

Wm. McNally built a successful firm

Prominent Georgetown businessman, William (Bill) McNally passed away suddenly at his home, Wednesday, April 10.

Mr. McNally was president of McNally Construction — a company he built from humble beginning over 50 years ago to a well respected and widely known firm which has built all or part of such local factories as Varian, Curwood, Baltimore Aircoil, Mold Masters, T.D. Williamson, Park Thermal and Neilson. Out of town contracts included the building of plants like Ideal Metals, IBM, MacKay Plaza, Greening Donald and Sonco Steel Tube.

When Wm. McNally Construction was selected as Business of the Year for 1982, the Chamber of Commerce said the company had made a significant impact on the social and economic well being of the area. This is still true today. Not only does it contribute to Georgetown's economy by building the many factories but also in encouraging companies to locate here.

McNally Construction was a

boyhood dream for Mr. McNally. He used to stop enroute from school to watch a local builder, Sam Mackenzie build the new post office on Mill Street — it was the start of his future career. Later as papermill employee he read about Henry Ford and adopted one of Mr. Ford's axioms for success — "keep thinking."

Mr. McNally developed a kiddy car with a horse's head, took his idea to Simpson's and suddenly he had an order to deliver 2,500. All that was lacking was equipment and money. Across from their family home on Market Street lived a relative with an unused driving shed. With this as a base, and help from a number of people, he proceeded to produce the order.

His father Fred, also a papermill employee, was pressed into service on the production life. Friends of his mother Alta, including the then mayor's wife "Hat" Gibbons became the painting crew in the McNally home. And the delivery was made on time.

It was just the beginning. Toys were followed by

sandboxes, lawn chairs and the business thrived.

Mr. McNally started building houses, including his own, and then schools — an addition to the Georgetown high school, several elementary schools, portables and then gradually, commercial and industrial buildings. Sons, Dave and John are also now involved with the business.

But Mr. McNally did not spend all his time on his business. He was very active in the community including roles as a former town councillor, an official of his church and president of the North Halton Golf and Curling Club and a volunteer with the Cancer Society.

Mr. McNally is survived by his wife, Floria and children, David and his wife Jo-anne, Jane and her husband Rick Fogel and John and his wife Susan. Mr. McNally is also survived by six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at St. George's Anglican Church on Friday, April 12 at 2 p.m. Interment was at Greenwood Cemetery.



Second Lieutenant Louise Sleklerko was honored Monday night as she received her commission as an officer in the Canadian Forces Reserve CIL Branch. She was presented her scroll by Royal Canadian Air Cadet 756 Squadron CO Capt. J MacLean. Second Lt. Sleklerko is the Administration Officer for the 756 Squadron.

Photo by Jim Hayes

Vandals cause \$200,000 damage at Duff quarry

Halton Regional Police have little to go on to find the culprits who caused \$40,000 damage to two trucks in Limehouse.

Police say the culprits entered J.C. Duff quarry on the 5th Line Monday night and damaged the trucks, valued at \$100,000 each. Police say the trucks were driven to the back of the quarry by the 4th Line where one was smashed into the second truck, and received severe front end damage. The other truck was taken to the top of a gravel hill, where the culprits jumped out and let the truck roll down the hill, almost tipping over. Both trucks were left running all night.

Police pieced together the occurrences of the night based on tracks

left in the mud.

Police say \$1,510 worth of tools were taken the same night from a nearby building property.

Overnight robbers entered a small storage shed and removed tools including a unique ladder and saw. The tools were being used to build a house on the site.

A neighbor, who checks on the property regularly, didn't notice anything unusual that night.

None of the missing tools were found in the fields near the property and no footprints were found, because of rain. The property owner has previously reported similar occurrences.

Police have no suspects, but believe the two incidences may be linked.

Search for dog: bit Acton tot

A 2-year-old girl was bitten on the nose by a dog in Acton on Tuesday morning. The two dogs were in front of Acton Town Milk at 10:30 a.m. and the girl was walking past, holding the hand of one of her parents. One of the dogs, which was not on a lead, jumped up and bit the child in the face.

Police said, when the dog's owner came out of the store and heard about the incident, he told the

parents that the dog had never done anything like that before and the child must have taunted the dog.

Police said the owner then disappeared with the dogs, and the parents didn't get the name or address, or find out if the dog has received shots.

The child was taken to the doctor, but did not need stitches.

Police are investigating further to find the dog owner.

Woode wants public input

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dling of the UAL case is complete, neither the minister nor the ministry would make comment.

According to Woode, "there is nothing in the Ombudsman's Act preventing MNR from talking with anyone they choose."

"There may be nothing in the Ombudsman's Act preventing the minister from commenting but it is not quite right if he does," Craig said. "The minister cannot comment on anything that is before the Ombudsman anymore than he could comment on something that was before the courts."

"It appears that UAL has been operating, we believe, for 19 years without meeting the requirements of a valid license," Woode said.

According to EAGLE, the only time the public has had a chance to comment on Acton quarry was in

1970 when former owners Indusmin received a licence to mine 150 acres at the intersection of the Fourth Line and Regional Rd. 43.

Since that time, despite the sale of the property and an expansion of the area to be mined, "the public was denied input."

Woode said EAGLE members are looking for answers about why the public has been denied input and "other transgressions" from the provincial Aggregate Resources Act.

"Under the Aggregate Resources Act, all quarries must submit new plans," Woode said. "The Town of Halton Hills, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, the Halton Region Conservation Authority and the public have all asked for input by requesting to see and comment on the (UAL) site plan before it is approved. As of April 4, 1991 this has been denied."

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