

Clubs' open house

The Halton Hills recreation department is sponsoring a weekend open house in February where various clubs and groups may tell prospective members what their activities are all about.

Co-sponsoring the event is the Halton Hills libraries, the Public Health Unit, the Halton board of education, the Georgetown Y and the Credit Valley Artisans.

Groups wishing to display or demonstrate at the open house should call 877-5185, ext. 260.

Meet Santa

Past. Want to see Santa before Dec. 24? Then here's your chance. The Glen Williams Town Hall Board has managed to persuade the aging but jolly gent into an appearance at the town hall Dec. 10.

There's going to be a Christmas party between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. with cookies, clowns and a pantomime by the Travelling Trunks team. Don't miss it.

'Progressive' Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Georgetown held its annual progressive dinner Nov. 26. Hors d'oeuvre were served at 6 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rud Whiting.

Turkey dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Reed and finally dessert at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Ferguson. Those attending the evening were D. Grant Isaac, Mr. and Mrs. Rud Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Forsyth, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor, Hank Tillaart, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Cassidy, Mr. and Mrs. David Sool, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Goodlet, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Sararas, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Clark and Mr. David Ashbee.

The club is busy selling Christmas Cakes and Ginger Bread houses. A Kiwanis meeting Dec. 21 at North Halton Golf and Country Club will be ladies day with wives invited.

Changing hours

The libraries in Halton Hills are changing some of their operating hours.

Starting Jan. 1, the public hours will be 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Friday the libraries will close at 5 p.m., while Sunday and Monday the libraries will remain closed.

The libraries will be closed for the following statutory holidays in 1984: Good Friday, Easter Monday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Civic Holiday, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Varian contract

Aircraft Appliances and Equipment Ltd. of Bramalea has won another major supply contract with the armed forces, the department of supply and services has announced.

The company has agreed to provide the defence department with a generator set valued at \$237,192.

At the same time the supply and services department announced the award of another contract to Varian Canada Ltd. which will provide the environment department with \$126,664 worth of chromatograph systems.

They were among the federal unclassified contracts worth \$10,000 or more that were awarded by the department to Canadians during the week ended Nov. 4.

Computer borrowing

Considering the purchase of a small computer but want to try one out before you buy? The Halton Hills Public Library is considering a new program, the loan of small computers and software and wants to hear from you.

The computer borrowing program would complement the existing services of the audio-visual department with its films, records and other non-print media.

But before a computer lending program can be started, the library needs some information. To gather this a

survey is being distributed at the Acton and Georgetown libraries between December 1 and 15. Everyone is encouraged to drop in while Christmas shopping and register their opinions. The program must be cost recovery and involve the expenditure of no tax dollars so the existing demand is very important to the library. Similar programs in the Oakville and Burlington libraries have been very popular.

If a strong enough demand is indicated then the service might start as early as next February.



Artisans in the town's western end received some well-deserved exposure over the weekend. About 10 craftsmen from Halton Hills, Rockwood and other parts of the region had their works featured in a public show at the Taras home in Equeusing. Linda Taras (right) is a potter at Acton's Artisans' Village in the Olde Hilde House. Surrounded by works collected for the show, she is seated with daughter Billinda (left) and niece Chris Spikula of Oakville. The clay figures on the chest belong to Limehouse's Dawn Connell. (Herald photo)

Teen curfew helps police crack down on vandalism

October's statistics show a 60 per cent drop in reported incidents of vandalism over last year, Halton regional police crime prevention Sergeant Rick Kivell announced Friday.

The drop is the positive initial result of an anti-vandalism program initiated by police at the end of September for Halton Hills and Milton.

Last month, Sgt. Kivell noted there were only 45 reported incidents of vandalism, with damages estimated at \$9,993. In comparison, there were 113 incidents of vandalism causing a total of \$20,530 damage in October 1982.

Although it's only a pilot project in the region's north, if it continues to be successful in reducing vandalism it may well be implemented in the rest of the region, Sgt. Kivell said.

A statistical analysis by two students this summer showed 65 per cent of all vandalism occurred after 10 p.m. by juveniles between 12 and 16 years old.

Acting on that information, police announced in September that any child under 16 found loitering in a public place unaccompanied by a parent or person appointed by their parent, after 10 p.m. and before 6 p.m., would be picked up by police and taken immediately home.

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As well, parents whose children were

picked up under the seven-days-a-week curfew could be charged under the Child Welfare Act, and fined up to \$1,000.

"We didn't take anybody home," Sgt. Kivell said. "I don't know whether the kids were afraid, or took it upon themselves not to loiter."

He said the curfew will continue to be enforced if children are found loitering.

Another aspect of the anti-vandalism program was reaching out to the young people responsible for the majority of the vandalism.

Police went into Milton and Halton Hills

schools spending time talking with students about peer pressure and relations, the rights of the individual, how to deal with boredom, and accountability. "Our guys hit all the Grade 9 classes," Sgt. Kivell said. "They enjoyed talking to the students, and they'll be back in the schools in the new year."

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Clark button, 'Mila' doll, raise \$3,000 at PC auction

It said "Another MP for Clark" and was one of only 100 buttons made. MP John McDermid donated his button for the Tory auction Friday night, helping raise approximately \$3,000 for the Brampton-Georgetown Progressive-Conservative Association.

also donated by John McDermid and his wife Elaine. Handmade, the doll is in Yugoslavian native dress and was given to the McDermids by a Yugoslavian woman grateful for the MP's help in arranging the immigration of her son from that country. The "Mila Doll" was bought for \$200 by Brian Elliott, satisfying Mr.

McDermid's clause that it go to a good home with children. There were other memorabilia for sale, including an original 1943 George Drew provincial election poster donated by Don Wilson, and a bra purportedly worn by Maggie Trudeau. Among the doorprizes was a pair of John Croble's mukluks.

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