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Pit operator proposes suit

## Town vetoes extended truck hours



### DEAR SANTA

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 kindergarten 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

**By PAUL DORSEY**  
 Herald Editor  
 Plans for next Wednesday's seniors' tour 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 sponsors.

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 co-sponsor the event are being accepted by three Kinsmen at their homes during evening hours. Cut-off date for any such arrangements is this Monday.



### 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)

## An overview of hydro fight

**By RICHARD PETRASHEK**  
 Herald Staff Writer  
 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 people." 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, Mayor Pomeroy said. "The way the system is set up", he explained, "the municipality becomes the scapegoat." "The Power Corporation Act, which governs Hydro, supersedes 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 conflict." Mayor Pomeroy stated that in situations like the corridor, where provincial statutes take precedence over municipal power, the province should deal directly with the objectors and not involve the municipality. "The way Hydro handled the expropriation of properties within the corridor was unfortunate but unavoidable," Mayor Pomeroy said. "Hydro was really limited in their negotiations by the

## Wintario cutbacks a concern

The Halton Hills Arts Council is urging everyone concerned about a proposed cutback in Wintario grants for arts programs to express their feelings in writing to government ministers concerned with the program. Former Halton Hills parks and recreation director Glen Gray had advised the council that a freeze was to be put on all capital grant applications. 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 week. "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

## Hit and 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 Boulevard 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 878-5511.

## 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 week. 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 independent study back to the cabinet," he said. "It's just another loose end the province has left." The ministry letter, received 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 east-west corridor now completed along the town's southern boundary.

**By RICHARD PETRASHEK**  
 Herald Staff Writer  
 Several Sixth Line residents have convinced the town's general committee to deny a request for the extension of trucking hours, related to the removal of aggregate at the Odorico and Pilutti wayside pits. 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-to-claim notice from the pit contractor. In the claim, the contractor indicated the 8 a.m. haulage

start instituted by a town bylaw passed in October, places severe time restrictions on the construction working day. This, in turn, the contractor said, affects efficient and economical production capability. These restrictions, the notice claimed, change the conditions upon which the project was tendered and, as a result, compensation is being claimed.

## Bill Herd re-elected

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vice-chairman was Bill Lawson. 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 Hazel Allen, both principals in Acton schools this year. Both were taken in their prime and their loss will be carried with all of the board members, he said.

## ARMED ROBBERY

A man wearing a black balaclava over his head and armed with a handgun held up the Fina 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 2:10 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.



### CHRISTMAS, DUTCH STYLE

Joanne Hunter helps Chris Stokes try on the Sinter 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 wore Dutch costumes and enjoyed Dutch baking. See also photo page 7. (Herald photo by Lori Taylor)