

Local Red Cross recruiting more emergency response volunteers

# Is Halton Hills prepared?

SO IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE, EH?

**Herald Special**  
Be prepared! That's the Boy Scout motto! It's also the motto of the Halton Hills Red Cross Emergency Response Volunteers.

Under the capable leadership of Blanche Goudekting and Connie Nierwhof, this group has done a great deal of work to be ready in case of a minor or major disaster

in the Halton Hills area. Gord Kearsley of Halton Hills Hydro, Principal Jack Reed of George Kennedy School, Garry McFadden and John Bailey of Acton are the instructor-co-ordinators for the Emergency Response. Gord and Garry are also in charge of operations in the field. Gord teaches a yearly course on emergency

preparedness, an eight-hour session coming up again in late January. Interested people should call the Red Cross office at 877-5233 and leave their names.

In Acton and Georgetown teams of volunteers are trained to manage an evacuation centre in case of an emergency. These people would be looking after things like food,

clothing, registration and inquiry, minor first aid and transportation, headed by team captains: Mary Dehaan, Ken Chappel (Acton), Gail Williamson and Ron Chatten (Georgetown).

The administration side of the Halton Hills Emergency Response Plan is very important. The workers in administration must have up-to-date files of supplies or suppliers on hand. Joyce Clarke of Ballinafad and Frits Dehaan of Acton handle this essential job, assisted by Acton administrative officers Peter Schreiber (shelter and security), Hennie Van Dam (food), Ann Arnold (clothing), Joseph Richard (transportation), Alice Schreiber (R and D), Linda Foundain (first aid) and George Dehaan (commu-

nications). In Georgetown, the administrators are Ann Wilson (shelter), Karen Bradley (food), Marg Mackenzie (clothing), Rose Marie Baskin (R and D) and Judy Galbraith (first aid).

Communications in a disaster is vital. The Halton Hills Red Cross Emergency Response will use local Ham radio club operators to assist in relaying messages during an emergency.

All Red Cross branches have been asked to prepare emergency response plans. Halton Hills is fortunate to have a group of people who have been eager to organize this necessary community group.

The local Emergency Response volunteers cooperate fully with the

town of Halton Hills and the regional police force. In fact the plan can be activated only at their request or at the request of Ontario Division Red Cross.

Halton Hills Emergency Response teams were active during the Clarks-on Oil Refinery Fire and the "Mississauga Miracle". They have also been on stand-by for aid to the firefighters in northwestern Ontario.

If you, your club or group would like to get involved with this responsible and necessary group of concerned citizens, please telephone the Red Cross office 877-5233, Blanche Goudekting 877-5628 or Garry McFadden 853-1886 (Acton).

Why not do your share to help Halton Hills BE PREPARED?



PLAN FOR TOMORROW... TODAY!

All aglow

Merchants and professionals of downtown Georgetown invite one and all to attend the formal lighting ceremonies tomorrow (Thursday) night at 8 p.m. when the switch at the corner of Main and Mill Streets will be thrown to illuminate the downtown core's attractive new light standards. The occasion signals the completion of "Phase One" of the core's ongoing beautification program and will be followed by a special reception at the library-cultural centre. Inside today's issue, The Herald pays tribute to the efforts of the downtown Georgetown's Business Improvement Area board of management. Don't miss all the news about the BIA's growth and future ambitions.

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## ABOUT THE HILLS

### Woman wins \$100,000

Acton's Mary Jane Madgett is \$100,000 happier this week after winning the Dec. 2 Wintario draw. The 57-year old housewife, who has two children and three grandchildren, was the holder of winning ticket number 724447. Last week's draw was held in Kanata, Ontario, near Ottawa.

### Sixth charged

Six people have now been charged in connection with the robbery and murder of Georgetown's Anthony Babakos. Peel regional police say it's unlikely more charges will be laid. Mr. Babakos was shot dead Aug. 21 in his Vega Restaurant and Steakhouse in Bramalea's Southgate Mall. Charged with first degree murder are brothers-in-law Terry Toris of Georgetown and Lambos Toris, and Brenda Lee Poulin and Lawrence John Stocking, both of Brampton. Mr. Stocking also faces an armed robbery charge with John Timothy MacLeod. Brampton provincial court refuses to disclose when those charged will be appearing in court.

### Truck spills glue

Thirty gallons of an acetone base glue were dumped off the back of a truck at Trafalgar Road and Highway 7 Tuesday morning around 9 a.m. Halton Hills firefighters washed down the spill from the six five-gallon containers. Deputy fire chief Bob Hyde said the acetone had evaporated and the washdown was done as a precaution so the chemical spill didn't eat up the highway. The containers have removable, clamp-on lids, which after dropping off the truck back opened up. Neither the fire department nor Halton regional police could identify the carrier of what appears to be carpet glue.

### Two await sentence

Two youths will be sentenced today (Wednesday) in Milton provincial court for stealing leather goods from Acton's Olde Hide House. Barry Cummings, 18, and William Fisher, 17, pleaded guilty to the Aug. 24 break-in and theft of \$1,000 worth of leather clothing, some of which they were found wearing when police caught up with them in Fairview cemetery later that week. Both were on probation for an earlier break and enter, and Mr. Fisher has also pleaded guilty to an Aug. 25 charge of assault causing bodily harm involving an apartment superintendent.



FANTASTIC FANTASIA

Conductor Dale Wood spun musical magic with his baton Friday and Saturday nights as the Georgetown Choral Society performed its "Fantasia for Christmas" in the John Elliott Theatre. The audience, never tired of GCS' Christmas concerts, which feature rousing renditions of Handel's Messiah, found the weekend's

show an exceptional treat as the choir was joined by a 14-musicalian chamber orchestra of young performers from the Toronto area. Local flautist Susan McNally was featured in one segment playing an arrangement for flute and orchestra by J.S. Bach. Review, page A8. Herald photo by Chris Aagaard

## Mayor's inaugural address sets sights on industry

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
Herald Staff Writer

It's official—Halton Hills has a new council, which will assume managerial duties in two weeks.

About 150 specially invited guests attended inaugural ceremonies Monday night, the fifth council for Halton Hills since regional government consolidated Halton County.

And the occasion was marked by a first of sorts: never before had council-

ors taken the oath of office in the town's new library-cultural centre, planned and built during the last council term.

Guests and family members watched provincial court Judge Kenneth Langdon swear in councillors and hydro commission reps who were seated in a horseshoe-shaped arrangement of tables on the John Elliott Theatre stage.

Ward 3 (Georgetown) councillors Phil Carney and Finn Poustrup, Acton local Coun. Rick Bonnette and Acton Hydro Commissioner Doug Mason are newcomers to local politics, but the ceremony was not unfamiliar to newly elected Esqueping Coun. Tom Hill, Halton Hills' former mayor.

There were still others in the audience, Mayor Pete Pomeroy acknowledged, for whom Monday night's ceremonies would bring back memories of similar events years past: former Georgetown mayors Doug Sargent and Wheldon (Steamer) Emmerson; Acton ex-mayors George Barbeau, Benny Rachlan and John Roy Sr. and former Esqueping reeve Walter Little.

Former Georgetown mayor Bill Smith was inaugurated along with Mr. Mason, Ab Tennant and Murt Allison to serve on the hydro commission.

### BEST WISHES

Unable to attend the ceremonies, area MPs Otto Jelinek and John McDermid and Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed sent telegrams and letters wishing the new council and commission best wishes in the coming term, which will last three years as a result of amendments made to the province's Municipal Act. While he said that the

coming term would not be without its share of difficulties, Mayor Pomeroy told his audience that residents have much to look forward to from the new council.

The school board and the region will once again have the greatest impact on taxes, he said, following his third inauguration as mayor. While there are pressures from the province to implement certain programs, it will be up to regional councillors to come up with budgets "in tune with the times", Mayor Pomeroy said.

He promised better communication between the town's regional councillors and the local representatives, saying that

local councillors will have better opportunity to question regional matters affecting Halton Hills.

Locally, Mayor Pomeroy continued, council will ensure that its new official plan is followed on planning matters and said the plan represents a strong commitment to the preservation of farmland in town, adequate housing for the future and has included new areas of industrial land which will help increase the town's tax base in the future.

In addition, the town wants to reach an agreement with Peel Region and the province to provide sewer and water servicing for an industrial corridor.

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## Hold budget hike to 8% Betty's goal

Halton Hills trustee Betty Fisher wants the administration of the Halton board of education not to exceed an eight per cent increase in its 1983 budget.

She's prepared a motion to that effect, stating that the present economic situation with high unemployment dictates a severe restraint program. Last year's \$113 million budget was a 13.7 per cent increase over the previous year and caused an uproar with complaints from municipal and regional governments, businessmen and the public.

Mrs. Fisher noted that expenditures by the board have increased approximately 70 per cent over the last four years, while there's been an eight per cent decrease in enrolment.

The motion will be voted on at this Thursday night's board meeting in the Burlington board office.

Fisher named vice-chairman, page A2

## Heritage fund, CVCA benefit

# Bennett leaves \$5 m. bequest

By MAGGIE HANNAH and BOBRUTTER  
Herald Special

A former Acton businessman has given the Ontario Heritage Foundation cash, property and paintings valued at more than \$5 million, the largest donation in the history of the foundation.

Stewart Bennett, owner of Scotsdale Farms on Trafalgar Road south of Ballinafad, left the property to the foundation following his death in August at the age of 90. His wife died in October leaving no heirs.

Alexandra Adams, a communications officer with the foundation, said the cash donation of \$500,000 is also the largest ever left to the heritage agency.

The foundation will receive four furnished houses, 540 acres of land and more than 100 oil paintings, most of which were painted by the Group of Seven, including several by Tom Thomson, A.Y. Jackson and A.J. Casson.

"The plan is that the houses will be sold," Ms. Adams said last week. "They are not heritage buildings per se but we'll have to wait until the estate is settled."

She said talks are continuing with the Credit Valley Conservation Authority and the University of Guelph on the future use of the property. "It is hoped these talks will result in an equine research centre and a new conservation authority area bearing the Bennett name," John White, chairman of the heritage foundation said in a prepared statement.

Mr. Bennett was a vice-president of Canada Packers Ltd. and held directorships on several companies including Dominion Stores. He began his career with Canada Packers in 1926 when he joined Beardmore (Tannery) and Co. in Acton.

Glenn Schnarr, CVCA general manager, said the foundation has asked the authority to manage those lands, most in the Niagara Escarpment control area, that can't be used for productive agriculture. Details of the arrangement have yet to be worked out.

"I know the university (of Guelph) is interested in those lands and that's good because farming is not our business," Mr. Schnarr said.

The Bennett property adjoins the CVCA nature centre, the Vaughn Farm, at Silver Creek and is included in an authority development plan for a

3,700-acre recreational area that will ultimately connect the Niagara Escarpment with the Terra Cotta Conservation Area about six miles to the east.

University of Guelph president Donald Forster said that the university has looked at the property but has concluded it is not suitable for an equine estate. Continued on page A3

## Santa's waiting patiently

Let's see, now: only 17 days to go before Christmas. That's two more Wednesday editions of The Herald, and that means there's not much time left to get your Christmas letters delivered to Santa and then sent back.

Starting with today's special Herald section on downtown Georgetown's new look, we'll be printing all letters to Santa along with the old man's replies. Mail or drop your letters off at The Herald, 45 Guelph St., Georgetown, L7G 3Z6, but hurry!



## THEY'RE THE BEST

Do I like mushrooms? Boy, do I like mushrooms, says Meadowglen Mushroom Growers Ltd. owner Ernie Skrow. Besides nibbling on his product at the office, he eats mushrooms at his Toronto residence three to four times a week. His goal is to one day open a restaurant specializing in meals with mushrooms. Halton Hills residents will have to wait to see if his ideas mushroom out. Read all about Ernie's "Business Success Story" on page A5.

(Herald photo by Ani Pedertian)



BRAMPTON LOVED 'EM

The audience played a big part in Hickory Dickory Dock's debut last weekend. Boogie and hissing the evil magician The Wizard of Boog (Alan Gibson) and his nasty sidekick The Black Imp (Wif Brooks), adults and children alike got into the act. Each time The Sprites appeared onstage asking for directions, the entire audience gladly shouted out the reply. The pantomime being staged by members of the Georgetown Little Theatre and the Peel Panto Players made its debut at Bramalea's Lester Pearson Theatre, but will be staged in Georgetown this weekend. Tickets are still available. More photos, review, page A9.