by Esther Taylor George Washington a traitor? 'Did the father of his country betray young America to the English? Will another great national hero prove to have feet of clay? The impatient reader of The Glendower Legacy does not learn the truth until the end of Thomas Gifford's suspense novel, unless he cheats and jumps to the last chapters. Even at the end, the proof is not conclusive: the writer leaves one

with tantalizing doubts.

Valley Forge, January

The prologue is set in

William Davis

standing sentry duty on a bitter winter night followed the smell of smoke into a wooded enclosure where he stumbled upon a meeting of three Englishman and an American all in greatcoats, their faces in shadow. Dickering amongst the the foursome which smacked of treason on the American's part, was interrupted by the arrival of soldiers. Shots were exchanged, and one of the newcomers lay dead in the clearing. The conspirators fled, and William his musket lost. darted to a stump upon which the American had been algning a paper. William snatched up the torn document, stuffed it into his greatcoat pocket, and turning caught his coat on the edge of a leanto. To free himself,

Returning to camp, William heard vague rumours of three missing men, but he was not asked about his musket. He read the paper, and more bewildered and frightened than ever he tled it along with letters from his mother to the back of a framed portrait of her kept at the bottom of his kit bag. That night unable to sleep because he thought he had recognized the American, William, left the smoky cabin and headed for the latrine. Two soldiers stepping out of the shadows halted him, produced a torn shred of cloth and asked William if it were his. When he admitted bwnership, he was grabbed and hauted into the darkness. In the spring when the snow melted, William's body was found, and no one noticed the stab wounds.

he had to rip the cloth.

In Boston, 198 years later. William's descstudent Bill endant, Davis was killed by two villains who stole his bookbag, which the pair assumed contained the Glendower documents. This crime triggered a series of suspenseful incidents that involved a mild history professor and a TV reporter (gentler sex) who are forced into the roles of hero and heroine battling two pairs of weird villains who came to sticky ends. A critical reader may judge that the plot becomes too convoluted, with an unnecessary number of bodies littering the route. Regardless, the Glendower legacy is an absorbing read. It's a paperback. The library's only Gifford hardback is

The Wind Chill Factor. For patrons too rushed at this time of the year for all else but skimming, two pictorial books are recommended: British Columbia, with photographs by Paul von Back; and Montreal and Its Countryside, photographer, Michael Drum-Beautiful,

may bring homesickness and nostalgia, if one happens to have hailed from B.C. or Montreal.

Depending on what

happens in the Iranian

situation, current issues of Macleans and Time magazines, both keeping abreast of the crisis are worth preserving for hisresearch. Memory is such an iminstrument perfect compared with the written word. Although Canadians are not directly involved in the tense drama, it concerns us emotionally because of our ties with the U.S. We may wax nationalistic from time to time, and probably with good reason, but it strikes close to home when our big neighbor is blackmailed. One does not have to be blatantly pro-American to feel a profound sympathy for President Carter. He is shouldering a tremen-

for for Christmas festivities, Chatelaine, House Garden and Seventeen are chockful of hints, tips and directions. Chatelaine offers story children's Margaret Alwood and five other prominent Canadian writers recall their most memorable Christmas. Oonah McFee, Myrna Kostash, Marian Engel, Thomas Findley and Hugh Hood are the Yuletide contrib-A little early for

If you are short of ideas

dous burden.

Santa's whirl over the library rooftop, but welcome just the same are a bonus of new paperbacks: Everything You Always Wanted To Know about Nutrition, David Chesapeake, Reuben; Michener; The James Son, Charles Soilor: The Far Pavilions, M.M.Kaye; People of the Lake. Richard Leakey; Sisters and Strangers, Helen Van Slyke: The Quick and the Dead, Louis L'Amour; The Lonely Lady of San Clemente. Lester David; Convenant, Ludlum; The Robert Glass Flame, Phyllis Whitney; The Times of My Life, Betty Ford; Dynasty, Bronfman Newman; Peter Flyaway, Desmond Bagley; My Enemy the Victoria Holt; Generation. Fast: The Glendower Legacy, Thomas Gifford; The Cinder Path, Catherine

Threw. And for Sci-Fi fans: Hart Magic, Warlock of the Witch World, Web of the Witch World, Three Against the Witch World, Witch World, Sorceress of the Witch World, all by Andre Norton. It's that time of the

Cookson: Death of a

Anthony

Supertanker,

year again, after an Indian Summer November. Fairy Lake ducks, responsive to the wind chill factor, have begun visiting bird and squirrel feeding stations near the library. As their built-in clocks operate on sun time they swoop down mornings and again four p.mish to clean up the last niblets of corn. In addition to the three Charlies (big hybrid ducks) and Gandy Two, Chinese gander, three other newcomers joined the flock recently. Hoky: a white domesticated drake, his brown mate Croaky and a pair of Snow geese are the latest

Parties on man impacts

Share Group held a Craft and Bake Sale at Family Cleaners Friday with proceeds going too Cystic Fibrosis. Pat Wood of Family Cleaners looks over what the group has for sale while Hennie Rauwarda and Mary Van Dam make a sales pitch.

It's pot luck for

piano.

After the business period was over, plans for the Christmas party were discussed. One of Members are asked to

Festive decorations

beautified the home of

Highway 25 N. last Tues-

day when she entertained

the members of Knox

Ladies Aid, and a few

friends to a Christmas

A short business meet-

ing was held afterward

with Mrs. Murray giving

a reading "Another

Boy", to open the meet-

organization in 1979 was

satisfactory treasurer's

report of the 11 month

period. (No meeting

being held in December).

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Harry Murray,

alance. There will also be an impromptu proplete the evening.

year's program activities which hopefully will greatly help the executive plan. anniversary greetings were sung to Joe and Mary Fuller and

bring new ideas for next

Christmas Tree to get tickets. Dinner will be at Brampton.

to play euchre and crokinole.

welcome any bowlers who are interested.

ACW elects officers

St. Alban's Anglican Church Women held their December meeting on Dec. 5 at the parish hall in the form of the annual Christmas meeting with gift exchange between members.

Rev. Arthur Tribe conducted the election for 980-1981 Elected are: honorary

president, June Tribe; president, Penny Bristow; first vice pre-Babs Mitchell; sident. second vice president, Marg Creasey; secretary, Mabel Barkman; treasurer, Marie Hargrave; corresponding secretary. Mabel Denny; press reporter,

Rheta Goodwin; flowers and gifts, Louise Lind-

say; loving message

votional. Penny Bristow demonstrated making of a "tea ring" which was served with lunch to the 20 members present.

Lorna Clarke; kitchen convenors, Babs Mitchell and Madeline Lee; group convener, Mae Fountain.

June Tribe gave the de-

Institute

meeting was held in the Isabel Watson room of the Acton Centennial

Members sat down to a pot luck luncheon. The table was decorated with the Christmas theme.

December

Following the luncheon the regular meeting was opened by singing the Institute ode, followed by the Mary Stewart

Acton WI lunch read, followed by the roll call "A Christmas gift I remember." member read a reading or poem relating to the

Christmas season. Mrs. George Hargrave, delegate to the convention, gave a report from the convention held in

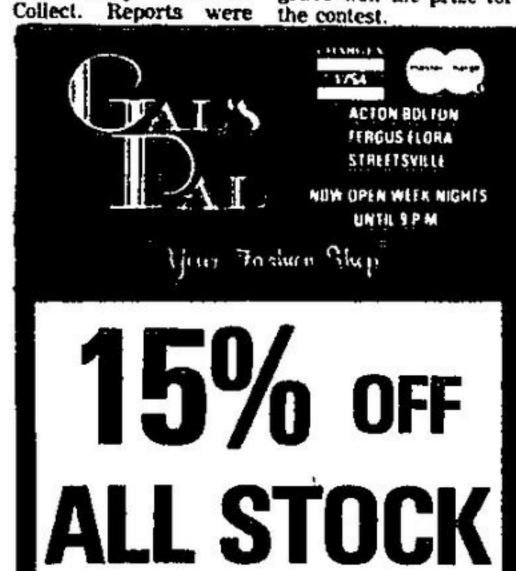
Kitchener. Bringing pleasant afternoon to a close, Mrs. George Hargrave won the prize for the contest.

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theme song opened the December afternoon meeting of the Golden Age club in St. Alban's Hall on December 6 with the president presiding and Jean McLean at the

the most enjoyable evenings is a pot fuck dinner. bring casseroles, salads and desserts, also their own cutlery. The committee will provide the

gram and it is hoped the members will bring their jokes, stories, short readings, etc. to com-A suggestion box will be there for members to

Nellie Wieck received the birthday song.

Laura Dennis, 23

Knox Ladies Aid

has special buffet

year.

Christmas."

hostess

congregation

Christmas time.

ttee members

Nominating Commi-

Mrs.

McIntyre, Mrs. C.M.

Davidson and Mrs. W.J.

McLeod, and they will

present their report at

the first meeting of the

Several winners of con-

tests presented followed

a reading by Mrs.

Murray "Just before

Santa Claus arrived,

and the hostess, assisted

by her daughter, Mrs.

delivered gifts to every-

pressed thanks to the

Mrs. A. Near ex-

MacPherson,

on behalf of

named

portation committee, told of the bus trip on Sunday, Dec. 16 to see the Living Church, Toronto. This has been highly recommended and the convener has done considerable negotiating

The meeting adjourned

The bowling club would

Knox Daughters help Viets

The December meeting of the Daughters of Knox group of Knox Presbyterian Church was held at the church, in the form of a Christmas party.

Following a brief business meeting, during which the new slate of officers for 1980 was presented, a delicious meal was enjoyed.

A special Christmas devotional was conducted by Joyce Sprowl's group, and many of the old favorite Christmas Carols were sung. Vivian Swallow's group was in charge of entertainment for the evening, and everyone present had fun

DID YOU KNOW? During the second war, the Legion regularly sent cigarettes and candy to the boys overseas.

trying to solve world article of clothing to be games and puzzles, after given to the new Vietwhich gifts were ex- namese neighbors to help changed among the them through their first members.

one present brought a gift of warm mittens, cap, scarf, or Christmas" wishes all some other appropriate round.

Brerberbrerbrerbrerbrer

Mothers' bake sale at Trinity United Church, Saturday,



Yvonne Courtine and Sharon DeForest show off a cake at the Scout and Guide

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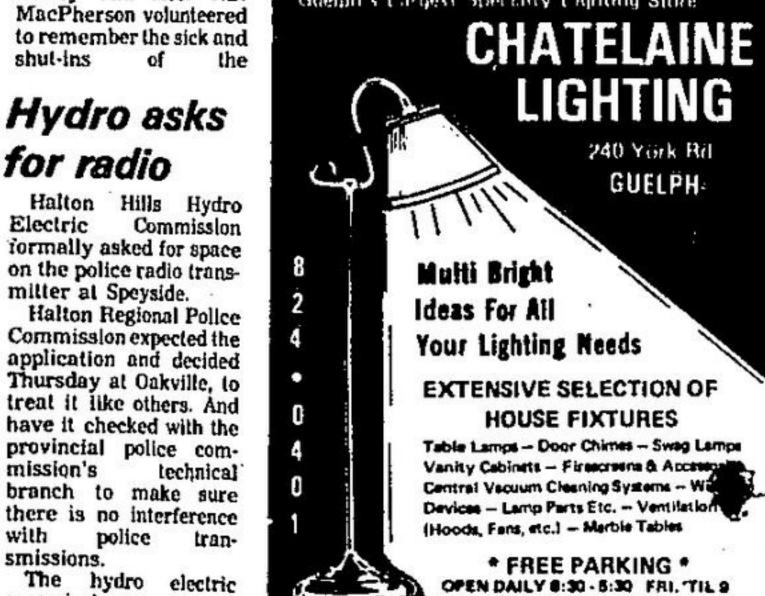
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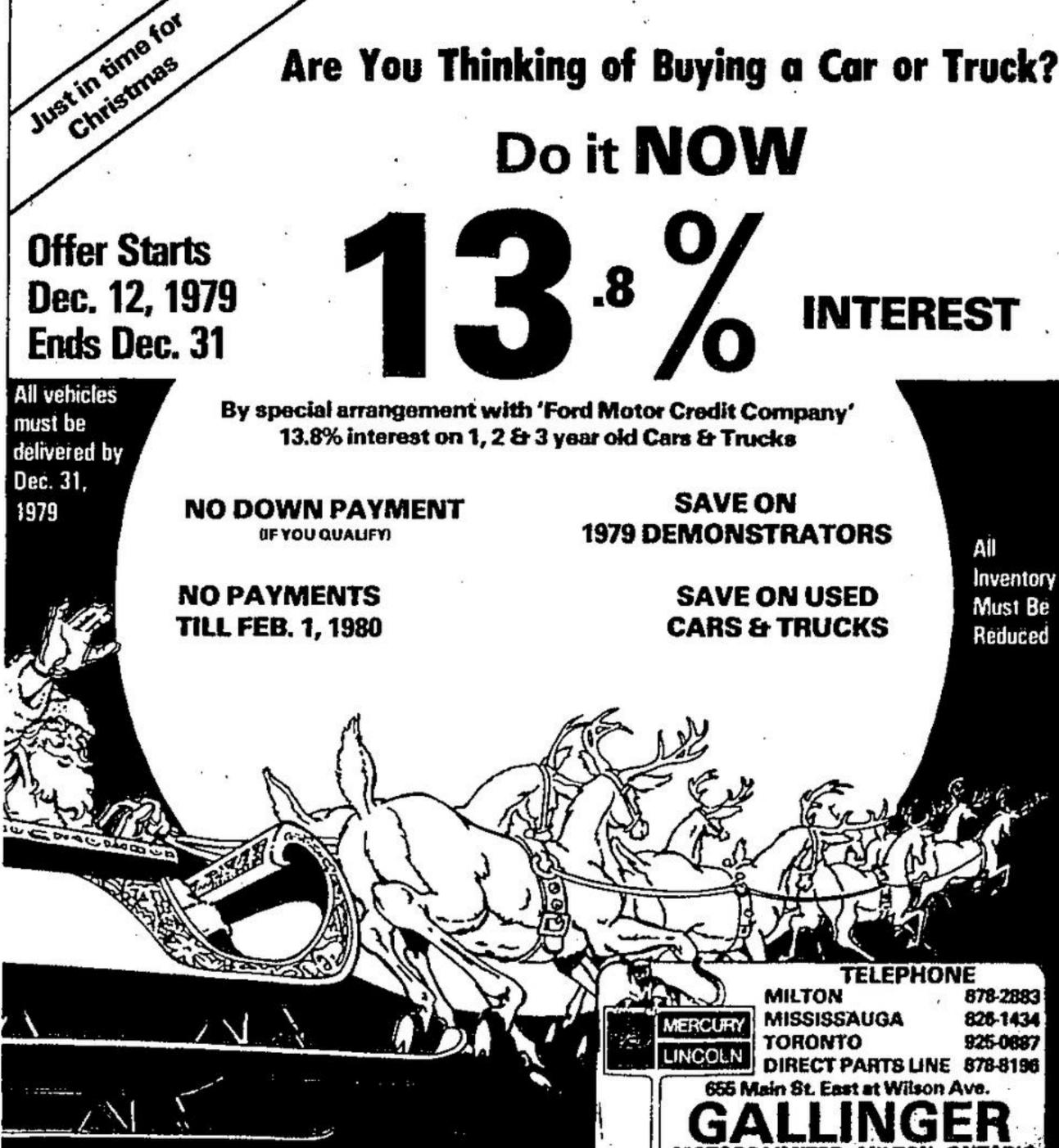
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Workshops explain The Niagara Escarpment Commission will be Frontier Florist holding two information workshops on proposed master plan for & Garden Centre

the escarpment area. The workshops for the Halton area will be held on December 18 and 20 at the Milton public library, at the corner of Pearl and Bruce streets. Copies of the proposed plans and maps of the area will be available. Planning and information staff will be on hand to answer questions during the two

workshops. Members of the public can stop in anytime between 12 noon and 8 p.m. on either day.

-Bronte Creek Park demonstrated Christmas decorations from natural materials on the week-

eod. - There are plenty of church bazaars these days.