

Ted Gorth Georgetown's top citizen

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Volunteer work is a small price to pay for having good health yourself.

E.H. (Ted) Gorth, who was chosen this year's Citizen of the Year by the Lions Club, says the above statement when asked why he volunteers his time.

The Georgetown man spends an average 15 hours a week donating his time to various community organizations.

During the 28 years Mr. Gorth has lived in Georgetown, he has touched the lives of many as he worked on education committees, in political posts and held positions in the Red Cross Society and Cancer Society.

In 1961 Mr. Gorth worked as the chairman to raise funds for the Sunshine School for the Retarded in Hornby.

During the 1960s he was a member of the Georgetown and District High School Board becoming chairman in 1967.

He worked as registrar on the committee which organized the 100th homecoming reunion of the Georgetown District High School in July 1967.

From 1976 to 1983 Mr. Gorth was the director of the Chamber of Commerce and still is an active member of the Chamber.

Prior to Regional government Mr. Gorth was a member of the Georgetown Committee of Adjustment and Georgetown Planning Board.

For a number of years Mr. Gorth worked as the chairman of the professional canvass drive of the Georgetown Red Cross. The professional segment of the drive canvassed businessmen, doctors and lawyers when raising funds for the Red Cross.

He also worked as a volunteer driver for the Red Cross.

For the past eight years Mr. Gorth has been heavily involved with the Georgetown unit of the Canadian Cancer Society.

From 1960 to 1968 Mr. Gorth worked as the unit treasurer as well as a volunteer driver. For the past five years the Georgetown man was the campaign treasurer for the Cancer Society fund-raising campaign.

As well as helping out in the community Mr. Gorth is an active member of his church. He is an ex-worshiper of St. George's Anglican



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Church and is a member of the carling and calling committee of St. George's.

"I get a lot of self-satisfaction from helping people and good causes," Mr. Gorth said.

The Georgetown resident was shocked when he received a knock on the door Saturday by a member of the selection committee telling him he had been chosen citizen of the year.

"It is a beautiful honor," he said. "I feel humble about it."

His wife Viola "has been very understanding of the time I spend in connection with my volunteer work," Mr. Gorth said.

He added, "I find it very rewarding."

Bernice Gibbs, secretary of the Red Cross, has nothing but praise for the work Mr. Gorth has done for the organization.

Along with his sunny disposition Mr. Gorth is professional in the way he organizes his canvasses and reliable. "You knew he would finish any job he started," Ms. Gibbs said. "He really goes out of his way to do things right."

Battle rages over decision

February

Local anti-abortion activists were reeling from the Supreme Court decision which declared the country's abortion law unconstitutional.

Don Patterson, a founder of the Halton Pro-Life organization was "very disappointed with the decision," but his group was already preparing to fight back.

Mr. Patterson encouraged local citizens to contact MP John McDermid and voice their objections to the ruling.

"We're just hoping that our Christian friends will all join in now," said Mr. Patterson.

Halton Region was looking for ways to pare down the price of a proposed \$35 million expansion of its Regional complex on Bronte Road in Oakville.

Regional Finance Commissioner Joe Rinaldo told councillors Halton can not afford the \$35 million right now. He recommended a \$25 to \$28 million range for the new building.

The Region was looking for an additional 5,000 square feet in office and storage space until the expansion is completed sometime in 1991 or 1992.

The primitive wooden huts that sheltered workers from the winter winds in front of Curwood Packaging came down as the members of the Graphics Communications International Union voted 58 per cent in favor of ratifying the contract.

The vote ended a six-week long strike that was marred by incidents of picket line violence in January as trucks cut through lines of striking workers.

Eight workers were arrested in the incidents.

Acton's urban area was officially redesigned by the Ontario Municipal Board and the new boundary included the proposed extension to the east and 20 acres to the west.

In coming to his decision, Board Chairman Doug Colbourn noted that nobody has objected to the extension of the eastern boundary and that concerns of petitioning Acton west residents will be addressed at the local level.

Residents of Acton West claimed that development there would disturb a "unique ecological area."

A clear majority of Halton residents were not in favor of faster growth in the Region last February.

An attitudes survey by the IBI Group for Halton indicated that nine per cent of the people want faster growth in their community. The survey showed 50 per cent wanted

Regional councillors were sticking to their guns in awarding a tendered contract despite threats of litigation by a sub-contractor of one of the bidders.

Underground Services Ltd. was the lowest bidder by \$30,000 for a contract to install an outfall staged diffuser at the Oakville South East Water Pollution Control Plant when tenders were closed Jan. 12.

Regional Chairman Pete Pomeroy said council discussed every detail of the application during the closed session.

"It's not unusual for the Region to be sued for something," said Mr. Pomeroy. Halton often turns down the lowest bidders on tenders because they do not meet certain criteria, he said.

Nine Regional councillors formed a separate entity from the Region called the Halton Non-Profit Housing Corporation. The Corporation's goal was to establish more low-priced housing in a Region starving for cheaper accommodation.

The Corporation set its sights on two projects in the near future, one in Burlington, the other in Oakville.

The new organization will utilize government programs to fund housing projects targeted for each of the four municipalities in Halton, said planner Ho Wong.



William Cook made his annual trip to the West Indies, but it wasn't for a vacation. He was taking with him

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