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About the Hills

UCW's spring lunch tomorrow

The University Women's Club of Georgetown will hold lts tenth anniversary spring luncheon May 23 at Sacre Coeur Hall on Guelph Street in Georgetown. The event's entertainment will include performances by the founding executive and by present members.

Charis Pottery show

Christopher and Grace Ball of Charis Pottery will be holding their third annual pottery show on Main Street in Glen Williams May 23 and 24. The public is invited to come and make their own pots and survey the fine selection of porcelain works.

Safe boating

The Brampton Power Squadron holds its annual boating seminar this Monday and Tuesday and June 1 and 2 at Brampton's Centennial School. The two-hour sessions which start at 7:30 p.m. cover safety, government regulations, buoys and charts. A non-profit group, the squadron charges a \$5 fee for the course, which covers the cost of materials used. Contact Ed Inkersell at 275-2287 or Jean Brousseau ot 793-1302.

Legal wheels

North Halton Sports on Georgetown's Main Street will likely be allowed to sell bicycle licenses as it had done previously when the outlet was owned by Norval resident and now Mayor Pete Pomeroy. The new owners have indicated they would like to continue with the license sales.

Going national

The controversy surrounding the Little Miss Halton Hills pageant at last year's (and this year's) Georgetown fall fair gets some attention in the May issue of Fair Scope, "The Voice of the Canadian Fair Industry". Fair board director Bettyanne Wellstead sent the Toronto-based newsmagazine copies of The Herald's late-March editorial "The moral crime of Junior Miss" and her own pro-pageant letter to the editor printed in the same edition, along with a covering letter to Fair Scope editor Marilyn Bolton outlining the pageant's background. Fair Scope had no editorial comment of its own, simply reprinting excerpts of the submitted material. A publication of the Canadian Association of Exhibitions, Fair Scope examines the new Calgary Olympic Coliseum, covers various developments in fairs across Canada and offers pointers on how to run better meetings and hold better fairs.

Audit exhange

Halton region's administration and finance committee has approved terms of reference which will be used while a special committee examines new proposals from accounting firms interested in handling the region's annual audit. The call for new auditors will be based on a five-year term and will not exclude the region's current accountants, Goebelle, Wagner and MacAdam, from submitting auditing proposals. The new auditing proposal, which will be reviewed by the three man committee of council, the region's chief administrative officer and treasurer, as well as the controller of the Halton Children's Aid Society and the general manager of the region's conservation authority, is expected to come before regional council early in July.

Feared in Vegas, he'll have crew at Monte Carlo night tomorrow

Bruce is a thinking man's gambler

By CHRIS AAGAARD Herald Staff Writer Casino dealers get jitterish when he walks through the

That's because, quite simply, Canadian Bruce Irwin is probably one of the best gamblers in the world, thwarting "the bank" with a secret winning system handed down to him by his uncle 20 years ago.

"It's an absolutely infallible, mathematical strategy", he explained over lunch last week. "It works in every game of chance except

In Georgetown to help promote the Rotary Club's Monte Carlo night tomorrow (Saturday) (Mr. Irwin's company, Casino Entertainment Ltd., is operating the event), he told reporters about how he has been banned from casinos in Las Vegas and Atlantic City, New Jersey, because of his incre-ible "Midas touch". In fact, that's the title he gave his first book of gaming written just three short years after inheriting the secret. "My uncle was very clever in math and history," Mr.

Irwin recalled, "He used to spend hours devising strat-And the formula (buy the book and later, the appendix that goes with it, to learn

after game, even overcoming the dreaded "law of

averages". It's not uncommon for Mr. Irwin to sit down at the blackjack table and bear a streak of losing hands, But, he says, he's a "money manager", and if he's losing, he decreases his bests; if he's winning, the ante is

In the short time it takes Mr. Irwin to get back in the black again, most individuals would be wiped out at the table, with players changing three or four times in the course of the game.

He's a cautious gambler, he admits, but who's going to argue with a man known at casinos all over the world and who has been the featured guest on talk shows throughout North America? "I never play longer than 15 minutes at the table," he said "and I never take advantage of a streak. When I have made my objective, I get up and walk."

In the 21 years since he's been playing the casinos (Mr. Irwin Is a denturist by profession), he's never hadto borrow money from the casino bank nor asked for credit while at the tables, whether he's playing blacklack, chemin de fer, baccarat or dice.

There's a whole psychology to gambling, he said, it's evident from the moment you enter a casino and ultimately centres around yourself.

In some casinos, washrooms are located to the back of the hall and as you pass through, the bustle of the gaming tables acts as an enticement to continue play-

"At Caesar's Palace," Mr Irwin explained, "they have moving sidewalks to move you into the casino - but nothing (but your feet) to bring you out.

"You have to be disciplined. People tend to deviate,

Manage cards, don't count

insisted that he was a "money manager" and not a

"counter" at the gamibing tables. Roughly speaking, money

managers carefully place bets according to how the cards

are played, betting more if they are winning and less if they

are in a losing streak. Counters, as this week's issue of Time

magazine points out, are somewhat less appreciated in

casinos, despite a minor New Jersey Supreme Court appeals

victory recently which warned casino operators against

discriminating against players. Basically, the article

explains, the counter keeps track of the played cards by

attaching a mental number to them. The count is then

applied to "memorized strategy charts" covering a vast

variety of playing "situations" and the gambler places his

or her bets according to the odds, indicated by the comparison. Time notes that, over the past three years,

about 1,500 alleged card counters have been thrown out of

Atlantic City, New Jersey, casinos.

final general salule and de-

Spectators can enjoy light

refreshments and view the

standing displays following

John McDermid, F.R.I.,

M.P., was born March 17,

1940 to Rev. and Mrs. John A.

McDermid. He was educated

at Brampton elementary and

secondary schools, at Albert

College in Belleville, at Ryer-

son Polytechnical Institute

and at York University, both

He married Elayne Franc-

es Rousseau of Deep River,

Onlario, in 1963 spent six years as a radio and television announcer early in his

career, Mr. McDermid was assistant executive director

of the Ontario Real Estate

Association for seven years

and executive assistant to

then industry and tourism

Mr. McDermid extended his

the caucus committee on

lourism. He was re-elected in

the ceremony.

in Toronto.

During last week's interview, Bruce Irwin adamantly

they get angry and, above all, they get greedy."

Every Wednesday and Saturday at Toronto's Skyline Hotel, one room is filled with people picking up some basic gambling strategy before heading out to Las Vegas. On a charter flight the next day, they're off, but the time spent at the Ontario School of Gambling's crash course may make the difference between having a good time playing sensibly or returning quickly to sell the

Meanwhile, Casino Entertainment has locked up about 80 per cent of the Toronto

casual gambling market, Mr. Irwin said, and by bringing professionals to run'

the Monte Carlo night tables, the Rotary Club should increase its revenue three to four

times more than if they'd

done it alone. Continued on page 4



ASSEMBLY LINE NURSERY

The Halton Hills Nursery School usually spends its mornings at St. John's United Church on Guelph Street in Georgetown. However, last Wednesday morning The Herald hosted a tour of the paper's operations for about 35 youngsters. Here, Elaine Baker takes a ride on a conveyor belt in the pressroom, thanks to pressman Maurice Aube (right). The tour included an explanation about how the paper is processed, printed and eventually sent to Halton Hills residents.

(Herald photo)

more) has withstood game MP reviews the troops Monday

Parades and displays at Cadet inspection

Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid will be the reviewing officer for the 13th annual inspection of the 756 Georgetown Legion Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets this Monday.

Guests and spectators are urged to assume their seats by 7:15 Monday evening at Georgetown Memorial Arena on John Street. The Cadets will be falling in at 7 p.m. to await Mr. McDermid's arrival at 7:30.

Following the squadron inspection, in which the MP will be assisted by Captain E. Francis and Wing Officer B.

Edestrand of CFB Downsview, there will be a march past, a series of demonstrations by the Cadets and the presentation of awards.

Other special guests on hand for the occasion - the highlight of the Cadet year -



JOHN McDERMID, MP

will be Air Cadet League representative Norman Dale of Toronto, Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed, Mayor Pete Pomeroy, squadron padre Rev. Peter Barrow, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 120 president Harold Badham and OPP superintendent Colin Cousens, the former squadron command-

Master of ceremonies will be Harry Clarke.

Squadron members will demonstrate range safety, first aid and precision drill after their inspection. The evening's special guests will then Join commanding offic-er Captain Carl Groskorth in announcing and presenting nine different awards, including the Air Cadet of the Year award.

address the cadets, accept a

minister Claude Benett for more than three years. After two years as manager of public relations and planning at Ontario Place.

> involvement with the Progressive Conservative party with his candidacy in the 1971 federal election for Peel-Dufferin-Simcoe. The MP was first elected to the House of Commons In May, 1979, and served as youth spokesman for the PC government and chairman of

February, 1980, continues to serve as PC youth spokesman and is a member of the Parliamentary Task Force Mr. McDermid will then on Employment Opportun-

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POLICE STATION OPENS



Constable Louis Arreids conducted the tours of the new District One police station in Georgetown for the public last Thursday. Also part of the celebration were a ribbon-cutting by Mayor Pete Pomeroy, official opening speeches and a Crime Prevention Trailer for people to tour. (Herald photo)



All the brass were on hand for the opening of the District One police station in Georgetown last Thursday. In between refreshments at Gordon Alcott Arena, Deputy Chief of Police Robert Middaugh (left), Chief of Police James Harding (centre) and District Commander Inspector Matt MacPherson paused to listen to the Georgetown District High School band. (Herald photo)

Take a stroll through park tomorrow

Credit Valley Conservation Cotta. Having a knowledge-Area to conduct family tours of the nature trails along the Niagara Escarpment.

delight in the newly budding

trees and the many wildflow-

ers which grow at Terra

Authority personnel will be able interpreter to explain on hand from 10 a.m. to 4 the area and how it is p.m. tomorrow (Saturday) at managed for people will add Terra Cotta Conservation to the overall enjoyment of the day. The only cost for the day is

the entrance fee of \$3 per car This is an opportunity to or a yearly pass. Bring the children and have a fun, learning day in the forest.