



PRETTY PICTURE

Library supporter Betty Ann Wellstead is seen here holding the wildlife painting recently won by a Terra Cotta couple in a draw to raise money for library programs.

(Herald photo)

Quiet Christmas

It was a quiet Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for the Halton Hills firefighters. On Christmas Day, there was one fire call in Acton at 11 a.m. in which nobody was hurt and damage was minimal. A chimney fire kept the firefighters busy for a half hour.

In Georgetown, there was a problem with frozen pipes at the Georgetown Marketplace which set off the sprinkler alarm in one of the banks at 8:17 a.m. It took about three hours to correct.

Thursday and Friday were also quiet days.

BBB breaks tradition, publishes regional guide

For the first time in seven years, the Better Business Bureau has published a regional Directory and Consumer Guide. "Unlike previous years, a separate guide has been published for the areas bounded by Oakville in the west, Barrie and Lindsay in the north, and Kingston in the east," stated Paul Tuz, president of the Better Business Bureau.

This authoritative source will provide consumers and the business community with a complete list of approximately 9,000 businesses which have met the exacting standards for Bureau membership. Businesses and consumers may also use this guide as a useful supplement to the Bureau's inquiry service.

"While listing in the Directory is not to be considered an 'endorsement', it does indicate which firms have adhered to a meaningful set of business principles and ethics," stated Mr. Tuz.

The Directory has also published a number of articles designed to help the consumer and businessman make wise choices in the marketplace. Articles on poison-proofing your

home, a legal guide, a food and drug chart, and a buying guide serve as just a few examples of the large diversity of articles available in this Guide.

"The Better Business Bureau has produced this guide in response to consumer demand: demand for information about consumer rights, consumer law, and consumer products. As a single source of infor-

mation, we hope that the Consumer and Directory Guide will become THE guide shoppers consult before making a buying decision," Mr. Tuz concluded.

The Better Business Bureau Directory and Consumer Guide will be distributed to the homes of Metropolitan Toronto, Halton-Peel, York-Simcoe, and Durham regions within the next two weeks.



Assault

A 34-year old Georgetown man was arrested Thursday for the assault of a 35-year old Georgetown woman at the Cedar Springs Motel. The two knew each other and had been drinking. Halton regional police said. The woman suffered a swollen eye.

The man appears in Milton provincial court Jan. 23, 1984, on a charge of assault.

impaired

A 60-year old man who slid through a stop sign

Friday was charged with while driving impaired and with having over 80 milligrams of alcohol in his blood. The man was spotted on Henry Street in Georgetown by Halton regional police.

careless

Nicholas Zatezalo, 23, of Georgetown was treated for minor injuries Tuesday evening at Georgetown Memorial Hospital and released. Injured in a two-car crash, he was brought to hospital by ambulance. A southbound car in the curb lane failed to see a parked car on Mountainview Road South and ran into it causing \$7,000 damage. The driver was charged with careless driving.

Site improvement of older housing

If you're rehabilitating a house, don't stop when you've finished the building. Do something about the site as well. That's the advice of a new publication released by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Site Improvement of Older Housing is meant for homeowners, builders, developers and designers looking for good examples of site rehabilitation in older properties. It provides a step-by-step plan and detailed site design instructions that cover most upgrading projects.

As well as discussing site improvement in general terms, the publication focuses on three typical site-improvement situations: the upgrading of existing housing, the adaptation of a single large residence to several smaller units and the conversion of an institutional building - a school, warehouse or factory - to residential uses.

These present very

different problems than new sites. The space available is often restricted or poorly shaped. Conversion from a single-family residence to a triplex, for example, means the careful use must be made of all available space to provide the extra parking and private entrances the new tenants will require, and the individual outdoor areas that renters now expect. All changes, whether complicated conversions or simple upgrading, must maintain a balance between individual tastes and preferences and the need to blend in with the established character of the neighbourhood.

Site Improvement of Older Housing presents actual site-upgrading projects that can be seen underway in neighbourhoods across Canada every year. These include the addition of walkways, parking spaces, patios, decks and storage areas. Barrier-free access and low maintenance features are also described.

These are popular improvements, especially with older homeowners, as they make the site easier to use and less expensive to look after. The book's extensive use of plans, sketches and photographs illustrates the best use of plants and hard materials like wood and stone.

Separate chapters are included on site improvement for single dwellings and low-density multiple dwellings. Six case studies from Vancouver, Toronto, Guelph and Montreal, extensively illustrated, show comprehensive improvements to the sites of older detached and row housing. These real-life projects illustrate the solutions discussed throughout the book.

Well-planned site improvement commonly results in higher values for both the improved site and neighbouring properties. Site Improvement of Older Housing is intended to help the professional renovator and the do-it-yourselfer alike to avoid common pitfalls and complete successful and attractive rehabilitation projects.

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Site Improvement of Older Housing (NHA 5602 83-02) is available at local offices of CMHC. Or, send request and cheque payable to CMHC to: The Cashier, Financial Services Division, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Montreal Road, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0P7. Price: \$8.

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FLYING HIGH



Two youngsters here obviously haven't minded the cold wintry weather Halton Hills has been getting. There's been lots of snow in Halton Hills recently for residents to try out new toboggans or skis.

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Enjoying the frosty and slippery snow conditions at Cedarvale Park in Georgetown recently were Rick Johnson (back, to front) and sons Matthew and Simon.

(Herald photo)