

# Reminder: postage to MPs is free

To the Editor of The Herald: Now that the postal rate increase is a fact, I feel it important that the public is made aware of or reminded that letters to Members of

Parliament can and should be mailed without postage. Only letters addressed to the parliament buildings in Ottawa qualify for this franking

(free of postage) privilege. Simply address your letter to the MP or Minister of your choice and, in place of a stamp, print O.H.M.S. (On Her Majesty's Service) in the upper right corner of the envelope. Unfortunately, this privilege does not apply to MPPs at Queen's Park or for letters addressed to the local offices of MPs.

Now, more than ever, people may wish to make their MP aware of their views on a variety of subjects. This is the way to do so and save the 30 cents postage at the same time.

Theresa Colter, Georgetown.

## Letters to the Editor

### Ewing Street blaze hospitalizes man, 21

A young Georgetown man is in stable condition at Toronto General Hospital after suffering third degree burns to 50 per cent of his body in a fire last Wednesday evening at his Ewing Street home.

Neighbors heard the explosion and cries of help and called the fire department. Damage to the house is estimated in excess of \$23,000 by the fire department, and was confined to the family room area and steps leading into the kitchen.

Deputy fire chief Bob Hyde warns against working with gasoline or storing gasoline in the home. He said it was a flash fire resulting from gas vapors being ignited, but said the source of ignition hadn't yet been determined. Mr. Ferguson was taken to Georgetown District Memorial Hospital and transferred to Toronto General because of the severity of his burns.

### Group grateful for columns

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was written to The Herald's "In the Churches" columnist, Bob Ollivier.

Dear Bob: On behalf of the Halton Hills Christian Women's Fellowship, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all your efforts on our behalf to reach our community for Christ. We have seen such a tremendous response to the Gospel among the women who attend the meetings and we hope it will encourage your spirit to know that you share a part in it. Since I am a faithful reader of your column, I know that you have already advertised our January meeting. I am enclosing a brief summary of all the remaining meetings for the season and I trust this will help. Once again, thanks Bob. Shirley Stapleton, Halton Hills Christian Women's Fellowship

### Terra Cotta ski trails open

Herald Special Cross-country ski trails at Terra Cotta Conservation Area opened last week with a sufficient snow base for ski buffs hoping to wear off the Christmas "goodies". Terra Cotta offers seven kilometers of intermediate trails and three kilometers of novice trails for those just starting out. Rentals are available for all ages and sizes — skis, boots and poles for \$5 per half day or \$7 per full day.

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The bustle of Christmas has passed, the tree has been dismantled and the decorations are stored away for another year. The New Year has arrived with all its gloomy predictions.

The following poem by Edna Jacques may provide some hope for the days ahead.

**PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR**

Tonight I pray, that as the year goes by  
I shall grow better, kinder, less afraid,  
And easier to live with. Often Lord  
I grouch about the way the table's laid  
As if it matters how the dishes lie  
When there is bread enough to satisfy.

Tonight I pray that, as the months are spent,  
I shall look ever in my heart to see

If there be aught unclean — no evil thing  
To grow and spread its branches over me;  
But only good alone shall lift its head,  
And only kind and gentle words be said.

Tonight I pray that this New Year shall bring  
No sudden riches...only just enough  
For every day's need — a warm, clean bed,  
Strength for the going, be it smooth or rough,  
And always, God, a light to guide and bless  
And in my heart a song...for happiness.

We are grateful to the Letter Carriers' Union for the distribution of the Seniors' Directory for Halton region. A few more copies are available. For those who have recently reached the Golden Age or are new to the area, it's a list of handy telephone numbers for information of special interest to seniors. Telephone 877-3915 for your copy.

The seniors' clubs are resuming their activities after the holiday season. The "Blue Triangle" will hold their first meeting of the year Jan. 19 at 1:30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Church. At their next meeting Feb. 2, they will be entertained with a slide presentation "Travels to Australia" by Elaine Sales.

The next regular meeting of the "Belles and Beaus" will be Jan. 11 at 1:30 p.m. in the Stewarttown Hall.

The Georgetown library has various educational activities for adults planned for the new year. Of interest to plant lovers is a "Guide to Plant Pruning" by Colin Dickinson, next Wednesday (Jan. 13) at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information on workshops and gallery displays, watch The Herald.

A Happy New Year to all!

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