# Firm's business picking up

By CHIRLS AAGAARD Herald staff writer Albert Leferink isn't squeemish about gar-

bage. With other people's weekly output of trash, he's been able to build a successful family business, whose name and fleet of blue trucks are as well recognized in North Halton's rural area as siles and cedar fences.

Private contractors. like Leferink Disposals Ltd., collect garbage in the rural area; unless residents prefer to cart it off to the region's landfill site in Burlington or to a "transfer" station on Georgetown's Armstrong Boulevard.

Rural ratepayers pay for their own garbage edilection, although garbage in the urban areas of Acton and Georgetown is collected by the town's own garbage trucks.

Over the Christmas and New Year's bolidays, business is always briek.

TREE TIME "At Christmas time," Mr. Leferink said during a recent interview. "there's a lot more garbage, mostly wrapping paper and boxes. It's lighter than the stuff we normally pick up.

"Now we'll start picking up the Christmas trees

In the trash pick-up the winter months of December. January and February tend to be the "slack

commented, adding that household and yard trash amounts also level off during the peak of the summer "when

people go on holiday". "But in the spring and fall, that's another story," he said. "People have been cleaning out the woodshed or the yard and there's an awful lot of damp leav-

Albert Leferink, a Netherlands native, began collecting trash from fellow rural neighbors In 1956, At that time, he was employed with the old Domtar paper plant in Georgetown; the garbage pickup was earning some extra money for his family.

FIRM GROWS Eventually, the growth of his list of customers was putting too much of a strain on what was supposed to be parttime operation.

"At night, I would work at the mill," he said. "And then I'd be on the road during the day collecting garbage. In my first week, I got 43 customers."

Mr. Leferink eventually left Domtar to concentrate full-time on his burgeoning trash collection business.

Now, his fleet of trucks number eight -three big "roll off" trucks (one with a trailer); two trucks with a front-loading fork; two smaller pick-up trucks for collections in the rural area and a contai-

Leferink Transfer Ltd., a sister company of Leferink Disposals Ltd. operates the solid waste transfer station on Armstrong Ave. in Georgelows. (Inset) Leferink treasurer John Gilliesen and his transfer station. (Heraid photon)



ner delivery truck. Leferink's Disposals most significant expansion came just six years

ago when it started to enlarge its equipment inventory from two trucks. Private firms empty

the large trash containers used by industries. A growth of customers

landfill site is completed.

backyard'."

south of Highway 5.

model stage, and it may be some time before it

WELCOME

of the industries on Armstrong Avenue, Leferink

would move further down the road from its

current transfer site. The environmental assess-

ment process which would look at the proposal

can't get underway until the region's hunt under

the Environmental Assessment Act for a new

Armstrong Avenue site," Mr. Gillessen sald, "we

haven't had one complaint. But the reaction with

everything associated with garbage is 'not in my

middle of Halton, the transfer station may not be

necessary -- haulers and the town's own collection

trucks aren't suited for long highway hauls. For

Milton and Halton Hills, transfer stations may be

needed if a garbage landfill site is pin pointed

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trucks could drive directly to the dump.

"In the three years of operating at the

If the region selects a site somewhere in the

But, Mr. Gillessen noted, the collecting

It hasn't been widely welcomed from some

from the industrial areas sourred Leferink to meet demand by buying more equipment, Mr. Leferink explained.

In addition, Leferink Transfer Ltd., is responsible for operating the solid waste transfer station on Armstrong Ave-

sals and Leferink Transiter firms provide livings for a number of family members. Albert Leferink's sons, John, Bert and Wayne and nephew Jack Klooster work for

> brother-in-law, John Gillissen, the treasurer, **POOR VIEW** People tend to have a poor view of garbage disposal Mr. Leferink acknowleged. It has been reflected in public and private response to Leferink's proposal for a permanent transfer

the firms, as does his

waste is compacted into

smaller, heavier loads.

Leferink trucks haul

Truly a family busin-

ess, the Leferink Dispo-

80 tonnes of waste to the

landfill site each day.

"There's been a lot of bad news about garbage, like the Hooker Che mical Ltd. (New York) episode," Mr. Leferink sald.

station on Armstrong

Avenue.

Hooker Chemical's burial of toxic liquid industrial waste led to the evacuation of residents living around the Love Canal. "But if one soldler is

drunk," he commented, "do you say the whole army is drunk."

On the other hand, Mr. Leferink added, focal companies are finding ways of turning their waste into useful by-products.

One Georgetown firm, he said, uses the crushed porcelaine from thrown out cracked electrical insulators to patch potholes in the company parking lot.





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modules needed for lighting at the theatre. groups are pooling their resources by installing The Halton Hills Arts all their lighting equipment permanently in Council has matched Globe's denation and theatre for use by all groups. Globe has also the final third came

bought eight orchestra stands and lights which may be used by other groups performing in the theatre.

The Rotary Club of Georgetown joined Globe and has donated \$250 for four more music

stands. Tickets for Globe's New Girl In Town are available by calling 877-

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#### Leferink seeks permanent waste transfer station But Leferink's plan hash't moved from the

By CHRIS AAGAARD Herald Staff Writer

It isn't an elaborate piece of architecture, but a model in John Gillessen's office may help solve some of the problems Halton Hills faces because the nearest landfill site is over 30 miles AWAY.

Leferink Disposals Ltd. and Leferink Transfer Ltd. have wanted to establish a permanent solid waste transfer station in town since 1977. Currently, they operate one on Armstrong Avenue, taking in the town's trash, compacting it, and then shipping it to the Burlington landfill site near the Hamilton-Burlington border.

But the province's ministry of environment recognizes the transfer station as a temporary fability only, to be used while the region funds and develops a new landfill site.

ENCLOSED The site on Armstrong Avegue isn't enclosed by a building, but Leferink insists the temporary transfer station is free of debris from the

compacting process. Nevertheless, it would prefer to confine the dumping and compecting of trush to one completely closed building.

"Trucks," Mr. Gillessen explained, moving a finger over the model, "would move in here and dump the garbage on the floor. Bulldozers would push it into the pit where it's compacted in the container and then driven away. In an enclosed facility we can do more separation, removing items like newsprint and metal which can be recycled, and there's no smell and no dust."

#### Failed to appear

A 25-year old Georgetown man charged with impaired and dangerous driving has also been charged with failing to appear in Milion provincial court. The man was arrested and released on a promise to appear Jan. 23 in Milton provincial court.

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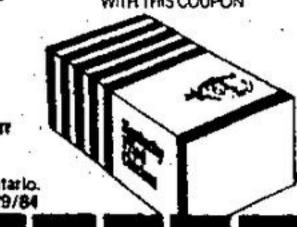
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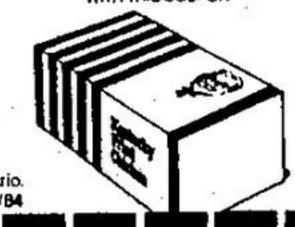


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