

May repeat next year

Christmas lights tour a smash for seniors



About 115 senior citizens sang Christmas carols along with members of the St. Andrew's Choir Wednesday evening following a tour of the Christmas lights in Georgetown organized by the Kinsmen. A number of local businesses supplied coffee, tea, ice cream, doughnuts, cakes and door prizes to help make the evening a success. Many of the guests of honor were heard talking about their enjoyable evening on the way back to the bus for the trip home. (Herald photo)

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The Georgetown Kinsmen Club laid on the service last Wednesday evening when they provided the senior citizens of Georgetown with a tour of the community to see the Christmas lights. Five buses were provided, and thanks to a number of business sponsors, the senior citizens were able to enjoy coffee, tea and baked goods when they returned to St. Andrew's Church for some carol-singing. (Herald photo)

About 115 Georgetown area senior citizens enjoyed a tour of the Christmas lights in town last Wednesday evening, courtesy of the Kinsmen club and a number of local sponsors.

Halton Regional Police Constable Bill Parry led a travelcade of five buses through the Delrex subdivision, with the lights of his cruiser flashing, and people standing in their doorways, or outside shovelling snow waved at the people on the buses.

Once the tour of the lights was completed, the buses returned to St. Andrew's Church, where members of the St. Andrew's choir led the group in Christmas carols with some help from Santa Claus and a couple of his elves.

The Kinsmen and the Kinettes served coffee and tea, doughnuts, cake and ice cream among their guests. A draw was held for a number of door prizes provided by local businesses.

The local sponsors were Mr. Donut, It's Donut Time, Miracle Mart, Georgetown Bakery, Dairy Queen, Syke's Bakery, the Delrex Smoke Shop, Cinemas 3, Trio Discount and M. Salder and Company. St. Andrew's United Church Women also assisted with the evening. The buses and drivers were provided by Travelways School Transit.

Hydro battle rages on

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about exporting power to the U.S. Provincial energy minister Robert Welch has said that Ontario Hydro must obtain a licence from the National Energy Board to export power for a length of time exceeding six months. Mr. Reed pointed out, though, that Ontario Hydro has contracts with American utilities lasting five months without a licence from the Energy Board, and the term is then extended.

Chris Taylor, a spokesman for Ontario Hydro, says that the corporation has a five-year licence from the National Energy Board to sell surplus interruptible power to the United States, up to 15 billion kilowatt hours. This means the power being sold is from Ontario Hydro's surplus power, and the power can be cut off at any time. This way, Ontario Hydro guarantees that its Ontario customers will not suffer any interrupted service, Mr. Taylor said.

A kilowatt hour is the power needed, for example, to operate an electric dishwasher for one hour.

John Mims, spokesman for the ICG, claimed that consumers in Ontario are subsidizing the Americans as a result of Hydro's export of power, because the power is being sold to American utilities at a cost in some cases less than it cost to produce the power in the first place.

Ontario Hydro's figures state that the cost of generating power at the Nanticoke plant is 2.30 cents per kilowatt hour, while some of the power is being sold to the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation of New York for from 1.9 cents to

2.3 cents per kilowatt hour, Mr. Mims said. The average cost to the Ontario consumer is 2.74

cents, he said. Mr. Mims said Ontario Hydro defines production costs

as the cost of replacing fuel, plus ten per cent, plus the cost of maintaining the equipment.

Line delays costly?

Ontario Hydro has reported that delays in the construction of the Bruce to Milton hydro corridor has cost about \$35.9 million.

This figure comes from a study by Ontario Hydro which also warns that a winter storm could result in widespread blackouts this winter.

The Bruce-Milton transmission line would reduce

this risk, the study says.

Hydro says the loss in revenue is due to inadvertent reactor shutdowns, abnormally high line losses and the fact that Hydro has had to restrict production of nuclear power during bad weather.

Hydro has developed contingency plans should one or two of the existing 230-kilovolt transmission lines from

Bruce fail, but has not done studies on the consequences should more than two of the six available circuits be knocked out at once.

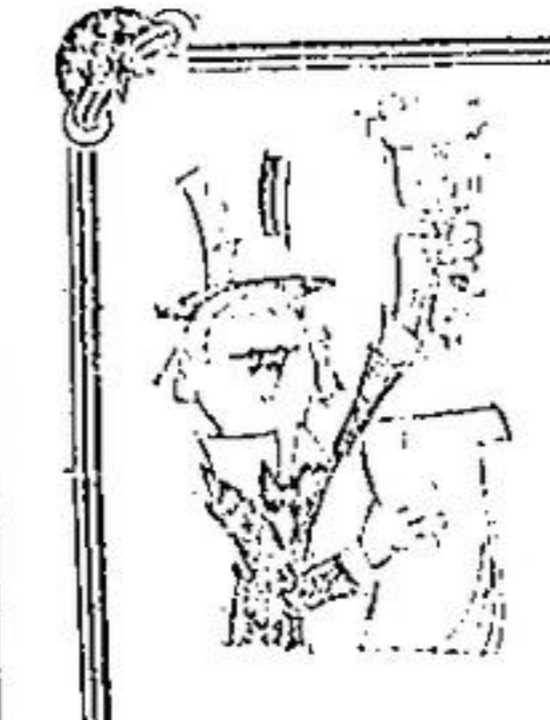
In a story about his study in the Toronto Star, Ontario Hydro is reported to have developed these contingency plans because there is no spare transmission capacity from the Bruce plant.



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The staff of The Herald was shocked and saddened to learn of the death of Frank Fox of Glen Williams, who collapsed Friday at work. He was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, where he died Friday night. Mr. Fox was working on renovations to the new Herald building on Guelph Street when he collapsed. The Herald staff extends sympathy to Mr. Fox's family.

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