

Halton's History

Georgetown welcomes new business

30 Years Ago

The American Marietta Company moved another step closer to locating in town when council was asked on Tuesday to grant permission to Canadian National Railways to cross Armstrong Ave. with a railway siding. The siding had already been constructed at a time when Delrex Developments owned the land. Since that time, Armstrong Ave. has been deeded to the town and council's action is a formality to legalize the railway's position. Mayor Hyde expressed further optimism about the company locating in town when he said that only that day a company man had picked up a building permit.

The total cost of Georgetown's new sewage disposal plant will pass the \$900,000 mark when a lift station in the Delrex industrial area is completed. And the town will receive a yearly billing from the Ontario Water Resources Commission of some \$92,000 until the project is paid for. Mr. Palmer and Mr. Joint of the OWRC presented a report to council Tuesday on the project. Mr. Joint, who is accountant for the OWRC, explained the actual cost to date is \$888,468. Original estimate was \$825,000 but this did not include capitalized interest during construction.

20 Years Ago

A fire of undetermined origin completely gutted the lower storey of the Credit River Boat Company in Norval and did extensive smoke and water damage to the rest of the building Sunday morning. Owner Bill Pomeroy had no idea of the amount of his loss following the fire. It is partly

covered by insurance. All his machinery and tools to build and repair the boats were in the bottom part of the building where the fire did the most damage. One boat that was almost finished was a complete loss, and one boat that was in for repairs was damaged.

Georgetown's concern over dying maple trees should be shared over a much wider area, in the opinion of town council. Council had asked the Department of Transportation and Communications to analyze trees on No. 7 Highway and give advice on their preservation. Council became aware that trees were dying in an unusual way, when a pedestrian was injured by a falling limb.

Halton Regional police were assaulted by several individuals when they were called in to investigate a disturbance at Fong's Restaurant in Georgetown. Two couples had been dining at the restaurant when an argument with a fifth patron erupted. During the course of the argument, a knife was drawn and brandished. The five then went outside to the parking lot and were fighting when police arrived. When Police Constable Joseph Martin and Sergeant Joseph Prasad tried to intervene and break up the fight, they were both assaulted.

5 Years Ago

A task force studying the safe carriage of dangerous goods by rail in the Toronto area will be in constant contact with Halton Region municipalities, says the task force chairman Harold Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert, the former provincial deputy minister of transport and communications, met with reporters Wednesday to outline the strategy to be taken by his federally-appointed task force.

It will be years before the Halton Board of Education will sell a school to the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board for \$1. New Ministry of Education regulations state secondary schools not used by the public board can be sold to the separate board for \$1 if the separate board needs a secondary school. Elementary schools are not affected by the new regulations.

10 Years Ago

Municipal officials are hoping to open the town's new library-cultural centre in Georgetown by mid-October. The Herald learned earlier this week. While noting there are still a number of arrangements which need to be worked out for the centre's gala opening ceremonies, town clerk-administrator Ken Richardson acknowledged that organizers are aiming for a ribbon cutting Oct. 18. A lengthy list of performances and events is currently being prepared by the town's recreation department for an elongated opening celebration expected to last about two weeks following the tentative Oct. 18 date.

What started out as a minor argument evolved into quite a scuffle early Sunday morning as



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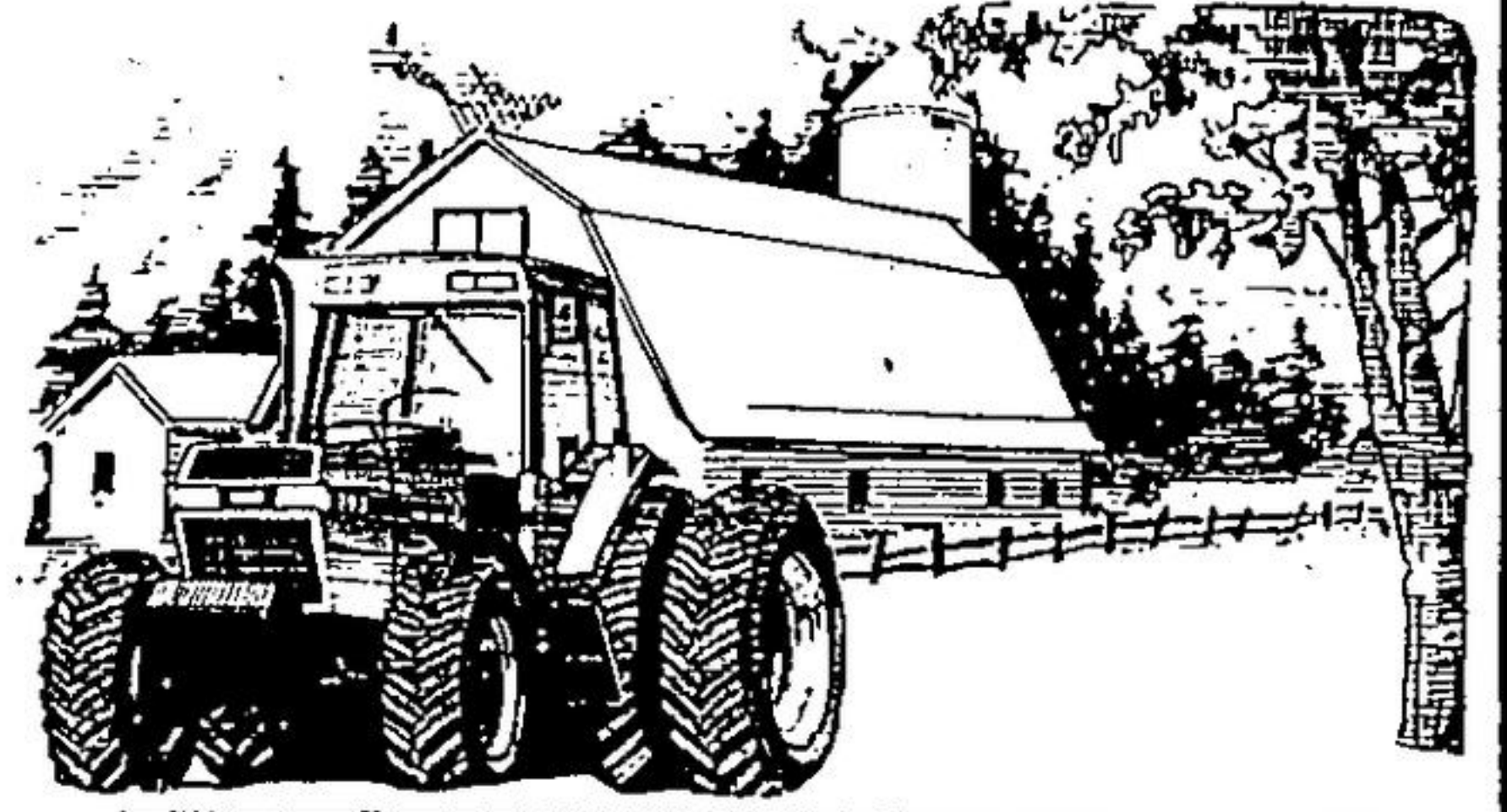
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