In spite of a severe snow

storm which dumped an esti-

mated 6 to 7 inches of snow on

Halton Hills Monday night,

there were only two car accid-ents in Halton Hills and urban

Two works crews from the

Halton Hills works department

worked all night keeping the

main roads clear. Regular

crews started working at 3

a.m. to clean up the rest of the roads. Frank Morette, works

superintendent, said the prob-

lem with abandoned cars had

"People are getting better educated, I guess," he said.

The regional road crews had

more problems with cars bloc-

king snow plows. But works

crews worked all night keeping

regional roads clear and sand-

ed. No additional crews were

Go Transit reports that three

of the four trains scheduled to

run from Toronto to George-

town on Monday night made

the trip. The fourth train was

cancelled because, according

to Go Transit spokesman Tom

Henry, the last train wasn't

ready to leave until after 10

lessened this time.

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TWO ACCIDENTS AS SIX INCHES OF SNOW FALL



#### **FINISHING TOUCHES**

Georgetown Little Theatre actor Ron Hunt prepares make-up for Susan McGowan who plays the part of a clown In the Straw Princess, a children's Christmas play opening tonight at Howard Wrigglesworth school auditorium. Tickets for all but the performances tonight and Thursday

Picked Up In Passing

Second annual meeting of the alcohol and drug

Holy Cross separate school will be sending both its

A Canadian Red Cross blood donor clinic will be held

James Fisher of RR3, Georgetown has been a

addiction program in Halton will be held at Milton District

Hospital 8 p.m. Dec. 12. The public is welcome to attend.

boys' and girls' volleyball teams to the Halton finals at\_

Ernest C. Drury school in Milton on Dec. 10. The

tournament will begin at 9 a.m. Girls' coach Cynthia Tobin

Monday at Holy Cross Church auditorium on Maple

member of the Georgetown Agricultural Society and a

director of the fair board for 50 years. Last Thursday

evening at the Georgetown Agricultural Society's 32nd

annual dinner, Mr. Fisher was presented with a plaque in

appreciation for his service to the agricultural society and

the fair board. He and his father, William Fisher, both

for single parents, is opening a new chapter for

Georgetown. Parents who are single because of death,

divorce or separation, or who are unmarried, are eligible

for membership. Custody of the children is not a

requirement. For more information, call Margaret

Gordon at 877-3976 during the day, and Joan Eyre at

Parents Without Partners, a non-profit organization

said 20 teams may be competing in the tournament.

Holy Cross teams compete

ADAPT meeting

**Blood** donor clinic

Avenue from 1:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

50 years of service

served as president of the fair board.

877-1696 during the evening.

Parents form group

have been sold out. Anyone wishing to attend the performance and purchase tickets at the door should contact Bob Lee at 877-5407 to book them. Children are reminded to bring to the performances their coloring pictures

#### p.m., and the engineer was published last week. McDonald's Restaurant is offering a needed elsewhere. The first prize for the pictures. train suffered a mechanical Opponents make proposal

of four month route study By LORI TAYLOR

Herald staff writer The Interested Citizens Group (ICG) has suggested a four-month review of the proposed Bradley-Georgetown hydro corridor route in comparison with the Bradley-Kitchener-Milton route, and has agreed to abide by the findings

of such a study. The ICG has proposed that an independent agent, acceptable to the ICG, the government and Ontarlo Hydro. carry out a study of the two routes originally proposed when the hydro corridor issue first arose.

The agent would be given data already accumulated in the Bradley-Georgetown study conducted by Ontario Hydro, which includes access to Kitchener.

The ICG wrote to both Premier William Davis and Energy Minister James Taylor asking for a meeting to discuss their proposal before making it known to the public. Premier Davis's office replied that the premier would be too busy to hold such a meeting. Mr. Taylor's office replied that the meeting would not be schedul-

ed before the new year. In the view of the ICG, the matter is too urgent to be delayed and as a result, they have decided to mount a massive publicity compaign to bring their proposal to the public's attention.

The ICG has stressed that the proposal does not contain any new studies, and will be limited to existing data. The ICG says that in this way, the time allotted to the study can be kept to a period of four months. Other routes in addition to those mentioned, such as the Bruce to Essa route, would not be included in the review of this time.

In a news release published last week, the ICG said that Ontario Hydro's public Image is suffering as a result of the conflict over the corridor. According to the ICG, Ontario Hydro appears to the public as "a huge, insensitive bureaucracy attempting to ride roughshod over the rights of a

group of people.' "This image has been enhanced by the fact that local newspapers and other media have clearly informed the public that the Interested Citizens have never asked for a specific removal of the corridor, but have asked only for an Independent agency to examine the general situation and have agreed to accept the resulting finding with no further resist-

ance," the report continues. The ICG points out that all interested citizens of the province have "a direct and personal involvement with and dependence upon Hydro's wel-

The Ontario government has also suffered damage to its public image as a result of its role of responsibility for Ontario Hydro through the ministry of energy. As evidence of this, the ICG points out that with the exception of one riding, the ridings between Halton and the Bruce and Goderich areas are solidly Liberal. The corridor problem has been

an issue in each election. Legal procedures still open to the ICG to be used in defence of their rights and property could delay the 500Kv line from Bradley for eight months or longer, the ICG said.

"The citizens have amply demonstrated their determination to defend their rights by legal action and will continue to do so," the ICG said.

The ICG pointed out the Ontario Hydro has said in the past that there is a growing need for power in Kitchener, and a risk of "brown-outs". Ontario Hydro's plans call for a 500Kv transformer station at Kitchener by 1978, according

to their Bradley-Georgetown Environmental Study.

"It is evident that the Kitchener afternative is necessary, feasible, already recommended by Hydro engineers and one that can be developed as readily as the Milton line." the

proposal said. "It has ample possibilities to ensure that no power would be 'bottled up' in Bruce. It further provides for more economical construction costs and export to U.S.A. Thus it is a reasonable alternative worthy of comparison with the Milton

The ICG said the type of review it is proposing would not be a costly and lengthy study along the lines of the one done by the Solandt Commission for the citizens concerned about the Nanticoke-Pickering corridor route.

"It would provide at least a little of the consideration given so amply over many months to another group of people," the proposal concludes.

failure, and had to be pushed from Parkdale in Toronto by the second engine, arriving an hour late.

The Brampton office of Ontario Hydro reports no problems caused by the storm. The Guelph office reported "very little storm damage for the type of weather." Some customers suffered power failures. Bell Canada reports no prob-lems with its lines in the wind.

Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital has not treated any serious injuries resulting from the storm. Most of the problems, a hospital spokesman said, were in the nature of "snow shovels dropping on toes, people slipping and so on."

Halton Hills council cancelled its meeting last night, and the Registered Nurses' Association cancelled its Christmas meeting. The Rotary Club's Senior Citizens' Christmas dinner at Holy Cross Church went on as planned.

A bus from Kirby Bus lines picked up residents of the senior citizens' apartments, and nine drivers from the Radical Car Club picked up the rest. About 200 senior citizens made it to the dinner in spite of the weather.

Despite Monday's storm all north Halton's school but one were open and running a program of some sort on Tuesday morning.

Buses were not operating north of Highway 5 yesterday but only the Georgetown District Christian School was clo-

Limehouse public school reported high absenteeism among staff members as a result of the storm. When The Herald called shortly after classes began less than half the staff had arrived for the

### Acton girl accosted twice

A fifteen-year-old girl in Acton was the victim of two attempted assaults over a period of five days.

The girls' mother reported to police that her daughter was walking home from school when the attacker approached her, grabbed her by the throat and knocked her to the ground. She suffered a cut lip in the struggle.

Five days later, the attacker approached the girl again, but this time she was able to elude the assallant.

## Reed sees pitfalls in Expropriation Act

A decision of the Supreme Court of Ontario to deny a request by an Interested Citizens Group in Durham to overturn an expropriation report for the Bradley-Georgetown hydro corridor northern section shows the holes in the Expropriation Act, Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed

The ICG went to the Supreme Court to have the expropriation report set aside when a divisional court and the court of appeal ruled that hearings in Halton would include evidence about alternate hydro routes. In the Durham hearings, no evidence was heard about alternate rou-

"According to the law, the terms of the Expropriation Act have been fulfilled," Mr. Reedsaid. "What's showing up here is that the Expropriation Act amendments designed to proteel landowners against expropriation for public purposes are not working."

"Il shows that the so-called protection mechanisms in the Exprepriation Act are not protective at all," he added. "All they're resulting in is a delay." Mr. Reed said he is getting

very cynical about the process. "Obviously you have a situation where the reason for the decision is based on whatever truths or untruths are exped-

ient at the time," he said. "(Energy Minister James) Taylor said he was satisfied that Solands had done the study (on the Nanticoke-Pickering hydro corridor) and studied the Halton corridor as well, but we've found that just isn't true."

"The whole thing is madden-ing," Mr. Reed added. "We've been taken by the system. In other words, the government has used the system to their advantage to accomplish something of dubious merit."

Mr. Reed said he would continue to stand behind the Interested Citizens Group in

Mr. Reed speculated that the reason the government may be refusing to hold an independent study into the proposed Bradley-Georgetown route is because they know the study will show Ontario Hydro is wrong in the choice it made,, and the government will have to go through the whole pro-

"I believe that's at the core of their reasoning,"he said, "There's still time to conduct an independent study."

cess again.

Mr. Reed sald he doesn't agree with all the positions of Ontario Hydro, but "in many respects, Hydro is the fall guy of the cabinet in this issue."

# ICG becomes agressive

The Interested Citizens Group (ICG) is going to be much more aggressive in its conflict with the provincial government over the proposed corridor, according to ICG spokesman John Schneider.

"We're going to treat the government's decisions as they are - evasive, divisive and vague," he said.

Mr. Schneider said the ICG has been nice, fair and open in their dealings with the prov-

incial government. The ICG-has started a pub-

licity campaign announcing their proposals for solving the conflict over the Bradley-Georgetown hydro corridor, since Premier Davis refused to Bradley-Georgetown hydro meet with the ICG at all, and Energy Minister James Taylor put the meeting off until the

> "We've had these delaying tactles for four years," Mr. Schneider said in reference to the meetings. "We want some kind of priority relative to the importance they say the issue

"We have no objection with

meeting them at their convenlence," he added.

Mr. Schneider said the ICG has always been reasonable and rational in its dealings with the provincial govern-

"It would appear that the way you make yourself heard is to say you're going to shoot some Hydro people and blow up some Hydro towers," he said. "As time goes on, the conclusion will come that if you want to talk to the government, you have to threaten

Storm causes chaos

The Sunshine School in through the morning. Hornby was the hardest hit as all its students travel by bus and none of them showed up. All the staff was present, Reliable Taxi in Acton says day and heavier than usual business began picking up at again on Tuesday morning 6:30 a.m. Monday and continued steadily all day. It was

Vivian Shaw, dispatcher for

Flash Taxi in Georgetown found business heavier than normal from early, early morning until 9 p.m. on Monbecause busses weren't running and parents were sending

Tuesday but began to taper off

At one point calls were running up to an hour behind, she says, but that situation cleared up once the regular school picksups were done in the afternoon.

Al McMilland, owner of Glen Taxi, felt that business was probably triple on Monday and still double at press time on

# Library board chairman to retire at year's end

children to school by cab.

Halton Hills library board already written to say that she the present chairman has decided she no longer has the time to spend on such a time-

heavier than normal carly

consuming volunteer position. Joan Lister has been on the board for the past six years and believes it is time someone else volunteered their time to serve on the board.

"I don't think it's good when one person stays in a job for years and years. Other people should have a chance to do things too," she says, "I've

served long enough." Mrs. Lister was appointed to the library board by the Halton board of education and she has

She is not worried about how her leaving will effect the plans for the new Georgetown

library. "I don't make the board." she says. "We have good members on the board and we'll get a new library

eventually." Although she says the project is in good hands she admits that had construction gone as scheduled and the new building had begun in October

she might possibly have stayed

another term to finish what

was begun.

will be looking for a new does not want her term ex- delays raise the cost of the new chairman next year because tended when it expires Dec. 31. library because she feels that a new library is inevitable.

"We've outgrown the old one," she says. "We're so overcrowded we can't do what a modern library should do for a town."

Her only hope is that the school board will appoint another member who is really interested in library when it

fills her post. During her term on the board she served as a regional representative on the Ontario Library Trustees Association and as the town's representative on the South Central Regional Board.



Part of the crowds that filled the downtown for the Santa Claus parade.

## Santa arrives in Georgetown See page 11

Santa is diligently answering his mail.

So if your letter doesn't appear, it will before Christmas.



Children of Fobert Real Estate employees filled 800 balloons Saturday to distribute during the Santa Claus parade.

**200 ATTEND DINNER** 

Citizens' Christmas dinner on Monday night. able to make it.

In spite of bad weather conditions, about The weather conditions meant that some of 200 senior citizens were able to attend the the entertainment originally planned was not Georgetown Rotary Club's annual Senior shown, but a number of entertainers were