



HERALD'S NEWSMAKER OF THE YEAR

There's little doubt that Terry Fox is the Newsmaker of the Year. As his Marathon progressed across Canada, Terry won the hearts of people in every community he passed through, including Halton Hills. The Marathon of Hope had to be called to a halt in northwestern Ontario when it was discovered the cancer had spread to Terry's lungs. Thanks to the inspiration he provided, over \$20 million was raised for cancer research, \$73,000 here in town.

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HERALD PHOTO OF THE YEAR



This candid photo of seven month-old Damion Jenkins taken by former sports editor Mark Clairmont has been selected by Herald staffers as our Photo of the Year. Mark grabbed the shot at a ladies' exhibition soccer game in August at the GDHS field. Lori Taylor's picture of Nicole Itesny (left) and Leslie Scarth browsing at the University Women's Club annual book sale in May is runner-up.



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Escape from Glen fire may have been impossible--chief

It could have been worse--they might have been home

By CHRIS AAGAARD
 Herald Staff Writer
 A Christmas day fire which gutted a Glen Williams house and left a family of four homeless could have been much worse - they might have been at home at the time.

"I'll say one thing," Terry Campbell, a town engineering technician, told The Herald, Monday night. "The fire chief told us that if we'd been at the house, we may not have been able to get out, it went up so fast."

Believed to have started in a basement stairwell, the blaze may have spread up the walls of the building, quickly engulfing the wooden frame, aluminum siding house. Deputy fire chief Bob Hyde said that damage was so extensive it may be impossible to determine the cause of the fire.

Mr. Campbell and his wife Barbara and their two children, Wayne and Julie, have settled into temporary quarters at Mr. Campbell's brother's house on Ann Street.

The Campbells had already opened their presents and were on their way to Terry's parents' home in Parry Sound when Halton regional police called in the alarm at 11:51 a.m. Five hours later, Georgetown volunteer firefighters were still at the scene cleaning up an estimated \$65,000 worth of damage to the old Glen home into which the Campbells had moved only two months before. "I couldn't believe it until I saw it," Mrs. Campbell said, recalling that the family was informed of the blaze after they arrived in Parry Sound. "I think I was in shock."

Both she and her husband saw their refurbishing efforts on the house, which included wallpapering, re-flooring the kitchen and carpeting the stairs, reduced to ashes along with newly-opened Christmas gifts and irreplaceable family memorabilia.

"It didn't really affect me until I came down here to sleep in my brother's place," Mr. Campbell said. "Then I realized, we haven't got anything anymore."

The couple lost a priceless photo collage chronicling past Christmases enjoyed by 11-year old Wayne and 10-

year old Julie, as well as a houseful of antiques, including turn-of-the-century chairs in the kitchen and a refinished washstand which Mr. Campbell called "our best piece of furniture."

A train set, small stereo, record player, lamps, a house coat, a box full of tools and assorted stocking stuff-

ers given as gifts over the holiday season were also lost in the fire along with quilts and rug hangings which Mrs. Campbell had made.

About the only things to survive the blaze unharmed were the kid's bikes and some other items on the front porch.

An eight-year veteran bus driver for Charterways on the Stewarttown-Gibbons school route, Mrs. Campbell was relieved to find that firefighters had been able to hot-wire her school bus and move it out of danger.

"All we had with us were two suitcases and a couple of sleeping bags between the four of us for our overnight stay in Parry Sound," Mrs. Campbell said.

Meanwhile, Mr. Campbell is confident that his family will not have too much trouble getting back on its feet again in the immediate future, and he hopes he can start planning a new home by spring.

"There are a lot of 'ifs' right now, for sure," Mr. Campbell said, "but some way or another we'll do it."



A fire of undetermined cause roared through this two-storey wood frame house on Glen Williams' Confederation Street Christmas Day leaving the Campbell family of four without a home. Damage in the blaze is roughly estimated at \$65,000 and numerous irreplaceable family heirlooms were lost. The Campbells are now staying with relatives in town. (Herald photo)

Friends, store aid firefighters

Record-breaking cold weather Christmas Day added to firefighters' difficulties in combating the Glen Williams Confederation Street blaze.

Two shifts of firefighters were needed because of the cold, keeping a total of 35 men busy for five hours.

A close watch was also kept on fire hoses to ensure they didn't freeze, firefighter Bill Cunningham told The Herald Tuesday. However, extension ladders froze in their extended positions, requiring a Burns Transport truck to haul them back to the station to thaw, he added.

Firefighters at the scene were especially grateful to the Glen residents who provided hot drinks while they fought the blaze, district chief Cunningham said. The Moore Park Laundromat also offered to clean the firefighters' soiled clothing Friday, free of charge.



For the Campbell family of Glen Williams, Christmas 1980 will probably be remembered as one of the worst holidays in their lives. While it started out with the usual festive opening of presents, it ended in tragedy hours later when the family learned their house, which they had just moved into Oct. 15, had been completely destroyed by fire while they visited with Mr. Campbell's parents in Parry Sound. But the family's spirits are good and Terry Campbell hopes that he can begin work on a new home in the spring. With Mr. Campbell are his son, Wayne, wife Barbara and daughter Julie.

Clean region's house first, mayor advises

By LORI TAYLOR
 Herald Staff Writer
 Things at the region will get worse before they get better in 1981, Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy predicts.

Mayor Pomeroy, who will be heading up the region's finance and administration committee this year, said he hopes to convince council to re-evaluate the region's capital expenditure program in an attempt to hold the line on expenditures until the region organizes its finances.

"If I were doing it myself, and there weren't other people involved, my advice to the region would be to forego some of the expensive projects and get our financial house in order," he said. "I think the people in the region are well-served, and I think these things can wait another year."

Regional council discovered in 1980 that "it's not a good idea to leave the running of a large corporation like the region to staff," the mayor said.

"The problems at the region, I expect, will get worse for three or four months, but if the regional councillors accept their responsibility, council will be able to work things out."

At the local level, 1980 was a holding year for the most part, Mayor Pomeroy said. Council managed to hold the line on tax increases and got some projects such as the library-cultural centre underway and others completed.

"In 1981, again, we're having the same problem every business is having, keeping costs down without a loss of service."

The mayor predicted council will resolve the problem of a municipal building in the coming year. He also said the urban boundary studies in Acton and Georgetown will resolve several problems.

"I expect a couple of things in the development picture," Continued on page A5

Psychic predicts

Another movie to be shot in town?

By LORI TAYLOR
 Herald Staff Writer
 The Halton Hills library-cultural centre hasn't been completed yet, but psychic Jessie Zuest predicts that by 1983, its organizers will be wishing it was bigger.

Mrs. Zuest, a former Esqueping resident now living near Milton, has a list of predictions for the Halton Hills area and further afield for the coming year. Mrs. Zuest is affiliated with the New Age Centre in Burlington.

She predicts that the construction of the library-cultural centre will proceed without much difficulty, but the organizing of a management structure will have many problems.

"I see red--there's a lot of anger there. There's a middle-aged lady, around 50, who's outspoken and strong in her views. I see her carrying a large load on her shoulders," Mrs. Zuest said.

A split will develop in Georgetown with Highway 7 as the dividing line. This will happen in June or July and will have something to do with taxes or tax assessment. The issue will be highly controversial, Mrs. Zuest said.

There will also be some controversy over a proposed airstrip north of Georgetown in the spring, but it won't amount to much, she said.

Also in Georgetown will be an upset over the cutting of trees along a major street, necessitated by construction.

Mrs. Zuest forecasts a new industry in Acton for 1981 or 1982, probably related to transportation.

"It will be talked about in the next year, but it probably won't get started until the following year."

Divisiveness among the municipalities of the region

will continue, with Halton Hills becoming more alienated from the southern municipalities and pulling further away during the coming year, Mrs. Zuest said.

MORE MOVIES
 Area residents will also have another shot at stardom when yet another film is shot in Georgetown. This film, which will also be shot partially in Toronto, will have a plot which

is political in nature.

A well-known figure in the legal field locally will resign and be replaced by a woman, Mrs. Zuest said she sees robes and thinks the man may be a judge.

The provincial election this year will again see a minority Conservative government, Mrs. Zuest said.

On a national level, the economy will improve in the

last nine months of the year following government intervention, partly in the form of wage and price controls. In spite of this, however, Mrs. Zuest says the year will end on a note of pessimism and frustration because of the economic picture.

Prime Minister Trudeau is even now making arrangements for his future on the world scene, and secret talks

are taking place in London and New York, Mrs. Zuest said.

The new Liberal leader will be a western Canadian, tall with a stocky build, and with light brown hair, slightly gray.

There will be major earthquakes early in the year in Japan, British Columbia and California, with the quake in Japan happening within a month.

And Prince Charles will finally get married.

Psychic forecast a mixed bag

Taxes split Georgetown	Transport industry for Acton
Furors over airstrip	Red skies over arts complex
More wage and price controls	Tory minority at Queen's Park
Japan quake next month	...and a bride for Charlie

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Trilight album due out soon

Those fortunate enough to have attended the first concert of the Halton Hills Arts Council's Musical Trilight Concert series featuring Maple Sugar will soon be able to get a more permanent souvenir of the evening.

An album "Tamarack," being released Jan. 25 by the trio of Sutherland, Gordon and Bird, three of the five musicians who appeared at the concert, will include almost an entire side of songs recorded at the concert Oct. 29.

The concert at Georgetown District High School featured five musicians, Randy Sutherland, James Gordon, Jeff Bird,

Gilles Losier and Dawson Girdwood, all members of the Maple Sugar troupe of performers. Sutherland, Gordon and Bird, who perform as a trio outside Maple Sugar, recorded an album partly in a

studio in Hamilton. The remainder was recorded here in Georgetown.

If the album is not stocked in local record stores after it is released, copies can be obtained by sending \$7.42 to S.G.B. Productions, Box 152, Rockwood, Ontario, N0B 2K0.

The musical Trilight series will be back Feb. 4 with a concert featuring the Tapestry Singers at Acton District High School.

Hospital goes shopping

Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital will be purchasing a fetal heart monitor within the next few weeks, thanks to funds raised by private groups.

Hospital administrator Fred Morris said last Monday he expects a recommendation from the hospital's medical staff as to the best monitor to buy within a week.

The monitor will cost about \$8,000, and will be used to detect heart problems of unborn infants. The cost of the monitor was raised privately by various groups, with \$1,250 coming from a dance-a-thon sponsored by Jake's Disco last January.



LITTLE CRAIG'S FIRST CHRISTMAS

Mavis and Verne O'Neil and their son Kyle received a special Christmas present this year when Craig arrived a month ahead of schedule. Craig was born at 2:41 p.m. Christmas Day, and weighed in at seven pounds. (Herald photo by Lori Taylor)