

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS for all the town are expressed by the girls of the C.G.I.T., who made this sign and mounted it on the lawn at the United Church. Girls from various churches belong to the group which meets here. Leader is Mrs. Ross Ribey. Pictured with their sign are Nancy Frank, Laurie Ann Jones, Heather Reed, Patricia Nessett, Nancy Shoemaker, and Cathie Chapman.

(Photo by K. Dills)

Broken gas main Hillsburgh headache

Fire Chief Bob Cheyne appeared before Erin Township Council to report on a gas line that blew out on Main St., Hillsburgh, caused his department concern in November.

Gas was noticed blowing into the air by skaters returning home and reported to the fire department. Since it was Sunday, the gas company wasn't available, so the fire department set up a crew plus an OPP officer to direct traffic.

When a representative did arrive from the gas company, Mr. Cheyne told council, he only had an instrument to check for danger levels in the air. A weekend crew did a temporary repair job where two pipes had come apart at the join. Although gas was still leaking,

it was three days before a crew returned to finish the repair.

Second time

Mr. Cheyne pointed out it was the second time the main line had come apart in town, (the first was in testing) also that there was poor repair procedure, with wrong or no equipment.

"With it leaking like that" he concluded "it didn't fire, but it could have, from cigarettes, or spark from an ignition, or any number of things."

Councillor Bert Wheeler added "That could be a dangerous situation. We should let the company know we're not satisfied with services and maybe hold off on acting on future development until there's some sort of investigation." A letter will be sent to Consumers Gas Company to that effect.

Seven new trustees on Halton board

There will be seven new faces on the 20 member Halton County Board of Education when trustees hold their first meeting in the new year. The biggest change in representation will take place in Burlington where four new trustees will take office.

Dr. Helen Howard-Lock, Alex Aitken, Gary Morton and Tony Goodyear will take office in that town along with returnees Bill Priestner, Fred Armitage, Noel Cooper, George Pelletier and William Tinsley. Burlington's biggest upset saw vice-chairman Bill Johnston fall to defeat by Jergymen Gary Morton, Bill Priestner and Hugh Clohecy, both members of the board last year, competing for the separate school representatives' Burlington seat. Priestner won the race. In other years both men represented the county but legislation change made that impossible this year.

Bodnar re-elected

In Georgetown Ernie Bodnar staved off challenges from Mrs. D. Salter and Ian Barrett. In Milton two new faces battled to fill the vacancy left by John Noble's resignation from the board. Ernie Millson lost that contest to Ivan Armstrong.

Tom Watson was acclaimed Acton-Nassagaweya representative while Bill Lawson and Doug Wood received acclamations in Esquesing and Ward One Oakville respectively. Jim Clelland and Ken Crosier won ward two Oakville seats, defeating teachers Doug Palmer and Jim Price. Price is a former member

October costly month for Halton welfare

General Welfare Assistance reached the highest point in Halton County since May during the month of October. The high so far was \$60,000 paid out to welfare recipients and that occurred in March. General welfare in October rose to \$45,704.

Reporting to the Halton County Committee of Social and Family Services, Deputy Director Rennie Vivian said his department hadn't received any notice other than what appeared in the press concerning winter works programs or incentive programs. He indicated however that some municipalities in the county were ready and willing to use workers again this year.

Employable rate
Although the general welfare

was up for October, statistics show a drop in the number of employables on the welfare list. That number dropped from 126 in September to 90 in October.

Increases were shown however in the number of recipients on the unemployable list and for those collecting supplementary aid.

Minor accidents in past week

Two minor accidents were investigated during the week by Acton O.P.P.

Two cars were in collision in the Dominion Hotel parking lot last Wednesday, one of them parked. Kors Vryenboek of Acton had \$200 estimated damage to his car and James Hibbard of Acton \$100. No charge was laid.

The same day a car backed into a hydrant. The driver was located and charged with failing to report the accident.

Eighteen accidents

Eighteen collisions occurred in the North Halton area patrolled by the Milton OPP during the week of Dec. 3 to 9, report police. Six of the collisions caused injury to eight people and the total amount of damage involved was estimated to total \$13,850.

Smoke damage caused by fuse

Firefighters were called to the Churchill Rd. N. home of Jim Wheeler Tuesday night about 10 o'clock when a breaker in the fuse box ignited and filled the house with smoke.

Damage was mainly caused by the smoke.

Lifelong resident

Mrs. R.M. MacDonald, who died on the weekend, was Acton's oldest lifelong resident. She had lived in town for 92 years.

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Horse, snowmobile collide in fog

A collision between a snowmobile and a horse along 5 Sideroad, Erin township, Friday night, resulted in minor injuries to both driver and the 19-year-old mare.

Snowmobiler Glen Jackson of R.R. 3, Acton, encountered the horse, one of four which had

escaped from the paddock on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Barr, along the Sideroad. Foggy conditions and a depression in the

road hid the mares until the snowmobilers were right on top of them.

Jackson's snowmobile and Sheba, a thoroughbred Quarter horse, collided. The mare fell on the machine and dragged along, cracking the front casing. Jackson was unhurt except for minor cuts and bruises while the horse was severely shaken up and bruised, is recovering well. Guelph O.P.P. investigated the accident.

Car fire

Acton Firefighters extinguished a car fire at the Andrews residence on Cobblehill Road early last Wednesday evening. Damage to the car's wiring was minor.

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Obituary

Mrs. Margaret McDowell lifelong resident

Funeral service was held at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home Nov. 30 for Margaret Wilds McDowell, 30 Raylawn Cres., Georgetown, who passed away in Georgetown District Hospital on November 28. She had been in poor health since the death of her husband Edgar McDowell, January 31, 1972, in his 88th year. She had given up her home of over 50 years in Acton to live with her son Telford and his family in Georgetown.

Rev. A. H. McKenzie officiated at the funeral and burial was in Greenwood cemetery, Georgetown. Pallbearers were Doug Mason, Herb Ritchie and Harold Elliott of Acton and three grandsons Ted McDowell, R. R.

4, Acton; James McDowell and Lyle Winfield of Georgetown.

Lifelong resident

She was born at Acton, August 26, 1898, daughter of Jane and George Wilds, and attended school here. In earlier years she was an employee of Storey Glove factory.

The marriage was 50 years ago in town and their home was at 20 Mill St. W.

Surviving her as well as son Telford are six grandchildren, James, Bonnie (Mrs. Lyle Winfield), Ted of Acton; Jane, Steve and Sharon at home. She was predeceased by two brothers James and Fred Wilds of Acton.

Until ill health prevented, she was active in Knox Ladies' Aid.

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Average Halton family contains 3.7 persons

The average family in Halton County contains 3.7 persons including 1.8 children, according to the 1971 Canadian census.

Census officials found 47,500 families in the county in June of 1971, totalling 176,830 persons, or 3.7 per family. The totals included 83,025 children, an average of 1.8 per family. They located a total of 51,785 households with 188,565 persons, or an average of 3.6 per household.

The census gives a breakdown for Georgetown, Oakville and Burlington, but not for the other four communities in Halton. The average number of persons in a family was slightly higher in Georgetown (3.8) than in Oakville or Burlington (3.7). Oakville and Georgetown averaged 1.8 children per family, while Burlington had 1.7 children per family.

Regional announcement is delayed

An announcement on regional government for Halton, which was expected in December, won't likely be made until the new year an Ontario government minister announced this week.

Charles McNaughton, the minister of the treasury, economics and inter-governmental affairs, indicated

an announcement on regionalization for Halton and Peel counties won't be made before next month, due to a heavy workload at the cabinet level.

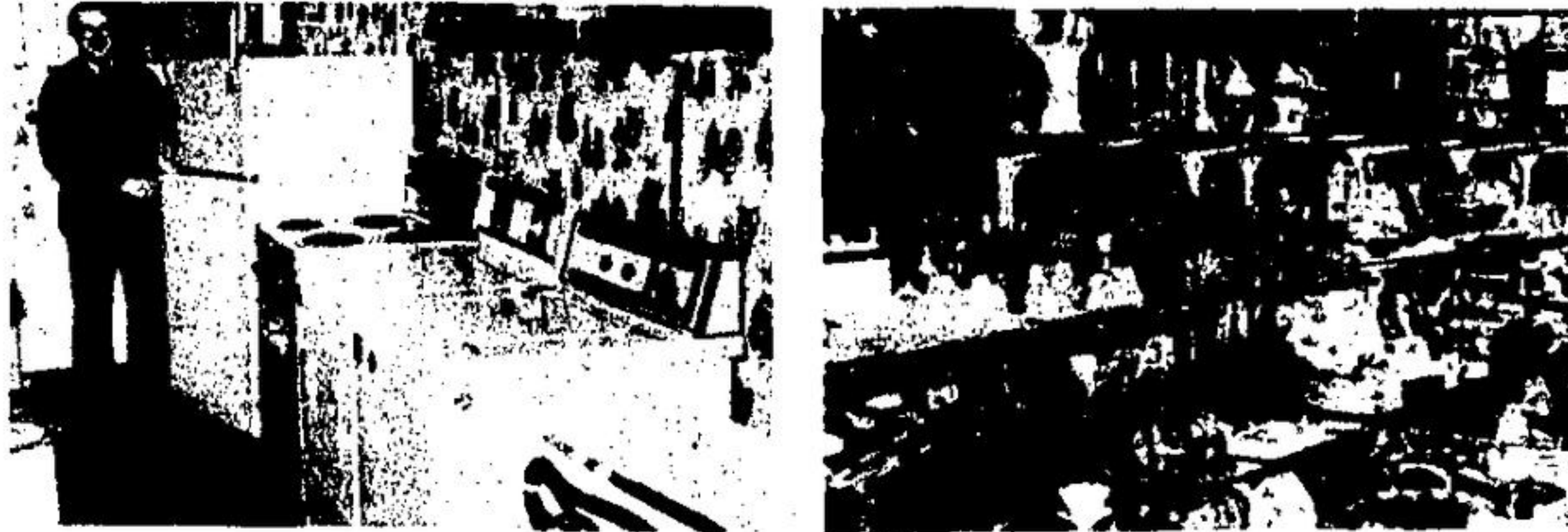
The government expects to announce a regional form of government for the area east of Metro Toronto before Christmas, he said.

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