the weekend but that's no where near the 600 car capacity, said park supervisor Brian Taylor.

Kelso Conservation Park, which has a 1,000 car capacity, saw 450 cars on Saturday and 500 on Sunday, according to manager Sandy Bell.

"The water is still not really warm and that's what brings out the people," Mr. Bell said.

But the excess electricity demanded by all those air conditioners and fans is being supplied with no problem, said Halton Hydro operations manager Hugh Campbell.

Dump planners get grilling

Local politicians gave a grilling Monday night to the vice president of a company wanting to put a dump in an Acton quarry.

Terrence Godsell of Shieldings Incorporated, a Toronto investment firm, was asked why he took so long to come to Halton Hills council.

Apologizing to Mayor Russ Miller, he said he was waiting until he had "intelligent" information before coming forward with the proposal for a 200-acre site on the United Aggregates Ltd quarry lands.

"This is the first possible moment

in time we have felt capable of describing with any degree of accuracy what the project would look like," Mr. Godsell told general committee members. "Two months ago, there were too many unknowns."

"I would not have wanted to meet with this body... to day, were it not for the fact that we had to show we're not hiding anything," he said.

News of the landfill proposal came to Halton Hills via the back door, offering the mayor advice on floors.

"If you felt it was a matter two months ago (to come to the Halton Hills Mayor) I can't understand why you brought it to the mayor of

Milton," Coun. Pam Sheldon said.

"I consider it to have been an enormous mistake," Mr. Godsell confessed. "I did it on advice that I don't consider good advice."

He said he met with Mayor Gordon Krantz to let him know what Comcor Waste Management Consultants, the Milton firm that undertook the feasibility study and preliminary Environmental Impact Assessment on the site, was doing. Mr. Godsell said he was seeking "global advice as to how we might proceed," from Mayor Krantz.

Halton Region was also approached several months before the Town of Halton Hills. Mr. Godsell said he felt "compelled" to let the Region know Comcor was investigating a site which had been rejected only recently by Halton for use as a regional dump.

Shieldings' vice-president said he had asked the Region to share the information with each and every interested constituent and not keep it secret.

"I was personally advised by the Region that the proponents had asked if he kept confidential," Coun. Sheldon said. She objected to learning of it through the press.

News of the landfilling proposal broke in February when the solicitor for the City of Burlington mentioned it during the preliminary hearing in to Halton Region's application for a new Regional landfill.

Monday night, Mr. Godsell said he went to school with Mike McQuaid, the Burlington solicitor who spilled the beans.

"I invited him in October (1986) to consider working for us," Mr. Godsell said. Mr. McQuaid was taken to the Acton site and told of the firm's interest in developing it into a dump, before either of the two men realized Mr. McQuaid had a conflict of interest in the matter, Mr. Godsell said.

\$500,000 fire damage to Ballinafad store

A fire at the Ballinafad General Store on the weekend has left two tenants homeless and caused an estimated \$500,000 in damage.

Firefighters were called to the scene at the corner of Trafalgar Road and Redwood Road 42 at 9:28 p.m. Saturday after fire broke out in a garbage storage area near the back of the store. Georgetown Area One, Acton, Hillsburgh and Erin Fire Departments responded to the call. Flames ripped through the roof and top floor of the building.

The Hillsburgh Fire Chief said water and smoke damage inside the store was extensive.

"It was a mess," said Bob Chaney. "Water was running out from the first floor, any goods that were perishable sitting on the shelves would be completely lost."

Store owner Bonnie Walker met with insurance adjusters Tuesday. The two tenants who lived above the store did not have insurance on their property, Mr. Chaney said. The

Georgetown Optimist Club is setting up a fund for Harvey Clark, one of the victims of the blaze.

Mr. Clark lived with his wife Betty in one of the store apartments and they are now staying with friends in Georgetown. Lyle and Blain Barclay lived with their child in the store's back apartment. None of the tenants were injured.

Bonnie Walker said she is planning to rebuild the store but she does not know any costs yet. The store's Post Office has been moved to the Ballinafad Community Hall, across the street from the store. Ms. Walker said no mail was damaged since firefighters threw tarpaulins over the store's post office section to protect it as soon as they could get inside the building.

Mr. Chaney said the fire started in the bottom of the garbage pile and may have been caused by spontaneous combustion following several days of high temperatures and humidity.

In the hills

Open house

There will be an open house to congratulate Acton's Rev. Jean Stairs on her coming marriage to Dr. Rev. Wayne Sobie June 20.

The location is the Acton Baptist Church and the time is 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. All are welcome; best wishes only.

Rev. Stairs will be married Oct. 16 at the James Street Baptist Church in Hamilton. She will preach for the last time in Acton Oct. 25. The Minister is also pursuing a Doctorate at the Toronto School of Theology in the fall.

Highland fun

The Georgetown Highland Games will kick off this year at 8 a.m. June 13. The games will feature caber tossing, a parade, tug of war, heavy weight events and competitions in highland dancing, drumming and pipe band.

The official opening parade starts at 12:30 p.m. Admission on the day of the games is \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors, and \$2 for children under 12. Parking in the fairgrounds is \$3 and there will also be limited camping

sites available at \$10 per trailer for the weekend or \$6 on Saturday only.

The Halton-Peel Highland Games Association will sponsor a party on Friday, June 12 under a tent on the grounds.

For more information call K. Spicer at 877-5593.

Fails to yield

A 1979 Chevrolet Van backing out of a private driveway at 11 Mary St. May 27 at 8:30 a.m. struck a 1979 GMC pickup truck. Damage to the van is estimated at \$500 and damage to the pickup is listed at \$1,500. Charges of failing to yield the right of way were laid in the accident.

Church birthday

NORVAL -- At Union Presbyterian Church, the 154th anniversary was held May 31 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Bob Rumball of the Evangelical School for the Deaf since 1960 was the guest speaker. His sermon of reaching out and touching was just what Union Church has been doing for many years. Special music were duets by Maureen Burgoyne and Jean Hancock "Be Still My Soul" and "Whispering Hope".

Councillors defend hospital board

By ANI PEDERIAN

Two hospital board appointees from town council lashed out against criticism they and the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital Board have been receiving over the past two months.

At Monday night's general committee meeting, Couns. Pam Johnston and Marilyn Serjeantson read from prepared speeches, an unusual move in the generally relaxed chambers.

"I have never acted in any way other than what is best for my constituents—my community. The public interest has always stood first with me and will continue to do so," Coun. Serjeantson said.

She said 60 per cent of hospital board agendas deal with in-camera items like personnel, litigation, property or medical issues. That's why board meetings haven't been open to the public, Coun. Serjeantson said.

She noted all board members are unsalaried. They are responsible for managing the 76-bed hospital, the 77-bed Bennett Health Care Centre, 300 full and part-time employees and 200 volunteers.

"To set the record straight, the hospital is not a profit-making institution," she said. "The hospital's only self interest has to do with the hospital's commitment to run the best possible health care facility for this community... In other words, it's a community self interest."

The councillor said the board has no obligation to talk about its recent unpopular decision concerning the hospital privileges of a town obstetrician-gynecologist.

"When delegations come to council they must be heard, but clearly if it is matter over which we have no control and mandate they must be

told so," Coun. Pam Johnston said in her speech.

Councillors did just that back in April when the cloud currently hanging over the hospital started to gather force. They told a council delegation, concerned about the revoking of Dr. Ford's privileges, that it must take its concerns to the hospital board.

"As councillors, we have obligations to our constituents but we are not obliged to publicly debate the issues of other corporations," Coun. Johnston said.

She chided council for using town

council meetings to express personal views on the conduct of other organizations, especially of boards over which council has no control and where council has too few facts.

Coun. Johnston pointed out the town doesn't get minutes of meetings from all the boards it sits on, or from community organizations that give grants to Town council. She asked the hospital board in April for its minutes and for open meetings.

"If I am on two boards, I do not report to any board information which might favor one's interests over another. That would be a clear

conflict. I keep their information confidential and let them make their own decisions," the councillor said.

Coun. Betty Fisher acknowledged hospital personnel, property and litigation matters should continue to be discussed in camera. She said she would not expect the hospital board to do otherwise.

"I believe the Dr. Ford situation is indeed a personnel issue and is indeed confidential and should remain as such," Coun. Fisher concluded.

Mayor Russ Miller said he had no criticism for the hospital volunteers, and appreciated their efforts, especially after his recent hospital stays.

The problem is, there is no clear idea of what councillors are doing on the boards they are appointed to, Coun. Lillian Bowman said.

If they are on the boards as individuals, then council shouldn't be appointing its members to these boards any longer, she said.

"If there's nothing to come back to council to let council know what the boards are doing, then I see absolutely no use for it," Coun. Bowman said.

"I disagree with hospital board chairman) Bob Cliphsham that the first duty of councillors is to the hospital board. The first duty is to council," she insisted. "I stick by this point."

It would be a strong move by the hospital to open its meetings when not dealing with confidential items, Coun. Fisher said.

Coun. Fisher observed the board has no obligation to share anything with town council. It receives no town funding.

Coun. Bowman said it was "stupid" not to open board meetings.

Date is set for Doctor Ford case

A tentative date has been set for the Ontario Hospital Appeal Board hearing into Dr. Jack Ford's loss of hospital privileges at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital.

The Board's committee officer Joy Franklin told The Herald Oct. 19 to 22 have been set aside for the hearing. The Board is anticipating the hearing will take four days. If it goes longer, more time will be allowed for it, she said.

Notice of the hearing date hasn't gone out yet, as it still has to be confirmed with the lawyers representing Dr. Ford and the hospital.

Earlier, Mrs. Franklin had anticipated an August hearing date. She was asked why the date had now been set for the fall.

"They're a very busy Board. Dr. Ford isn't the only case. We deal with them in sequence," she replied.

Mrs. Franklin noted Dr. Ford asked for a hearing December end and again in April. She is still waiting to receive the hospital's records on the case, and has been told they will be sent next week.

Meanwhile, the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital has set a date for its annual general meeting, which is June 25.

The hospital's Executive Director Mark Roebson said a notice will be published two weeks before the meeting.

The hospital is in the process of recruiting another specialist to replace Dr. Ford, Mr. Roebson said.

However, a candidate will probably not be hired within the month, he said. The executive director emphasized the quality of care is not being affected and that other staff are filling in.

Under attack



Dillon Haride, 4, and his brother Derek, 7, could be starring in the next war adventure movie to hit the theatres this summer. The pair were

spotted Sunday at Fairy Lake cooling off by using their Rambo water gun. (Herald photo by Ani Pederman)