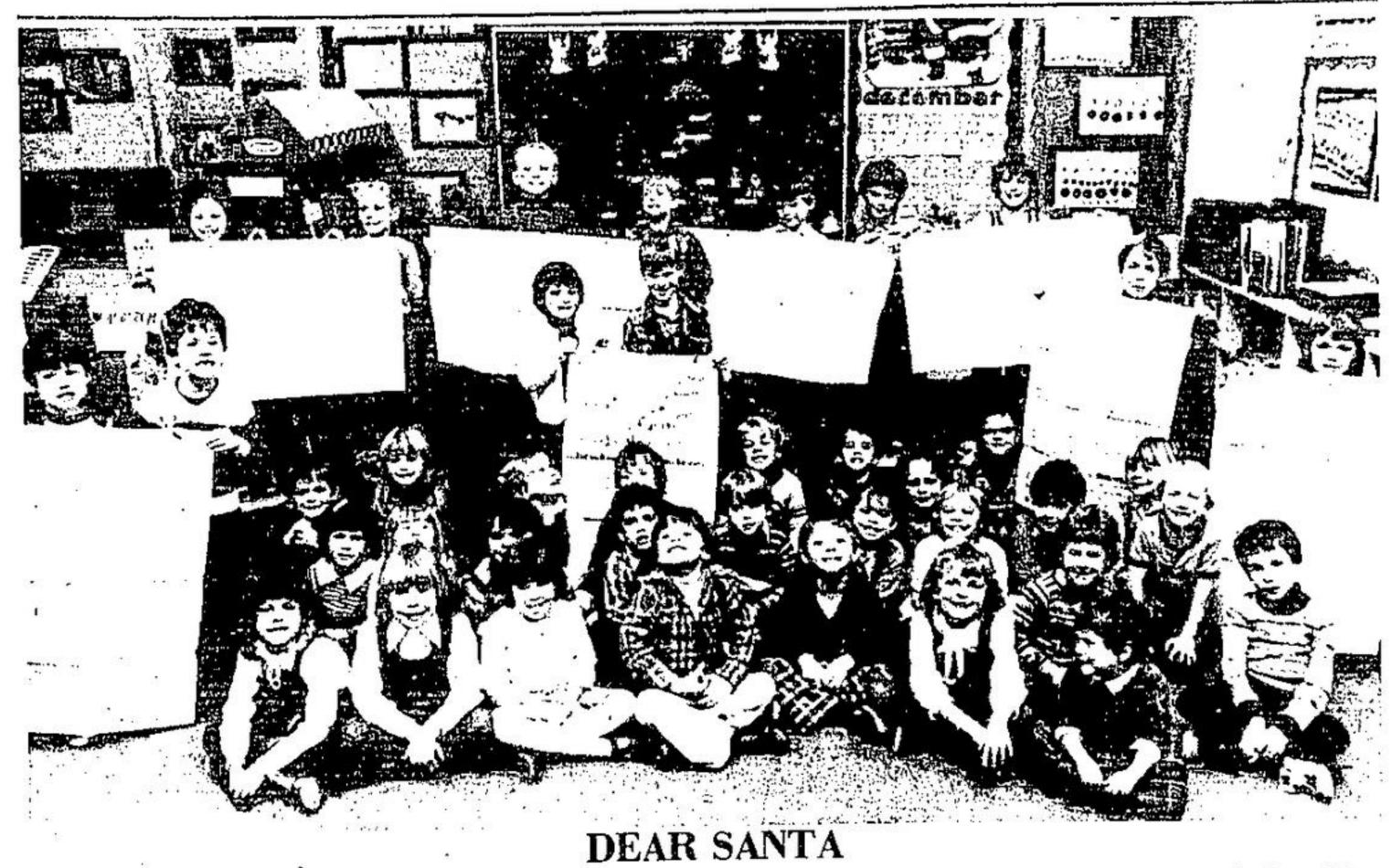


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Pit operator proposes suit

Town vetoes extended truck hours



The staff of the Herald was pleasantly surprised when eight giant letters to Santa arrived at the office from George Kennedy Public School, In Georgetown. The letters were sent by four kindergarden classes; of which two

are shown here. Letters to Santa will be accepted at the Herald office on Main Street until next Monday, so get your letters in quickly. (Herald photo by Richard Petrashek)

Sponsors gather for seniors, Kinsmen book 125 for tour ed at 877-2972; Bruce Gougeon

By PAUL DORSEY Herald Editor

Plans for next Wednesday's seniors' four of the Georgetown home Christmas lighting displays continue to roll ahead, with 125 passengers already confirmed and ten local groups and businesses signed up as

An extensive route stretching from Mill Street in the

north to Fagan Drive in the south has been mapped out for the bus tour by members of a Kinsmen Club organizing

committee. Senior citizens and guests will be picked up at several locations around the community beginning at 7 p.m. next Wednesday night, Then, Santa Claus himself will join forces with the Halton regional police

to escort several Travelways buses on a sight-seeing tour of residential lawn displays.

Kinsman Bob Malcolmson told The Herald this week that calls from both senior citizens interested in riding along on the free tour and from groups

or businesses wishing to cosponsor the event are being accepted by three Kinsmen at their homes during evening hours. Cut-off date for any such arrangements is this Monday.

CONTACTS READY Mr. Malcolinson can be reach-

An overview of hydro fight

By RICHARD PETRASHEK

One positive result of the marathon Hydro corridor battle, according to Mayor Pete Pomeroy, will be a more responsive approach from the province in its dealings with people affected by massive government projects.

"I don't think you're going to see as many confrontations between citizens and the province in the 1980's", Mayor Pomeroy told the Herald in a recent interview.

Mayor Pomeroy contended that as a result of the lengthy. battle over the corridor, there would be a shift in the province's thinking on the building of new power

projects. "The province will come to realize", he said, "that an increase in service won't be good enough to satisfy the

The unfortunate part of the corridor struggle, other than the problems it caused for the landowners directly involved, was that it forced the town into

a conflict with its citizens,

"The way the system is set up", he explained, "the municipality becomes the scape-

"The Power Corporation Act, which governs Hydro, supercedes municipal bylaws and official plans", he said. NO CONTROL

"Since we have no control", he added, "I don't see why we were brought into the

Mayor Pomeroy stated that in situations like the corridor, power, the province should and not involve the municipali-

The way Hydro handled the within the corridor was

"Hydro was really limited in

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By RICHARD PETRASHEK Herald staff writer

Several Sixth Line residents have convinced the town's geperal committee to deny a request for the extension of trucking hours, related to the removal of aggregate at the Odoricao and Pilutti wayside

While the committee voted Monday to maintain the present 8 a.m. starting time, rather than approving the 6 a.m. start suggested by the provincial ministry of transportation and communications

(MTC), it did ask for a clarification from the town solicitor regarding possible compensation suits which may be lodged by the pit contractor.

"I don't want to see this become another I C.G. - Hydro fight", Coun. Roy Booth said, commenting on the continuing struggle over the pits.

The MTC sent a letter, recommending the time change. after it received an intent-toclaim notice from the pit con-

In the claim, the contractor indicated the 8 a.m. haulage

Dell Bieru re-elected

HERALD SPECIAL

It is time for the Halton Board of Education to stand up to provincial education minister Bette Stephenson, according to Bill Herd, re-elected chairman of the board last

"If the minister of education continues to make sweeping pronouncements in the legislature that put undue and unfounded burdens on school boards, then the time has come to tell her as school boards, we're mad as hell and we're not going to take it any more," he told fellow board members Thursday.

Mr. Herd's remarks were made during an end-of-term address which preceded the election of officers during the inaugural meeting. Re-elected

Wintario

cutbacks

a concern

The Halton Hills Arts Coun-

cil is urging everyone concern-

ed about a proposed cutback in

Wintario grants for arts pro-

grams to express their feelings

in writing to government min-

isters concerned with the pro-

Former Halton Hills parks

and recreation director Glen

Gray had advised the council

that a freeze was to be put on

vice-chairman was Bill Law-

Mr. Herd claimed that collective bargaining as allowed by the minister burdens the system with "unconscionable costs and questionable quality of results".

The ministry also continues to increase demands and expectations, while decreasing percentage of funding support, according to Mr. Herd.

On the positive side, Mr. Herd pointed to the long term plan to be presented to the board by June. The plan "will address itself to all facets of this educational system as it moves into the 1980's" he said.

This year, the board joined the Association of Large School Boards, which has provided an opportunity to share experiences with other boards of similar size on the provincial level.

He noted with sadness the deaths of Gary Dawkins and Hazen Allen, both principles in Acton schools this year. Both were taken in their prime and their loss will be carried with all of the board members, he start instituted by a rown hylaw passed in Detober, places severe time restrictions on the construction working day. This, in turn, the contractor said, affects efficient and eco-

nomical production capability These restrictions, the notice claimed, change the conditions upon which the project was tendered and, as a result. compensation is being claim-

MTC MEETING

In addition to rejecting the extension, the committee recommended that the recorded remarks of a spokesman for the Sixth Line resident should be sent with Mayor Pete Pomeroy and a special commiffee to a proposed meeting with the MTC.

The special commutee will be comprised of the same members, councillors Russ Miller, Pat Patterson and George Malthy, who dear with similar pit problems a few months ago.

The presentation by the Sixth Line residents not only sought a rejection of the extended hours, but a complete closing of the pit operations

Nan Creaghan, a ten-year resident on the Sixth Lane, told the committee that her group does not consider the Sixth Line pits to be typical wayside pit operations

"These pits are not wayside pits", she said, "they are quasi-permanent pits" She also objected to the close

proximity of the pits to residential housing "Not only are they close to housing", she said, "they are

practically in people's backyards". The group's main question asked how long the pits would continue to operate. They were told by an MTC spokesman that, for the immediate future, the operations would continue

until cold weather made it impractical. Mayor Pomeroy expressed hope that his special committee can obtain some answers from the MTC by spring as to how long the pits will stay

ARMED ROBBERY

A man wearing a black balaclava over his head and armed with a handgun held up the Flua Gas Bar at the corner of Mountainview Road and Guelph Street, early Tuesday morning.

About \$300 was taken in the robbery, which occurred at about 2:40 a.m. The suspect was a white male, about 5'10" in height and of medium build. In addition to the balaclava, he was wearing a black or dark brown ski jacket and jeans.



WELL, LET'S SEE

This little girl seems dubious about the honor of sitting on Santa Claus' knee, even though it gave her the golden opportunity to let him know what she would like for Christmas, Santa Claus visited the children at their annual Christmas party sponsored by the Georgetown Legion Thursday evening.

(Herald photo)

· Hitand run investigated

Halton Regional Police are requesting the assistance of the public in locating a vehicle which was involved in an accident November 26, whose driver failed to remain at the scene.

The car was described by witnesses as a silver Chevrolet, and sustained damage to the right front fender and the hood. The accident occurred in the vicinity of 302 Delrex

Boulevard at about 1:30 a.m. The unidentified vehicle was westbound on Delrex Bouleyard when it left the road and struck a van belonging to Claude Vaters, which was parked in a driveway. The car then left the scene, continuing westbound on Delrex Boulevard and northbound on Mountainview Road.

Anyone recognizing the car is asked to contact the police at 87B-5511. ,

Mayor Pomeroy said. Herald Staff Writer

conflict".

where provincial statutes take precedence over municipal deal directly with the objectors

expropriation of properties unfortunate but unavoidable, Mayor Pomeroy said.

their negotiations by the

Mayor's note answered

In a letter to Mayor Pete Pomeroy, the provincial ministry of energy has reaffirmed its support of the Ontario Municipal Board decision concerning Ontario Hydro's transmission corridor.

"The letter is an indication of the way things get handled by the province." Mayor Pomeroy told the Herald this

He contended that the province should have been more responsive to the requests of the people affected by the. corridor. "They should have taken

the request for an indepen-

dent study back to the cabi-

net" he said "It's just ano-

ther loose end the province las left." The ministry letter, receiv-

ed by the mayor's office last week, was sent in response to Mayor Pomeroy's letter of two weeks ago, which supported the Interested Citizens Group's petition, also sent to Queen's Park two weeks ago, restating the request for an independent study. Corridor opponents maintain that the 500,000-volt Bruce to Milton corridor was never the subject of a proper route study, as was the case with the 230,000-volt eastwest corridor now completed along the town's southern boundary.

Delrex Smoke Shop, Georgetown Bakery, Mr. Donut, Miracle Mart, Cuemas 3, Travelways School Transit, St.

is at 877-3846 and Don Smith is

Joining the Kinsmen in

sponsoring the event are the

at 877-1736.

Andrew's United Church, M. Suider and Company of Toronto and the Halton Hills Herald. The various sponsors are

providing door prizes and food for a get-together at St. Andrew's Church hall following the tour or assistance on the tour itself. Buses will begin picking up

passengers at the Kincourt seniors' residence at 7 p.m. next Wednesday. From there, the coaches will stop at the Armstrong Avenue residence, the Centennial apartments on Maple Avenue, the Sargent Road residence, the Legion Hall downtown, Moore Park Plaza and, finally, Shopper's Drug Mart in the Delrex

Macket Centre. From Shopper's, the buses will head south on Duncan Drive, jog onto Moultrey Crescent, turn east on Weber Drive, cross Sims Gate and head south again on Raylawn

Back on Weber at the foot of Raylawn, the buses start a lengthy, circuitous treb along Delrex Drive, taking in Fagan, Chelvin, Regan, Greystone, Irwin, Stockman and the southern end of Rexway Drive before heading east on Sargent Road back to Delrex.

ALL PRINCE CHARLES The route along Delrex will not vary until Maple Avenue, where the tour heads west to Main and then north to Mill. From Mill, it's back along Highway 7 to Edward Street, ilmost all the way along Prince Charles Drive and back, via Gray Gate, to Sargent and Delrex.

The return trip south on Delrex will take in Marilyn Crescent, Torino Gate, Comset Gate and most of Faludon Drive before arriving at St. Andrew's on Mountainview Road. There, the church's womens' auxiliary will serve refreshments donated by the sponsors and the choir will entertain and lead a singalong.

The passengers will be returned to their pick-up points following their gathering in the church hall.

Mr. Malcolmson reported that his committee's routeselection tour of Georgetown constituted an exhaustive search for the best lawn displays in the greatest numbers. The Moore Park subdivision, he explained, will be untouched on next Wednesday's tour because of the relative shortage of lights visible there last weekend.



CHRISTMAS, DUTCH STYLE

Joanne Hunter helps Chris Stokes try on the Slater Klaus hat which grade 8 students from Creditview Public School used to help the grade 2 students celebrate Christmas as it would be done in Holland. The children were Dutch costumes and enjoyed Dutch baking. See also photo page 7. (Herald photo by Lori Taylor)