

# Happy 50th



Ethel and Elmer McEachern were honored with a family dinner to mark their 50th wedding anniversary.

Guests came from quite a distance to help the couple celebrate the special occasion.

# Housing, education dominate agenda

Things are moving along at a fairly even keel in the Ontario legislature these days. Housing, education and the minimum wage have dominated the agenda for the past week or so.

First, a considerable amount of provincial land has been released for Ontario's "Housing First" Policy.

Sixty-six acres of provincially-owned land in Guelph and Peel Region has been released to create more housing for low and moderate income earners.

The announcement was made by Government Services Minister Richard Patten and brings to 157 the number of acres of provincially-owned land released for this purpose since April of this year.

The Mississauga and Guelph sites, 19.5 acres and 47.2 acres respectively, will permit the development of up to 1250 housing units of which up to 900 units will be affordable housing.

Mr. Patten stated that the Government will work "closely with each municipality" to develop balanced communities and neighborhoods



By WALTER ELLIOT  
Halton North MPP

that people will be proud to live in for years to come.

Describing the "Housing First" policy as a Government priority, Mr. Patten said that he and Housing Minister Chaviva Hosek will be making further announcements regarding other sites throughout the province in the coming weeks.

The government is also making a strong commitment to the academic development of our young people.

Education Minister Chris Ward has announced that his Ministry will conduct reviews in reading and mathematics for Grade 6 students

during the 1988/89 school year. This effort will enable the Ministry to assess the effectiveness with which programs are being taught in Ontario classrooms.

The reviews will be carried out at 100 English-language and 100 French-language schools and will be publicly available in December 1989.

In making the announcement, Mr. Ward stressed that the reviews are not designed as, or intended to become, a mechanism for comparing the performance of student against student, school against school, or board against board. Nor, the Minister stated, do they represent a return to province-wide standardized testing, a system discarded by Ontario in 1967.

"The Provincial Review process," Mr. Ward said, "is a key part of the government's commitment to make our system of education more accountable to the public and is intended to provide parents, students and educators of Ontario with a clear evaluation of how well our system of education is performing and how ef-

fectively it is meeting the demands we create for it."

Labour Minister Gregory Sorbara recently announced that Ontario's general minimum wage will be raised on the work week in which October 1 occurs. The present general minimum wage in Ontario is \$4.55. The Minister said the revisions, which will coincide with identical revisions and timing in Quebec, ensure continued parity in the general minimum wage rates of the country's two largest labour markets. In addition, the special minimum wage for liquor servers will rise by 20 cents an hour, to \$4.25. The special minimum wage for students under 18 will also rise by 20 cents an hour to \$3.90. These changes will also take effect in the work week in which Oct. 1 occurs.

Also effective at that time, the maximum amount that an employer may deduct from minimum wage earnings in exchange for room and board will rise to \$59.50 a week from \$57. The minimum wage for fruit, vegetable and tobacco harvesters will also rise to \$4.75 an hour from \$4.55, effective Jan. 1, 1989. As has been the case in each of the past two years, the Minister said these adjustments are in keeping with the decision by the Government to conduct an annual review of the minimum wage.

## Mini Grand Prix will take to the streets

The streets of Georgetown are going to pave the way for a "Mini Grand Prix" race in the fall.

About 20 go-carts will tear through the streets Sept. 11 to raise money for the Chronic Skin Diseases Foundation, Athletes in Action, and the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Organizer Keith Dorion of Georgetown Honda, the dealership sponsoring the race, has issued a challenge to all the other car dealerships in town to take part in the fundraising race.

Three representatives from each dealership will take their turns and

ride the straightaways in the challenge.

The race will start and finish on Guelph Street opposite Georgetown Honda. Drivers will head east on Guelph Street to the Canadian Tire parking lot to handle some hairpin turns before returning to Guelph Street heading east to complete a 180-degree turn.

Racers will then head west on Guelph Street to Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena for more hairpin turns. The course ends at the start-finish line outside Georgetown Honda. Racers will complete between 10

and 15 laps and the final heat will be between 20 and 25 laps, said Mr. Dorion.

The races will be run in four heats throughout the day with a dance at the old arena lasting to about 11 p.m. at night.

Organizers will be raffling a new car supplied by Georgetown Honda and a motorcycle and scooter supplied by the Racer's Edge in Milton.

The day's events will also feature a celebrity race with former Toronto Maple Leaf Paul Henderson, Toronto Blue Jays Kelly Gruber, Team Canada Director Alan Eagleson and some local officials, said Mr. Dorion.

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## Couple celebrates 50th

A host of friends, relatives, and neighbors attended the open house at St. Andrew's United Church Hall on Sunday, June 19 to extend good wishes to Ethel and Elmer McEachern on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

A family dinner for 40 guests was held at Poppy's Steak House party room, where the happy couple were piped in by Miss Sarah Gurr of Georgetown.

Bill McEachern was emcee for the occasion and called on several people to deliver speeches. Mr. John Day of Decatur, Ill. proposed the grace for the dinner.

The couple, who were married in

Acton, by the Rev. Dr. E. Morrow of the United Church on June 18, 1938, have three sons, William, Bruce and Bob, all of Georgetown, and five grandchildren, Julie, David, Lisa, Jeffrey and Bryan McEachern.

A beautiful anniversary plaque was received from the family, and the couple also received greetings from Federal and Provincial governments, Gov. Gen. Jeanne Sauve, John Turner and John McDermid and Halton Hills Mayor Russell Miller.

Guests were present from Phoenix, Arizona, Bullshead City, Arizona, Decatur, Illinois, Port PARRY, Kitchener and Brantford.

## Mayor pays visit to Ballinafad auction

By BETTY SOJKA  
Herald Special

Russ Miller was in the village this past Saturday evening on June 25, and gave a little speech to open the Art Auction.

While being served delectable snacks of wine, cheese, grapes and pate, patrons of the art purchased over \$11,000 worth of paintings. The Art Auction was as successful as last year. All proceeds will go to the building fund. Focus is now on getting the land around the Community

Centre to a point where it can be enjoyed as a park. Currently it is just a very, very rough field.

After an intense close game, the Ballinafad Ladies (now Jim's Dandies) now came out on top by beating Double Trouble. The ladies have been practising up in Hillsburgh with the batting machine on Saturdays. The practices have really made a difference, as the ladies are winning most games instead of losing them as was in the beginning of the season.

## GRADUATIONS



Jeff Wood

Jeff Wood, son of Sharon Wood of Georgetown and Buster Wood of Meadowvale, has graduated from the University of Waterloo with a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. Jeff is returning to Waterloo this summer to pursue his Master's degree in Engineering. He is a graduate of Georgetown District High School.



Mary Carmel Euwen

The family of Mary Carmel Euwen is happy to announce her recent graduation from the University of Waterloo, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology, and York University, with a Bachelor of Education. Mary is presently employed with the Peel Board of Education.



Byron Thomas

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thomas are pleased to announce the graduation of their son, Byron, from Osgoode Hall Law School. Byron attended Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma for his undergraduate work. He earned his Education Degree from the University of Toronto, and his Masters in Political Science from the University of Guelph. Byron is articling with the law firm of Tannahill, Lockhart, and Clark. A reception for Byron was held at his parents' residence on Trafalgar Road North, on June 26, with over 100 people attending.

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**Legion Lines**

By JIM HAYES

Sgt.-At-Arms Ernie Peasey, and the Branch colour party have had a busy week, participating in the unveiling of the plaque at the high school on Wednesday and the Canada Day Parade in Glen Williams July 1. Well done.

CAR CLUB: Winners on June 30 - 430 G. Marchand, 199 Lorraine Jack, 73 Geo. Powell, 96 Wade Emmerson, 42 Steve Bower, 65 Barb Curry.

MEMBERSHIP: Chairman Pat Chamberlain will be mailing the

balance of the membership cards this week, if you have paid your dues and not yet received your 1988 card-call Pat.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON MEAT DRAW:** Well once again a good crowd were on hand to watch the following lucky people take home some very nice steaks: Keith Tost, Frank Nicholson, Bob Tost, Bruce Collins, Bill Simpson. Pete Carson showed us when you're hot, you're hot, winning three times; a all done Pete. Eric Clarke won the roast.

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