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About the Hills

Choral Society off to Chesley

Georgetown Choral Society under the direction of A. Dale Wood will be travelling to Chesley, Ontario, April 3, for a special Easter performance of Handel's Messiah. This presentation is being sponsored by the Chesley Ministerial Association and hosted by the citizens of Chesley. Proceeds beyond expenses will go towards the furnishing of a new hospital wing in the Chesley District.

Easter yummys

The Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band holds its Easter bake sale tomorrow (Saturday) at the community's Zellers outlet from 9:30 to noon. Handmade baked goods and Easter novelties are the order of the day, so please help keep the band playing on with a purchase or two.

Crafty young people

Youngsters from six to 16 can learn to make decorated soap cakes, plaques, chenille bumps and pom-pom ornaments with instructor Gail Stone in a young people's craft workshop planned for April 3 by the Credit Valley Artisans. Children six to 11 years can register for the 10 a.m. to noon session for \$6, while those 12 to 16 pay \$7.50 for a 1 to 4 p.m. session. Everything is supplied. Call Pat Bell at 877-6644 for more information.

Go karts get going

When the snow's off the ground and a young man's thoughts turn to motorizing, basements, garages and dumpsites everywhere get picked over for go-kart components. Youngsters interested in the fanciful sport can talk track with Fred and Ken Kurpiewieit April 3 at the Acton (11 a.m.) and Georgetown (2 p.m.) public libraries. Come see their go-kart display and learn all you need.

Artisans display

Credit Valley Artisans will be having an arts and crafts display April 6 to 20 in the main lobby of the John Elliott Cultural Centre in Georgetown.

'Kids and Art'

Jan Fleetwood-Morrow from the Art Gallery of Ontario explains the different ways how children are introduced to and become sensitized to the world of art in "Kids and Art" April 17 at the Georgetown public library gallery. Admission is \$2 for the 10:30 to noon discussion.

Get involved!

The Peel Museum and Art Gallery is hoping inspiring young artists will be among those who enter their work in its ninth annual juried show of fine arts May 4 through June 20. If you're interested in having your artwork placed on display and judged by two-qualified patrons, call the organizing Peel Gallery Volunteer Group at 451-9051, 459-2242 or 846-3681.



WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

Yup, Halton Hills that is. Regular radio broadcasts of CFGM's "Opry North" show Saturday afternoons have made Halton Hills, and in particular Norval, the home of country music for thousands of listeners across the country. Motorists entering Halton Hills will now be greeted by a new Opry North sign below the population figure and hamming it up are Norval Junction owner Jim Robertson (left), Mayor Pete Pomeroy plucking on the banjo and service club alliance rep Klinsman Ted Savage. Lately, Norval Junction (formerly the Way Jay Club) has been bringing in top entertainment in addition to the Opry North tapings by CFGM for national broadcasts. (Herald photo)

'SWAT team' searches for unstable patient

At press time yesterday (Thursday) Halton regional police, including members of the force's Tactical Rescue Unit (TRU) were searching a part of western Georgetown for a Halton Hills man who created a disturbance at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital.

According to police and hospital spokesmen, the unidentified man was brought by relatives to the hospital early yesterday morning. A local doctor whose identity was not disclosed examined the man briefly before the

outpatient grabbed a broom or broom handle and began swinging it about. No one was injured. The man abruptly left the hospital, and the doctor immediately summoned police.

TRU officers armed with shotguns spent yesterday's lunch hour searching a wide area around the hospital, visiting businesses and buildings along Trafalgar Road and Maple Avenue. A police spokesman declined to provide The Herald with a description of the man, expressing confidence he would soon be in custody.

Crown shows no evidence, Cripps acquitted of murder

Ontario Supreme Court Justice Coulter Osborne Monday instructed a jury hearing evidence in a murder trial to find one of three defendants not guilty and discharge him.

Leonard Cripps, 57, was released following a ruling by the court after his lawyer, Peter McWilliams, brought a motion asking for a directed verdict of not guilty because of a lack of evidence.

Mr. Cripps was one of three men charged with murder following the death of a hotel resident in the Aug. 19, 1979, fire that destroyed the Dominion Hotel in Acton. Also charged are hotel owner

Cosimo Mercuri, 43, and another employee, Michael McCrystal, 49. After a brief deliberation on the motion, Justice Osborne ruled that the

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Crawford Lake Nessie: hoax or real horror?

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following press release from the Halton Region Conservation Foundation, dated April 1, is reprinted here verbatim. A recently processed photograph has revealed that Halton may have its very own Loch Ness Monster. Scientific investigations are now underway to verify the existence of a large, long-necked creature photographed last summer at the

Photographic 'proof',

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Crawford Lake Conservation Area near Steeles Avenue and the Guelph Line in the heart of Halton. Students working for the Conservation

Authority in the summer of 1981 reported that a strange creature had been seen in the very deep but small Crawford Lake.

The report had been dismissed as a student prank and no further investigations took place. However, a roll of film taken at the area last summer and just processed a short time ago included an amazing photograph that may, in fact, verify the report. The photograph has baffled officials of the Conservation Authority and experts are being contacted to find out if the negative is authentic. From the size of the lake, the Crawford "Nessie" appears to be 15 to 20 feet in length.

Crawford Lake has been of significant interest to the scientific community during the past few years because of its unique "meromictic" characteristics. The water in the lower portion of the 80 foot deep lake does not circulate as most other lakes do. With very little oxygen present, well preserved layers of varves are formed each year that allow scientists to determine the nature of the environment around Crawford Lake as long ago as 200 A.D. Samples of corn pollen were found in the varves dated at 1500 A.D., which lead to the discovery of the most accurately dated prehistoric Indian village in Canada.

Plans are now underway to reconstruct the Indian village and build an Interpretive Centre to help protect this nationally significant resource. The volunteer organization of the Halton Region Conservation Foundation will be starting a fund-raising drive May 2 to raise the \$700,000 needed to complete the project.

Current theories indicate that Crawford Lake was formed during glaciation as melt waters eroded large underground caverns that eventually collapsed. It has been suggested that Crawford Lake may be connected to other underground bodies of water through submerged tunnels. Some officials believe that the reported creature may have surfaced at Crawford Lake from one of these connecting tunnels. Investigations on this bizarre report commenced April 1.



SPRING'S WATERY WAYS

Tuesday's and Wednesday's summery temperature was all that was needed to clear snow from lawns, forests and hillsides throughout the area. The resulting runoff pushed the Credit River and its tributaries over their banks and turned wide areas of low-lying property into miniature lakes. Acton had plenty of flood problems at M.Z. Bennett Public School and elsewhere, not that these two young cyclists minded. The Willow Park trailer camp in Norval was similarly threatened.

(Herald photos)



Penniesworth proprietor Lynn Barnard received a standing ovation from fellow Chamber of Commerce members Wednesday night as her unique children's clothing consignment store won the Business of the Year award. She graciously received the honor, thanking her colleagues for their support in

her endeavors to improve business for chamber members and, particularly, the Georgetown BIA, of which she is chairman. Presenting the award to her (inset photo) is chamber president Doug Penrice of Glen Williams' Beaumont Knitting Mills. (Herald photo)

Business of the Year award goes to Penniesworth shop

By CHRIS AAGAARD
Herald Staff Writer
Having moved to Georgetown barely six years ago, Lynn Barnard's contribution to the community's Business Improvement Area board of management and to the Chamber of Commerce at large, her colleagues apparently agreed Wednesday night, is deserving of Georgetown's highest business award.

Ms. Barnard, owner of downtown Georgetown's Penniesworth children's consignment shop, told Chamber members at a lively dinner at the North Halton Golf and Country Club she was surprised to learn earlier in the week that her unique enterprise had been chosen this year's "business of the year."

An active and admittedly outspoken member of the chamber and BIA Ms. Barnard graciously received the award on which only two businesses' names — Smith and Stone in 1989 and Dominion Seed House last year — have been inscribed.

"It's very special that the Chamber should recognize the little people (smaller businesses) who really are the nuts and bolts of the community," Ms. Barnard said as she accepted the plaque from Chamber president Doug Penrice.

Further details of the event and a response from the business community in Wednesday's Herald.