



SOMETHING TO PUT YOUR PRESENTS UNDER?

It's December, and with the coming of Christmas, the Kinsmen Club is out again "greening" Georgetown with everyone's favorite seasonal trees. It's the club's 24th year raising funds for community projects by selling Christmas trees. In fact the Yuletide sales were one of the local club's founding projects - and they'll be back again each weekday from 8 to 9 p.m.

and on weekends from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the A and P grocery parking lot at Sinclair and Guelph. You'll find all sizes of Scotch Pine and Spruce and there's a limited quantity of Balsam Fir; buy early for the best selection. Manning the lot Saturday were (left to right) Kinsmen Pete Worton, Ted Savage, Dave Hogan, Duke Webster and Ernie McMillan.

SENIOR SCENES

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Senior citizens help criminal offenders

At a recent meeting of the Belles and Beaus Seniors' Club, Cathy Shane from the Peel-Halton Branch of the Elizabeth Fry Society spoke on the work this charitable agency does in helping people in trouble with the law. Besides providing practical help to the offender, the society aids in the administration of the Community Services Program. This is a program funded by the Ministry of Correctional Services, whereby an offender over 16 years of age, and whose crime is non-violent, is given an option of a jail sentence or serving a number of hours involved in community services. The goal of this program, which involves carefully screened volunteers, can only be

achieved with support and help from the local community.

Seniors could help in this plan by asking for volunteers to do such jobs as raking leaves, shovelling snow, cleaning windows or setting up tables and chairs for special events. No pay is involved, only the signing of the volunteer's card, stating the hours of work. Some supervision may be required, but the volunteer is most anxious to do his or her job well, knowing the alternatives.

If you need assistance with odd jobs, you will be helping a volunteer in the Georgetown area by contacting the Elizabeth Fry Society, Peel-Halton Branch, 317 Main St. E., Milton. Telephone 878-8750.

Erica Thompson has informed us that the local Red Cross Corps has been dissolved, but the branch will continue its Emergency Driving program for those who need transportation for out-of-town medical appointments. For this service, contact the office at 877-5233 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. or the Contact Centre at 877-1211 after these office hours. A week's notice is preferred in order to combine rides to the same destination.

This Friday afternoon (Dec. 4) the Georgetown Library will open its "Friendly Corner". Drop in, meet new friends and chat over a cup of coffee.

A little girl was saying her prayers. When she reached the list of presents which she wanted for Christmas, she began to sob.

"Sh-h-h," said her mother, "God isn't deaf."

"I know," said the child, "but Grandma is."

Valente appeal Dec. 17

A Burlington man who killed three women, one an Acton resident, July 3, 1980, will have his sentence appealed Dec. 17 in Milton Provincial Court.

Walter Valente was fined \$200 and had his driver's licence suspended for 12 months in August when he pleaded guilty to a charge of careless driving in connection with an accident in which three women riding bicycles were killed and two others injured.

The appeal was initiated by Halton Crown Attorney James Treleaven, who urged a jail term at the time Valente was sentenced. Mr. Treleaven said he feels the sentence Valente received was far too light.

Lorraine Robertson, a mother of three, lived in Acton eight years until her death following the car-bicycle collision.

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Town hall scenarios explained to Actonians

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"You'd think something was wrong except we went through and picked out every sixth house for the survey so it has to be random and unbiased."

Six scenarios are suggested for the hall. They range from demolition at a cost of \$40,000, through restoration of only the outside and no definite use for the building (\$82,000) and four variations on public or joint public-private uses for the building ranging in cost to \$440,000.

Consultant Bob Graham said neither operating and maintenance costs nor capital costs of the restoration could ever be recovered.

Councillors and consultants refused to be pinned down as to what grants may be available for the project since possible grants vary depending on which of the six options council chooses.

HASN'T CHANGED
Former Acton councillor Roy Goodwin said the consultant's presentation hadn't changed his opinion from what it was three years ago when the town hall became a hotly debated issue.

"I was against it then because I just didn't feel it was worth it," Mr. Goodwin said. "And at that time it was only going to cost \$200,000 or \$220,000. Today it's up to \$440,000 and it certainly isn't worth it."

"I don't want any of my taxes or rent money going towards it. If they'd torn the damn thing down when they first intended to, we'd have the parking there the firemen need."

"The Actario is a wonderful thing, but I flatly refuse to buy a ticket and I'm a gambler at heart. I won't have any of my money going to restore that hall."

Former councillor Ed Wood said council could solve the downtown Acton parking problem by purchasing a nearby property large enough to ease the present parking crisis as well as providing parking to town hall users.

Actario chairman Ted Tyler suggested that Acton needs the hall as a symbol of its individuality and distinctiveness from Georgetown and Essexville Township.

Mr. Tyler responded to Mr. Goodwin's comments on the hall by saying, "The reason we're in the problem we're in is because the council is you and

I sat on did nothing to preserve the building when it was crying for it. Some councillors just wouldn't spend for progress."

"But whether you supported

Actario or not it began as 100 per cent for the hall restoration and has supported many, many agencies in the town since then. Personally I'd like

to see the town hall remain but if it goes, there's lots of other places in Acton that could use the money it raises. And that's why Actario will go on this fall

regardless of what happens to the hall."

Mr. Graham pointed out that if council decided to demolish the building, a bylaw designat-

ing it as historically significant to the town must be repealed.

Anyone with an alternate proposal such as an offer to lease or buy the building could come forward at any time during the repealing process, Mr. Graham said.

Electrical firm studies future

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earlier last month of Canadian Admiral also represents the loss of one of its appliance producing customers.

"Residential housing is our major market," Dr. Tooke said. "And the appliance market as a whole is so uncertain."

Plant manager Dr. Stan Tooke told The Herald Monday that further details regarding the plant's immedi-

ate future would likely come later this week but declined to comment on whether the slowdown at the plant would include lay-offs.

Smith and Stone also distributes to major hardware dealers, including Beaver Lumber and Canadian Tire. Its market, Dr. Tooke said, does not include automotive electrical parts or computer components.

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