



### ONE HAPPY FAMILY

The youngest and the oldest as well as those from the East coast and West coast met last Sunday and Monday for the Gardiner first annual family reunion. Clady and Peter Gardiner of Georgetown hosted their families' reunion gathering with some 60 family members attending from as far away as Labrador and California. Children such as Paul Gardiner of Georgetown (bottom left) enjoyed meeting Uncle Alex (back row left) and Paul Gardiner, Jane, who is being held by Paul, earned the award for the youngest family member attending. She is one and a half years old.

After a welcome brunch at the Rib Cage Sunday, the entourage held a picnic Monday at Terra Cotta. More photos and a story will appear in Friday's Weekend Extra.

### Georgetown Witnesses head for national conventions

More than 20 district conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses will be held throughout Canada during July and August according to a spokesman for the group.

Tom Bennett, a minister of the Georgetown congregation, said that more than 90,000 delegates are anticipated at these "Kingdom Loyalty" District Conventions that will be held in 16 cities across the country. The local group hopes to send 125 members to be among the more than 16,000 attending the Toronto assembly at Woodbine Race Track, August 5 to 9.

"Revolutions, coups and insurrections have become common in our time," Mr. Bennett stated, "showing that there is a lack of loyalty in the world. The greatest need of the human family right now is God's Kingdom for which Jesus Christ taught his followers to pray for. That is a government deserving the loyalty of all mankind."

"The Kingdom Loyalty" Conventions will strengthen the faith of anyone who attends and will provide much practical instruction for everyday living.

Mr. Bennett said all conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses are open to the public without fee or collection.

### North Oakville farmer heads Agricultural committee

# Future fascinates Norm Biggar

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
Herald Staff Writer

Norm Biggar is fairly typical of the average farmer in Halton, and that's probably why he is best suited for his new duties as Halton's agricultural advisory committee chairman, replacing Burlington's Harold Middlebrook.

He is an established farmer; his family has been tilling the soil or raising livestock on the hundreds of acres surrounding Mr. Biggar's Sixth Line and Lower Base Line home for five generations, and his farm's north-Oakville location is in that ambiguous fringe area where urban development mingles with the rural community in a tenuous peace.

Consequently Mr. Biggar is well tuned into the problems facing Halton's agricultural industry, readily admits that their outcomes are largely unpredictable but, at the same time, one senses that this is exactly what excites him about the future and poses a lively challenge for him as spokesman for the region's farmers.

A cash crop farmer growing corn, wheat and seed oats, Mr. Biggar shared in the approximately \$12 million which flowed into the region thanks to this aspect of the agricultural industry alone. But he agrees with his predecessor on the committee that you pretty well have to come from an established farm family to survive as a farmer in Halton during the current era of high interest rates, rented land and food prices which apparently make it difficult for a farmer to earn his keep.

"I'm not hurting as bad as a lot of people," Mr. Biggar told The Herald in an interview last week. "I've worked into an established operation based on a family farm."

Despite the relative security of working on an enterprise which has deep roots in Halton's historical farm community, Mr. Biggar, 29, rents much of his farm's 600 or so acres. His assets remain in the 10 to 20 acres of land the family holds and in the thousands of dollars worth of farm machinery he owns with his father, Harold Biggar.

There are grants available for farmers from the provincial and federal governments, he

acknowledged, but they fail to alleviate the problem which probably perplexes the nation's farmer the most: How to get an adequate return on his investment.

Mr. Biggar readily admits that just because he is the advisory committee's head, and therefore the prime interpreter in the dialogue between Halton's farmers and regional council, he doesn't necessarily have all the answers. But in approaching the issues, he likes to consider the broader farming concerns which reach beyond the region's boundaries.

Farm produce prices, he said, should perhaps be allowed to find their own level. There's constant debate on how food marketing boards help.

"I'm not saying I'm against marketing boards—they help regulate (produce flow) so that farmers aren't growing more than the market will bear. We have a real dilemma here, whether to have them or not."

Recently, as Mr. Middlebrook pointed out in another interview with The Herald, regional planning policies are slowly being adopted which represent the land-use concerns of Halton's farmers. But Mr. Biggar said he feels farmers shouldn't have to "butt their heads against the wall" to make themselves understood both by councillors and planners. There should be someone on the region's staff who knows about farm life.

"If they want an agricultural planner in Halton, then they should have an agricultural planner," Mr. Biggar said. "That was part of the thrust in setting up this committee. We try to represent all aspects of farming in Halton. Our members approach council through the advisory committee and councillors come to us for advice on rural issues as well."

There is still a considerable amount of grumbling on the committee about the region's and Halton Hills' decision to allow a developer to plan estate home project on 100 acres of land about four miles south of Acton on Highway 25. Both administrations are awaiting a plan of subdivision from the developer.

Admittedly the topography in some parts of the site is rough, Mr. Biggar said. Nevertheless, there is some good soil on the land and the committee

Objections raised by the committee in the past to development proposals for the rural area don't necessarily mean it is against all such

Mr. Biggar said. "We have the ability to over produce in this country depending on your viewpoint about how well our crops are doing. And sometimes it's questionable how much of an issue (land use) is."

The onus for deciding whether or not development is right or wrong for the rural area really falls on the regional planners and decision-making councillors, he added.

"What the committee wants is to make sure that what development is done, is done orderly."

The urban encroachment issue currently has no signs of dying out, Mr. Biggar noted, describing the hoards of prospective house buyers who crowded through the mud one day to check out the opening of a new development in Oakville. He also doesn't have to go too far for further indications that Halton's population, especially in its southern area municipalities, is growing by leaps and bounds: About 300 yards north of his house lies

the "right of way" for Highway 403 between Mississauga and Burlington.

Rural residents, Mr. Biggar said, can't expect the government to implement a land-use freeze to prevent agricultural land from being sold for urban development purposes.

"In some ways our ancestors were better off farming than we are now," Mr. Biggar said. "There was more value to their farmland then. When a guy can get maybe \$10,000 an acre for development you kind of expect he'll take a close look at it."

Farmers are no different from other people in an era when most of us are watching our pocket books carefully. What may appear to be a relatively small issue to the average urbanite, like recent concerns over another deer hunt in Halton, can muster farmers into a powerful and convincing lobby when you start talking about crop losses.

This year's pro-hunt advocacy by Halton's farmers, Continued on page A3



Norman Biggar, 29, is the new chairman of the Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee, replacing Harold Middlebrook. Mr. Biggar, a North Oakville farmer, sat down with Harold last week to share his views of the future of Halton's agricultural industry.

maintains that it could be a viable farm operation. Discussing farm use on the merits of each property was one of the points underlined by the advisory committee's study on agriculture in Halton, "The Viability of Farm Operations in Halton", presented to Halton Hills town councillors May 18.

intentions. Planners must foresee the possibility of complaints from residents due to noise or odors coming from nearby farm operations, it maintains.

"You have to put the land development question into a country-wide perspective,"



Toys & Games  
Books, Records  
& Children's  
dreams  
at  
**Toy Magic**

Quality at Competitive Prices  
Georgetown Market Place  
877-8800

### EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY at AFFORDABLE PRICES

Canadiana Oak Furniture, Leather Upholstered Furniture, Oak and Leather Inlay, Optional Woods Include Cherry, Walnut, Maple and Pine.

ALL WINTER COATS up to 50% OFF

LADIES' SPRING & SUMMER SHOES up to 50% OFF

the old  
**Hide House**  
ACTON, ONTARIO

49 Eastern Ave., Acton, Ontario  
(519) 853-1031

## Mayor Pomeroy talks planning

Continued from Page A1

cy, the supply of housing to the market is going to wind up being cut right off, he predicted.

The new Planning Act which the provincial government brought out for comment last summer would have expedited matters by cutting out a lot of levels of bureaucracy, he said. But the civil servants can't let those government jobs be cut out so there now appears to be yet another layer of bureaucracy being added — environmental assessment.

"Even to build a regional road we have to do an environmental assessment," he said, "So it's going to come for sure. And that means hiring consultants to assess it. The person who set it up had a great idea but it's been put off track so badly I don't think it can ever be put back on."

The mayor took a few swipes at planners for procrastinating on a firm recommendation in their reports to planning board.

"You rarely get a clear cut direction from day one," he said. "It's usually a surprise six months later."

The mayor said a planner should stand up and be counted and really defend his position on a development because

usually the decisions are far too important to be made on a political basis.

With a wishy-washy report, however, the politicians often fly in the face of the report for some personal reason and then a problem results later.

Mayor Pomeroy predicts growth in the Georgetown part of Halton Hills will be sufficient during the next few years that the town will either have to hire more planning staff to handle it or use a lot of consultants.

He also predicts a link road connecting Highways 403 and 401 will be built and extended north to meet a main road of Halton Hills, probably Mount-Ainslie Road south.

He wants to keep Halton Hills as a nice rural-urban town rather than the sort of hodge-podge developed in neighboring municipalities in recent years.

"Unless we took a realistic look at the sewage treatment plant and accept realistic growth you can bet those service pipes would have come over the border from Peel so fast it would make your head spin. Then they'd have filled in everything south of us to the 401 and you'd have had another Brampton-Mississauga sort of thing."

By compromising the mayor feels Halton Hills can be kept the sort of town everyone wants for at least another 30 to 40 years.

Industrial, growth is important, of course, but that connecting road would make a good location for industry south of

town. It would be close to the major highways and also to the airport.

Courtesy Gaele Mercury

## Halton Force announces promotions for staff

Maintaining its policy of keeping the public informed about administrative and service changes, Halton Regional police chief James Harding has a number of promotions within the force to announce.

Staff sergeant Kent Laidlaw has been promoted to the rank of inspector and transferred from the district three (Burlington) uniform branch to the duty inspector unit at the force's headquarters in Oakville.

Inspector Laidlaw has previously served in the criminal investigation unit as the officer in charge of the "special service branch" dealing with drug and gambling investigations. He was promoted to staff sergeant in 1975, taking charge



INSP. KEN LAIDLAW of the criminal investigation unit and during the last year has served as platoon

commander at district three's headquarters in Burlington.

Continued on page A5

## LOST

Gold Bracelet with one charm inscribed. Has high sentimental value. Will pay a large reward.

Please call  
**853-2080**

## Come to Church

**GEORGETOWN ALLIANCE CHURCH**  
Sunday, August 12, 1981  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Come and Make Our Church Your Church  
Everyone Welcome  
R. RALPH  
877-4818  
853-3923

**MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
PASTOR EDWIN H. MITCHELL  
877-6885; 877-0320  
ALL SUMMER LONG EVERY SUNDAY  
9:45 a.m. Family Bible School  
11:00 a.m. & 8:30 p.m. Biblical Preaching  
WEEKLY  
Bible Study & Prayer  
Youth Activities  
Baseball & Recreation  
Visitors always welcome  
28 Years and Growing

**ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH**  
Sunday, August 12, 1981  
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Third Canadian)  
9:45 Holy Eucharist

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Windsor Road at Carole St.  
PASTOR REV. DR. J.M. DRICKAMER  
Sunday, August 12, 1981  
SUMMER SCHEDULE 10 A.M.  
CHURCH SERVICE  
Church of the Lutheran Hour

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

GEORGETOWN CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
TRAFALGAR ROAD

AUGUST 10 - 21

BIBLE STORIES, CRAFTS, GAMES, SONGS.  
FOR CHILDREN AGES 4 - 12

FOR REGISTRATION and more INFORMATION  
PHONE 877-0080 877-5942  
REGISTRATION FEE - \$2. PER CHILD  
FREE BUS TRANSPORTATION FROM

- |  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 8:30 - Glen Williams (Apple Prod.)     | 8:50 - Sargent Rd. & Deirex Blvd. |
| 8:33 - John St. & Mountainview Rd.     | 8:52 - Rexway Dr. & Deirex Blvd.  |
| 8:40 - Gary Dr. & Deirex Blvd.         | 8:57 - Charles St. & Church St.   |
| 8:42 - Weber Dr. & Deirex Blvd.        | 9:00 - Mary St. & Hillside Dr.    |
| 8:44 - Mountainview Rd. & Deirex Blvd. | 9:05 - Ewing St. & Hwy. 7         |
| 8:47 - Faludon Dr. & Deirex Blvd.      | 9:08 - Moore Park School          |

## Milliere TV's END-OF-MODEL-YEAR CLEARANCE SALE

ONCE-A-YEAR SAVINGS!  
BIG SELECTION!

### Super Priced — 1981 Models

Pay our current low price for a selected 1981 RCA Color TV and save up to \$200.00 or more compared to the cost of its 1982 successor!  
Response to our Sale has been fantastic. We've got a good selection of 1981's in stock right now — but at these prices they are going fast. Come on in now and SAVE!

**SPECIAL LARGE SCREEN**  
RCA Remote Control Color Television  
The Regular Sale Price \$688.00  
M.S.L.P. \$719.95  
ONLY **\$548.00**  
Buy Now And Save!

**26" RCA Deluxe COLOR CONSOLE**  
Model GER 630 T with Variable Tuning  
M.S.L.P. \$859.95  
ONLY **\$648.00**  
Buy Now, Save \$211.95

**20" RCA XL-100 COLOR PORTABLE TELEVISION**  
NOW ONLY **\$488.00**  
Buy Now And Save!

**SPECIAL PURCHASE!**  
25" RCA XL-100 COLOR CONSOLE  
REMOTE CONTROL  
with remote - turns set on & off, voice volume up & down, channel through channels quickly.  
M.S.L.P. \$1209.95  
NOW ONLY **\$798.00**

**RCA XL-100 COLOR**  
14" M.S.L.P. \$459.95 **\$368.00**  
18" M.S.L.P. \$579.95 **\$438.00**

**\$10.00 BONUS**

**SUPER SPECIAL!**  
26" RCA Colortrak Console  
M.S.L.P. \$1129.95  
Top of the line chassis  
Milliere TV Special... **\$809.95**

**NEW JERROLD REMOTE CONTROL 60 CHANNEL WIRELESS CONVERTER \$119.95**  
Reg. \$139.95  
FOR THIS SPECIAL SALE ONLY  
Buy Now And Save!

Bring in this ad and receive a further discount of \$10.00 off advertised RCA Color Sets.

**WHAT A BUY!**  
20" RCA Color TV  
Includes Cable TV Converter and Stand  
M.S.L.P. \$739.95  
ALL FOR... **\$549.95**

**ALL RCA COLOR SETS ADVERTISED HAVE COMPLETE 3 YEAR WARRANTY IN-HOME SERVICE!**

**DOUBLE SAVINGS!**  
On combination Color TV and Aerial Purchases — Save up to \$235.00 on in-stock models. Save up to \$80.00 on a 40 foot tower, color head & rotor installation.

**Milliere TV SALES and SERVICE**

**GUARANTEED SERVICE WITH ALL SALES**  
877-3405  
We Service What We Sell  
14 Wesleyan Street  
Just off Main St.  
We will not knowingly be undersold.  
NOW IN OUR 28th YEAR

Before you buy check our low, low prices!  
WHY PAY MORE?