Both Acton's and Georgetown's fair boards deserve their communities' praise for substantially improving their respective fall celebrations. Georgetown added the spectacle of the Ontario Provincial Police Golden Helmets motorcycle precision team. Actonians continued to . expand their outdoor fair activities and indoor variety night show.

## Roll out the awards

# The best, worst

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the series nicely are columnist Bob Ollivier's "In the Churches" articles on current events. The Herald was also pleased to bring its readers several innovations in 1981: the Friday "Weekend Extra" and "Realty News" began in February and Morley and Lauretta Mills launched their "Senior Scenes" column in April. In a year in which the Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association recognized the Heraid as a "Blue Ribbon" paper with outstanding classified ads, we also welcomed a new publisher, Paul Taylor, who replaced long-time head honcho Bill Evdokimoff, now a downtown Georgetown businessman.

OUT-OF-TOWN ENTERTAINERS OF THE YEAR: With the new arts complex, Halton Hills played host to a wide variety of top-notch entertainment from outside town, a trend we all hope will continue. For us, top honors in this category must be shared between opera star Maureen Forrester, whose April Arts Council concert at GDHS predated the big opening, and the Rotary Club-sponsored play "Billy Bishop Goes to War". Other impressive shows were provided by Ronnie Hawkins, Sylvia Tyson, the Travellers, the Family of Man, Saga, the Tapestry Singers, the University Women's Club's "Super Sundays" series and Pauline Carey portraying Anna Jamieson. There were no movies filmed here, but the CBC's "Great Detective" made two separate visits.

HOMEGROWN ENTERTAINERS OF THE YEAR: With the Choral Society bot on their heels, the casts and crews of the Georgetown Little Theatre offered four splendid plays in 1961, including the first performance on the new stage at the arts complex, "Count Dracula" and "Bedroom Farce" demonstrated the GLT's versatility and revealed a formidable new publicity machine in the form of Marg and Gerry Eggleton (our thanks to them). "Not Now, Darling" and "Once Upon a Time" were special treats that gave rising young stars a chance in the limelight. Runners-up: As we said, the Choral Society never falters in its professionalism and overall excellence. The recent Messiah was a knock-out that will be hard to follow; "Broadway Tonight" last spring a pop delight. The Cantante Singers' excellent "Love Is..." concert showed enormous potential, as did the same group's recent appearance on CHCH's "New Faces" program. And a sincere "keep up the great work" to the students of GDHS and Stewarttown school, who respectively astonished audiences with "My Fair Lady" and "Bye Bye Birdie".

ALSO IN THE SPOTLIGHT: though not performing, were some residents whose accomplishments and community work earned them due recognition. Our congratulations to Citizens of the Year Ron McKnight (Acton) and Vi Haines (Georgetown); Hockey Heritage hall of famer Bud James; Georgetown Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year, the Dominion Seed House, The Herald's Pioneer Citizen of the Year, Barbara Elizabeth Tost, age 97; GDHS Snow Queen Patty Cutrara and Miss Acton Fall Fair Cindy McGilloway; top-of-the-line cattle breeders Wally Knapp and Lorne Ella; Acton architect Lloyd Sankey, who won a competition to design Canada's new embassy in Saudi Arabia; Safety Council and police award winners Constable Bill Cunningham, Edith Mowat of Georgetown and Kevin Fabian, age 10, of Acton; to all the recipients of the annual Halton Hills Honor and Awards recognition; and to the "birthday boys" in the Lions Club, who marked Year 50, and the "birthday girls" in the Norval Women's Institute, which is 75 years young.

NEW FACES IN THE CROWD: GDHS principal Don Baker, Halton clerk-administrator "(formerly solicitor) Dennis Perlin, Halton solicitor Ken Anderson, Halton business development director Matthew Fischer, Halton treasurer Gerry Lawson, Halton medical officer of health Peter Cole, Halton director of education Wally Beevor and Halton Hills bylaw enforcement officer Jack

ON THE POLICE BEAT: quite a year for the Halton regionals, despite a rise in many crimes. As well as the new Georgetown headquarters, there was the new "SWAT" team, extended salary negotiations, a new association for senior officers and the conversion of many cruisers to

propane fuel. AS THE CALENDAR TURNS: Added to the calendar of changing seasons in 1961 was the Lions Falifest. Though not yet as successful as the previously established Summerfest and Winterfest celebrations, the Fallfest drew a good crowd out for horseshoes, a parade and other

activities. Can Springfest be far behind? THE ENUMERATOR COMETH: 1982 is a municipal election year, so perhaps our councillors were deliberately taking life a little easier in '81 to rest up. There were not nearly as many "hot" issues as there were in '80, but Halton Hills wrestled with new proposals for the Coratian cultural centre, toughened some bylaws, received comprehensive reports on our BIAs and the Guelph Street corridor through Georgetown, vetoed Section 86 as an assessment modification and learned from the ministry of environment that Acton can handle another 3,000 residents.

TORIES ON THE TROT: 1981 was the year in which leaders of both the provincial and federal Progressive Conservative parties visited Georgetown. Former Prime Minister Joe Clark paid a spring visit to local editors and publishers, the local constituency office and the Varian Canada plant on a bit of a fact-finding tour. Premier Bill Davis swooped in at election time last March to help Fran Baines' candidacy in Halton-Burlington, unfortunately marred by an internal dispute over the method used to count delegates at her nomination meeting

WHAT TO WATCH FOR IN '82: All eyes are turned to Leathertown, thanks to the ambitious promotional efforts of a committee of citizens and merchants hoping to capitalize on Acton's leather manufacturing heritage. Also, keep your eye on the John Elliott Theatre and manager Hank Huhtanen - together, they should provide quite a show. And finally, officials at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital are still awaiting a ministry of health decision on their plans to combine nursing home and chronic care facilities in a new wing.

SOME SPECIAL MENTIONS OUR 'FRIENDS-IN-DEED' AWARD: goes to Acton High School teacher Keith Black. Convicted on a minor theft charge despite mitigating circumstances, Mr. Black's teaching job faced the pink slip last January until the Halton board of education bowed to an unprecedented and emotional show of support from Acton teachers, students and parents. Several hundred signed pelitions and at least a hundred banded 'round him at the school board meeting.

THE 'SQUEAKY WHEEL': to the citizens of Acton who complained long and loud that they weren't getting the kind of policing they'd enjoyed prior to regionalization in 1974. Chief Harding responded by assigning 12 officers to serve Acton only, and they were greeted warmly at a January public reception. Acton's "Dirty Dozen" went on to place first in the Halton police force's second annual charity volleyball tournament.

THE REGIONAL TREASURY TROPHY: goes (where else?) back to the regional treasury, whose staff, with some help, discovered a \$300,000 error in payments to the Halton regional police. it was a real mess for awhile.

THE 'BIG STICK' AWARD: to Halton MP Otto Jelinek, for becoming the first of several members tossed out of the House of Commons for behavior above and beyond the rules of procedure. In February, Mr. Jelinek called our fearless Prime Minister a liar for allegedly imparting incorrect information to Parliament regarding talks with British PM Margaret Thatcher. Prevented by rules of order from calling a fellow member "liar", the MP is reportedly working on an elaborate series of coded hand signals for use on the floor of the House.

THE 'TEACH BY EXAMPLE' AWARD: to the Halton board of education for again claiming the biggest slice of the tax pie. Its '81 budget totalled \$116 million, raising the average ratepayer's tax bill by \$44.

THE 'BETTER THE SECOND TIME AROUND' TROPHY: to Globe Productions, who got together again last summer to revive their old amateur performing troupe. We're looking forward to "Anything Goes" in February.

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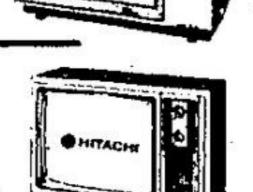
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## Letter to the editor Some injustice in parking lots?

It annoys me to see older and crippled people — not able to walk very well — hobbling across the parking lots in the plazas while younger people that are fit and able park their cars beside the curb, in a "NO PARKING-FIRE ROUTE" area.

Maybe we could have some comment from the mayor or councillors on this.

> An out of town observer. W. R. Hall, R. R. 2, Erin.

What to do when the "Wonderpets" move in? Lisa and Sue Horvath, Brian King and Danny Cooper had to figure that one out last May when they returned to their Georgetown homes after a visit to the newly-opened Canada's Wonderland amusement park in Maple. Brian and Danny had found out for themselves how easy the "try-your-skill" booths were when they started pitching baseballs to win some stuffed prizes.



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