

Santa set to pay first visit Saturday

From The Herald's North Pole bureau, we have news that Santa Claus is headed for Georgetown, due to arrive Saturday as a special guest of the local Lions Club and the star attraction of the Club's annual Santa Claus parade.

It's the 52nd year in which the club has sponsored the event and a new

twist is being added. The normal parade route will be reversed, with the floats, bands and other groups marching from the Georgetown Market Place at 1:30 p.m. to downtown Georgetown (Main Street).

(Incidentally, he'll return Nov. 27 for the Acton parade, sponsored by the Y's Men association.)

When the parade is finished, participants and youngsters are invited to enjoy hot chocolate at the Lions Hall on Mill Street (behind Memorial Arena).

Many old favorites have returned for this year's event: members of the Halton regional police, the Georgetown

fire brigade and the Georgetown volunteer ambulance service will join Lions standard bearers and Mayor Pete Pomerooy to lead the parade.

The Acton Citizens' Band in their bright red uniforms will add sharp musical talent to the march; also invited to play are the Erin Mills

Drum and Bugle Corps, the new Air Cadet Band and the ever-popular Georgetown Girls Pipe Band.

There are also a large number of groups entering floats this year and, following tradition, prizes will be awarded according to various categories including most original float, best commercial float, best overall, best service club entry and best theme float.

Other groups entered for this year's parade are the Elkettes (majorettes) group, the Georgetown

Fireflies (a camping organization), Kinamen, Halton Hills Jills (gymnastics club), the Optimists' Chicken Club, the Newfoundland Club, the Georgetown Figure Skating Club, the Rotary Club, the Jaycees, the Gemini hockey club, the Lionettes and a number of commercial entries.

On leaving the Georgetown Market Place, the parade will head down Guelph Street (Highway 7), to Maple Avenue, turn left to Main Street and along Main to the parade finish at James Street.



Santa shouldn't be so surprised about the reception he gets in Halton Hills - he's always a hit here, whether we're adding to his chubbiness at the bake sales or waving to him along the parade routes this Saturday in Georgetown and a week from Saturday in Acton.

(Herald file photo)

Meanwhile at the Legion hall

If you're planning to head out for the Santa Claus parade in Georgetown this Saturday, why not stop by the Legion Hall on Mill Street and browse around at a well-stocked and fun-filled bazaar? The Legion (Branch 120) Ladies' Auxiliary will have all kinds of crafts, knitted goods, baking and even palm

reading for visitors during their bazaar and penny sale and youngsters are especially invited. St. Nick himself is expected to drop in between noon and 1 p.m. to have a chat. The bazaar starts at 11 p.m. and continues until 4 p.m. The Legion Hall is located on Mill Street above Main Street.

Despite promises to the contrary, the post office is still a little slow with its deliveries to the North Pole. Your best bet for reaching Santa Claus with your Christmas wish list is still

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A LAST GLIMPSE OF LOCAL HISTORY

Interested area residents stood in line for up to 20 minutes Sunday afternoon for a chance to tour Glen Williams' historic Beaumont knitting mills. Hundreds took Doug and Diane Pearce up on their offer of guided tours through the sock manufacturing mill founded in 1878, knowing full well it would be their last chance to do so. The machinery moves this week and next to Hull, Quebec, following Beaumont's

merger with Hansen-Mohawk Mills. Though Beaumont's "Glenmont" brand name will continue to appear on work and sports socks, the local firm will be no more, its employees relocated where possible and its machinery churning out socks for Hansen-Mohawk. The historic old mill structure itself awaits a buyer. More photos inside.

(Herald photo by Paul Dorsey)

Management makes an offer

Smith and Stone take-over imminent

Senior employees with Smith and Stone Inc. have made an offer to purchase the company, and it has been conditionally accepted.

Friday, Georgetown's 300 employees of Smith and Stone were told the "present management group" had made an offer to purchase the assets of Smith and Stone, with plans to continue to operate the business.

Present owners Duplate Canada and Canadian General Electric are expected to close the deal Dec. 20, the announcement said.

Both general manager Stan Tooke and vice-president and secretary Harry Wakefield declined to comment on the deal or to say how many people are in the "management group".

With its sole manufacturing offices in Georgetown, the American company has sales offices in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver where they

employ another ten people.

More details concerning the deal currently being negotiated will be released Dec. 20, Mr. Wakefield said.

He declined comment on 216 layoffs by the company last December attributed to a slump in residential housing and major appliances markets.

Surrenders to police after murder threat

A man who phoned Halton regional police Saturday threatening to kill himself and his ex-common-law wife with a shot gun surrendered after three and a half hours.

Charged with conveying a threat by telephone, Donald Keith Nicholson, 34, will be appearing in Milton provincial court Dec. 13.

Police said the call at

1:15 p.m. from the Georgetown Motor Inn on Guelph Street, where the man claimed to have been living the past four months, brought out six members of the tactical and rescue unit with trained negotiator Don Leroux from Oakville.

Residents and employees of the Inn were evacuated, and thanks to the Oakville detective, the man was persuaded to

surrender. He was admitted to Hamilton General Hospital for psychiatric evaluation and released.

Police said Mr. Nicholson had been living with an Acton woman for three years, and is from New Brunswick. Domestic problems are believed responsible.

Police reported there were no weapons in the motel room and the man had been alone.

Tie pay hikes to productivity - Mulroney

By MAGGIE HANNAH

Herald Special

Pay increases for Canadian workers should be tied to increased productivity rather than hikes in the consumer price index to revive the nation's economy, Brian Mulroney told Halton Progressive Conservatives last Wednesday.

Mr. Mulroney, one-time contender for the party's federal leadership and

president of the Iron Ore Company of Canada, says "it should become a national objective to reduce, and eventually eliminate and outlaw, indexed contracts and benefits."

"Any indexation should be tied to productivity increases or the rate of gross national product growth and not to the rise of the consumer price index."

We need a "national

commitment to civilizing labor relations in Canada," Mr. Mulroney says, since the adversarial system is "rooted in lack of proper two-way communication and result inevitably in mutual ignorance, hostility and mistrust."

The "carrot" to induce the new system to work,

will be tax changes to ensure that measurable improvements are rewarded regularly, he says.

Mr. Mulroney would also create a national tripartite productivity commission immediately, establish a fair manner of measuring productivity increases according to

industry sector and launch a national information program to educate participants on the fairness of such productivity enhancement programs.

Mr. Mulroney believes it will be equally important to double our commitment to research and development by 1985-86.

As a resource-based

economy we must look at mining, forestry, agriculture and fishing as well as energy. Objectives could include processing and manufacturing, supplying machines and technology for resource industries and to continue the present extracting and primary production approach.

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NEW SERIES STARTS

Grace McKnight, the proprietor of Glen Williams' Charis Pottery, is presenting her annual "Fall Happenings" this weekend and has extended a warm welcome to all to drop in and perhaps start shopping for Christmas. The five-year old business, sited in the Glen's quiet village surroundings, is featured in this week's Herald, beginning a series of articles about members of the North Halton Tourism Association, a newly formed organization which is encouraging tourists to visit the area. Story and more photos inside.

(Herald photo by Chris Aagaard)

Acton high-speed chase

Six people led Halton regional police in a high-speed chase through Acton in a reportedly stolen car Sunday at 2 a.m. A 17-year old Georgetown man was charged Monday with dangerous driving and public mischief. He had reported his 1976 Pontiac firebird stolen from the Silvercreek Shell Station overnight Saturday. Travelling at times at up to 140 kilometres an hour,

the driver shut off the car's headlights when pursued by police along Highway 7 east of Sixth Line and disobeyed four stop signs before coming to a sudden stop on Churchill Road. Passengers and driver disappeared into the surrounding bush, after having led police 7.5 kilometres in three minutes. The Georgetown man will be appearing in Milton provincial court Dec. 6.

You'll get Fotomat films with your Christmas mail

Processed film at the Bellevue Photographic Ltd. lab will be sent to Fotomat Canada customers through the mails, Bellevue's divisional controller Philip Bogod announced this weekend.

The Fotomat kiosk in the Georgetown Market Place is one of 174 retail photo outlets closed Oct. 29. Bellevue's divisional controller Philip Bogod announced this weekend.

He was transferred there by ambulance from Georgetown Memorial Hospital following a car accident Monday night at 7:45 p.m.

William John Berry of the Cedar Springs Motel was driving alone on the Eighth Line south of Side-road 15 when his car left the road and hit a tree head on in the west ditch. The vehicle struck another tree broadside.

Halton Hills firefighters

extricated him from the vehicle and he was rushed to Georgetown Hospital with major injuries including severe lacerations.

There is no estimate of damage to the car, but there was \$250 damage to a fence bordering the road.

work don't have addresses, Bellevue staff will be contacting customers by telephone to get that information.

Since there are several thousand envelopes containing the photos, Bellevue estimates it may take a few weeks to dispatch all the customers' work and asks customers to be patient.

Bellevue is not in a position to provide customers' work "over the counter" at its Etobicoke office and asks customers not to make personal visits to the Bellevue laboratories.

Undeveloped film or completed photo finishing held on Fotomat's premises is not Bellevue's responsibility and the company states it cannot assist customers in this respect.

Herald Christmas Carol sheets inside



ALREADY ON THE JOB

Elected Monday night as trustee for Ward 2, Dick Howitt was sworn in and already serving his constituents by last Wednesday night. The 44-year old Georgetown lawyer was sworn in by Halton board of education director Wally Boever, taking over the seat left empty in September by the death of Betty Walker. The board decided to allow the recent vacancy to be filled by the electorate rather than by appointment for the month of November. The board's new trustees begin their three-year term in December.

(Herald photo by Anil Pederian)