

Town will spend \$23,000 to study parking

It could be six to eight weeks before Georgetown gets an answer to its parking problem.

Halton Hills town councillors agreed Tuesday to implement a parking study that will cost the town \$23,000. The study will be done by Parker Consultants with RGP Transtech Inc.

But some councillors said the results were scheduled to be ready this month. The parking study will be another six to eight weeks before it is completed, said town planner Bruce MacLean.

"I keep hearing complaints

when I go into the downtown area now," Georgetown Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson said. "There is a need to enhance the Georgetown area."

Coun. Serjeantson said there is a more serious need to solve the parking dilemma in Georgetown than in Acton. There are 600 spots in Georgetown and 825 parking spots in Acton, she said, not including parking for the Olde Hide House.

But Acton Coun. Al Cook disagreed with spending money on

a consultants' parking study.

"Is it necessary for us to spend \$23,000 to do another study?"

"We hire consultants for everything. And we go on their conclusions without getting in there ourselves."

Town planning director Ian Keith said he is "reluctant to try and take a stab" at the parking issue. "I want a consultant's advice," the planner said.

Town councillors heard treasurer Ray King say the price of parking tickets in Georgetown

would not increase as a result of the parking study. But the ticket prices, now at \$8 for parking at an expired meter on downtown Georgetown streets, will not decrease.

Mayor Russ Miller told councillors not to complain about the price of tickets, after hearing shoppers' complaints. "You were the councillors who implemented the law," he said.

"If there are any criticisms, (let's) give it to ourselves," Acton Coun. Norm Elliott said a

consultant's study on parking in Halton Hills would benefit the town for at least 15 years.

He said the study would provide a framework and a "parking strategy."

The consultant's study is "important" and "essential," he said.

Georgetown Coun. Pam Johnston said the parking study is necessary to protect the "really unique" shopping areas of Halton Hills.

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Supporters push for orchestra at Scotsdale

A Milton woman appeared before Halton Hills town councillors Tuesday extolling the virtues of Tanglewood Park in Boston and saying the town should push to have Scotsdale used as a practice spot for the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

Carol Howitt showed councillors and staff slides of Tanglewood Park in Boston, Massachusetts, where the Boston Symphony Orchestra practises during summer months. The Toronto Symphony Orchestra is seeking a similar practice spot outside the city. Mrs. Howitt said the 530-acre Scotsdale Farm site in Ballinafad could end up on a TSO short list.

A short list of candidates will be available in September or October, Mrs. Howitt said.

Councillor Joe Hewitt said the Scotsdale proposal by TSO is a "spectacular" idea and a "worthwhile cause."

He said launching an application could cost Mrs. Howitt and other supporters of the TSO plan money. Mrs. Howitt said her group is willing to pay "out of our pocket" for one month, but the councillor advised that she ask Halton Region for financial help.

Mrs. Howitt said her group has a "good feeling" Scotsdale will end up on the TSO's short list, but said "the message was very clear to us, 'don't get too excited'."

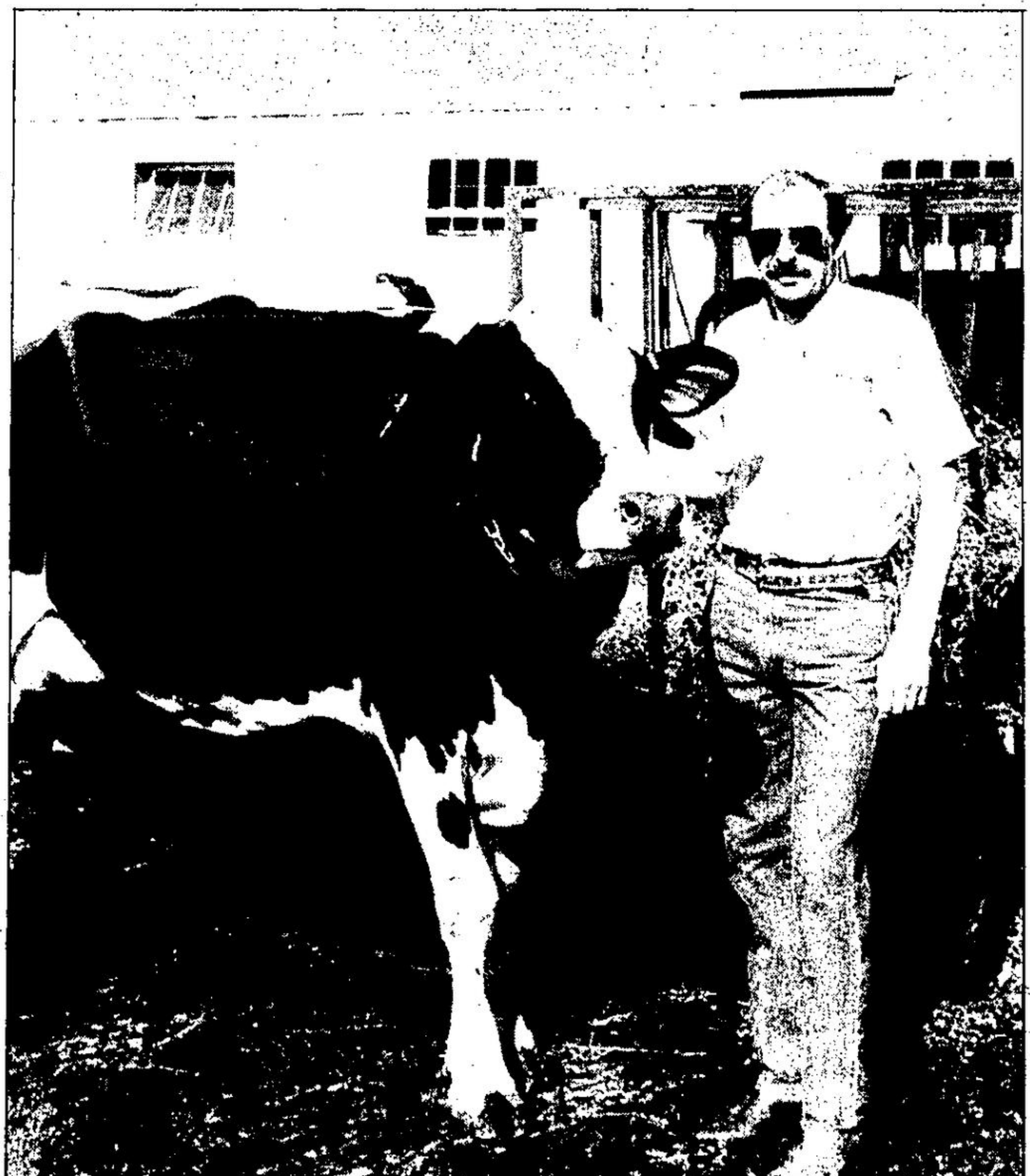
A Sept. 20 meeting is scheduled for the neighbors near Scotsdale Farm to get their reaction on having an orchestra play near their houses each summer.

Georgetown Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson said Lotta and Stewart Bennett, who bequeathed their home and property for local use, would be pleased to see Scotsdale used for the TSO.

The town's treasurer Ray King said there was no funding available in the 1989 budget for Scotsdale Farm but he said it could be included in the 1990 tourism budget.

Negotiations between Scotsdale's managers - the Credit Valley Conservation Authority - and the Dufferin-Peel Roman Catholic Separate School Board - applying for use of the land, are still ongoing.

But CVCA manager Ken Owen said recently the TSO and the Catholic board could have joint use of the property.



Top milk producer

Georgetown dairy farmer Albert Cormier relies on instinct and his knowledge of breeding and feeding to select good Holsteins. Mr. Cormier, owner of Cormdale Farms on Trafalgar Road was recently

recognized for having the top milk producing Holstein herd in the province last year. (Herald photo. Story on Page 3)

Huttonville man killed in two-car collision

A 75-year-old Huttonville man died following a two-car collision at Highway 25 and Highway 24 in Erin Township late last Friday afternoon.

The Guelph branch of the Ontario Provincial Police say Stanton Trott was taken by ambulance to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital where he was declared dead.

Guelph resident Richard Durocher, 38, was taken by am-

balance to Dufferin Area Hospital in Orangeville, where he was treated for minor injuries, the OPP say.

Mr. Trott was turning from Highway 25 eastbound on to Highway 24 in a 1977 Chevrolet when the car collided with a 1985 Freightliner tanker. Mr. Durocher was driving the Freightliner.

No charges were laid.

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