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# Christmas a time to remember

Well, here it is, the day after Christmas. By the time of the publication of this paper, I will be hopefully ensconced in the snowy wastelands of central Ontario. Gravenhurst, Muskoka, to be exact.

It too is a small Canadian community where the change in climate of this time of year signals a new lifestyle for a few months. It's inhabitants click to the change by adjusting their winter schedules to include hockey, skiing, curling and other winter activities.

This is a time of year when Christian beliefs enable us to take the time to enjoy ourselves both indoors and out. Many will today be trying out new sports equipment that suddenly arrived yesterday. Skiers will be out skiing, skaters skating and joggers jogging.

To most of us, keeping fit is a constant battle we try to win by struggling and praying that that Christmas cake does not sneak up on our walst in a couple of days. For some like the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, whose job it is to be in good shape, it doesn't seem to be a problem. Just look at the five men who participated in this week's assemblies at the Georgetown and District high school.

Peter Mueller of the Toronto Argonauts, Stu Lang of the Grey Cup champion Edmonton Eskimos, Zenon Andrusyshyn of the Hamilton Tiger Cats, Gord Barwell, formerly of the Saskatchewan Rough Riders and now the Athletes, and Bubby Stapleton from the Washington Capitals all make or have made their lives through their physical ability.

Today they combine their God given talents with another God given ability to get up in front of others and proclaim their faith. As Barwell said, many young students don't even realize that this time of year is a religious holiday and not just a consumer carnival. They take their lives and use them as an example of what Christian beliefs can do for some.

At such an appropriate time of year, as Christmas, to bring the message forth, is not as difficult as it may be during the other times of the off season when the men get together at other schools and locations to spread the good word. The GDHS visit was the pros' first assembly of the year.

Barwell, a Georgetown resident, is an official with the Athletes in Action and it is he who co-ordinates the efforts of these and the various other men who take the time out from their busy off-season schedules to travel.

It is interesting to hear men, you see on television hitting each other so hard, try and explain how God loves us and how he has a plan for all of us. It is through their lives that they are able to come forth and expound upon the cirtues of the Bible.

These men are an exemplary example of the Christian way of life. They are what this time of year is about. Setting a good example for young people and showing them the way is what God had in mind for them.

The ease with which the Athletes have about them.

With the holiday season here many have an opportunity to take it easy for a change. Many will be in the outdoors enjoying newfound sporting pass times. Others will be content to stay inside and watch the TV for sporting entertainment.

BILL RICHMOND

Sports fans in Georgetown who watched last Wednesday's NHL game between the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Los Angeles Kings might have caught the second intermission broadcast on the Ontario Hockey Council. If you did, you would have seen Bill Richmond of this town. He was out putting some players through the paces during a coaching clinic.

The United Fire Safety pee wees completed a fund raising draw this past Thursday in which they recouped a profit of about \$1,600 for the team. The winners of the draw were announced this week.

The first prize winner of \$100 was V. Kereluk of Toronto. Second prize for \$50 goes to Carol Rodgers of Georgetown. And the third prize, also for \$50, goes to Ted Wilkes of Georgetown.

# Unfrozen water is popular too say swimmers

With winter just now here, many Halton Hills residents will today be outside trying out skis, toboggans, hockey sticks or swimming trunks like those who began the winter recreational swim program Sunday night.

The second set of classes got underway just the autumn sessions were completing their testing of all levels including Red Cross and life saving.

In between at the Acton Lions pool the Halton Hills 6th Annual Water Show was held. Close to 100 people were on hand to watch.

Members of the Synchronized Swim Club, the Swim Team, springboard divers, pool staff and of course Santa Claus performed throughout the evening.

Just prior to the swim show the Acton pool was the host site for an invitational Masters Synchronized Swim meet. The swimmers were all twenty years plus, as master age swimmers.

The Halton Hills team from Acton were the host club and competed against visiting Alderwood, Oshawa and Oakville, Twenty-seven ladies competed and were judged by members of the other Acton swim teams.

Swimming classes continue through the winter and are open to all ages. Contact the recreation office for further details and information.

## Ontario and Mississauga fall

Members of the B and D squash teams, at the Georgetown Racquet Club, had a Merry Christmas yesterday, thanks in part to victories they had this week in their competitive league play.

The D team were at home to the Ontario Racquet Club when they swept their opponents four games to one. Tom Kinkainen, Jim Morwick, Christine Kogon and Andy Deruchie all won their sets 3-0. Paul Duval lost his games 1-3.

The Mississauga Racquet Club faced an equally strong and challenging team in the local B side. Al Kogon lcd the team to a shutout victory over their opponents sweeping all the sets and the match. He won his set 3-0 while teammates Terry Madill, Rod Eastwood, Rod Presswood and Dave Steen all took their sets 3-1.

Players will now rest up before play resumes the first week of the new year. In the meantime the club members will keep in shape, wearing off the Christmas turkey, with the Heart Fund tournament taking place during this holiday time before league play resumes.

For both teams the wins were their second win in two weeks of play.

# 'Best' game ever played'

It's not often you find a scoreless game with only one minor penalty to mark on the score sheet. By the sounds of it, one would tend to think that the game was a boring waste. Quite the contrary. A game last week between Georgetown Optimist Minor Bantams and Milton ended in a no scoring standoff.

Spectators on hand described the game as "by far the best game of the minor hockey season".

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A pretty high standard upon which to place a game. However the 13 and 14-year-old boys battled it out through three periods when nobody could crack a goal. After 10 minutes of overtime failed to produce a winner both sides were satisfied with a single hard fought point to their credit.



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# Local charities big winners

Three local charities were the big winners Sunday night when the Gemini junior B team played the Oakville Blades. Ticket proceeds from the game were turned over to the Contact Centre, Good Neighbour Service and the St. John's Ambulance brigade.

This was just another in a series of community involved projects the "community owned team" is participating in, says public relations director Blaine Hillock. Other local businnesses who will be providing home game sponsor nights include: Royal Pizza Dec. 30, Baskin Robbins Jan. 6, Cinema 3 Jan. 13, Miracle Food Mart Jan. 20, Dlary Queen Jan. 27, and Frank Vetere has the final game of the season Feb. 3, Each merchant will be donating vouchers for the game.

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CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25, will be picked up on Monday, December 24th, 1979

BOXING DAY, December 26, on Wednesday as normal

NEW YEAR'S DAY, January 1st, 1980, will be picked up on Monday December 31st, 1979

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Parking of a vehicle on streets between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 7:00 a.m. for a period of time longer than three consecutive hours, is prohibited by by-law. As on-rations, please comply with the requirements of this by-law.

Authorities may have vehicles ticketed or towed away at the owner's expense.

SNOW CLEANING:

Placing of snow or ice on streets in any manner as to obstruct or encumber is prohibited by by-law. As improper snow and ice cleaning can be a serious hazard, please comply with the requirements of the by-law so as not to create a hazard.

Authorities may have the snow and ice removed at the property owner's expense.

YOUR CO-OPERATION IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE WINTER CONTROL MEASURES AND SAFE CONDITIONS.