



Organized by the Kinsmen with the help of many local businesses and Constable Terry McCarron of the Halton regional police force, Wednesday night's tour of the Christmas lights was a grand success according to many among the four busloads of seniors who participated. Santa dropped in to sing Christmas carols and munch cookies with the seniors after the bus tour. He also heard what Kinsman president Brian Markham (left) and English visitor Kenneth Tooby want for Christmas.

(Herald photo)



Edith and Harry Mills were impressed with their first bus tour of the Christmas lights Wednesday night. New immigrants to Georgetown from Birmingham, England, as of October, the couple told Santa the British don't put up lights at Christmas.

(Herald photo)

Kinsmen receive 'glowing' compliments

Lights tour entrances visitors

By ANI PEDERIAN
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Myriad lights twinkled blue, green, red and yellow as Georgetown's senior citizens were treated to a bus tour of the Christmas lights last Wednesday evening.

Organized by the Kinsmen Club and sponsored by local businesses, the tour took four busloads of seniors along brightly lit residential streets aglow with Christmas cheer.

The seniors loved it. They were positively glowing with compliments for the tour, which marks its fourth year this year.

Edith and Harry Mills, newly emigrated from Birmingham, England, in



October were enthusiastic over the Canadian custom of stringing up decorative lights in December. The British have no such custom. Visitors to Canada ten

times until choosing to immigrate to their son's adopted country. Mr. and Mrs. Mills live on Park Avenue.

John Moore, 73, said it was his first time coming on the bus tour. An Irishman with bright brown eyes, he lives with his son's family here.

Mr. Moore said people seem to enjoy themselves more in Canada and value

Christmas more than the British.

"You never see anything like it," Kenneth Tooby claimed after the tour. His first time visiting his son in the winter, Mr. Tooby said he'd left a lot of snow behind in Kettering, Northamptonshire, before coming to Canada.

The four buses unloaded their passengers at the doors to St. Andrew's United

Church. Inside, a warm welcome had been prepared by the Kinsmen and Kinettes, and their youngsters. The St. Andrew's choir sang carols and easily roused the 125 seniors to sing along.

More than 10,000 Air Cadets have been taught to fly since the Air Cadet League introduced pilot training for senior cadets in 1946.



That's a nice big bug, said Santa as friendly Nellie McMeekin of Georgetown's Durham Street reached over. Mrs. McMeekin was one of the seniors treated to a bus tour of the Christmas lights up in town. She said it was her third time taking the tour.

(Herald photo)

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Hospice forum planned for January 21

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The next public forum presented by the North Halton Hospice Care Interest Group will be held Jan. 21 at 8 p.m. at Trinity United Church, 70 Mill Street East in Acton.

The topic will centre on the roles of the hospice volunteer and the hospice nurse. Guest speakers are amply qualified to speak on this subject, since they are actually working their fields at Grace Hospital Palliative Care Unit in Toronto.

It seems most fitting to present these issues at this time since the group is progressing steadily toward the establishment of a working volunteer corps. Some doctors in the area have expressed their intention to refer patients when the cases come up. The organizers, Karen Ferguson, Marguerite Knochel and Eva Sansom, are already actively offering care to three referral patient-family units, having made visitations both at home and at hospital, thus providing a continuity that would not be available otherwise. This is considered one of the major strengths of their service.

In another facet, the NHHICG has been running a course, "Developing Person-

al Resources for Helping the Dying and Bereaved". This eight-week course is held Tuesday evenings and the feedback from the participants has been very positive. The group hopes to develop and use this course format as the basis of a volunteer training program.

Anyone interested in future volunteer work in hospice; health professionals who might be working with such volunteers or who would like to upgrade their awareness of medical issues involved in caring for the dying; members of the clergy or other professionals who might be called to counsel and support either the dying, their families or caregivers; or those interested in providing this kind of personal support to friends and family, this course would be of special interest to you.

In October, the NHHICG became represented as a full member of the Ontario Palliative Care Association, which is dedicated to education, research and improved quality of care for dying patients, their families and friends in Ontario and also acts as a resource advisory group for other professional groups, hospitals, government departments and other agencies.



GYM ACOUSTICS WIN KINDERGARTEN APPROVAL

Parents packed into Glen Williams Public School last Tuesday night to celebrate the opening of the school's new gymnasium and resource centre, constructed this summer and wrapping up the Halton Board of Education's school reconstruction program. It was also an opportunity to combine a Christmas pageant with the opening ceremonies and among the favorite performers was this kindergarten class, testing out the acoustics of the new annex. Construction of the gymnasium allowed the school to convert some existing space into a conference room,

extra storage facilities and a grand resource centre for the students.

(Herald photo)

Board of Education

Pay hike for 38 employees

Salaries for 48 of the Halton Board of Education's non-teaching supervisory staff, business managers, psychologists, employees in the plant department and the secretary to the board will increase by 13 per cent in January.

The board passed the

recommendation Thursday night based on a variety of surveys including the consumer price index.

Salaries for the Halton Board of Education's non-union secretarial employees and bus drivers were voted a 13 per cent increase effective January.

The raise affects 23 employees and means a \$41,224 increase in board spending. Part-time staff with the Office Personnel Association agreed to a 12 per cent raise effective Jan. 1, 1982, and an 11 per cent raise effective Jan. 1, 1983.

The agreement applies to 38 employees, and was approved by the Halton Board of Education Thursday night.

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