

Winterfest fun is ready to take off

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A young Orangeville resident has named the Jaycees

Winterfest Beaver, just one week before the event kicks off this Saturday.
Now known as the Benny

Brave Beaver, the larger-than-life rodent made promotional appearances at last Saturday's Raiders hockey game as well

as the Georgetown Market Place and Halton Hills Shopping Plaza. The contest began four weeks ago.

The end of Benny's identity crisis caps off weeks of preparation by the Jaycees, almost every other service club and

other interested groups aimed at making the second annual Winterfest a complete success. With the party all set to go here's an outline of the events to be held this Saturday at Georgetown's Fairgrounds Park.



Herald editor Paul Dorsey (right) may not exactly meet toe-to-toe with his counterpart from the Independent, Hartley Coles, during this Saturday's broomball showdown at the Jaycees' Winterfest, but he'll be on the "Herald Angels" squad that's facing off against the rebel "Inlanders" for the Elks-sponsored grudge match. The "War of the Weeklies", expected to begin shortly after 10 a.m. in Fairgrounds Park, is one of several broomball match-ups the Elks have arranged, all of which will feature celebrity referees.

(Herald caricatures by Chris Aagaard)

Broomball's War of the Weeklies

Georgetown newspaper readers who have difficulty making distinctions between The Herald and its weekly rival, the Independent, are welcome to attend this Saturday's Winterfest in Fairgrounds Park and see the "men" separated from the "boys" (and the "women" from the "girls"), according to Herald staffers.

papers face off for a potentially bruising bout of broomball late Saturday morning on one of several rinks being prepared by the Winterfest-sponsoring Georgetown Jaycees.

Originally suggested by town recreation co-ordinator Joy Williams, the broomball showdown between The Herald and the Independent is expected to get underway shortly after 10 a.m., pitting the athletic know-how of Herald sports editor Dave Rowney and the strategic expertise of senior reporter Chris Aagaard against purportedly similar events shared by their counterparts at the community's Inland weekly.

of arduous training for the "Herald Angels" effort are managing editor Paul Dorsey, composing room foreman Dave Hastings and his staffers, Mary Lou Egerton, Myles Gilson, Barb Squire and Annie Olson. Tattler and Michelle Roy, and accountant Jenny Hapichuk, as well as some possible alternates.

The willingness and involvement of two other Herald staffers, classified ad chief Shirley Jessop and reporter Lori Taylor, should also be mentioned; alas, both are out of commission for the Big Day, having suffered minor injuries during practice.

The broomball line-up for the rival Independent team was not known at presstime, although confident Herald spokesmen expect "a slash of Currie" to play an important offensive role in the game; referees will be warned accordingly before the action get underway. At

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May be highest budget ever

Mayor predicts more regional deficits



Georgetown firefighters formed an honor guard outside Knox Church yesterday following funeral services for Herb Wild, one of their colleagues. Firefighters from Acton, Milton and Orangeville were in attendance at the services, which had to be moved to Knox from the McClure-Jones Funeral Home because of the number of mourners. In a Herald photo taken in mid-January, Mr. Wild is shown above, accepting a clock from Gord Williams, past president of the firefighters' association on his retirement from the department. Mr. Wild died Sunday while trying to prevent a theft.

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More serious deficits and a 40 per cent increase in Halton's 1981 operating budget have

been forecast by Mayor Pete Pomeroy as regional councillors meet to discuss the budget this afternoon (Wednesday). Echoing some sentiments

from his Dec. 1 inauguration speech, Mayor Pomeroy told town councillors Monday night there "will be some serious problems at the region in the next few months".

"It's going to be a little traumatic for regional councillors for a while," he added. Although details of the budget will not be fully disclosed until today's region meeting, there has been some concern recently that this year's budget could be unusually high.

During the Jan. 21 special session of regional council, called to discuss proposed changes in the treasury department, Oakville Coun. Gordon Reade warned against a radical re-organization of the department before the operating budget is presented.

"The budget," he said, "is going to be the highest this year ever." The discovery of a \$700,000 deficit in the 1980 operating budget last July forced the resignation of former chief administrative officer Ernie Reid, while former treasurer Don Farmer stepped down to assume a less demanding role within the department.

A consultant's management study report on the treasury department partly blamed the 1980 operating budget shortfall on insufficient staff needed to prepare last year's audit in time to correct the problem. The report raised eyebrows recently from some regional councillors when it suggested that five additional treasury posts are needed to ensure the department runs efficiently in the future.



WINTERFEST FRIENDS

This Winterfest '81 display has been featured in the window of the William Ellis Real Estate Office on Georgetown's Main Street during the past month. As Pat and Bill Ellis (above) explained, the knitted garb of the two characters on the upper level are the work of Gail Baker, while Bette Stokes made the two figures on the desk. Winterfest, the display reminds us, kicks off this Saturday at 9 a.m.

(Herald photo)

Billy Bishop's
coming
to town!
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A LIONS SALUTE

Its been 50 years since a group of ambitious local men took up the challenge of Chicago insurance man Melvin Jones and formed the Lions Club of Georgetown. Club secretary Carl Hansen and his colleagues have joined forces with The Herald to prepare a special 12-page souvenir salute to the Lions and the Lionesses on their anniversary. It'll help you realize how lucky we've been to have these people working for our community and it's inside this issue of The Herald.

Fellow employee charged in death of former firefighter

By LORITAYLOR
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A 17-year-old Georgetown youth has been charged with manslaughter in connection with the death early Sunday of Herbert Wild.

Brian Donald Reid, 17, of Raylawn Crescent, has been charged with manslaughter and two counts of theft over \$200. He was arrested Monday by detectives from the Georgetown Criminal Investigations Branch.

Mr. Wild suffered severe injuries when he was struck by a front-end loader at about 1 a.m. Sunday on the Meadowglen Mushroom Growers property on Mountainview Road North. A 22-year employee of the firm, Mr. Wild lived in a house on the property.

Mr. Wild's death was the last in a series of events which began with a fight at a party in the staff house on the farm, where single employees of the

company live. A man was told to leave the party, but he appears to have climbed into the front-end loader and continued drinking.

Mr. Wild, his friend George Forbes and their wives had returned from an evening out when they heard the loader engine start up. The two men and Mr. Wild's son, Murray, pursued the tractor by car. It was when Mr. Wild stepped out of the car to try and flag the loader down that he was struck

by the vehicle. Mr. Wild was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial hospital, where he later died.

Mr. Reid, who began work at Meadowglen Jan. 13, is alleged to have stolen the front-end loader and also a truck which was later recovered in Toronto.

He was to appear in Milton provincial court yesterday for a bail hearing. Results were unavailable at press time.

Firemen form honor guard for a popular comrade

Six firefighters in uniform were the pallbearers yesterday at the funeral services for a former comrade, Herbert Wild.

Mr. Wild, 43, died Sunday while trying to protect the property of Meadowglen Mushroom Growers Ltd., his employer for 22 years. Although he had officially retired as a volunteer firefighter last fall, it was his wish that the pallbearers at his funeral be firefighters. Firefighters from Orangeville, Milton and Acton attended at the McClure-Jones Funeral Home Monday evening.

It was while trying to prevent the theft of a front-end loader from the Meadowglen Mushroom property that Mr. Wild was injured. He and his family had lived in a house on the property for 15 years.

"If he hadn't been so conscientious, he might still be with us," Meadowglen owner Ernie Skrow told The Herald Monday. "He was part of the family here. His whole family works here."

Mrs. Wild, their son Murray and their daughter Lori all work full-time at the plant. Their youngest daughter, Leanne, who is 16, has worked part-time for the company during vacations.

The tragedy and horror of major airliner crashes have been well-documented by the news media, but local Red Cross volunteers will be striving for the same sense of reality - out of necessity - when they stage a mock disaster this Sunday in

Georgetown's Fairgrounds Park. Another in a series of annual "emergencies" designed to test the readiness of Halton Hills' emergency services, the mock air crash will involve representatives

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Service clubs pool resources for community

A local service organization spokesman is optimistic about the outcome of an all-club meeting last Wednesday to organize a service club council in Georgetown, but it may take a few more meetings before the proposal solidifies.

Elks Lodge publicist Jim Barrett told The Herald Monday that representatives from eight local service organizations attended the meeting held at the Mountainview Road North Lodge.

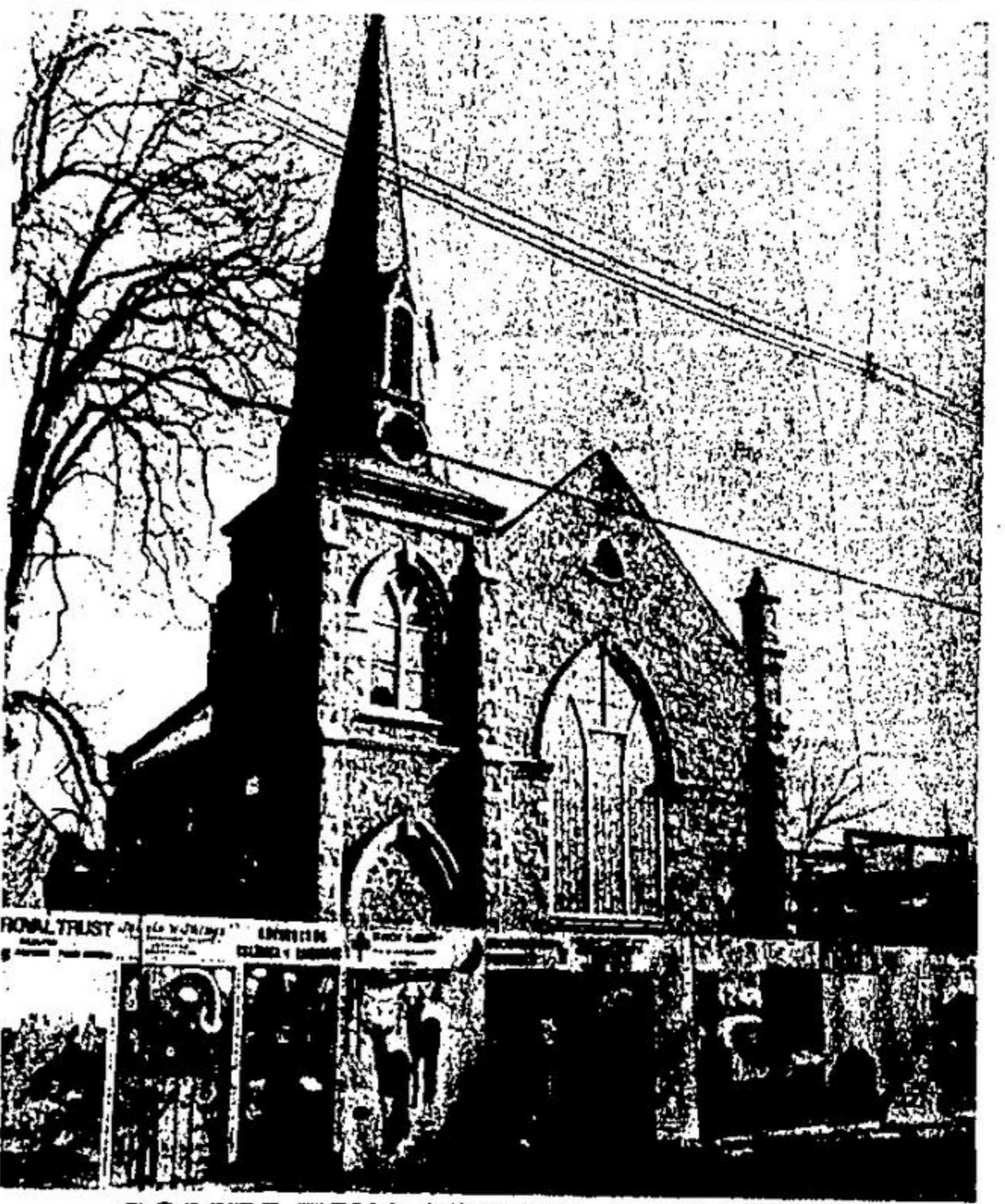
The meeting, chaired by long-time service council proponent Bill Crawford, came up with some "sound ideas", Mr. Barrett said, and it may take three or four meetings before significant action is taken towards the proposal.

"None of the clubs will lose their own identity," Mr. Barrett said. "They'll merely come together occasionally to decide how best to co-ordinate community-oriented projects."

A four-bed intensive care unit for Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital and contributions to the library-theatre project have been suggested as areas in which a service council would be of assistance.

Considerable interest in the service council idea was expressed by members of the Jaycees, Lions, Kinmen, Rotary Club, Newfoundland Club, Elks Lodge and Knights of Columbus, Mr. Barrett said, adding that "it looks like it's going".

A second meeting to discuss the service council is planned for Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Newfoundland Club on Armstrong Avenue.



COMPLEX'S FIRST ART SHOW

The construction site around the arts complex has brightened up considerably with the addition of the murals produced by the town's 19 schools. The project, organized by the Halton Hills Arts Council, gave the students an opportunity to demonstrate their artistic talents with the town's colorful past as subject matter. The murals were sponsored by businesses, individuals and service organizations, with paints for the project supplied by the Georgetown Decorating Centre.

(Herald photos by Lori Taylor)

Our classified ads are the best!

The Herald offers newspaper readers the best in classified advertisements, according to the Ontario Weekly Newspaper Association.

Preliminary results from the Association's annual community newspapers competition, released Monday, give The Herald a first-place ranking in the category for papers with circulations between 8,000 and 20,000 for its classified ads.

The classified ads section is one of several areas in

each member newspaper examined by expert judges invited to participate by the Association. Of Halton Hills' two other weekly newspapers, only the Georgetown Independent also registered first-place awards, for photography and local advertising; the Independent was also named third-best newspaper overall in its and The Herald's circulation category.

Full results, including winners of awards for promoting various aspects of culture and recreation, are yet to be announced.