



The old Georgetown High School building (at left) was an imposing structure on the community's landscape through the early part of this century. Residents leisurely paddled canoes around Wilber Lake, which covered the floodplain where the

Silver Creek Towers now stand. Built in 1889 the old high school released some of its old "secrets" recently when school officials dug into dusty records.

Ledgers uncovered last month tell it like it was

# 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 unearthed when staff 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. Celarac. Mr. Celarac 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, 1888. 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.

True to their pledge, the board members hustled up a building for 78 high school students by 1890. It was the first high school in the county and M. S. Clark and E. Longman were the first teachers. The \$12,000 high school was built on the site of the present day Georgetown District High School.

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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 hall were scheduled to address town council tonight (Monday) to make their views known.

Group spokesman G.W. (Pat) McKenzie said he wouldn't be in attendance because of his health but another former Acton councillor, Ed Foolitt, would be the group's spokesman.

Mr. McKenzie said a fact sheet released late last week by supporters of the hall restoration in which they pointed out that taxpayers will only be picking up the tab for approximately \$225,000 of the \$400,000 bill was not circulated to him or anyone else he knew who signed the petition against

the hall earlier this month. Mr. McKenzie said the suggestion that shoppers need public washrooms such as could be provided in the restored town hall seems extravagant.

## Meeting with minister encourages Acton man

**Herald Special**  
An Acton man determined to do something for disabled drivers may get some concessions for them next year when the ministry of transportation and communications brings out its new licensing format.

Lorne Doberthien said he was "encouraged" by the response from transportation minister James Snow during a meeting in Snow's Oakville office Friday.

Mr. Snow seemed unfamiliar with Doberthien's campaign to do something about recognizing disabled drivers and providing parking facilities for them near entrances to public building and entertainment facilities. Mr. Doberthien said, but he promised to read the material. Mr. Doberthien provided for him on the matter.

Mr. Snow said if any attempt was to be made to provide special identification through licences or windshield stickers for disabled drivers, introducing the program next year to coincide with the new licensing format would be a good time.

## 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 spread the cheer.



**CHORUS OF ANGELS?**

It was a dress rehearsal 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.

## POST-PRODUCTION PANTING



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 Chlp'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 Pedorian)

# 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-Georgetown, said after a bitter Tory caucus meeting last Wednesday.

Mr. McDermid refused to comment on the Tory meeting saying it was confidential and refused to comment about Gary Gurbun, 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 29-8 margin to ask Mr. Clark to resign were "an unmitigated lie and a complete falsehood."

Mr. McDermid said he was confident about the party's future and that he would continue to support Mr. Clark's leadership.

Mr. Clark's leadership was challenged by Mr. Gurbun, but Mr. Clark's supporters defeated the challenge.

Mr. Gurbun said he was resigning because he was not getting enough support from the party's rank and file.

Mr. Clark said he was pleased with the result of the caucus and that he would continue to lead the party.

The party's national executive committee decided last week-end to hold the party's next general meeting in 1983.

## 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 bail hearing in Milton Provincial Court Monday.



**GOT A SPECIAL ONE JUST FOR YOU**

Little 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 Christmas. 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 Pedorian)