

Rumors unfounded

Equestrian Centre going strong

Rumors that the Thomas Remedial Equestrian Centre is going out of business are unfounded, Milton Regional Councillor Bill Johnson says.

Mr. Johnson, who is the chairman of the centre which provides riding lessons to handicapped children, said the centre has its "financial ups and downs" like other non-profit organizations but it is only about \$2,000 in debt.

The centre, located on Guelph

Line south of Sideroad 15, was founded by Georgetown resident Mavis Nicholson 18 months ago.

The centre was moved into the current location one year ago and there are now about 20 handicapped children receiving riding lessons on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons, Mr. Johnson said.

The operation costs about \$100,000 a year to run but donations from the town of Milton, Halton Region and the Milton Lions Club and the Milton

Legion as well as other sources cover much of the costs, said Mr. Johnson.

Volunteers are a necessity at the centre because it takes three people (one on each side of the horse and one to lead it) to take one handicapped child out, said Mr. Johnson.

Equestrian Centre officials would like to see an organization take over the centre much like the Variety Club operation of a similar centre in Toronto, said Mr. Johnson.

Citizens' forum

Guidelines for a 'perfect quarry'

Dear Sir,

At the University Women's Club meeting on Oct. 4, we heard from the Ministry of the Environment officials what the characteristics of the hypothetical "perfect landfill site" should be.

Very similar characteristics apply to the hypothetical perfect quarry operation: It should be near a large and safe highway, far from residential areas and not near environmentally sensitive areas.

Only one parameter seems to be difficult to deal with: transportation cost. The further from the consumers, the higher the transportation cost. This is the parameter which quarry operators, in the search for a site, keep in the highest consideration. Transportation costs are direct expenses, while environmental concerns or nearby residences are just a nuisance.

We think it is about time that quarry operators pay more for the mineral aggregates that nature has provided us with. They should be forced, by government regulations, to put a much higher priority on the concerns of the citizens and on the ecology of the nearby areas. If this means paying more for transportation, so be it. They certainly make enough money for selling what nature provides for free.

Longer truck trips may mean paying more for drivers and may spawn the creation of new jobs in the trucking industry. It is ironic that truck drivers are led to believe that environmental groups, such as EAGLE, are in opposition to them.

We invite instead the driver's cooperation by asking them to point out to their superiors the disadvantages and the continuous danger of driving through densely populated areas in small country roads. We would also like to remind those who live in Halton Hills that the devastation of the Niagara Escarpment will be the heritage they will leave to their children.

Giuseppe Gori,
Chairman of EAGLE,
(Ecology Awareness Group
Landscape and Environment)

Keep it down

Dear Sir,

Re: Council Approves 4 Per Cent Raises.

Congratulations Mayor Miller and Town Council for keeping your salary increase to the cost of living, unlike other towns and cities who have raised theirs above 50 per cent!

Let's hope others will follow your example, i.e. Region and school boards!

Maybe our taxes could be kept to that level. That would be a nice change.

D.L. Gillespie,
Georgetown

Open Door plans for Halloween

By KATHERINE JOHNSON
Herald Special

Open Door would like to announce its approaching coffee house dance. This will be held in the basement of St. George's Church on Oct. 14 from 7-9 p.m. This event is in celebration of Halloween so we expect you to be in costume. If, however you choose to be boring it will cost \$4 instead of the price of \$3 for those in costume. We expect it to be great.



This week at Open Door we were visited by some former regulars Kathy Tucker and Randy DeBoer who are back for the long weekend from Fanshawe College, Paul D'Entremont, who is studying at the University of Guelph and Sylvia Neill, who is at York University studying visual arts on a scholarship.

Also, a warm welcome to the new people who visited us this week. We hope you'll come back! We also welcome anyone who is interested in joining us at Open Door, in the basement of St. George's Church, Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. with movies after school and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Christmas crafts at Radial Museum

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A unique selection of crafts

made by members of the association will be available, including gifts, toys, and woodworking items.

All proceeds from the sale go to the museum funds.



Vi Haines and Jean Hancock keep the coffee flowing during rehearsal breaks for the Georgetown Choral Society. Proceeds from these breaks go to a fund that helps promote music in the community. (Photo submitted)

Choral Society prepares for the Messiah

Since Labor Day, the 60 members of Georgetown's Choral Society have been rehearsing from 7:30 to 10 p.m. every Monday evening.

It's time for a break, and members of the Choral Society relax briefly during a rehearsal of "The Messiah." They like the idea that any profit in the coffee fund will go to help the next generation of choristers at their own Georgetown high school.

Georgetown high school has a very active vocal music program as well as their other music programs. Last year, the "fund" donation helped sponsor a music student when they travelled to Calgary for a music festival. It is planned to make a similar contribution every year.

Trying to serve up coffee and tea to 60 people in only 10 minutes is

quite an accomplishment. Two of the sopranos, Vi Haines and Jean Hancock, have seen to it that the singers get their much-deserved break every week. Two and a half hours of singing is very thirsty work.

Break is over and it is back to work as the choristers are preparing for their annual Christmas concert.

The Georgetown Choral Society will be offering three performances of Handel's well known "Messiah" on Friday, Nov. 25 at Heritage Hall, 7900 McLaughlin Road, Brampton, and also Saturday, Nov. 26 and Sunday, Nov. 27 at the wonderful, newly renovated cafetorium at Georgetown high school.

Tickets will be available at Oxbow Books, or from choir members. For more information call 877-1581.

NOTICE

VOTER IDENTIFICATION NOTICE

Municipal electors in Ontario recently received a Voter Identification Notice concerning the upcoming municipal elections. As a result of a recent court decision, please be advised that the final date for requesting changes to the information contained in this Notice, has been changed to **October 15th, 1988.**

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