

# What better time to bring family together?

Christmas is a time to follow the Holy Family's example and begin planning family activities for the year to come

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Many people have time on their hands over Christmas holidays. After talking to businesses and offices of various kinds, I find many have as much as two weeks off.  
Entertaining is traditional, but why not use

your spare time together, as a family? Hikes are beautiful now that we have snow. Cross country and downhill skiing are getting good and skating is an excellent form of exercise and fun.

This year, why not extend the time you have as a family? Try something

new over the holidays. Set aside a couple of hours and try to work everyone's schedule into this time slot.

Use this time to plan family activities for a whole year. Once everyone is sat down, it may be hard to get started, especially for those families

that seldom take the time to be together. Once the ball is rolling, though, the family may resent even the ringing of the phone that might disturb this time.

Start with the New Year's holidays and extend the schedule to winter activities. Some gov-

ernment parks are open to winter hikers, campers and skiers. Winter camping when your property is equipped is an exhilarating experience.

Spring is always a time when the outdoors beckons even the ingrained indoor enthusiast. Planning now will make this time even more eventful.

Contact the various government agencies, especially the ministry of natural resources, for their various spring programs.

Summer may seem a long way off now, with snow just arriving on the scene, but with proper planning with the family now, it can be the best one ever. With a family, we

all must make some sacrifice for the good of others. Yet with careful thought, all can enjoy the vacation if planned now.

My wife and I have our vacation already planned, and as my daughters are already grown, we don't have to always plan for them. The time was not far past when vaca-

tions were organized around them, always in advance and with them being suggest and even plan.

With all the excellent times available to the Ontarian, a family get-together could be held anytime, even a fall color tour or camping trip. Why

not have each member of the family plan one of the long weekends, and all plan next Christmas?

We've come full circle and still haven't exhausted the many opportunities for a family get-together, even dad's convention could be used as a highlight of the year.

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## COUNCIL NOTES

### Hill joins CVCA

Newly elected Esqueping Coun. Tom Hill was appointed by fellow council members Monday night as Halton Hills' representative on the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, unseating incumbent Georgetown Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson. Mayor Pete Pomeroy was also elected to represent town concerns on the CVCA. In other internal elections, councillors returned Esqueping Coun. Russ Miller to the Halton Region Conservation Authority. He will be joined by Acton local Coun. Ross Knechtel, who replaces Coun. Pam Sheldon.

### Trophy for tourney

Town council has dipped into the town till to help out a local hockey tournament. Council Monday night agreed to pay \$25 for a "keeper" trophy to be given away during the 17th Annual Georgetown Midget Hockey Tournament Jan. 4 to 9.

### NEC choices

Halton Hills regional councillors Russ Miller and Dave Whiting, as well as Milton's Bill Johnson, have been selected by the region's planning and public works committee as candidates for the Niagara Escarpment Commission seat vacated by retired Roy Booth. Their names will be sent to Lorne Henderson, provincial secretary for resources development, and the province will eventually choose one. In order to complete his term on the commission which ends next Aug. 30, Mr. Booth would have to be appointed by regional council as its "employee".

## NEWS

### A'carolling we will go

Mountainview Baptist Church will hold a carol service Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to share the blessed news of the season and the nostalgia of the old carols.

### Charged in incident

A 20-year old Acton man was fined \$300 in Milton provincial court Dec. 9 for his part in a disturbance July 25 outside a Mill Street restaurant. Kevin Slater was charged with obstructing police.

### Murder hearing

Eleftherios (Terry) Toris, 35, of Georgetown, was remanded in custody last week on a charge of first degree murder in the death of his brother-in-law Aug. 21. Charged along with his brother Lambros (Larry), also of Georgetown, Mr. Toris will again appear in Brampton provincial court Jan. 10 to set a date for a preliminary hearing. Also charged in the shooting death of Anthony Babakos at Brampton's Vega Steakhouse are Lawrence Stocking and Brenda Lee Poulin, both of Brampton. Their preliminary hearing is set to begin March 1.

## Firm sold, new 'S&S' is born

Twelve senior management employees of Georgetown's Smith and Stone... became the business' owners yesterday (Wednesday) following a month of negotiations.

The new company, to be called Smith and Stone (1983) Inc., was purchased for several million dollars, the exact amount not being disclosed by former general manager and now new president Stan Tooke.

"You can wish us luck," he said in a telephone interview yesterday. "In this day and age, it's a big undertaking."

Owned by Duplate Canada and Canadian General Electric, the new company is now 100 per cent Canadian and independent of any corporate bonds.

No changes are anticipated with the transfer in ownership, Mr. Tooke said.

"It will be business as usual. I'm assuming the economy doesn't get any worse," he said.

More export business will be sought to the U.S. and the Caribbean, Mr. Tooke said.

## Only one landfill now left in region

# New deal sought on waste transfer



Into the Christmas spirit, Ben Case of Limehouse has his poinsettia plants in his living room windows. The 82-year old resident was interviewed by The Herald for his memories of Christmases past, and inspired, he submitted some of his remembrances on paper as well.

## Ben Case celebrating 92nd Yule

By ANI FEDERIAN  
Herald Staff Writer  
Ben Case has never yet caught Santa, but Santa's always dropped by. That means Santa's made 92 deliveries to Mr. Case's home and never been spotted whipping up the chimney. Mr. Case

turned 92 Dec. 7.

"Christmas, we'd always get up early in the morning or in the middle of the night to see if Santa Claus had arrived," Mr. Case of Limehouse recalls. "We never caught Santa, but we always found out he'd come."

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## Recollections

By BEN CASE  
Herald Special  
Back in the Gay Nineties, Santa Claus was just as much a real person to the young folks as he is today, but in a country village, conditions were altogether different than they are today.

There was no electricity, telephones, radio or TV, no running water in the houses, and transportation was entirely by horse and buggy or cutter.

Christmas presents meant books and probably a hand sleigh or spring skates, and indoor games such as a Crokinole board or Parchesi, dominoes or a flip game.

There would be plenty of warm clothing, such as a pair of heavy stockings (no long pants then for boys!), hand-knitted mitts and sweaters.

Christmas meant a family gathering with the usual turkey and a well-laden table. Afterwards, there'd be skating on the mill pond or on a pond in a field if conditions were right.

Otherwise there'd be sleighriding on the river hill with a run of at least a quarter mile on a road smoothed over by farm bob-sleighs going to and from the village or the chopping mill run by water power.

Every two or three years we took a long, 35-mile ride by horse and cutter to my father's home in the south. Although there were no hills or ice we had lots of games in the house with other cousins. There we played parlor games such as blind man's bluff and others whose names I've forgotten. Then carpet ball, a form of bowling in the long hall, and afterwards perhaps an amateur concert and a sing-song at the old family organ.

While we had to make up most of our own fun with hand-made toys, I believe the youngsters of that era had just as enjoyable a Christmas as the young folk of today with all their mechanized toys and modern inventions.

However, I may be just a little bit prejudiced!

## Town considers special plan for lands that are ready to go

# Head start for some developers?

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
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Not wanting to see the town's official plan lose momentum, council is already considering a secondary plan for developments proposed inside the newly expanded urban boundary.

A planning report accepted by council Monday night suggests that the cost of the secondary plan should be paid by the 14 developers with major landholdings, notably in the area southeast of Georgetown.

The report estimated that the secondary plan would cost around \$75,000 and recommended that

Walker, Wright, Young Associates Ltd., the Toronto consulting firm which prepared the new town official plan, be hired to do the more intricate work demanded in the secondary plan.

About 1,400 acres of developable land is in the secondary planning area and the planning department has suggested that study costs to the developers be appropriated at \$55 per acre.

The town's official plan is currently being reviewed by the provincial ministry of housing and municipal affairs, the final step in the approval process. It has been accepted

by town and regional councils.

Disputes with the parts of the plan launched by individuals or developers may yet be heard before the Ontario Municipal Board.

While the landowners would pay for the secondary plan, the report also recommends that the study be managed through its own consultants, considering the Walker firm has with the town's planning process. A steering committee of town staff and councillors would direct the secondary plan's development. Council is expected to

appoint members to the steering committee shortly.

Town staff have also been asked to meet with counterparts in the province's transportation and communications ministry to request a traffic study as part of the secondary planning process. The ministry has said a 75 per cent subsidy for a \$30,000 traffic study is available and the planning report has recommended that the town set aside \$7,500 for the study when it considers the 1983 budget.

Exact terms of reference for the secondary plan will be drafted by the planning director Ian Keith, reviewed by the

steering committee and eventually sent to council for approval.

The secondary plan will have to address

- the availability of water and sewage disposal needed for the area;
- how storm water will be drained from the area;
- a basic outline of development in the secondary plan territory;
- population, density and housing mix envisioned;
- land uses;
- sites requiring special treatment;
- servicing and staging of the developments in the area;
- a traffic study.

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
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Faced with a garbage crisis as the region's Oakville landfill site closes this month, Halton Hills wants the province to allow a private waste disposal company to expand a garbage "transfer" station on Georgetown's Armstrong Road Avenue.

The expansion of the site, located between the Unilock and Moldmaster properties in Georgetown's industrial area, is seen as an "emergency" solution to the town's growing garbage disposal problem. Leferink Disposal Ltd., with support from the town and the region, is awaiting a decision from the ministry of environment on a proposal to establish a "full-service" transfer station at the site.

The region had hoped the full-service station would be in use in January.

In a resolution approved by council Monday night, the town supports expanding the present facility for six months, allowing the company to bring in a larger garbage compactor to cram the town's trash into manageable 40-cubic yard loads.

If no solution is found while the town awaits a decision on the full-service station, it will have to haul its trash to the region's only remaining landfill site in Burlington.

A public works department report to council in October said the town

doesn't have enough manpower to haul the garbage to Burlington and still collect the refuse in an average eight-hour shift.

At a transfer station, trash is compacted and then transported to landfill sites on trucks better suited to highway driving.

If the emergency station is endorsed quickly by the ministry, the town will begin purchasing compacting and transporting services from Leferink.

It will cost \$16 per ton of waste delivered for processing at the station and an additional \$14.50 per ton tipping fee at the Burlington dump.

Halton region, while supporting the town's position, won't share the costs of its operation.

Set up in 1979 when the old garbage dump on Armstrong Avenue closed, the transfer station has accommodated largely rural residents, sparing them a long trip to the Oakville or Burlington.

Residents have been leaving trash in special containers and the region has paid Leferink for the container facility's operation. Leferink has also been operating a garbage compactor at the site for its private haulage business and the region says that both the container facilities and the compactor have been managed "in an environmentally safe manner".

Every month about 1,442 cars drive to the transfer station to drop

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## BACK FROM PERU

At was a very stressful and emotional trip for Daryl Lightowers (left) and Irene Fabrics. The two Georgetown women spent 16 days in Peru visiting YMCA run projects among the poor of Lima's barrios or shanty towns. They'll be presenting a report of their findings to members of the Georgetown Y soon.

(Herald photo)

# Merry Christmas!