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ABOUT THE HILLS

Last chance to tour mill

Area residents get their final opportunity to tour the historic Beaumont Knitting Mill in Glen Williams this Sunday between 2 and 5 p.m. The last open house affords a chance to see the 104-year old mill in operation, manufacturing work and sport socks, before it moves to Hull, Quebec. Doug and Diane Penrice invite everyone to visit Beaumont one last time for a tour and a cup of coffee.

New film ready

An Image Too Many, the film by Georgetown's aspiring director David Lowe, will be ready for showing this month, its director announced this week. Right now, sound effects are being added and a musical soundtrack. Filming was completed mid-August and was followed by four weeks of editing.

BIA advance

Ontario municipal affairs and housing minister Claude Bennett announced last week that Halton Hills will soon receive "an advance" of \$200,000, representing two-thirds of the province's loan in aid of downtown revitalization. Under the province's Main Street Revitalization Program, the downtown cores of both Acton and Georgetown will see new lighting, road resurfacing, landscaping and parking.

Better than mudpies

Let your youngsters explore the fun of moulding clay Nov. 20 and 21 when Charis Pottery on Glen Williams' Main Street holds its "Fall Happening". Proprietor Grace McKnight invites all ages to browse among the numerous Christmas gift ideas and enjoy some hot mulled cider in the shop's studio atmosphere. The "Happening" takes place each day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Blood clinic tally

Red Cross officials reported that 496 donors attended the Georgetown blood donor clinic Monday and donated 460 bloodpacks. Another 38 donations were rejected for various reasons, including medication and active allergies. The Lions Club sponsored the clinic, giving special assistance with poster distribution and advertising. The Lions won the Klasmen Club's "Bucket of Blood" promotion. The next regular clinic for Georgetown will be next Feb. 14.

Sheila Copps tells UWC about women's struggle in politics

MPP is breaking ground



COMPUTER AGE



Diana Morrow (above) may be only nine, but she knows how to use the TRS-80. The grade 4 student used the computer keyboard to set a mathematical program in motion. With a keyboard very similar to that of a typewriter, except that it has some mathematical commands as well, students at George Kennedy Public School are learning to use their fingers to solve problems. The TRS and PET computers are the most commonly used computers for home, small business and education. Getting practice on the TRS in the school library was Jason Smith, also 9 (left.)

(Herald photos by Ani Pederian)

By CHRIS AAGAARD
 Herald Staff Writer
 As one of only six women in the provincial legislature, Hamilton-Centre MPP Sheila Copps has occasionally bucked gender-related abuse from fellow politicians.

"The Queen's Park arena," Ms. Copps told members of the Georgetown University Women's Club last Wednesday night, "is still very much a boys' club."

Despite derision from male chauvinists, women are becoming increasingly active in politics at the senior levels of government and political parties are more sensitive to women's issues, among them the treatment by the judicial system of wife-battering cases.

Ms. Copps herself is a member of a special all-party committee which has investigated wife-battering in the province and is expected to submit a report to legislature shortly.

FIRST TIME

Ms. Copps was elected to the legislature for the first time in February, 1981, defeating incumbent NDP member Mike Davison. (She lost to Mr. Davison by 14 votes in the 1977 election.)

This winter, barely a year after her first election victory, Ms. Copps challenged five other contenders for the leadership of the provincial Liberals. She astounded just about everyone by finishing a close second behind victor David Peterson.

It wasn't long after she

assumed her seat in the legislature, when she was superficially wounded by a sexist arrow launched from the other side of the house.

During one debate led by housing and municipal affairs minister Claude Bennett, a well-pitched heckle by Ms. Copps stopped him abruptly in his tracks.

MINOR FUROR

"You're as bad as your predecessor," the housing minister fired back, referring to the Liberal's only other woman MPP, former member Margaret Campbell.

But as Ms. Copps recalled, what initiated a minor furor in the press was a rejoinder by a Conservative backbencher who told her to "Go back to the kitchen". The remark prompted the NDP to call on the Tories to withdraw the remark.

Shortly afterward, Ms. Copps concocted a suitable rebuttal. She presented The Tories, during question period, with a recipe book including some favorite selections of her fellow Liberal members.

"We not only want our women in the kitchen," she said, "we want our men there, too." She directed the Conservatives to an appropriate recipe for "egg on the face".

LITTLE NOTE

It wasn't the last time the Hamilton-Centre MPP would suffer abuse just because she, as a woman, is still somewhat a political oddity. Since then, she said she has received a

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Smooth sailing for 'Travelcraft' thanks to Joan's generosity

By ANI PEDERIAN
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 Joan Albert is on the road a lot, arms laden with craft books, yarn, fabric and needles.

The Georgetown woman is a Travelcrafts instructor, with the town's recreation department, spending eight hours a week bringing the fun of creative crafts to the housebound.

For those for whom physical mobility is a problem and who are unable to get out to YMCA

or high school craft classes, Mrs. Albert's one-hour visits are a blessing.

Visiting both men and women, Mrs. Albert is teaching collage, dried flower crafts, driftwood arrangements, decoupage, quilting and knitting. The program was started this September at the prompting of an occupational therapist with the Home Care program.

"Of course it's better to take a class with people. You make new friends and see what other people

are doing, but if you can't, then, this will give you some leisure activity other than the television or books," Mrs. Albert said.

Dealing with a variety of physical disabilities, she's leaning to cope with them in her teaching. For suggestions on how to get around some of them, she has an occupational therapist to call on.

BEST USE

"It's a challenge," Mrs. Albert said. "I'm working with gutsy people. They're very determined

to make the best use of their time and all their physical abilities."

She tries to get them doing crafts that require physical skills they have, or else she does it for them. Mrs. Albert told of one woman who has only the use of one arm and is unable to use the scissors. With her, Mrs. Albert does all the scissor-work.

Right now, there are six people registered in the Travelcrafts program for the fall and any new registrants will be wel-

come for the winter session. To join, call the recreation department at 877-5185, extension 62.

HELP OUT

Mrs. Albert is looking for volunteers who can help out in the visits. They don't have to be experts, but should be familiar with crafts. The meeting times are flexible, to suit the timetables of the housebound and the volunteer, she said.

One man in the program is keen on learning

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POPULAR SHOW

Local artists Gretchen Day and Reg Flalysson have their work featured in a large and exciting show at the town's art gallery in the library-cultural centre. The show (and sale) will continue to Nov. 27. Art fans in droves turned out for the show's opening Sunday.