

The personnel director of a large firm received a government questionnaire which asked: "How many employees do you have, broken down by sex?" He replied: "Liquor is more of a problem with us."



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

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 published last week. McDonald's Restaurant is offering a prize for the pictures.

Picked Up In Passing

ADAPT meeting

Second annual meeting of the alcohol and drug addiction program in Halton will be held at Milton District Hospital 8 p.m. Dec. 12. The public is welcome to attend.

Holy Cross teams compete

Holy Cross separate school will be sending both its 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 said 20 teams may be competing in the tournament.

Blood donor clinic

A Canadian Red Cross blood donor clinic will be held Monday at Holy Cross Church auditorium on Maple Avenue from 1:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

50 years of service

James Fisher of RR3, Georgetown has been a 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 served as president of the fair board.

Parents form group

Parents Without Partners, a non-profit organization 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 877-1696 during the evening.



200 ATTEND DINNER

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

TWO ACCIDENTS AS SIX INCHES OF SNOW FALL

Storm causes chaos

In spite of a severe snow storm which dumped an estimated 6 to 7 inches of snow on Halton Hills Monday night, there were only two car accidents in Halton Hills and urban Milton.

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 problem with abandoned cars had lessened this time.

"People are getting better educated, I guess," he said. "The regional road crews had more problems with cars blocking snow plows. But works crews worked all night keeping regional roads clear and sanding. No additional crews were needed."

Go Transit reports that three of the four trains scheduled to run from Toronto to Georgetown 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 p.m., and the engineer was needed elsewhere. The first train suffered a mechanical

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 problems 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 closed.

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 assailant.

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 says.

"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 routes."

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

"It shows that the so-called protection mechanisms in the Expropriation 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 Solandt 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 maddening," 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 Halton.

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 process again.

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

Mr. Reed said 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 aggressive

The Interested Citizens Group (ICG) is going to be much more aggressive in its conflict with the provincial government over the proposed Bradley-Georgetown hydro 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 provincial government.

The ICG has started a pub-

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

"We've had these delaying tactics 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 has."

"We have no objection with

meeting them at their convenience," he added.

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

"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 them."

day. The Sunshine School in Hornby was the hardest hit as all its students travel by bus and none of them showed up. All the staff was present, however.

Reliable Taxi in Acton says business began picking up at 6:30 a.m. Monday and continued steadily all day. It was heavier than normal early

Tuesday but began to taper off through the morning.

Vivian Shaw, dispatcher for Flash Taxi in Georgetown found business heavier than normal from early, early morning until 9 p.m. on Monday and heavier than usual again on Tuesday morning because busses weren't running and parents were sending children to school by cab.

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

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

Library board chairman to retire at year's end

Halton Hills library board will be looking for a new chairman next year because the present chairman has decided she no longer has the time to spend on such a time-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

already written to say that she does not want her term extended when it expires Dec. 31.

She is not worried about how her leaving will affect 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.

Mrs. Lister regrets that delays raise the cost of the new 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

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Santa is diligently answering his mail. So if your letter doesn't appear, it will before Christmas.



Children of Fobert Real Estate employees filled 600 balloons Saturday to distribute during the Santa Claus parade.