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Get reacquainted

Georgetown's Main Street will be teeming with activities this weekend, as Pioneer Days is staged once again.

The intention of the weekend is to turn the spotlight on downtown businesses, and let people know what there is for them to enjoy when they visit the downtown core.

There will be an endless variety of feature attractions to take in, which will appeal to every member of the family. The premise of Pioneer Days is a good one.

In many communities like Georgetown, there are constant change-overs in businesses. What was at a particular location a year ago may be gone, and another shop of great interest may have taken its place.

But if there's one thing that can be said of Georgetown's downtown, it is that is unique in character.

Because of its size, there is a warm sense of close-knit spirit among the store owners, and customers readily pick up on this as they go from one store to the next.

It's not surprising that movie makers have chosen downtown Georgetown for the location of several film shoots. When you consider the amount of effort that went into finding a main street location that would be suitable for filming these movies, it indeed tells you Georgetown has something very special.

So while enjoying the action that will be ongoing this weekend downtown in Georgetown, take a moment to really see where you are, and what is offered.

Pioneer Days give everyone the opportunity to get reacquainted with an old friend that is never far away.

A tip of the tam



Editor's notebook

By Mike Turner
Herald Editor

I had my first experience with a Highlands Game at the Georgetown Fairgrounds Saturday, and what can I say but it was g-r-r-r-eat.

It was quite impressive to see the fanfare that comes along with the games. It's a day when those who are Scottish are proud of it, and those who aren't wish they were.

Not that those of the Scottish persuasion mind sharing the fun, with the rest of us, however. And that makes for an exciting and fun day.

After all, you'd be hard-pressed to trace the clan names like Markovic, Barkauskas, and Woytaz in any of the history books pertaining to Scottish heritage.

But these were three of the surnames of competitors who competed at the heavyweight level in the various events that showcased pure strength, coupled with coordination.

And quite frankly, if these guys want to wear a kilt, it's entirely up to them. I didn't see anyone Saturday snickering behind their backs. These guys are forces to be reckoned with. All of them seemed pretty good-natured, but I wouldn't want to see them riled.

It's not surprising that the Georgetown Highland Games have become one of the best drawing events of the kind staged throughout the province.

Apparently, the local games always seem to fall on a weekend with great weather. No one I spoke with could ever remember it raining at the Georgetown games.

At any rate, the organizers of the event deserve a lot of credit for their efforts in staging the games, and a tip of the tam-o'-shanter.

For everyone who attended - Scottish or otherwise - it was a day of enjoyment and good clanship.

A few people will have to be excused if they were still rolling their R's Monday morning.

At the editor's desk, I naturally field a lot of requests for coverage from the community, on a wide

assortment of events. And where ever it's possible, we try to accommodate to the best of our capabilities.

Sometimes, it's tough though. Manpower can be stretched so far, and then something snaps somewhere along the way.

Don't get me wrong. None of us are in this because we expect to work nine-to-five, inside of a 40-hour week. But sometimes, it can get to be a little much, when things really pile up.

We're only human and can't be in two places at the same time.

The best way to ensure that an event can be covered is to give lots of advance warning. Some people seem to think a few hours is "lots of advance warning" but this isn't the case. Call early, and then follow up with another call, closer to the day of the event.

There are a couple of other things to keep in mind, as well.

You may see someone from the Herald out taking pictures at some event, and you may even be the focus of a few shots. But as nice as it would be, we can't use all the pictures, and we ask a little understanding.

Before signing off, I'd like to make one more point. And it also comes under the "we're only human" category.

Accidents will happen from time to time. That "perfect" shot may be far from perfect when it's developed. In fact, it can be downright unuseable.

Sometimes, the chemicals in the darkroom can find their way into the developing process at the wrong time, thus blotching up what would otherwise be good photographs.

Everyone has their own little story to tell about goof-ups: "I was sure I put film in the camera before I took those shots..." "What do you mean the fix goes in after the developer..." "But I didn't know there was film in the camera when I opened it..."

If someone seems to be getting a little pleased with themselves, casually reminding them of "little mistakes" can have a real humbling effect.

I'm not trying to make excuses. The simple fact remains, we are answerable for our actions. What's funny six months later, is pretty frustrating when it happens.

But remember, we're only human.

Letters

Georgetown does it again

Dear Sir,
The Georgetown Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society, through your newspaper, would like to express sincere thanks and appreciation to the residents, companies, businesses, and organizations for their generosity in enabling our unit to exceed the 1988 campaign objective of \$60,000 (exclusive of Special Events).

At the present, \$73,000 has been received and the proceeds of the special events on the weekend of June 18-20 will add substantially to

this figure. These highly satisfactory results are possible because of the financial contributions of everyone in Georgetown, and the untiring efforts of the various chairpersons, captains, and canvassers.

Our community can take great pride in knowing that they had a very important part in our fight against cancer.

Once again, many thanks.

Sincerely,
Ted Gorth,
Campaign Treasurer

Ice cream was purchased

Dear Sir,
I would like to give my thanks to all those who helped to make the "BIGgest Ice Cream Sundae Bar" a great success.

The event was incorrectly reported in your newspaper. I would like to make the following corrections:

Although Mr. Colin Glaysher of Neilson supported us with posters, signs, trees, crucks, scoops and marquees we did purchase the ice

cream. Mr. Don Fraser of Smith and O'Flaherty was very enthusiastic with his ideas and he donated many sample toppings. We purchased their "Fantasy" toppings. We also purchased other toppings from Mountainview Bulk Food, Rose and LaFlamme, and K-W Food Services.

My special appreciation goes to Gerry Kentner and Joan Lovegrove.

Yours truly,
Jane Hoddinott,
Co-convenor

Thankless job for Peterson

Ontario Premier David Peterson has a thankless job. Run a province with a booming economy and you get nothing but trouble, Mr. Peterson might well be grumbling.

Each time the Bank of Canada raises interest rates, critics blame Mr. Peterson; if things weren't so good in Ontario, the rest of the country would not have to suffer, they say.

Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa says rising interest rates will divide Canada into two countries - a rich Ontario and a poor everybody else. And the president of the Canadian Manufacturers Association chides Mr. Peterson for not reining in the economy by spending less.

Mr. Peterson is the first to agree that the central bank is wrong in keeping rates so much higher in Canada than they are in the United States. But he would not agree that he is being fiscally irresponsible. Quite the contrary. In the recent provincial budget, Ontario raised taxes and took other steps to contain the swelling deficit.

TWO TOOLS
While Ottawa relies on monetary



Your Business

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policy to help manage growth, it has all but abandoned its other tool, fiscal policy, government spending and taxing.

Mr. Peterson cannot control interest rates, but he can raise taxes and cut spending.

In order for Mr. Peterson to rein in the provincial boom single-handedly, he would have to cut spending dramatically, not an alluring prospect.

That's where John Crow, governor of the Bank of Canada, comes in. As Michael Manford, chief economist at Merrill Lynch Canada, puts it, Mr. Crow's job is to take away the punch bowl before the party gets out of hand.

With luck, Mr. Crow will not have

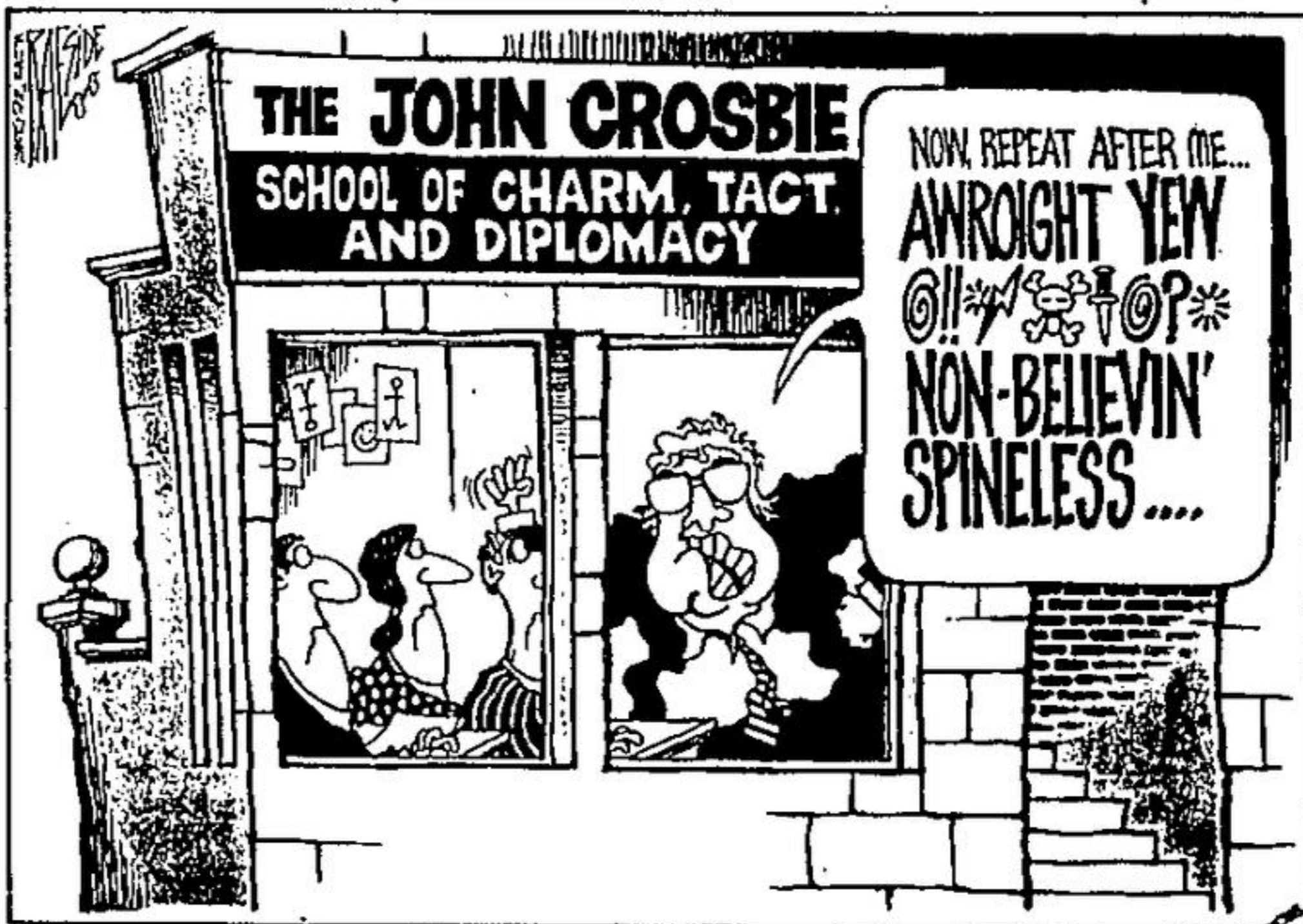
to play the bad guy much longer, and Mr. Peterson will be off the hook. Although forecasters are still divided, a growing school of thought holds that interest rates are at or near their peak.

The Canadian dollar is high enough, the U.S. dollar crisis is drawing to a close and U.S. growth is about to slow, so the theory goes. It could well be true.

RATES MAY FALL

Sherry Atkinson, chief economist at Burns Fry, is predicting moderate, non-inflationary growth in the United States for the current quarter. John Grant, chief economist at Wood Gundy, sees the banks' prime business lending rate in Canada peaking about now and falling to 8.75 per cent by the end of next year.

Mr. Manford of Merrill Lynch, on the other hand, fears that inflation is about to rear its head again, buoyed by mounting wage demands. If he's right, rising interest rates will soon be blamed on beleaguered workers who are trying to stay on top of their rising mortgage payments.



Citizens' forum

Education system in good hands

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my opinion that our school system is alive and well. Recently, I have observed activities at the high school, Centennial Middle School and Glen Williams School. I was impressed with the enthusiasm of the students and the dedication and expertise of the teachers involved.

We have all been delighted with the achievements of the Jazz Choir and the Stage Band, out in Calgary. At the high school concert, not only these groups excelled, but all the classes excelled, especially those students who had only been playing a few months. Mrs. Ortolan and Mrs. Blake run a vibrant music program.

My daughter allowed me to come along as a chaperone, with the Centennial School Grade 8s on their trip to Ottawa.

I can report first hand the dedication and the competence of the teachers involved. The students learned a great deal (but won't admit it), while having a good time. They were worthy ambassadors of Georgetown. At no time did I want to suggest that we really came from some other place.

Smiling Jack Gudgeon and his teachers can be proud of themselves and their pupils.

Finally, I observed the Grade 4 students from Glen Williams during their nature study at Blue Springs. The students participated in four nature topics as well as presenting skits on nature themes that evening. Jack Reed, the principal, Dave Toderich, who looked after the campfire, and the other teachers should be complimented for providing much more than a 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. program.

The dedication shown by these teachers, and by many others, and the spirit shown by the students gives me confidence in our school system.

Keep up the good work.
A. Furness,
Georgetown

Coverage crucial

Dear Sir,

I was glad to see the coverage your newspaper has been giving to the dump site 'debate'. We have been disturbed by the lack of information on this vital issue. There seem to be so many unanswered questions. The only answers we get are from the company itself whose interests are only too obvious. The silence of our council members is not reassuring. There must be full public debate and information on this issue. For this reason it was gratifying to see that you are taking an active role in keeping us informed. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Young,
Georgetown

Success in arts

Dear Sir,

The Arts Alive Committee would like to take this opportunity to express their profound gratitude to the community of Halton Hills for making this year's Arts Festival such a tremendous success! The cooperation and enthusiasm of this community made Arts Alive '88 well worth the time and effort involved in presenting it, and we plan on offering an even better festival in '89 as a token of our appreciation. We hope you had as much fun as we did during the week of May 1 to 7!

As with most events, this could not have been such a success without the encouragement and aid of various individuals and groups. We are indebted to all of you wonderful volunteers who sacrificed time so willingly to assist in a myriad of jobs and functions, to our local schools for their involvement, to

Georgetown Globe Productions, Georgetown Little Theatre, Acton Citizens' Band, George Mitchell (Senior's Tea), Lyman Henderson (Business Lunch), Marilyn Champ and the staff of Royal LePage Real Estate Ltd., library staff, Hans Schöffelmaier (Cultural Center custodian), and, of course, to our local newspapers for their truly outstanding coverage of events, both pre- and post-Festival. Thanks also to all of you who attended the festival and voiced your enjoyment!

You will be happy to know that the Festival raised approximately \$3,000, which will be used to improve the facilities of the Halton Hills Library and Cultural Center. This was entirely a community oriented project - designed to benefit you.

Well, Halton Hills, you did it again! Thanks!
Catch you in '89!

On behalf of the
Arts Alive '88 Committee,
Melanie Nixon

Omission made

Dear Sir,

As a community newspaper purporting to cover all town events, the absence of an article on the "Centennial Alumni Shaw Choir" was a glaring omission.

The show was excellent and the young people had worked many long months and days to reach their performance level.

Special mention should go to three dedicated individuals, Mr. Paul Brisley, Mrs. Lois Barrager and Mrs. Cheryl Broughton.

Bravo...
Yours truly,
Boyd and Jane Hoddinott

In your opinion

Does the looney make sense?



DON CURZON: "I don't see them around much, but I think they're a good idea. They're useful in vending machines."

GEOFF HISCOCK: "I don't like them, I don't think they're efficient enough."

WENDY ENGLISH: "I hate the things. I'm a waitress. I get them all the time, but I try to give them back."

DAVE RAYNER: "They're pretty looney. They're for the birds."

PLONY VAN ROMPU: "They're okay with me. I like them. I'm from Europe, so I'm used to coins."

Question: Now that you've tried them how do you feel about the looney dollars?



30 years ago

Cr. John Gunn, chairman of the council's ambulance committee, handed over the keys to the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service president Ed Hall for the service's new ambulance.

A couple, who were to live in Thompson, Manitoba, were married in Westminster United Church. Rev. M. Thompson officiated at the wedding of Helen Lucille of Georgetown and Lester T. Arbuckle of Winnipeg.

Mayor Jack Armstrong received a citation by the Ontario Safety League on behalf of Georgetown citizens. The award read in part: "for the distinction of having, by community effort, completed the year 1957 without a fatal traffic accident."

Bill Marshall, with his lucky ticket number 1215, won a trip for two to Europe. The draw was made during the Rotary Club auction.

15 years ago

Carol Sales showed how a styrofoam board can be used to reach a drowning person portrayed by Paul MacDonald, without entering the water. Both were Red Cross young people, who took part in a water safety program.

John Evans made his 74th blood donation at the clinic in the Holy Cross auditorium.

Rotarians from Australia spun tales of down under as they relaxed at the home of Georgetown Rotarian Paul Armstrong. The Aussies were on a seven-week tour of Canada and the United States.

Eighteen years of service to the town came to an end when deputy clerk Clarence G. Benham retired. Mr. Benham started in 1955 as the assistant clerk treasurer.

10 years ago

Kris Barber, Ian Clark and Peter Fournier were nominated as the first ever Halton Hills Athlete of the Year.

Judge William K. Warrander handed in his resignation to the Halton Regional Police Commission. Judge Warrander resigned, for personal reasons.

Rev. Walter Ridley was honored by a surprise celebration on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his ordination in Sackville, New Brunswick.

Ken Nurse auctioned off earthenware crocks at a benefit auction in Glen Williams while Jo Nurse wrote names of buyers and Ben Mathers helped to display the items. The money raised went to help the Mel Smith family, whose business was burned out.

5 years ago

The Lioness Club elected their officers for the 1983 season. The executive includes: Billie Idzi, Kay Ledwidge, Marcella Neely, Bev Gross, Penny Bristow, Olga Magill, Louise Giffen, Rita Boyle, Madeline Collett, Lena Connors, Gayle Laroche and Ruth Leslie.

The Lions Club executive for the 1983 season included: Vic Bristow, Carl Hansen, Bill Mason, Ken Neely, Jim Harris, Jim Akers, Bob Gordon, Tom Gross, Dick Chapman, Harley Laroche, Ed Hrehtchka and Al Watt.

Lori Ann Hutchinson of Georgetown graduated with high honors from the Micro-computer Management two-year course at Sheridan College.

Cousin Glen back again

Dear Cousin,

We hear your BIG celebration went quite well last weekend. We were certainly surprised to see a big red bus drive through the village on Sunday. It was one of your English style double-deckers.

Other than that the village has been quiet - as usual. Roger was rotating his tires the other night and I spoke to Sylvia out front of the English Church as well. The garden's coming up fine although it's been a mite dry of late.

Mind you Cousin, we're all looking for a dry day, come July 1. Remember I was telling you that we've all planned a BIG day of our own! Sort of like a Bash in the Glen, you might say.

Now I've had it on good authority that we're expecting a royal visitor! It seems that the "head of state" herself will be bringing greetings from the palace. That'll be during the opening ceremonies, right after the parade. Don't be late for the noon parade! During the opening we'll be sharing around some free birthday cake!

That'll just be the beginning of a long day of eating! Beef on a bun, hot dogs, hamburgers, bratwurst, ice cream, muffins, what a list. St. Alban's and St. John's Churches will be there along with the Newcomers Club, the Scout and Guide Group Committee and the Playground Committee. The Optimists will be there while the Girl Guides run a seniors' tea in the town hall!

They're hoping to run antique coach and horse rides this year. The kids will have their own area with face painting, sand box, and a fish pond. The pet show will be on again at 1:30 p.m.

The committee folk are just finalizing the entertainment program so I'll let you know about it later. I'd better close for now. Gordie has corn flakes on special so I'd better get some before they're all gone! See you on the first!

Your Cousin,
Glen!