Imposing structure on the community's landscape through the released some of its old "secrets" recently when school officials early part of this century. Residents leisurely paddled canoes dug into dusty records. around Wilber Lake, which covered the floodplain where the

The old Georgetown High School building (at left) was an Sliver Creek Towers now stand. Built in 1889 the old high school

Doors open on GDHS past

By ANI PEDERIAN Herald Staff Writer Valuable documents and

ledgers recording the history of the 94 year old Georgetown District High School were un-earthed when stoff decided to tackle their spring cleaning a little earlier than usual.

Stored behind collected binders and other papers in the school's vault, the historical material thrilled principal Don Baker, who is new to the school this year.

Mr. Baker discovered he Is the ninth principal of Georgetown High, the first one having been Malcolm S. Celarse, Mr. Celarse left the position in

July, 1890, when he was appointed professor at McMaster University.

Minutes of the first meeting of the board of high school trustees were found dating back to Oct. 18, 1886. J. R. Barber, Dr. Rae Ryan, L. Grant, Rev. W. G. Wallace and W. C. McKinlay were the trustees at that meeting. Written in thick black ink with generous flourishes of the pen, the handwriting is difficult to make out in places.

THREE YEARS "Resolved. That we, the Georgetown High School Board hereby give the required pledge that within three

years we shall erect a suitable and separate high school building in Georgetown," condlude the minutes.

At the time, students were meeting in the Chapel Street Public School, a four-room building demolished last year. They used to bring wood from home to keep fires going on cold winter days.

True to their pledge, the board members hustled up a building for 78 high school students by 1889. It was the first high school in the county and M. S. Clark and E. Longman were the first teach-

The \$12,000 high school was

built on the site of the present day Georgetown District High

With a growing enrolment since it was first established. the high school has undergone changes to accommodate the growth. There are curently 1,720 students there.

NEW WINGS By 1914, the school was expanded to include a laboratory and new "Indoor" washrooms. By 1950, two new wings were added and the expansion of the school had reached its peak, Reconstruction continued until 1962, with what is now the front office of the school being the oldest remaining

Business teacher Robert McMenemy was himself a student at GDHS in the 1930s and recalls when the front of the school faced west - toward St. George's Anglican Church manse, from which it was separated by a line of trees. The rectory and the trees are still there, but the school's main entrance now

faces onto Guelph Street. It was while cleaning up to make more room in the storage vault that the high school secretaries came upon ledgers in the vault recording names of

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Council decision affects past and future

Tonight's the night for Acton town hall

Herald Special Representatives from the group opposed to the restoration of the Acton town half were scheduled to address town council tonight (Monday) to make their views known. Group spokesman G.W.

Herald Special

do something for disabled

drivers may get some concess-

ions for them next year when

the ministry of transportation

and communications brings

out its new licencing format.

Lorne Doberthien said he

was "encouraged" by the re-

sponse from transportation

minister James Snow during a

meeting in Snow's Oakville

spread the cheer.

Making the rounds

Members of St. Alban's Anglican church in Glen

Williams are invited to go carolling Wednesday (Dec. 23) to

extend season's greetings. Meeting point for the carollers

will be the church at 7:30 p.m., with extended stops at

various points, such as shut ins in the local community,

senior citizens' homes and the hospital. Please come out and

An Acton man determined to

(Pat) McKenzie said he by supporters of the hall wouldn't be in attendance restoration in which they because of his health but another former Acton councillor, Ed Footlitt, would be the approximately \$225,000 of the group's spokesman.

Mr. McKenzie said a fact to him or anyone else he knew sheet released late last week who signed the petition against

Meeting with minister

Mr. Snow seemed unfamiliar

with Doberthlen's campaign to

do something about recogniz-

ing disabled drivers and prov-

iding parking facilities for

them near entrances to public

building and entertainment

facilities, Mr. Doberthien sald,

but he promised to read the

material. Mr. Doberthien pro-

vided for him on the matter.

to be made to provide special

Snow said if any attempt was

office Friday.

the hall earlier this month. Mr. McKenzle sald the pointed out that taxpayers will suggestion that shoppers need only be picking up the tab for public washrooms such as could be provided in the \$400,000 bill was not circulated restored town hall seems extravagant.

Identification through licences

or windshield stickers for dis-

abled drivers, introducing the

program next year to coincide

with the new licencing format

" Mr. Doberthien, who lost a

leg to cancer several years

ago, drives his own car and

only uses special parking for the disabled when he must

because of distances from the

entrance of the facility. He

doesn't believe in helping the

disabled until they lose their initiative but still feels there

are times when they need a

small break. Parking concess-

ions could be one of those

Mr. Doberthien said it would

be much easier to enforce the

special parking restrictions if

disabled drivers could identify

their vehicles so authorities

would know if a driver is

entitled to use disabled park-

would be a good time.

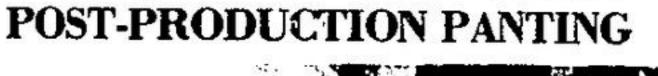
The washrooms in the Y building and in Prospect Park had to be closed because of vandals who destroyed them as fast as the town repaired them, Mr. McKenzie said. The Y washrooms are still availencourages Acton man able although that fact may not be widely known.

"If I could see a proven need for the building maybe I could drum up some enthuslasm to support it;"-Mr. McKenzle said, "but there Isn't one."

"If council wants to spend its money that way then I suppose that's what they'll do. I just don't think they'll get value for their dollars and I think we owe it to people who signed the petition against the restoration to make that point at council Monday night.

See Thursday's issue for a report on the meeting.

Look for Herald's Christmas Thursday





The elves were thirsty after singing on the Harrison Public School stage Wednesday night. Enjoying some cold water is Rich Rivard, while lined up behind him waiting for their turn are (left to right) Grant McGrath, Lisa Jones and Karen Butterworth. Wednesday night's junior concert was put on by about

125 Grades 4 and 5 students. "Little Chip's Christmas Tree" was a play adapted into a musical. The primary grades had their concert Tuesday night, called "Christmas and Mother Goose Land".

(Herald photo by Ani Pederlan)

Clark on hotseat at Tory caucus, but McDermid emerges defensive

By GREG KEENAN Herald Special

Now is not the time to be attacking Joe Clark's leadership of the federal Progressive Conservative party, John

McDermid, MP Brampton- 29-8 margin to ask Mr. Clark to Georgetown, said after a bitter Tory caucus meeting last Mr. McDermid refused to

comment on the Tory meeting saying it was confidential and refused to comment about Gary Gurbin, MP for Bruce-Grey who told reporters after Wednesday's meeting that he has resigned from the Conservative caucus.

"If we get into the leadership question now, we might as well turn the country over to the Liberals, which is the worst possible thing that could happen, Mr. McDermid said. He told reporters that the Ontario caucus had voted by a

Drug traffic charges against driver

Three-quarters of a pound of marijuana with a street value of \$750 was removed from a vehicle in Georgetown, and a Brampton man charged with possession of drugs for the purpose of trafficking last Tuesday afternoon.

A Halton regional police officer stopped a vehicle on Guelph Street in Georgetown, and charged two others in the car with possession.

Geffrey Mastine, 23, is being held by police on the charge of trafficking. He'll appear at a ball hearing in Milton Provincial Court Monday.

Two Georgetown residents were charged with possession of drugs.

party nor would he indicate resign were "an unmitigated whether or not he would sit as lie and a complete falsehood."

The party should stick with Mr. Clark, Mr. McDermid said, because the Tories have a included a bitter exchange four per cent lead in the polls, over Mr. Clark's leadership. Mr. Clark was correct on the constitutional issue and is correct on the Liberal budget introduced last month in the

House of Commons. Mr. Gurbin would not say why he resigned from the an independent in the House. There are reports the Tory meeting last Wednesday

Other reports said caucuses of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Atlantic provinces Tory MPs had asked for a leadership review next year. The Progressive Conserva-

tive party's national executive

committee decided last weekend to hold the party's next general meeting in 1983.

Mr. McDermid said the executive had merely ratified a decision made some months earlier to delay the next general meeting until 1983. "To read more into it is

wrong," he said. He said "the media has done a number on Mr. Clark" and should be asking Liberal backbenchers about their leader.



GOT A SPECIAL ONE JUST FOR YOU

tattle Blair Jackson wasn't shy at all when Santa invited him to climb up and warm his knee. The three-year old readily gave Santa a hug and told him what he wanted for Christman. Blair was one of about 36 children at the Cedarvale Maple Nursery School Christmas party Thursday morning. Parents help run the co-operative nursery just off Maple Avenue in Georgetown with three teachers.

(Herald photo by Ani Pederian)



CHORUS OF ANGELS?

It was a dress rehearsat Friday morning as Grade 4 students in Marilyn Bray and Kathy Platt's classes paraded onstage with their bells, drums, cymbals and other instruments. The band was one of several entertaining acts being prepared by students for their Monday night performance at Kennedy Public School.

(Herald photo)