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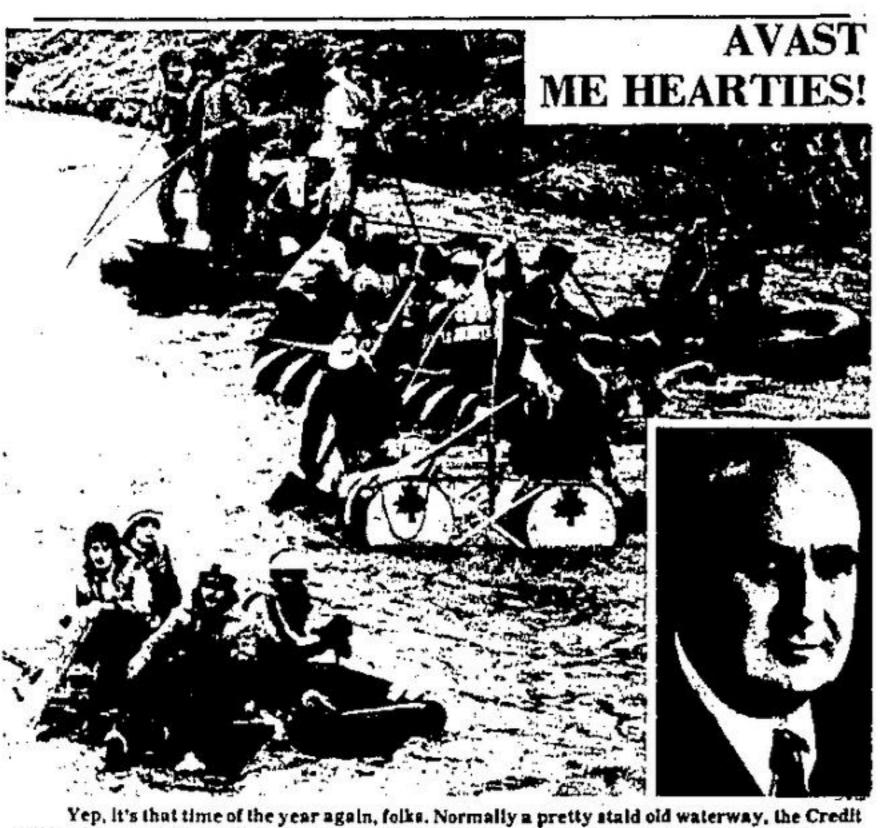
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Friday, April 3, 1981

Perlin denies predecessor a 'scapegoat'

Farmer quitting treasury



will be churning with the likes of the above boats again tomorrow (Saturday) in the annual Jaycee Crazy Boat Race. Ontario's Lieutenant-Governor, John Aird (inset), will be on hand to launch the event from the Glen William's Tenth Line bridge at 12:30 p.m. Last year, about 450 participant's entered a bizarre variety of boats, helping to raise approximately \$2,500 for Jaycee-sponsored community projects.

Award for local cop

Herald Special When the Halton region

safety council present its award today (Friday) one of Acton's policemen will be among the recipients.

Constable Bill Cunningham, a Georgetown native and 14-year veteran of the force, will receive an award for his part in rescuing a resident of the McGibbon

Hotel from her smoke-filled room in November.

Constable Cunningham said he was on the desk in the old district 1 police headquarters across from the hotel when a citizen reported smoke in the hotel.

 It was around 9 a.m. when he went across to investigate and found Dave Crichton, another hotel resident who

proved most helpful, Constable Cunningham knew the hotel and had a better idea of the location of the room from which the smoke was com-

The pair kicked in the door of the room and it was Mr. Crichton who actually found Margaret Herrington. Constable Cunningham said he Continued on Page 3



Elks Lodge 540 of Halton Hills donated \$200 to the Canadian Cancer Society, \$100 to the Georgetown and District YM-YWCA and \$100 to the Georgetown Little Theatre's seat plaque campaign raising funds for the new library-cultural centre Monday night. Seen here (left to right) are Michael Brady, director of the YMCA, John Sharpe, Leading Knight of the Eiks, Derek Joynes of the Little Theatre and Bob Burns of the Cancer Society.

(Herald photo)

in phone threat check

Herald Special An investigation into a telephone threat made on the life of a Toronto lawyer who recently won an acquittal for his client charged with manslaughter has proved inconclusive, says a Halton Crown

prosecutor. Paul Slunt said the call, telling David Humphreys before the trial was over that his life would be in danger if he successfully defended his client, "definitely was not made by any of the families

involved in the case." Humphreys was defending Toronto car dealer Robert Marshall Esplen, 50, in an Ontario Supreme Court jury trial. Esplen was charged with the shooting death last May 11 of Andre Wysman, 24, of Milton.



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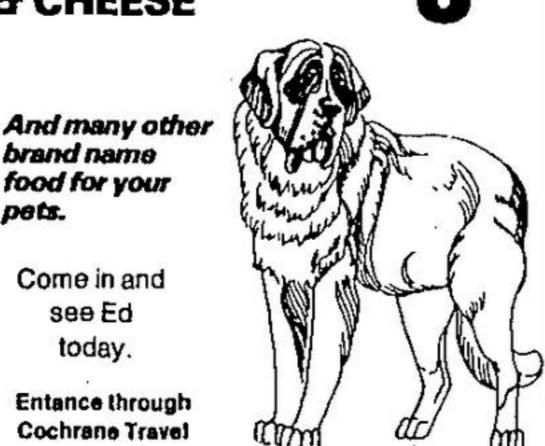
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Don Farmer, Halton's former treasur er who fell from grace following last summer's disclosure of a \$600,000 shortfall in the region's operating budget, has decided to leave the region to seek a senior

management position else-The announcement of Mr. Farmer's imminent resignatemployment. ion was made after a 20-minute closed session of council Wednesday afternoon, during which councillors deliberated

mer's temporary status under the re-organized treasury department. Prepared by chief administrative officer (CAO) Dennis Perlin, the confidential report, eventually accepted by council, suggested by Mr. Farmer

over a proposal for Mr. Far-

In his advisory position, Mr. Perlin told reporters later, Mr. Farmer will receive his regular \$42,000 salary until the end of 1981 and his duties will include helping to implement treasury department changes recommended in a recent con-

remain with the treasury dep-

ariment while it is reconstruc-

sultant's study, as well as working with the local Hydro commissions on sewer rates and water rates billing.

While Mr. Perlin explained that details of Mr. Farmer's departure were worked out by the CAO alone, he said the former treasurer accepted the proposal and announced plans to actively look for other

"He has indicated that he feels he's being treated fairly," Mr. Perlin said, denying that Mr. Farmer is being made a "scapegoat" for last year's deficit fiasco.

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pon and accept our best wishes.

"He's a hard-working and dedicated individual, Mr. Perlin added, explaining that Mr. Farmer decided to leave when he didn't see "anything in the new structure" to keep him at the region.

In the ensuing debacle over the deficit, discovered last July, Mr. Farmer decided to step down from his treasurer's position assume a "lesser role" within the department. Shortly afterward, Ernie Reld resigned as CAO, a post which was officially filled by Mr. Perlin, Halton's former treasurer, last month.

BUY OR RENEW SUBSCRIPTIONS, HELP ARTS COMPLEX

One of the best features of Georgetown District High School's fourth annual magazine subscription drive, which begins Tuesday with some proceeds going to the new library-cultural centre, is the fact that residents can support the campaign just by renewing their current subscriptions.

You don't have to buy a new magazine subscription to support the arts centre fundraising drive, GDHS marketing teacher Charles Genore explained. The program allows students the same sales commission (about one third of the income) even if they talk you into renewing a subscription. he sald.

Virtually all of the school's 1,700 students will be hawking the magazines - popular titles from around the world - in an effort to top the current scholastic record of \$25,000 in sales set last year by a Nova Scotla high school. If GDHS is successful, they could once again be decaired the top high school salesmen in the country and, at the same time, raise up to \$2,000 for the arts complex. The campaign continues until April 21.

Kitchener-bound

The Georgetown Choral Society is travelling to Kitchener Sunday for a special benefit show in the Bingeman Park Concert Hall. Sponosred by the Kitchener's Civitan Club, funds raised from the show will be used to help the physically disabled. Magicians and dancers will join the Society for the show, scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door. Bingeman Park is located on the north side of Highway 7, past the Breslau turn-off.



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