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The Town is going to support the B.I.G. (Business in Georgetown) celebrations in June to the tune of \$1,000.

The Chamber of Commerce is holding the event for the second time this year and the expenditures are expected to reach up to \$10,000, said Chamber President Doug Penrice.

The Region of Halton has also agreed to contribute \$1,000 to the BIG event, said Mayor Russ Miller.

B and B seminar

Open your home to the public and be part of Halton's growing tourism industry. A seminar will show you how to operate a bed and breakfast establishment Feb. 1 at the Halton Hills cultural centre.

If you are interested in meeting new people and cooking, then come to the free luncheon and seminar on Band B.

The talk will be about how you can establish and operate your own business in your own home on a full or part-time basis. The guest speaker is Eleanor Bolton, president of the Ontario Bed and Breakfast Association. If you wish to attend, call Doug Penrice at 877-7119. There is limited space available so call now.

The luncheon is sponsored by the Halton Hills Tourism Committee.

Tutor training

The North Halton Literacy Guild will be holding its second tutoring session Feb. 10, 1988, 7 to 10 p.m. at George Kennedy Public School. Tutors are trained to teach basic reading and writing skills to adults who require upgrading. For more information or to register, contact Maureen McCallum at 873-2200 before Feb. 5.

PC riding meets

Founding meeting of the new Halton-Peel Federal Progressive Conservative Riding Association will be held Feb. 10, 1988 at 8 p.m. at the North Halton Golf and Country Club, Trafalgar Rd. and Maple Ave. (Georgetown). Special guests include: The Honourable Otto Jelinek (M.P. Halton), Bill Kemppling (M.P. Burlington), John McDermid (M.P. Brampton-Georgetown), and Sinclair Stevens (M.P. York-Peel). An executive will be elected and a constitution will be adopted. Memberships will be available at the door.

Planning designs

Planning, the best money saver in interior design is the topic to be discussed at the Tuesday, Feb. 2 meeting of the Georgetown University Women's Club. Joanne Prince is a graduate of Sheridan College's Interior Design course. As well, she owns her own business 'Designed Interiors' and will be the guest speaker. The public is invited to attend at 8:30 p.m., Centennial Public School.

Open Door AGM

Open Door will hold its Annual General Meeting Feb. 13, 1988 at 8:30 a.m. at St. George's Church Hall. A new Board of Directors will be elected. Everyone is welcome.

Winter carnival

Even though there's little snow, you can still enjoy a fun-filled weekend at the Lions Club Winter Carnival in Rockwood.

The festivities will take place on Feb. 4, 5, 6, 7 and will feature ice-skating, cross country skiing, helicopter rides, hay wagons, a Friday night bingo, an auction sale, snowmobiling, and contests such as log cutting to test your strength. Also included is a celebrity snowball contest, marching bands, crafts and other displays, huge demonstrations, ice sculptures, and a dance featuring the Mercey Brothers.

Fellowship time

The Halton Hills Christian Women's Fellowship invites the public to a ladies dessert and coffee meeting Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Georgetown District Christian School. Harold Brown of The Cellar Restaurant shares some chef's secrets. Music will be performed by the Ladies Ensemble from Bramalea Baptist Church. Guest speaker will be Joy Clarke from Ancaster. Cost is \$3. For reservations call Ruth at 877-4158.

Moonlight outing

The Mountsberg Wildlife Centre is hosting its annual "Valentine Moonlight Magic" Feb. 12 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The conservation area will be a hive of activity with horsedrawn rides, a bon fire and skating at the pond and a guided showshoe hike. Although there will not be cross country skiing, there will be a variety of outdoor games for the whole family.

Admission is \$5 per car. For further information, call the Halton Region Conservation Authority at 336-1158 (weekdays) or the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre at 854-2276 (weekends).

Province rejects plan to review our region

By BRIAN MACLEOD
Herald Staff

The province has put Halton Region's request for a review of local regional government on hold.

The Region asked Municipal Affairs Minister John Eakins last fall to conduct a review of Halton. Councilors settled on terms of reference and sent them off to the province.

The review was initiated after an angry report by Burlington Mayor Roly Bird who, among other things in the report, wants to reduce

Eakins, requesting Halton be a priority in the next wave of reviews.

Mr. Bird expressed disappointment at the minister's response saying his initiative is "down from a sizzle to a frizzle."

"It would have been a good public relations exercise to tell the citizens what a good job the Region has done," said Mayor Bird.

Mayor Bird said he still wants the review. He recited some improvements he had originally suggested including reducing the size of regional council from 25 to 21 members and electing them directly instead of allowing them to sit on town council as well.

Halton Hills Coun. Rick Bonnette said the province might actually be saving the taxpayers some money by turning down the request for the review.

Coun. Bonnette said he wouldn't mind if the province wanted to "delay it for a couple of years - maybe a decade or so."

Halton Hills Coun. Pam Sheldon said she was glad the province "had the good sense to ignore the request."

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller said he still wants the review and he thinks Halton will eventually get one but "we're not going to get one (right) now."

Milton Mayor Gordon Krantz supported Mr. Perras' motion to reject the letter and demand a review.

Burlington Coun. Joan Little also wanted to reject the letter saying a stronger request of the minister might help Halton get a review ahead of the other three regions in the next wave of reviews.

Oakville's Kevin Flynn, who campaigned against the review in the fall, wanted to receive the letter and forget the review for a while. "It's amazing how much we lean on the province," he said.

He said there is no consensus on the reasons for the review among the councilors and most of the reasons are "pet peeves."

All the reasons given for the review can be solved by Regional councilors, he said.

"If it's so urgent this year some councilors should be prepared to pay for it out of the Region's funds."



Pete Pomeroy



Roly Bird

representation of Halton Hills from five councilors to three.

But Mr. Eakins said reviews are currently underway in Carleton, Haldimand-Norfolk and Niagara.

He wants to wait until those reviews, which are expensive and take up much of the senior ministry staff's time, are finished. Mr. Eakins hopes that the conclusions of those reviews may help other regions and the province might avoid doing reviews in each region.

There are also three other regions, Sudbury, Hamilton-Wentworth and Muskoka, ahead of Halton in line for a review.

But 24 regional councilors couldn't decide if they even wanted to receive the minister's letter Jan. 20. Regional Chairman Pete Pomeroy broke the 12-12 tie in order to receive the letter.

All five Halton Hills councilors voted to accept the letter.

Oakville Mayor William Perras had introduced a motion to reject the letter and send off a stronger request for a review.

After the vote Mr. Pomeroy said he plans to send a letter to Mr.

Rental homes in town a costly proposition

By DONNA KELL
Herald Special

Georgetown is not a bad place to buy a house, but you wouldn't want to rent if you could help it. Statistics were released for January, 1988 on the prices of Ontario houses by Royal LePage.

The standard two-storey house in Georgetown cost on average \$115,000 last year. For 1988, it's up 21.7 per cent to \$140,000. (The same house in Guelph goes for \$132,500, in Brampton, for \$154,000.)

Before panicking at these prices, consider that a similar home in the Beaches area of Toronto asks \$270,000 - almost twice the price of a similar Georgetown home.

Excluding the Toronto area, Georgetown has the highest rent for a two-storey home. Both St. Catharines and Georgetown charge on average \$1,200 a month for a two-storey house.

Rent for a townhouse in Georgetown hits second place in the running for highest townhouse rental (also excluding the Toronto area). A townhouse in Georgetown costs \$900 a month to rent, second only to Whitby and Ancaster, which charge \$950.

Buying a townhouse in Georgetown? You're looking at a jump of 30.2 per cent in cost since last year. A townhouse selling for \$36,000 in 1987 is on the market for \$112,000 in January 1988. A townhouse in Guelph sells for \$90,000 - a Brampton townhouse for \$116,000.

In Ancaster, Ontario townhouse prices dropped 1 per cent to \$132,000. Downtown Toronto is well over twice the cost of Georgetown. Toronto townhouse prices have leapt up to \$350,000, an annual increase of 20.8 per cent.

An executive detached two-storey home in Georgetown is on average \$220,000, up 29.4 per cent since this time last year. Brampton and Guelph are both around the \$200,000 mark for an executive home. The same house in central Toronto goes for over \$400,000.

Condominium apartments in

Toronto cost more than executive homes in Georgetown: the standard Toronto condo is \$230,000 on average, compared to an exec home in Georgetown for \$220,000.

The price of renting an executive home peaks at \$1,400 a month in Georgetown. This price (excluding Toronto) is second only to Guelph, which charges \$50 more monthly.

A detached bungalow in Georgetown sells for \$150,000 - an increase of \$25,000 and 20 per cent over last year. The same house in Guelph costs \$120,000, in Milton \$140,000 and in Brampton, \$165,000. In Metro Toronto's west end, prices are upward of \$200,000.

The highest rental rate (excluding Toronto) is Georgetown's \$1,200 a month for a detached bungalow.



Jim Burns is just one of four brothers whose company, Burns Transport Ltd., won the 1987 Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year award. The Burns Transport business has been under the same family name for 57 years. The firm employs 27 people using

39 vehicles. Brothers Jim, Clare, Don and Robert took over the business from their father Norman, who got the wheels rolling in the early 1930s. Jim credits the community with helping the firm to grow over the years, saying Georgetown is "a great place to grow up in." (Herald photo)

Burns Transport selected as top Georgetown business

Burns Transport Limited has been chosen by the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce as the 1987 Business of the Year.

The award has been presented annually since 1979 to the company displaying good business ethics and that has made a "significant social and economic contribution" to the community.

Burns Transport is operated by four brothers and the business has been under the same name since their father Norman Burns first got the wheels rolling in the early 1930s.

Robert, Jim, Clare and Don took over from their father and they've kept the business in the family name for 57 years.

Each brother controls a different aspect of the company. Bob Burns is the president of the transportation company, Clare and Don look after the equipment and keep the trucks and employees organized and Jim is in charge of the company's warehouse on Armstrong Avenue.

Burns Transport employs 27 people using 39 pieces of rolling stock.

The brothers have taken their sibling relationships and made the best of them. "Lots of brothers can't get along together, but we've always worked well together," Jim said.

Norman Burns had a significant influence over his four sons, said Jim.

Fond of reading, Norman was also a very quiet and religious man, said Jim.

All the Burns have maintained a close social relationship even away from the workplace. The four brothers and their families share a summer cottage.

The brothers have remained active in the community. Bob was a charter member of the Rotary Club and Clare was the first President of the Kinsmen Club. Jim Burns served on the Hospital Board and Don has been involved in various flying clubs.

Burns Transport trucks can be seen hauling loads all over Ontario but most of its business is in southwestern Ontario and the Toronto - Oshawa corridor, said Jim.

The tandem tractors haul payloads up to 58,000 pounds and the tri-axel trucks can haul up to 70,000 pounds.

Burns Transport carries almost anything from paper to steel, said Jim.

Much of the business comes from the Georgetown Paper Mill but the firm services many of the businesses in Georgetown, said Jim.

The brothers attribute much of their success to the community.

No action against doctor Dr. Ford waits for word from College

No action has been taken against gynecologist and obstetrician Dr. Jack Ford by the College of Physicians and Obstetricians of Ontario since he was notified they were preparing to examine his practice.

Dr. Ford received a hand-delivered letter at the lunch break Dec. 7, the first day of the second session of the Ontario Hospital Appeals Board hearings, saying the College "has been directed to hear allegations of professional misconduct."

Dr. Ford's lawyer Gavin MacKenzie strenuously objected to the timing of the hand-delivered letter to Ontario Board Chairman Thomas Wood.

Mr. Wood asked hospital lawyer Joshua Liswood if he knew the letter would be delivered that day. Mr. Liswood said he knew Dr. Ford was being investigated but he didn't

know if or when any action would be taken.

Mr. MacKenzie said the letter, dated Dec. 4, indicated no formal complaints had been received about Dr. Ford by the College.

Mr. MacKenzie said Jan. 25 that no further notice has been given to Dr. Ford by the College. The letter said only that Dr. Ford would be given notice "in due course" that the College's disciplinary committee would notify him of further action, said Mr. MacKenzie.

But he has not been given any further notification, he said.

The letter did not specify what the allegations were but any further notice should spell them out, said Mr. MacKenzie.

The disciplinary committee sits about two weeks a month, said Lynn Martin, the Executive Assistant to the Registrar of the College.

She could not discuss any action pertaining to Dr. Ford or even confirm that an investigation is going on because the law forbids the College to discuss potential disciplinary action.

The College has a range of powers over doctors from a reprimand to revocation of licence to practise, said Ms. Martin.

No statistics for 1987 have been compiled yet, but in 1986, 23 physicians were disciplined and 22 were disciplined the previous year, she said.

Four doctors had their privileges revoked in 1985 and one doctor's privileges were revoked in 1986, she said.

Two doctors had their licences suspended for one year in 1986, said Ms. Martin.

Herald wins four newspaper awards



The Halton Hills Herald captured three of six possible first place awards for editorial excellence, in its circulation category, it was announced this week.

The Herald placed second overall in general newspaper excellence, competing against newspapers with circulations between 8,000 and 20,000. The Milton Canadian Champion was first while the Georgetown Independent was third.

The awards are judged by an independent panel, sponsored by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association.

In individual scoring, The Herald came first for best front page, best editorial and best news and features. The Waterloo Chronicle won best composition and layout while the Napanee Beaver was first in sports. Best advertising was awarded to Milton Canadian Champion and best photography to the Pembroke Advertiser News.

Editorial staff who contributed to The Herald's standing include Ani Pederian, Sandy Campbell, Mike Turner, Brian MacLeod, Cheryl Mooder, Dave Rowney and Mary-Liz Shaw.

The awards will be presented by the Ontario Community Newspapers Association at its annual March Convention in Toronto.