



## FIRST BABY

# Where we are

We're on the map. In fact we're on our map. The Halton Hills engineering department has finalized large street maps for both Georgetown and Acton which will soon be made available for a price, to anyone interested in finding out where they are at.

The price for the new maps was tentatively decided upon by the town's finance and personnel committee at its meeting Monday night. The maps will be sold to anyone wishing one for \$1 per map. Charitable organizations and local service clubs however, can have their first map free.

The cost of the maps, clerk-administrator Doug Pritchard told the committee, was 15 cents for Acton and 30 cents for Georgetown. The Georgetown map, Mr. Pritchard roughly indicated, was about twice the size of the Acton map.

The committee decided on the round \$1 price in order to make it easier for town personnel to handle the sales as well as to cover any additional costs which might be necessary such as mailing them to outside interested parties. Mr. Pritchard explained that approximately half of the present inquiries made to his office concerning street

maps of the towns came from outside the municipality.

The committee also decided that, should the Halton Regional Police request a map of the town, they would have to pay \$1 just the same as anyone else. The region, pointed out Mr. Pritchard, requires Halton Hills to pay for any regional maps.

How about councillors, councillor Pat MacKenzie jokingly asked? "Well, replied Mr. Pritchard, "you're not a charitable organization, nor are you a local service club. But..."

The maps will be available soon at the town offices on the Seventh Line.

## NO GLOOM IN GEORGETOWN

# Businesses here foresee '75 as a year of growth

1975 is now eight days old and economic forecasters continue to paint a gloomy picture of general unemployment and a recession in the coming year. But here in Halton Hills spokesmen for a number of Georgetown industries express a brighter outlook for the local manufacturing scene in 1975.

The major United States automobile manufacturers have announced that 1975 will not be a rosy one with further layoffs and limited production. Chrysler, the hardest hit of all the manufacturers have implemented their layoff schedule early because of the slump in new car sales and the surplus of 1974 models.

One Georgetown company that is closely connected with the auto manufacturers, Standard Products of Guelph Street, producers of window assemblies.

Jack Hamilton, manager of the company indicated that it is difficult to predict what the year holds for Canadians. "Our production was below that of 1973," said Mr. Hamilton "Part of the slump comes from the energy crisis combined with the other causes of inflation."

Abithl Paper Mills' Georgetown branch, located on Rosetta Street, produces coated paper products for various applications. At present there have been several reductions in plant personnel to compensate for the slow down in the paper market.

"We hope to be in full production again by the end of the first quarter," said manager George Lockwood.

The previous year, 1974, was an excellent year according to Mr. Lockwood. During that period the plant was running at full production without the usual seasonal layoff.

Two other local industries are also dependent on paper producers for their output.

One such company is Labelmaster that produces stick-on labels used in the food industry for identification and pricing of meats and other items.

The other company looks forward to 1975 as a period of expansion and growth for the three-year-old Georgetown enterprise.

"We anticipate a 25 percent growth over the next year and, with the introduction of a new company, Papermasters, we will be able to hire more people from the Georgetown area," explained Pat Coupland. "As long as people are eating we're in business."

Gage Stationery, another Georgetown industry, reliant on paper producers, expects 1975 to be a good year with less inflation than during 1974.

"In 15 months some prices doubled for paper and related products that we use in the manufacture of our goods," said Bruce McIntyre, controller for the local firm.

Because of the sudden large increase in the cost of raw materials the added cost had to be passed on to the consumer.

The past year was an exceptional one for Gage, according to Mr. McIntyre. The

company introduced several new products together with new marketing ideas to further increase sales.

"For Canadians I think we can expect to see a levelling off of prices with very few increases. There will be nothing like the past year," he added.

Tom Brotherton of Economy Forms Limited anticipates further growth in his company as well.

"We will not be expanding our facilities but rather our production into heavier construction," said Mr. Brotherton.

He also predicted that his company won't be hit by unemployment and will actively be seeking people as the year progresses.

Fred Zorge, president of Mountclare Developments, points out that the con-

struction business is uncertain as yet. During times of recession and economic change, governments boost the construction industry by encouraging winter works programs and pouring money into low cost mortgages and housing starts.

"The first few months look bleak," added Mr. Zorge. "If the government did anything it would take at least four to six months before the affects could be felt."

"Prices have begun to level off in the industry," further commented Mr. Zorge and now salesmen are out working to sell their products."

Mr. Zorge also felt that many people are stockpiling products and materials in order to avoid paying future high prices. Panic buying and the associated stockpiling made it easy for salespeople to move products and force the prices up when new stock was available.

"Now there is no money for these people to do it with. Sales have returned to normal and prices have levelled off," said Mr. Zorge.

For taxmix, producers of agricultural nutritional additives, also reflect hope for the upcoming year. Mr. MacMillan, general manager does not predict the gloom others seem to have foreseen.

Inmont Pressite, manufacturers of sealants and caulking compounds see some uncertainty in the new year.

Sherman Rapaport, plant manager, says, "some areas of production will show an increase while at the same time others will indicate a slowdown." The Georgetown company has been located here for the past 13 years and employs 25 people.

For Smith and Stone of Georgetown 1974 was an unusual year, according to company spokesman Tom Creaghan.

"In 1974 we experienced a raw materials shortage and then a jump of 30 percent in the cost of those materials," he said. "It was a good year for the company though."

Smith and Stone manufacture electrical

wiring devices such as switches, outlets, outlet covers and so on. Most of the products produced along these lines are for use in the construction of houses.

"With housing starts down and a large inventory from the previous year," Mr. Creaghan found it difficult to predict an active year until the third and fourth quarters of 1975.

He also added that he anticipates no major layoffs as do some industries but also cannot see any extra hiring during the coming year. To supplement the regular product line Smith and Stone will be introducing a new product line of consumer-packaged wiring devices intended for home use.

The familiar symbol will appear on blister packages containing fuses, switches, outlets, and many other electrical devices produced by the company.

"This product line will help offset the decline in the housing industry and provide a market for all of our products that might not be available if we relied solely on the housing field for our work," added Mr. Creaghan.

Richard Hampton of Baltimore Aircol anticipates this year as a difficult one. The company employs 80 people in its Sinclair Avenue plant.

"The year will hopefully bring us as much or more business than 1974. We have just completed a large addition to our plant and can foresee no layoffs during the year," he said.

Curwood Packaging located on Armstrong Avenue produces flexible packaging

materials such as the wrapping on cheese, meats and other foods.

"Some of our clients are Canada Packers, Kraft Foods, McCormick and Loblaw," said Don Anderson, General Manager of the Georgetown plant.

Curwood Packaging has been in operation since 1970 and employs over 60 people. During 1974 the company experienced a 60 percent growth in sales and is anticipating a 30 percent increase during 1975.

Mr. Anderson also noted they are anticipating a 25 percent increase in staff over the year. "The year will be a competitive one," added Mr. Anderson "with few escalating prices such as we experienced during 1974."

Sales for the company exceeded \$5 million over the past year and, in order to handle the increased volume, added equipment will be installed to further the capacity of production.

Jack Crichton of Donmar noted the year would be unpredictable and would be dependent on the economy.

"I can't say how the year will go."

Halton Regional Police are warning businessmen in the area to be wary of telephone solicitors implying they are local policemen.

Sgt. John Barratt of the Halton department noted a Toronto-based company has been canvassing Georgetown businesses by phone asking them to sponsor an advertisement in a special "Police Safety Guide" to be published by them and circulated in local schools. The firm then follows up the phone call with an invoice.

"There may be nothing wrong with the publication, and I have no doubt that the ads will appear," commented Sgt. Barratt, "but we want people to know that this operation has nothing whatever to do with the police."

He said if you receive a phone call or an invoice "give us a call right away."



FREDERICK A. HELSON, Q.C.

## Helson, Q.C.

A local lawyer and former Herald photographer was honored on the New Year by being appointed one of Her Majesty's Counsel by the provincial government. Frederick Arthur Helson, a partner in the law firm of Helson, Baines, Bellegem & Steele, received the honor for his community involvement. He has a keen interest in municipal politics and has devoted a good deal of his practice to municipal work.

Mr. Helson was chairman of the Exequating Planning Board from the time of its inception until the advent of regional government.

A native of Peterborough, he lived a number of years as a farm boy near Paris, Ontario and graduated from Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph in 1943. He worked for Baxter Laboratories in Acton and spent a number of years in the states before deciding to take up law.

Mr. Helson came to Georgetown in 1951 with his bride, Margaret Elizabeth Hoare, and did a great deal of freelance photography for the Herald, until his graduation from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1957. After having been called to the bar he set up a partnership for a short while, then struck out on his own.

After a few years, he joined partnership with Kenneth A. Langdon who was recently made a judge of the Provincial Court. He has since amalgamated with Terence F. Baines, John R. Bellegem, Raymond L. Steel and Miss Johanna R. McMillan.

Mr. Helson and his wife are members of St. George's Anglican Church, where both have sung in the choir for a number of years. He is interested in art and loves to ski, in fact he takes part of his vacation in winter to indulge in his favorite sport. Although no longer further involved with the newspaper business he is still an avid camera fan.

## Don the blades soon

With the onset of colder weather the Halton Hills Recreation Department began flooding of the public skating rinks located at Kennedy Public School, Harrison Public School, Cedarvale, GDHS, Joseph Gibbons and the fair grounds, last Monday.

"We had to wait for cold weather—about 28 degrees—to put the base down for the rinks," said Doug Collison, recreation for the town of Halton Hills.

The weather prior to the holiday was too warm to permit flooding of the rinks. The forms for the ice had been set up before the first snow fall.

Lack of the free rinks did not stop people from skating during the Christmas holiday, according to Mr. Collison. On December 30, 275 people attended the public skating session at the Georgetown Memorial Arena. During the holiday about 150 people attended the daily open skating sessions.

Throughout the winter public skating is available at the arena Saturday at 8:30 and Sunday at 7:30.

Registration for ballet, power skating and the learn to skate programs have been underway since Monday as part of the recreation department's winter activities program.



CATHY BOUSKILL and Joe Hurst discuss the agenda for Monday's works committee meeting. Mr. Hurst of Acton will be the chairman of the committee for 1975 replacing councillor Lex Coxe who will still serve on the committee.

## Three new heads for '75

Esqueuing councillor Dick Howitt has been named the new chairman of the town's general administration committee, taking over the task handled the first year by Councillor Roy Booth. Vice-chairman of the committee for 1975 will be Acton Councillor Les Duby.

The new chairman of the public works committee will be Acton councillor Joe Hurst replacing 1974's chairman, Len Coxe.

Councillor Harry Levy of Georgetown is the new head of the town's finance and personnel committee with Esqueuing councillor Russ Miller assuming the vice-chairman's duties. Councillor Pat McKenzie of Acton was the committee's chairman during its first stormy year of operations.

## They got smashed on New Year's Eve

It was a smashing New Year's Eve in Georgetown as some unknown persons went about flinging beer bottles through windows and car lights.

Several residents in the Delrex Blvd. area reported headlights and tail lights had been smashed on cars parked outside their

homes. A beer bottle was heaved through a window of Market Place Optical on Guelph Street. Four Winds Art Shop and Joseph Gibbons School also reported broken windows. There are no suspects.

Other than that, police say it was an unusually quiet New Year's Eve for

Georgetown. No accidents in District One were reported even though they report there was a lot more traffic than other years. Regional police from other parts of Halton report traffic was heavier over this New Year's Eve but accidents were light.

## There's no business like snow business

Halton Hills wants to get out of snow business.

The works department of the town no longer will be removing snow from public sidewalks unless they themselves put it there.

In previous years attempts were made to clear the miles of sidewalks within the municipality but, with the lack of proper equipment and personnel, the job represented a task that the works department

could not handle. "Most municipalities have the residents keep the frontage of their homes clear," added Peter Morris, town engineer.

Councillor Ern Hyde inquired whether or not there was any legal foothold to make people clear sidewalks in front of their homes.

Councillor Joe Hurst, chairman of the public works committee, proposed an in-

spection and sanding program be instituted within the towns of Acton and Georgetown.

Concern was also expressed regarding the liability if injuries should occur on town sidewalks.

"If we ignore a problem area where it is uncommonly icy than we can be accused of gross negligence," said Coxe.

"We can't be expected to be responsible for snow or icy spots within minutes of a

snowfall," said Mr. Morris.

Councillor Coxe also noted that to sand all the sidewalks once in the towns would keep the department busy until the summer before they could begin re-sanding.

Some sanding is automatically done, other areas are done by request but always attempts are made to alleviate any problem areas as soon as possible, furthered Mr. Morris.

## Works budget delay

The 1975 capital works budget for Halton Hills came before the works committee Monday evening and was rejected by Councillor Ern Hyde. The program outlined work to be done within the municipality of Halton Hills during the upcoming season.

"Many of these are a carry over from 1974," added Councillor Len Coxe.

"I can't concur with this. There are many areas of the town needing attention that are not on this list," said Coxe.

Councillor Coxe and town engineer Peter Morris expressed concern that if the projects were not planned and tenders applied for soon they would find themselves in the same situation as they did last year with a surplus of subsidy money and no projects to begin.

The subsidy surplus of \$100,000 was due to the fact that many of the projects planned and funds allocated for were not able to be started before the onset of winter.

"We should be asking for tenders now before the materials and the work force are gone," noted Mr. Morris.

A meeting scheduled between John Rhodes, minister of transportation and communications, was not held but a letter to the works department explained the position of the department regarding subsidy money.

The letter noted that subsidy money will only be available until December 31 of the year for which it was issued. The \$178,000 will not be made available to carry over some of the projects as had been hoped by council.

Mr. Rhodes indicated that an additional \$75,000 could be available to further some of the projects.

A special meeting will be held shortly to determine some priorities to be included in the capital works budget. Following the meeting members of the committee will visit the scene of some of these projects.

Budgets and proposals are revised throughout the year, priorities change and we must be aware of them, added Coxe. "I wanted to get this works budget moving as soon as possible or we wouldn't be able to start many of these projects."

"I can't see any reason for delaying," added Coxe. Mike Armstrong.

Peter Morris explained that he carefully considered all streets and roads within Halton Hills and those appearing on the proposal are the ones requiring the most attention.

"It should be considered in-depth," said Coxe. Hyde.

Some of the streets requiring work and repairs include Church Street, Sargent Road, Rexway Drive, Henry Street, the Fifth Line, the Tenth Line and Raylawn Crescent.