



BIG-est ever

Georgetown Chamber of Commerce President Murray Lawton and town councillor Marilyn Serjeantson ham it up for the camera during a presentation on the planned BIG celebration at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena June 3-5. Over 140 businesses are taking part in the ex-

travaganza. Mr. Lawton, Chamber Director Barry Dunlop and Chamber Secretary Doug Penrice kicked off the publicity for the event at Monday's council meeting with balloons, hats, pens and even ice cream. (Herald photo)

Jean King given a warm send-off

It was a goal and Jean King reached it.

When she went to work at the IDA Young's Pharmacy March 11, 1963 the Georgetown woman said she wanted to work for 25 years.

Mrs. King reached that goal when she retired April 2.

Mrs. King worked mainly in the pharmacy's sub post office doing out stamps and performing other duties pertaining to the post office.

She also filled in wherever she was needed.

"Not much changes in a post office," Mrs. King said, "except the price."

When she began in the '60s stamps sold for three cents for an unsealed letter and five cents for sealed. Nowadays stamps sell for 37 cents.

Besides the rising cost of stamps the main changes Mrs. King has seen are in the downtown core.

There are hardly any original stores, she said. Businesses have changed so much.

"When I started there were only four doctors," Mrs. King said. "Now there are more than you can count."

The Georgetown woman has no idea how many people she served or how many new faces she has seen during her quarter-century of working at the IDA.

She did get to know many of the girls who worked in the lawyers' and doctors' offices, she said, when they came in for stamps for the daily mail.

Harold Marshall, who Mrs. King considered "just a terrific postmaster," gave the postmistress her basic training. "It was a job I enjoyed," she said. "I liked going to work."

Mrs. King decided to retire because she said, "I had reached that age." She had also accomplished what she had set out to do when she began.

The Georgetown woman will have no problem filling her newly found free time.

"I am going to enjoy myself," she said, "and do things I have not been able to do."

Retiring in the spring will allow Mrs. King to have a full season to cultivate and attend to her garden.

As well, the Georgetown resident is active in the Rebekah Lodge and serves as a volunteer for the Cancer Society and hospital.

Besides the many hours she

spends with volunteer work, Mrs. King loves to crochet and cook.

"I never have any problems with retirement at all," she said.

As a send off, the staff of Young's IDA Pharmacy threw the retiree a party, which had many heads of government represented in the crowd at the Old Fellows Hall April 10.



Jean King retired from Young's IDA Pharmacy after working there for 25 years. (Herald photo)

"It was a real fun day," Mrs. King said. "The number of people overwhelmed me."

A gift of a scrapbook will help her remember the 25 years she spent as an employee at the pharmacy.

Mom campaigns for a playground

By DONNA KELL
Herald Special

A Glen Williams mother, concerned about playground equipment in the park close to her home, is on the campaigning trail to raise funds.

Gail Bibby-LaBranche has two boys, one seven months old, and the other, three years.

The 3-year-old "is approaching the age where he likes to play in the park. He's loved swings ever since he was a little gaffer," said Mrs. LaBranche.

The Halton Hills Department of Parks and Recreation had slated Glen Williams Park for new equipment in 1988. According to their five-year plan, a plan based on projected expenditures, the department was to buy the playground equipment.

"We need funds to fix the driveway and fences in Glen Williams. They are a safety hazard and are taking priority over the playground," said superintendent of parks Bryan Shynal.

Mr. Shynal suggested Mrs. LaBranche "pursue it through community funding," if she wanted the playground equipment immediately. The next five-year-plan would push equipment funding up to 1993.

"We're so fortunate to have such a beautiful, big park. All we want is a couple of swing sets and a slide," said Mrs. LaBranche.

The park is close to Glen Williams Public School which has a children's playground, but is not close enough for Mrs. LaBranche.

"We're going to have a meeting with Parks and Recreation and with Pam Sheldon. Hopefully in the next month, before the lingerie sale," said Mrs. LaBranche.

The lingerie sale is a fundraiser to be held at the Copper Kettle restaurant in Glen Williams, May 4.

Mrs. LaBranche arranged two other fundraising sales, including a Tupperware party and a hot dog stand at the Crazy Boat Races. "We made just under \$600," said Mrs. LaBranche. She mentioned that the playground equipment would cost somewhere in the thousands.

Mrs. LaBranche has not set a goal for her lingerie party. "I have no idea how much we'll make. I don't expect to raise a lot of money - I'd like people to come out and support the idea of playground equipment... and pass the word along," she said.

Fire department battles numerous spring grass fires

The fire department battled a number of grass fires and doused a house and car fire last week.

A grass fire behind 60 Commerce Cres. in Acton kept 17 firemen busy from 12:12 p.m. April 12 to 3:30 p.m. Five men from the Georgetown fire department were called to the grass fire, which covered a wide area, as back up.

Eleven men and three fire trucks rushed to the Guelph Line north of the 25th Sideroad April 12 at 1:55 p.m. to put out a house fire. There was no damage to the abandoned house.

The fire department was called April 13 at 11:45 a.m. to Poplar Avenue in Acton to attend to a medical assist call. A two-year-old, who was taken to hospital, had swallowed Javex.

Eight firemen battled a grass fire April 13 from 1:21 p.m. to 2 p.m. behind Gower Road and along the CN railways tracks. There was no damage.

April 14 at 10:42 p.m. 11 firemen attended to a car fire at 233 Armstrong Ave. in Georgetown. Damage was estimated at \$3,000 and there were no injuries. The fire is believed to have started in the area of the cruise control.

Mrs. LaBranche is a campaign representative 'more or less'. But she's quick to remark that she has "lots of help", especially from Michelle Jarvey and Shiela Law from the Town Hall board.

Any equipment placed in Glen Williams park must be approved and located by the Parks and Recreation Department.

"More than likely we'll have to buy through Parks and Rec... they'll install it and maintain it, so it'll have to be through a company they approve," said Mrs. LaBranche.

The equipment company the department uses is Ottawa-based Hilan.

Bryan Shynal of Parks and Recreation does not find the playground issue critical, citing the option of walking to the schoolground where there is equipment.

"It isn't a glaring inadequacy in any way. It is a matter of convenience, really," said Mr. Shynal.

In the hills

Case to OMB

A local man is taking his case to the Ontario Municipal Board in an attempt to build a residence on the corner of the Sixth Line and Highway 7.

Halton's Land Division Committee turned down a request by Mr. A. Skok to build a farm related residence on the 4.7 acre lot.

The Town of Halton Hills said the application does not comply with the town's official plan in a number of areas and did not recommend approval of the lot.

The Land Division Committee also ruled Mr. Skok is not a "bona fide" farmer - which is one criteria which could allow the farm-related retirement lot.

The lot is also located in an environmentally sensitive area known as the Snow's Creek Woods Mineral Resource Protection Area.

14 streets repaving

Some 14 streets in town are due to be resurfaced by the town of Halton Hills this year.

The town will resurface 61 kilometres of road this year including the Fifth Line - Steeles Avenue to Sideroad 10, Sideroad 5 - Trafalgar Road to Winston Churchill Boulevard, the Tenth Line - Steeles Avenue, to R.R. 10, Eighth Line - R.R. 10 to Lot 17, Mill Pond Drive, Black Creek Court, Sixth Line - Sideroad 17 to R.R. 43, Eighth Line - Wildwood Road to Lot 23, Confederation Street - Main Street to Glen Crescent Drive, Third Line - North of Glen Lawson Road, Third Line - Churchill Road to Sideroad 32, Carruthers Road, the Tenth Line - Lot 25 and all of Lamb Street.

Help needed

The Sexual Assault Services of Halton (SASH) needs volunteers for an eight week training session beginning May 10. People are needed to answer calls for crisis help, for executive and committee members. For more information call 875-1555.



Pet project

Brother and sister Shaean, 11, and Nathan Irving, 8, carry out the detailed work necessary to complete these ceramic dolls. The two are in the Town's software ceramics program held at the pavilion at Acton's Fairy Lake. The class, which also has Melanie Adashead, Christopher

Spenduti and Bradley Belford, runs every Tuesday night for eight weeks. The greenware or ceramic dolls are supplied by Way Mar Ceramics. Teachers Robta Bilton and Betty Lois Belford instruct the course. (Herald photo)

Ballinafad report

Baseball starts

BALLINAFAD-The Ballinafad ladies softball team has begun practising for the upcoming season.

The team is working on a couple of new strategies that will hopefully prove to be beneficial.

Under the guidance of coaches Jim Bailey and Paul Metcalpe, the team is sure to improve over last year's standing.

Rummage sale

The U.C.W. is looking for donations for their annual garage rummage sale, coming up in May. If you have any used items gathering dust in your cupboards please give Joyce Clarke a call.

Fifties dance

A small group enjoyed the fantastic tunes played by the village's own Gerry Burgan. Nearly everyone came dressed in the fifties style, for a terrific "Fifties Dance".

Hopefully the next dance will have a better attendance, because there were folks missing a lot of fun.

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Tasty Recipes

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- 1/2 cup olive or salad oil
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 - 1 medium eggplant, cut in 1 inch chunks
 - 1 large green pepper, cut in 1 inch pieces
 - 3 medium Zucchini, cut in 1 inch thick slices
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 2 tsp. oregano
 - 1 tsp. sugar
 - 2 large potatoes, cut in wedges
- In large pot over medium heat, in hot oil, cook onion and garlic until tender, about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally; discard garlic. Add eggplant and green pepper, cook for 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Stir in zucchini, water, salt, oregano and sugar; heat to boiling. Reduce heat to medium-low; cook 30 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally, stir in tomato wedges, heat through, serve hot, or cover and refrigerate to serve cold later.



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