

**TOWN OF HALTON HILLS LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTRE**



**Theatre plaque bought, 'better half' responsible**

**Herald Special**  
The 200th commemorative seat-plaque in the new Halton Hills Library-Theatre Arts complex has been bought by the "better half" of the man heading the overall fund-raising campaign.

In a totally unexpected move, Susan Heslop - wife of Rex Heslop, who is chairman of the town's special fund-raising committee - purchased "her" plaque Christmas Eve, pushing Georgetown Little Theatre's drive over the \$24,000 mark.

Mrs. Heslop said she was prompted to purchase a plaque after she and her husband and their two eldest children, ages 5 and 3, attended Little Theatre's Christmas production, "Hans, The Witch and The Gobbin".

"As usual, we were thoroughly entertained," she said. "The children really identified with the Gobbin (played by Georgetown High School student Bill Marchant). Having a proper theatre and a new library and art gallery cannot help but be a big improvement."

John Roe, chairman of Little Theatre's fund-raising drive, said it was the best Christmas present he could have received.

"In a long campaign like this, it's natural to set various targets at different stages. Selling that 200th seat-plaque before year's-end became a definite goal."

Georgetown Little Theatre's fund-raising campaign was launched almost immediately after Mayor Pete Pomeroy announced in March that the town would need to raise at least \$200,000 by public subscription. The group had originally planned to raise \$25,000 - selling brass seat-plaques for each of the 281 seats in the new theatre at \$100 apiece, thereby covering the cost of the plaques, the necessary engraving, and any associated campaign expenses.

In his enthusiasm at seeing a new theatre finally getting under way, Derek Joyne, GLT's representative on the Arts Plus Committee, pledged that the group would raise \$30,000 - a figure that was promptly matched by Georgetown Rotary Club.

Rather than revert to its original goal, GLT decided to reach for the higher amount and in order to do so set a minimum "price tag" of \$110 per seat-plaque. Some donors have generously given more - as much as \$300 for a single plaque. At the same time, for those who felt unable to purchase a seat-plaque, the group has accepted lesser donations on behalf of the overall fund-raising campaign.

"Every dollar counts" said Mr. Roe. "During phonathon

nights, our members have gone out to collect donations of \$5 and less just to show people how much we value their support."

Mr. Roe said that whereas the group is planning to hold another phonathon in the New Year to follow up on people who indicated their interest in contributing "after the summer", given the steady trickle in demand for seat-plaques, it was possible that some donors wishing to utilize this method would be disappointed.

"We've said all along that we will sell only as many plaques as there are seats in the new theatre. We have no wish to 'hog the lime-light' as far as fund-raising is concerned, so the sooner we can meet

our goal and throw our support behind other organization's efforts the better," he said.

The complete list of commemorative plaque purchasers is presently on display in Georgetown Library at its temporary location in Guelph-view Plaza.

For further details of the GLT fund-raising scheme - which includes the opportunity to purchase a seat-plaque with a series of post-dated cheques - prospective donors should contact Mr. Roe at 877-2824 or Mr. Joyne at 838-2702. Most recent donors: Pamela Fraas - In Memory of Reg Fraas, Mrs. M. Hobbs, Norris M. Hobbs, Dr. and Mrs. C. Alan Thompson, Mrs. Susan Heslop.



PETE POMEROY

**Growth calls for industry: Mayor**

Continued from page A1 but he also expects the economic climate will cause some of the smaller industries to close.

"The unsettled business atmosphere will cause some of the weak businesses to fail," he said.

"I predict a fairly stable year in 1981, especially with the building situation the way it is. It would be a good time for Halton Hills to get its 20-year plan in order."

Mayor Pomeroy said he expects some new industries to locate in Halton Hills and others already here to expand,

**McDermid hopes for unity in '81**

Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid hopes 1981 will see the animosity between the different regions of Canada overcome, and the development of greater Canadian unity.

The past year was a disappointment to Mr. McDermid as far as national unity is concerned.

"We had an opportunity in Canada to heal a number of wounds but instead of healing them, we created more wounds, and that's a great disappointment to me," he said. "Trudeau had a golden opportunity to bring Canada

together and he blew it, as far as I'm concerned."

"I believe the damage he's done is not irreparable. But he's going to have to be more conciliatory. He's been far too strident."

"I know the animosity in the west. I know the animosity in the east, and I'm hopeful in 1981 there will be a great healing between the east and west," he said.

The year had a bad beginning for the Conservative party when they lost the federal election after nine months in power, but Mr. McDermid defeated Ross Milne to take the riding.

The coming year should be better, Mr. McDermid said. As a member of the Employment Opportunities for the '80s committee, he hopes he can help change some of the commonly-held beliefs about apprenticeship and post-secondary education, so that more of Canada's skilled labor will come from within the country.

"I hope we can develop



JOHN McDERMID

apprenticeship programs that will be truly meaningful," he said. "We have excellent programs now, but there aren't enough of them."

Mr. McDermid is also happy that the master plan for Toronto International Airport will be released in January and communities in the area will be able to make their views known on the future of the airport.

"I feel very good about that. I've been working towards getting that plan out for a long time."

Mr. McDermid said he can't make any predictions about the economy in 1981 "because I'm not an economist, and anyway, the economists can't agree with each other about what should be done."

"If the economy makes a recovery, that helps our area because we're highly industrialized," he said. "I hope the economy does get an uplift,

because we've got to get the auto industry back on its feet. Cheap gasoline has lulled Canadians into a false sense of security we can't afford when the auto industry is our biggest industry."

"My greatest hope for 1981 is to bring Canadians together to work together," Mr. McDermid said. "Canada has the potential to be one of the greatest countries in the world and I don't want to see us blow it."

Mr. McDermid wished all his Georgetown and Esqueving constituents a happy, healthy and prosperous year in 1981.

**MPP Reed says fight ahead to stay healthy**

Halton region is reasonably buoyant economically when compared to the rest of Ontario, but Halton residents are going to have to fight to keep it that way, Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed says.

Mr. Reed told The Herald this week that although unemployment is technically in the federal jurisdiction, his office is increasingly being called upon to assist the unem-

ployed people in the riding.

"We're going to have to fight to retain that buoyancy in the face of the economic problems



JULIAN REED

we've got," Mr. Reed said. "It's a municipal responsibility, but we have to be constantly looking for and encouraging new industry to locate in this area."

"I'm not content that a community like Georgetown should be a bedroom community - that puts it on a very

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