



30th Anniversary

Elliott Custom Brokers celebrated their 30th year in business Sunday, with an open house and tours of their facilities. The family-owned business is renowned as a book distributor in Canada, and has earned an excellent reputation. On hand to greet visitors Sunday were

owners and operators, from left, Lola Fraser, Norma Elliott, and Brenda Sissett. Mrs. Elliott, wife of the late John Elliott, who started the business, reired in 1984, and her two daughters, Lola and Brenda now manage it. (Herald photo)

**Glen Williams bridge renovation**

**Business men fear loss in tourism trade**

Glen Williams business owners want the town to change its plans to resurface the bridge on Prince Street this summer.

Copper Kettle restaurant owner Brenda Gove wielded a handful of letters from Glen Williams businesses Monday all asking that either the bridge be partially kept open or that the timing of the work be changed.

Glen Williams businesses attract tourists in the summer - their busiest season, said Ms. Gove, and many businesses depend on the summer tourist crowd to make money, she said.

She is afraid cars will detour around the bridge and miss the downtown core of Glen Williams.

The detour calls for motorists to turn onto Mountain Street then onto Main Street.

Many tourists who are just out for a drive may not stop in Glen Williams if they must follow detour signs, said Ms. Gove.

"The village will be overlooked. The summer is when we expect to make our money."

Ms. Gove said she has survived the winter by enticing businessmen from Georgetown to come to her restaurant for lunches. If the bridge is closed the extra five minutes it takes to get there would deter them, she said.

Getting regular clients and tourists to come back to the small businesses in Glen Williams after the bridge is reopened will be difficult, said Ms. Gove.

She is also worried about accessibility for emergency vehicles once the bridge is closed.

The \$115,000 project will require at least four weeks to complete, said town Engineer Bob Austin. The project is 80 per cent funded by the Ministry of Transportation. If the cost is increased by doing half at a time or by delaying it until next spring, the town will likely have to pay an extra \$60,000 to \$70,000 said Mr. Austin.

The work can be done in two

phases, keeping one lane open, but that would require portable traffic lights and at least double the construction time, he said.

And congestion at the intersection of Prince Street and Confederation Street is bound to occur if cars must stop and wait for vehicles coming the other way, he added.

The main concern is getting the concrete for the new deck poured and cured for de-icing treatment, said Mr. Austin.

If the town wants to do the construction over 10 weeks it may already be too late to start the project because tenders have yet to be called, said Mr. Austin.

Even at a five-week construction period there are only a few extra weeks to spare, he said.

The bridge isn't going to collapse but if the project is held off too long it will need to be replaced, said Mr. Austin.

The latest starting time to complete the work this year if the bridge is closed would be Aug. 1, he said.

He plans to prepare a report comparing the costs of doing the job over 10 weeks this year and waiting until the spring.

Mayor Russ Miller asked for the report by May 24 so council can "accommodate the businesses of Glen

Williams."

Town Treasurer Ray King said there is actually a "double-barrelled" cost to the town by delaying until next year. The town would have to pick up the extra cost and it would likely lose subsidy for a project next year because the bridge project would have to be in the application for subsidies again, he warned.

Coun. Pam Sheldon wants tourist concerns to be taken into consideration when works such as this are planned by the town.

Halton Hills has been attempting to increase tourism for some years now and Glen Williams is a tourist area, she said.

Coun. Betty Fisher favored the proposal to keep one lane open because "Glen Williams is becoming a focal point" for tourists.

But Coun. Norm Elliott said there are "too many negatives" associated with doing the work in two phases.

And there will be problems with school buses getting up from the south end of Glen Williams in the spring if the bridge is closed, said Coun. Peter Norton.

"There will never be a right time," said Mr. Austin.

"There will be inconvenience. There will be traffic disruption."

**Conservation authority to auction off equipment**

More than 300 pieces of equipment and miscellaneous items, ranging from tractors to lawnmowers, will be auctioned on Saturday, May 28, beginning at 11 a.m.

This is the first auction held by The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, which is selling surplus equipment. Items include tractors, snowblowers, table saws, saw

blades, electric motors, and diving equipment.

The auction will be conducted at Don Reinhart Auctions, located on the east side of Hwy. 10, north of Mayfield Road, Snelgrove (north of Brampton). Items can be previewed on the day of the auction, beginning at 9 a.m. For more information, call (416) 661-6600, ext. 251.

**Students discuss co-op programs**

Co-operative Education students at the Georgetown District High School held a Career's Day recently, in an attempt to show the public just what the co-op program is all about.

Students set up displays relating to their co-op placements early Monday morning in the school gymnasium and began to prepare for the onslaught of questions that were thrown upon them by curious classmates and teachers throughout the course of the day.

The co-op program, which was launched in 1980 by Georgetown District High School, Business teacher Betty Tanas, gives high school students the opportunity to get out into the work force for half of every day of the semester, in order to find out whether or not the career they have chosen is what they want to pursue after graduating from high school.

GDHS media teacher Donna Metcalfe and physical education teacher Shirley White organized and planned the school event after taking a course in Guelph called Co-op Part One, which dealt with the importance of having such a day for co-op students.

The displays are a major part of the co-operative education program as they will count for 10 per cent of the students' final average mark.

Each co-op student was to design their own individual display in this year's Career's Day which was to in-

clude some background information on the chosen career as well as a brief description of what the student does at their respective co-op placement.

Students filed into the gym with their classes so they could look around at the various displays and talk to the students concerning their different placements within the community.

Co-op student Kelly Bridge, currently working at the Georgetown Independent, feels that "It was a

good opportunity for students taking co-op next year to see the different careers that they will be going into, in order to get a rough idea of what the co-op program is all about."

Students sat at their displays throughout the entire day and then returned to the school at 7 p.m. to meet with interested parents who wanted to know more about the co-op program at the school and how their children can benefit from it.

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**Mother's Day theme**

Unit 2 of Norval United Church met at the home of Betty Johnson on May 12. Jean Dunlop presided and called on Given Laidlaw to read the minutes.

Business included the chicken barbecue on May 28, a birthday party and a bus trip. Lenore Laidlaw read three poems, with a Mother's Day theme, "I want my home, just like mother's," "Somebody's Mother" and "Mother told Me." Marilyn Smith gave the devotional on Moses and his mother Miriam, as well as Ruth and Orpha and their mother-in-law Naomi.

The video film of Spencer and Kay Wilson's 50th wedding anniversary finished off the program. Lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by her group.

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