

Money vanishes warrant issued

Halton Regional Police have issued a Canada wide warrant for the arrest of Denis Devine on a charge of theft over \$200.

Devine had been the manager of a gas station on the east side of Acton. Police allege that sometime between December 10 and 20 about \$16,900 disappeared from this business. It was reported to police December 20. They have been unable to locate Devine.

Devine, 29, had been living at 7 Main St. North Georgetown. He is also well known in Acton, having operated the gas station as well as earlier this year a pinball arcade at the same location. Also Devine ran for an Acton seat on Halton Hills council on November 8, placing last in the field of five candidates and earning just 265 votes.

Police ask that anyone knowing Devine's whereabouts contact the Criminal Investigations Bureau of the Halton Regional Police in Georgetown at 878-5511, extension 292 or 294.



This group of youngsters at Robert Little School sang Away in a Manger at last Monday's Christmas concert.

Town office says goodbye to Lorna

Lorna Clarke retires with the entire Halton Hills' tally at about 34,000.

Only two people are left working for the town of Halton Hills who were working for Acton when she joined the staff—Alf Doby, superintendent of works, and John Van den Brink.

Obviously the biggest change Lorna has seen over the years has been the inception of regional government and the resulting changes in administration and the size of the Acton office. She trusts that an office will always remain open in Acton as people need something more personal than talking on the telephone, she states.

She says it was a shame the town was subordinated on the old post office property. She explained the plan was to move the town offices into the historic building.

The timing of the inception of regional government also was a big disappointment. The tiered level of government came into being just as Acton was to celebrate its 100th birthday. She notes there have been no more regions formed

since Halton Hills. Lorna's retirement will not be idle, she says. She plans to do volunteer work, catch up on long postponed projects and do some travelling. So far, she has a trip to England on the roster and hopes to some day go to Australia. She also plans to see more of her children.



Lorna Clarke retires this week after 23 years of working with the municipal government. Her son David in Kingston, and her wife and daughter Susan in granddaughter.

Kettles raise \$16,000

Over \$16,000 was raised in Halton Hills this holiday season through the Salvation Army Christmas Cheer Kettles.

This amount is triple last year's total, says Envoy Douglas Vale, but, she stressed the need is also tripled. He figures the money will barely make it through the coming year in helping the needy.

All money raised with the kettles is strictly for welfare cases, Envoy Vale pointed out. It does not go towards the Salvation Army Corps or the church.

The kettles were placed at strategic points in Acton and Georgetown, and were the only way of raising funds this holiday season. Envoy

Vale says he has no idea of knowing how much his fund was affected by an Acton teenager going door-to-door asking for funds for the "Sally Anne." Halton Regional Police treated the incident as a fraud case.

In addition to the money raised for the coming year's work, 50 hampers were given to needy families throughout the town, and five or six people with no place to go were put up in motels and had dinner bought for them. It is unknown at this time just how many food vouchers were given out.

Envoy Vale pointed out the Rockwood and District Lions Club took over giving out hampers in Rockwood and Eden

Mills, an area previously looked after by the Halton Hills Salvation Army.

"On behalf of the Salvation Army," Envoy Vale concluded, "I wish to thank the people of Halton Hills for their generosity and I know the Lord will bless them for their donations."

Jack Waterhouse retires

A long-time employee of Mackenzie Bulldall, Jack Waterhouse, retired last week, after 35 years of service.

Mr. Waterhouse worked at wool combing before he got the job at Mackenzie, and previous to that, he had been in the army.

He plans to take his retirement day by day, he says.

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