



READY FOR ACTION

Ready for Monday night's inauguration, Halton Hills' 1988-89 council gathered for a formal portrait. Seated on either side of Mayor Pete Pomeroy are newly elected Ward 2 Coun. Pam Sheldon (left) and Ward 4 Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson. Standing (left to right) are Ward 4 councillors Mike Armstrong

and Harry Levy, Walter Blehn (Ward 3), George Malby (2), Terry Grubbe (1), Russ Miller (2), Roy Booth (3), John McDonald (3), newly-elected Acton regional rep Dave Whiting and Ross Knechtel (also Ward 1).

(Herald photo)

Fourth Halton Hills council inaugurated

Tough times ahead, mayor warns town

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 Halton Hills residents will have to bear a little more belt-tightening, Mayor Pete Pomeroy warned in an otherwise light-hearted ceremony Monday night to inaugurate his 1988-89 council.

Addressing about 30 town officials and employees and members of their families attending the inauguration of the fourth Halton Hills council, Mayor Pomeroy said council will have to be very careful over the next two years to wisely spend municipal funds.

"Costs are rising at an extraordinary rate," he said. "It will be difficult to provide a level of service equal to the one provided this year."

Sworn in by his brother-in-law, Leo Archdekin, Justice of the Peace, Mayor Pomeroy heads a council little changed

from the team he worked with during his first term in office. Only Pam Sheldon, who replaces retired C.F. (Pat) Patterson as one of two Esqueping reps, and Acton's Dave Whiting, who upset incumbent Ed Wood for the Ward 1 regional seat in the Nov. 10 election, are new faces on council.

On hand for the ceremony which was opened by Rev. Chuck Beaton of Acton's Trinity United Church and closed by Knox Presbyterian (Georgetown) minister Peter Barrow, were Brampton-Georgetown Conservative MP John McDermid and Jack Rafits, recently re-elected for a second term as Halton's regional chairman.

Mr. Rafits praised Halton Hills' regional representatives for their solid support of the regional system and said he would not likely be the chairman had it not been for the support of the mayor and councillors Mike Armstrong, Roy Booth, Russ Miller and Dave Whiting.

"The people of Halton Hills have sent to the region one of the most unified, strongest, regionally-orientated delegations in the history of regional government," Mr. Rafits said. (Mr. Rafits will be featured in a Herald interview next week).

SILVER CREEK
 While getting the library-theatre centre underway was a major contribution to the town made last year by the outgoing council, Mayor Pomeroy also reflected on the successful completion of the Silver Creek Towers apartment complex,

which put a major dent in the town's chronic housing shortage. The development, he said, helped dump \$10 to \$15 million into the town's treasury.

By interesting another investment group in the River Run condominium project near Glen Williams, council helped rescue that project which was verging on failure due to bankruptcy.

Looking ahead, Mayor Pomeroy said completing the library-theatre centre will be an achievement of the new council in the near future, but council will shortly have to deal with another pressing building issue as it attempts to locate town staff under one roof.

Although he said he is looking forward to the implementation of a master parks plan for recreational facilities throughout Halton Hills, Mayor Pomeroy said he was not too happy with drafts he has seen of the town's long-awaited official plan.

"There's still lots of work to be done," he said, "but we'll do it and keep doing it until it's done right."

The Halton Farm Forum held Saturday in Milton, Mayor Pomeroy said, had underlined farmers' concerns that any long-term urban planning for the town and the region should protect agricul-

tural lands to ensure that farming remains a viable industry in the future. The greatest problems for Halton's municipal politics, however, lie at the regional level, Mayor Pomeroy said, adding that he expects them to remain there for at least another six to seven months.

ABOUT THE HILLS Bus for disabled needs a name

When a special transit system for the disabled is implemented in Halton Hills next spring, it will need a readily-identifiable name, and council's advisory board in charge of launching the service would like your help in choosing one.

The board's vice-chairman, Barb Stephens, reported this week that names in use in other nearby communities include Burlington Handi-Van and Oakville Care-a-Van, and Halton Hills should have a similarly appropriate and individual name for its own service.

Headed by Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson, the board has been working diligently to put together the components of this "much-needed service," Mrs. Stephens said, and fund-raising, involving private funding sources as well as public, should be underway soon.

"We have a prospective target date of April 1 to start the service, but we need a catchy, dignified name to identify us," she explained. "Please think it over and forward suggestions to The Herald office at 45 Guelph St. in Georgetown (L7G 3Z6) and we'll review them all. We'll announce the most appropriate one in a few weeks."

Mrs. Stephens pointed out that 1981 has been designated the Year of the Disabled.

"Your interest and support is needed right now," she said. Joining Coun. Serjeantson and Mrs. Stephens on the board are deputy town engineer Ted Ballinger, David Hills, Ted Tyler, Rev. John Robertson, Bob Dudgeon, Brian Pollock and Ann Dodds.

Spot checks begin

Halton Regional Police will launch their annual Christmas spot checks tomorrow (Thursday) with a team of four officers who will be travelling throughout the region during the holiday season.

Public Relations Officer Sgt. Norm Ryall said the team, consisting of a sergeant and three constables, will operate between 8 p.m. and 4 a.m. seven days a week.

The team will visit the various municipalities on a rotating basis, but there will be no pattern to their schedule, Sgt. Ryall warned. They might revisit one area several times over a short period, he said.

Trafalgar fatality

A Kitchener man is dead following a four-vehicle collision late Friday afternoon on Trafalgar Road south of Sideroad 5.

Imrie Tabac, 19, was taken to Milton Memorial Hospital and later transferred to hospital in Hamilton, where he died at about 10:30 p.m.

Mr. Tabac was a passenger in a car driven by Carl Hiltz of St. Jerome, Quebec. The car was southbound on Trafalgar Road and pulled out to pass another southbound vehicle. The car went out of control and hit another car, driven by David Stringer, 20, of Georgetown. The car continued on and struck two other cars, but damage to the vehicles was minor and no one in either car was injured. Mr. Stringer was taken to Milton Memorial Hospital with undetermined injuries. Mr. Hiltz was treated and released.

Milne Liberal president

Former Brampton-Georgetown Liberal MP Ross Milne was elected president of the Ontario branch of the Liberal Party of Canada at the party's convention in Toronto last week. Mr. Milne, who is an executive with Trans Canada Pipeline Ltd., is president of the Brampton-Georgetown Liberal Association, but will step down following the association's annual meeting in January. Mr. Milne was defeated by Conservative John McDermid in February in a close race which saw first Mr. Milne, then Mr. McDermid declared the winner. This time, however, he won by "a comfortable margin."

Kinsmen seniors' tour returns Clubs pool Christmas efforts

Having set the precedent last year, the Kinsmen Club of Georgetown will be complementing efforts by local Elks and Rotarians to enhance the Christmas spirit in town with a second annual tour of home Christmas light decorations for senior citizens.

While the Rotary Club of Georgetown this week begins sponsoring visits by Santa Claus to the Guelphview Plaza each Thursday, Friday and Saturday and the Elks Lodge 540 continues planning a chauffeured tour of the

town for old St. Nick, the Kinsmen will be delighting local seniors with free bus-rides around the town's best lighting displays Dec. 17.

After the success of last year's Kin tour, which attracted some 125 seniors, the club is anticipating participation by nearly 200 residents this year.

Kinsman Bob Malcolmson told The Herald this week that five Travelways buses have been booked for the half-hour ride around the community's residential streets in the company of

Santa himself, who will pitch in on traffic control for the festive occasion.

The event has become a real community effort, Mr. Malcolmson explained, with Travelways providing the buses free of charge and the Kinsmen only required to pay drivers' fees for the evening. Halton regional police will be providing the escort and the Georgetown Kinettes, along with A and P, I.G.A., Mr. Donut, and the Dairy Queen pooling their efforts to feed and serve the seniors. The St.-Andrew's

United Church choir has again offered to entertain the seniors with carolling upon return from the tour.

During the evening, a number of door prizes will be given away, all donated by Mac's Milk, Pine Valley Farms, Canadian Odeon Cinemas 3, I.G.A., A and P, Delrex Smoke Shop and Young's Pharmacy.

The Kinsmen hope to be met with a friendly wave and many special lighting displays similar to last year. The route will be mapped out on the weekend of Dec. 13, so Kinsmen are asking residents of Georgetown to put their lights up and have them on that evening as well as Dec. 17 between 7 and 9 p.m. to show the seniors the support they deserve.

The seniors in all four Georgetown residences have been notified and information posters will announce contacts' names in each residence and all the specifics. In addition to the seniors, living in these residences, the Kinsmen are inviting all seniors in Georgetown to join in on the evening festivities. As well as pick-up points at the residences, the Kinsmen will be stopping at Moore Park Plaza in front of Trio Discount, at the Legion Hall and at Delrex Smoke Shop. Any seniors wishing to attend who do not live in the four residences may contact Bob Malcolmson (877-2372) and Duke Webster (877-0716); arrangements will be made to pick you up, courtesy of Central Cab of Georgetown, if you're unable to get to one of the pick-up points.

Individuals or groups wishing to participate in the event should contact Mr. Malcolmson before Dec. 17.

Kids get extra time with jolly ol' St. Nicholas

Visiting stores throughout the country makes Santa Claus an especially busy fellow, and often he doesn't get the chance to chat with all the children he'd like to when he passes through Georgetown. But that will change later this week, thanks to the efforts of a local couple and the Georgetown Rotary Club.

Tired of seeing children rushed through the familiar "have-your-picture-taken-with-Santa" lines at major department stores, Doug and Julie Farrugan approached local Rotarians recently with a unique idea.

The Rotary Club contacted the North Pole and Santa has agreed to come to Georgetown for the next three weekends before Christmas, holding fort in the former Mavis Rose store in Guelphview Plaza. Mrs. Farrugan said last week that kids and parents can come and visit Santa for as long as they want without being shoved off the "assembly line" to make way for the next picture.

"(The Farrugans) came forth with what we thought was a very good idea," Rotarian Rex Heslop said. "We're prepared to assist and provide facilities."

The Santa Claus visit is not meant to be a profit-making venture for either the Rotary Club or the Farrugans, but a

small 50 cent charge is planned for parents who wish to take pictures of their youngsters with St. Nick. The money will be used to cover costs associated with using the vacant store, which the Royal Bank is letting the club use rent-free. Parents who just want to give their children an opportunity to have an unhurried chat with Santa without pictures will not be charged.

Starting this Thursday at the plaza from noon to 4 p.m., Santa will be receiving Christmas lists for the next three weekends. On Fridays, he will be in the old Mavis Rose store from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and youngsters can catch him Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Farrugans will need help in setting up decorations and backdrops for Santa's visit. If you have decorations you can donate, call Mrs. Farrugan at 877-8491.

Kinsmen 'bough' to Christmas

With the senior citizens' tour of local lighting displays quickly becoming a Christmas tradition in Georgetown, the Kinsmen Club of Georgetown is continuing its long-established fund-raising project of selling Christmas trees at rock-bottom prices, beginning this week.

This is the 23rd consecutive year local Kinsmen have kept the community supplied with Scotch pine and spruce trees and members are determined to keep costs low in spite of an anticipated 20 per cent price increase elsewhere over last year's tree prices. Kinsmen will sell their trees for \$10, same as last season. With that kind of price and a limited supply, it's a good idea to do your shopping early.

About 700 trees, mostly Scotch pine, will go on sale this week at the vacant lot at Guelph and Sinclair, next to the A and P, weeknights 6 to 9 p.m. and weekends 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

As always, the Kinsmen look forward to the annual project, admitting that as much as they complain about the cold and snow, they receive ample compensation in the smiles on children's faces when they choose their "perfect" tree and rush home to decorate it for Santa.

Churchill Boulevard Nov. 12. The driver of the truck was subsequently charged with disobeying a traffic signal. "I've watched the trucks go through the village hell-bent for leather, getting up speed for the next hill," Mr. Reed said. "What they're doing is giving a bad name to the trucking industry. The majority of truck drivers are very considerate and cautious."

A number of accidents have occurred on the bend of the highway near the Willow Park trailer park over the years, Mr. Reed said.

"It was one of the penalties paid for straightening the highway," he said. "When the highway was straightened, I

don't think people realized the consequences. It was thought at the time that if the traffic was speeded up, it went through the village faster and that made it safer."

Norval residents have been concerned about the problem for some time, and everyone has different ideas about what could be done to reduce the number of accidents, Rev. Walter Ridley said.

"For a period of about a year, there were no accidents, and we thought it was over," he said. "It's frightening to hear this loud screech of brakes and you steel yourself for what's going to happen next."

POSTMARK: NORTH POLE

Letters to Santa Claus from the children of Halton Hills are starting to flow in, and The Herald is forwarding each letter received to the jolly old gent at his home at the North Pole.

The Herald will be running the letters and Santa's replies in coming weeks, so those who want to see their letters in the paper must have them in by Dec. 19.

Some of the mail is already in, and here's a sample from Santa's mailbox.

Dear Santa,
 How are you? How is Mrs. Santa? How are your reindeer? Could I please have Doctor Drill and Fill and a new bike. Thank you. Please could you leave me a new baby brother for my Mom and Dad to play with.

I love you, Jason.

Santa will be answering Jason's letter, and as many others as possible. Letters should be sent in care of The Herald, 45 Guelph Street, Georgetown L7G 3Z6.



DUELIN' DEADEYES

Robb Craig (left) and Brian Leslie tried out two of the antique firearms on display at the George Kennedy Public School Pioneer Night last week. Fortunately, neither gun was loaded, and the boys' duel ended peacefully.

(Herald photo)

Rash of Norval accidents prompts concern

Reed wants more OPP speed checks

Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed has asked the Ontario Provincial Police to enforce the speed limits in Norval more strictly following two truck accidents in the village in two weeks.

Mr. Reed, himself a Norval resident, said he is concerned about the speed of traffic in the village, particularly with the large number of trucks passing through each day. He said his son was nearly hit by a truck which went through a red light recently.

A truck crashed into the house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Wray Youmans Nov. 24, causing extensive damage. Mrs. Youmans narrowly escaped

injury when the truck crashed only feet from where she was sitting in her living room. Police are still investigating the accident.

Another Norval resident, Lola Corbett, was seriously injured when the car she was driving collided with a large truck at the intersection of Highway 7 and Winston

Churchill Boulevard Nov. 12. The driver of the truck was subsequently charged with disobeying a traffic signal.

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CANTANTE MEETS CHORAL THIS WEEKEND

Sharing a jovial moment en route to rehearsals for their concerts this Saturday and Sunday with the Georgetown Choral Society, the Cantante Singers' 33 voices will be featured in

"Festival Noel" at Knox Presbyterian Church. See page A8 for details.

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