



**PARKLAND GROUP FUNDRAISING**

Evelyn Stapleton and Margaret Harding were among the committee members of the Save Our Parkland group who worked at the group's bake sale at the Boar's Head last Saturday. The sales have been raising quite a bit of money for the group, according to Mrs. Stapleton.

**46 permits in Nov.**

Halton Hills building department issued 46 building permits during the month of November, one of them for a swimming pool. The majority of the permits (17) were issued for alterations on homes. Two permits were issued for institutional purposes, with a value on the institutions of \$20,000. That brings this year's total to date to a value of \$1,385,000 in industrial buildings. Nine permits were issued for single family homes in November, bringing the year's total to 82. No commercial enterprises sought building permits for new commercial buildings in November. Only three permits have been issued for commercial buildings so far this year.



**QUEEN'S JUBILEE MEDAL**

Cpl. Glenn Window of the Canadian Armed Forces stationed at Tacoma, Washington, USA, received a Queen's Jubilee Medal last month. Glenn was an army cadet during his student days at Georgetown high when he left school. He went to the Air element of the Canadian forces in 1969 and will be in Tacoma with his wife for the next three years. His parents have been Georgetown residents since 1963.

**Committee reports**

A special committee set up to look at bus safety last May favored the installation of two-way radios in buses when it reported to Halton board of education last week.

The committee, headed by Burlington trustee, Cameron Jackson, wants all Halton buses to carry this equipment by September, 1978. It would be especially useful during the winter when buses get stranded in snow.

**Hinton's suggestion**

Bert Hinton, trustee for Acton and Esquimaux made his remarks while he was commenting on a report by a special board committee set up in May to review bus policy. He also opposed a recommendation calling for the appointment of a board transportation officer which he termed administrative empire, building. He said his services would be included in any busing contract.

Bus transportation costs \$1.8 million annually. The board operates its own fleet of buses in Oakville and contracts service for Burlington and North Halton.

regulations which include: -prohibiting passengers from standing on buses. The exceed the bus's rated capacity.

-transportation should be provided for kindergartens and Grade 1 pupils who live more than a mile from school, Grade 2 to 8 pupils who live more than two miles away and Grade 9 to 13 students more than three miles away.

-not having students riding buses earlier than 7:30 a.m. or later than 5 p.m.

-provision for a more intensive safety inspection program of buses over eight years old or more than 150,000 miles.

-first aid course for drivers and studies on various safety feature improvements in construction such as padding doorways and seat backs, installing padded lip covers on seats and raising the height of seat backs.

Rick Wilson, assistant executive director of the Ontario School Bus Operators Association disagreed with the idea of installing the radios in all buses because he feels they are not necessary in buses travelling in built-up areas where drivers have fairly ready access to a telephone in case of an emergency or a break down.

"They are valuable in rural areas where buses travel back roads," he said, but added that "if they were to become mandatory boards of education would have to subsidize operators. Their installation would be an added cost."



**SWAG WORKSHOP**

Susan Thur studies her swag decoration made with chicken wire and a sphagnum moss base, and covered with evergreen branches.

**All in the family for this insurance firm**

Armstrong Insurance Agency is celebrating 30 years of business with Paul Armstrong following in his father's footsteps both in business and community activities.

Paul's father, the late John T. Armstrong, founded Armstrong Agency 30 years ago. In addition to selling insurance, John T., as he was known, was a councillor, deputy reeve, reeve and mayor of Georgetown.

He resigned from the position of mayor in 1959, the year in which Paul Armstrong entered the insurance business. The agency first opened its

doors in 1947. The office operated out of the Armstrong home on Ontario Street. The family later moved to a new home on Parkview Boulevard, and the company office was located in the basement. In the third and final move, the agency relocated to a white frame house on Main Street South which was a family home around 1939.

The services offered by the agency over the years have changed somewhat. Originally the agency offered only life insurance. Later, general insurance was added. When Paul entered the business in 1969, he took over much of the general insurance, with John T. handling the life insurance side.

Paul studied at McMaster University, and has taken a number of courses at the University of Toronto since he received his licence. He is a member of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of Ontario, and has been designated Associate of Insurance Institute of Canada. He is presently working towards a designation as a Chartered Insurance Broker.

Paul is actively involved in community organizations and activities, as was his father. He was chosen Mr. Georgetown during the town's Centennial year, and was a Master of the Masonic Lodge in 1972, the year after his father held the post.

Paul is an active member and past president of the Georgetown Rotary Club and visited Australia on behalf of the Rotary International District 707, of which the Georgetown Club is a member. Paul is also a member of the Progressive Conservative party. His twin brother, Michael, is a councillor for the town of Halton Hills.

In addition to his other activities, Paul is also a part-time justice of the peace, a vice-chairman of the hospital board and director of the Area 5 Ontario Hospital Association.

Paul has expressed his appreciation for his staff. His

Pity The Boss  
The boss is the guy who has to get up early to see who comes in late. If there were more self-starters, the boss wouldn't have to be such a crank.

**Ballinafad news**

By Mrs. WINIFRED SMITH  
Herald correspondent  
Sunday was a special day at Ballinafad Church. It was family White Gift Sunday.

Many parents came out with their families to enjoy the worship service and participate in the fellowship as lunch was served after church in the basement.

The children and young people took part in the service. The 1st verse of the Christmas Carol "Away In A Manger" was sung by the Kindergarten class with all joining in for the other verses.

Georgina Norman read the 1st Scripture lesson and Susanna Lewis the 2nd Scripture. The third candle of Advent was lit by Mr. Stiles who explained in detail why it signified "The Tree of Jesse."

The Junior Choir delighted all with an anthem. The children and grownups alike listened attentively as Mrs. Stiles read "A Christmas Story". The Munro family took up the offering and Gerry Clarke and Paul LaRose were the ushers for this family Sunday.

After lunch was served downstairs all returned upstairs for the Sunday School concert. Mrs. Joyce Clarke as superintendent, had charge of the program and called on Mary Jane Guest for the opening recitation. Next was "The Christmas Scene" which was portrayed by the Kindergarten class. The Primary class were Christmas Bells. A recording of famous bells played in Germany was

provided by Mrs. Schwartz and made it effective as the one acted their piece.

Lyn Sinclair had a recitation.

Alma Sinclair and Mr. Stiles put on a humorous skit.

Carol Johnson and Jennifer Munroe each gave a reading and Leigh Jessup played a piano solo which ended the Sunday School part of the concert.

Mrs. Pat Kerr then took over, and played for a group of Halton Junior Farmers who sang several selections which were thoroughly enjoyed. Pat and Bob Kerr with the help of son, Jeffrey playing the drums entertained with a few numbers.

Mrs. Joyce Clarke on behalf of the Sunday School thanked the Kerrs and the Junior Farmer Group who have provided the extra numbers. Santa arrived to the tune of Jingle Bells and had a gift for all the children. It was a happy time for all.

The December meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Ernest McEnery.

It was the annual Christmas get-together when husbands were invited to a potluck dinner.

Christmas decorations and lighted candles graced the tables set up in the dining and living room. Delicious hot food and an array of tempting desserts were set out on the kitchen table.

Each took food of their own choice but most took a sample of each. When the meal was over the

men sat around the table for a chat and the ladies gathered in the living room for a short business meeting.

Mrs. Slessoraitis and Mrs. Koperdraad said they would lead the girls again for the next Home-Making club "Focus on Living" coming up in the new year.

The motion was carried to give the Welfare Committee extra money to spend for the sick and shut-ins at this season of the year.

The program committee then took over and a sing-song followed.

Two amusing contests were held between the married couples. A few games of euchre were enjoyed. Lillie Given and Lloyd Marshall being the winners.

There was an exchange of gifts to end a happy annual Christmas time party. President Mrs. Jamieson thanked the McEnery's for opening their home.

The Christmas dance sponsored by the Hall board was very well attended on Saturday evening. There was an ample supply of food as it was a pot luck supper served Buffet style. "The Country Dancers" supplied the music and all reported a good time.

Several parents and friends enjoyed the concert provided by the young students of Brisbane School. It was held on Thursday evening at the school.

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