

PINCH IN TIME SAVES LIVES



A Georgetown firefighter tried out the "spreader" power tool used for rescuing victims trapped in wreckage. The "Jaws" are considerably more powerful than any other piece of rescue equipment the department has, although Hurst Tool Company spokesman Arnie Charlton stressed that it isn't meant to replace any of the other equipment already in use.



Members of the Georgetown volunteer firefighters brigade listen intently as Hurst Tool Company representative Arnie Charlton explains the pressure hose couplings featured on the department's new "Jaws of Life" tool to be used to help rescuers get at accident victims trapped under wreckage. The 71-pound spreader (Jaws of Life) pushes or pulls with a tip pressure of nine tons. The fire department is also the new owner of a cutting tool made by Hurst which will also be used in rescue operations.

Levi-Strauss donates \$13,000 to Activan

Hamilton workers help put special van on local roads

The distance separating Hamilton from Halton Hills didn't wear down the enthusiasm shared by 250 factory workers who last week got plans finally rolling for our new bus service for handicapped residents.

Backed by their company, the workers at Hamilton's Levi-Strauss jeans manufacturing plant have contributed \$2,500 toward the company's overall \$13,000 donation to the Halton Hills community project.

"It didn't bother us at all that the money would go up to Halton Hills," employee relations supervisor Suzanne Cyper said Friday, when the cheque was presented to Halton Helping Hands at the plant. "In fact, we raised the money quicker than usual because of the enthusiasm."

This gift from the Levi-Strauss employees and Canada Levi-Strauss has just been an inspiration - a gift from the gods to a grateful Barb Stephens, Helping Hands' north Halton

supervisor, acknowledged.

Mrs. Cyper noted that the company and its Hamilton workers have previously supported various causes in their city, including Parents Anonymous and a reading service for the blind, but found Halton Hills' transit proposal "so worthwhile" that they immediately threw full support behind it. Money was raised through bake and craft sales, car washes and a bowl-athon.

Receiving the cheque in Friday's presentation was Helping Hands executive director Val O'Hara, who in turn passed the money onto Halton Hills Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson, chairman of the town's special committee on the transit proposal.

While the Levi-Strauss donation is expected to cover the cost of a specially-equipped van in which disabled citizens can ride across town, Halton Hills residents are being approached to provide operating funds. Designed as a pilot project for

its initial year of operation, the service will get underway this spring. Some 60 residents are expected to make use of it.

The Levi-Strauss donation, \$10,500 of it from the company's Don Mills head office, resulted from contacts Mrs. O'Hara made while attending a management training course sponsored by the company last year. The firm regularly contributes to worthwhile community projects.

Halton Helping Hands is a home assistance program for senior citizens and the physically disabled residents of Halton region. Volunteer workers help with household chores and yard-work and install wheelchair ramps, handrails and grab bars where necessary. The organization receives its funding through the provincial and regional governments and the Oakville and Hamilton-Hurlington-Wentworth United Ways. For more information about the program, phone 877-5920.



Dominion Seed House president Margaret Harding is presented with the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce "Business of the Year" award from Chamber president Bill Crawford Wednesday night at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

Seed House our Business of Year

Dominion Seed House (DSH), a landmark industry in Georgetown for nearly 60 years, has won the Chamber of Commerce's "Business of the Year" award for 1981.

In presentations from the Chamber, Halton Hills town council, Halton region, Queen's Park and Parliament Hill, DSH was praised for its contribution to commerce in Georgetown and to Canadian unity. During the chamber awards, dinner held Wednesday night at the North Halton Golf and Country Club, Margaret Harding, president of DSH, accepted awards honoring the business which her father, Bill Bradley, founded in 1922.

Noting Mr. Bradley's contribution to the woollen industry in Glen Williams, Mayor Pete Pomeroy said the DSH founder had made a great contribution to Georgetown's heritage as well, evolving from a fruit farm years ago. DSH operates the largest mail order seed company in Canada.

In a letter to Mrs. Harding, Premier William Davis praised the "ingenuity" and

"original marketing idea" which has made DSH successful.

"It was always a refreshing thing to receive a Dominion Seed House catalogue," Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reid remarked as he made the province's presentation. "I used to go over it with my mouth watering, anticipating the coming of spring." The province, he added, "appreciates the institution you have become."

Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid, unable to attend the dinner, extended his congratulations through local accountant Graeme Goebelle, forwarding a letter from Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau expressing hope that DSH will long continue to be a landmark in Georgetown.

Now operated by Mrs. Harding and her husband, Bruce, DSH employs about 120 people during the spring-summer peak season.

DSH is the second recipient of the Chamber's business award. Smith and Stone was Business of the Year in 1980.

Workers won't strike GDMH

It's business as usual for the 43 non-medical workers at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, despite an illegal strike by some 10,000 of their counterparts elsewhere in the province.

Jerry Wright, president of Georgetown's Local 145 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, said Monday the employees here will not be going out on strike.

Because the hospital is not a member of the central

bargaining unit of the Ontario Hospital Association, Local 145 is not officially recognized. It has been the local's practice to wait until a settlement has been reached between the bargaining unit and the rest of the union, and then to negotiate with the hospital based on that agreement.

"That could take a while this time, depending on how the strike goes," Mr. Wright said.

Non-medical workers include registered nursing assistants, housekeeping, kitchen and laundry staff.

Swimming holes face tough bylaw

Swimming pool operators charging admission to their facilities could face fines of \$1,000 if they fail to comply with new safety regulations outlined in a draft bylaw presented to the town's general committee Monday night.

The bylaw, which closely follows recommendations made during a coroner's in-

quest into the Aug. 3 drowning of 21-year old Bruno Scodellaro at Limehouse's Waterfalls Park, is expected to come before council after pool and swimming hole owners have had a chance to comment on it.

Of the 10 sections in the bylaw, the most important stress the need for trained highly visible lifeguards. Signs are now required to

advise the public about danger areas, supervised hours, rules covering use of the swimming area, and the location of lifesaving equipment and emergency telephones.

Each swimming spot must have easily accessible poles, a ring buoy and line, and spinal and paddle boards. Swimming areas should also be outlined with float lines, the bylaw

says. At least two other swimming spots are affected by the proposed bylaws: Mr. Lusty reports that Smallwood Acres and The Breezies, both located on Actor's Fairy Lake, have taken some precautions to insure safe swimming.

'Keep on plugging' - lottery winner's advice

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Syme of Georgetown have been buying Wintario lottery tickets regularly for the past five years, but like most of us, counted among their winnings only occasional free books of tickets. That is, until last week. It wasn't until the Saturday following Wintario's Jan. 15 draw that Mr. Syme discovered while reading the newspaper that he'd won \$100,000 in one of the bonus draws. His advice to fellow lottery investors? "Don't give up hope - just keep plugging away."

LePage opening

A.E. LePage's Georgetown branch held its official grand opening Thursday afternoon, featuring words of praise and encouragement from local government and civic officials. The Herald will carry full details and a photo in this Friday's Weekend Extra.

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