

Presentation Feb. 22

# J.B. MacKenzie Business of the Year

# Region pays owner for flooded basement

J.B. MacKenzie and Son Ltd. has been chosen as Georgetown's Business of the Year.

In keeping with the Bicentennial spirit, it is fitting J.B. MacKenzie and Son Ltd. are being honored - the business is 84 years old.

22 at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

According to John McDonald's Halton Sketches, J.B. MacKenzie and Son lumber company have played a role over the years of adding to or remodeling almost every building on the main streets of Acton and Georgetown.



SAM MACKENZIE



SANDY MACKENZIE

bers. J.B.'s four children had an interest with Ken MacKenzie managing the Acton branch of the company until his death in 1950.

Daughters Jean and Majory helped with bookkeeping and home chores while Sam, age 75 today, is the current president of the firm's

operation. His son Sandy is the general manager of the business, J.B. MacKenzie and Son Ltd. has been affiliated with Allott and Bullall Building supplies since 1960.

Over the years the company has consolidated their operation and learned to bend with the ups and downs of the construction industry, Sandy MacKenzie said.

pany had a bad year as did the entire construction industry, but 1983 was a complete turn around, he said.

Sandy's cousin Jack MacKenzie works out of their Acton store.

Previous recipients of the Business of the Year award are Wm. McNally Construction (1982), Lynn Barnard of Penniesworth (1981), Dominion Seed House (1980), Smith and Stone Inc. (1979).

Halton region will pay \$500 to a Burlington homeowner whose basement backed up with sewage twice in a year.

Unlike sewage backups which angered residents in Halton Hills and Oakville after a storm last summer, sewage flowed into Brian Lower's home after sticks clogged the sewermain outside their property.

Regional staff suggested that councillors not honor the damage claims which Mr. Lower and his family felt were due because sewer maintenance is a regional responsibility.

In a report to the region's finance and administration committee, chief administrative officer Dennis Perlin argued that the region's insurers have determined the region is not at fault for the blockages which flooded the Lower home in December, 1982 and November, 1983.

For both incidents, Mr. Lower paid over

\$600 to clean up the damage left by the backed up sewers.

The administration committee disagreed with the staff recommendation not to compensate the Lowers. Instead, they endorsed regional chairman Pete Pomeroy's suggestion that Mr. Lower be paid \$250 for each flooding.

## Romantic evening

If romance is on your mind these days a Valentine Moonlight Ski might be just the thing. At Mountsberg Wildlife Centre near Campbellville Friday, Feb. 10 from 8 p.m. there will be sleigh rides, crackling fires, hot cider plus a moonlight guided ski hike.

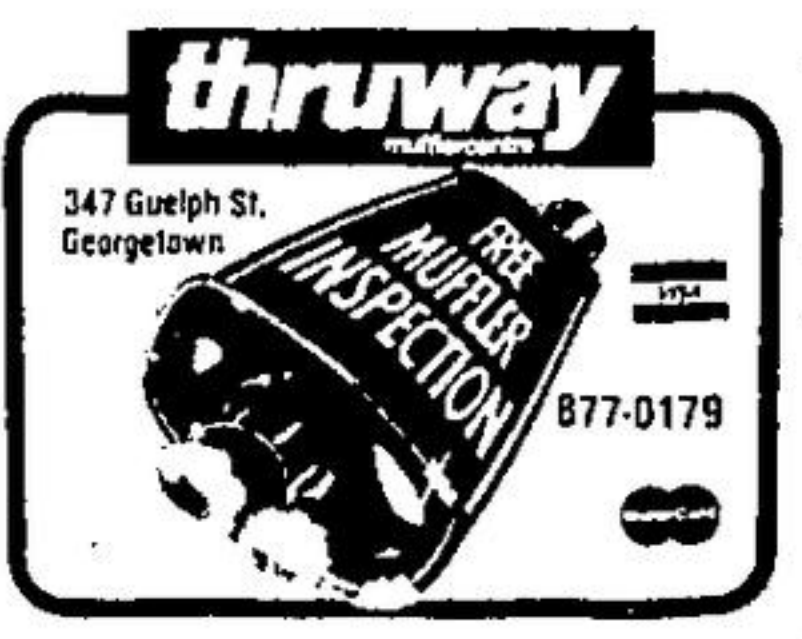
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## SPACE MAN

(Herald photo by Chris Aagaard)

Sunday's snowfall and mild temperatures sent people in droves to the North Halton Golf and Country Club for winter exercise. Eleven-year old

Kris March and several friends found a mogul in the middle of a toboggan run hard to miss, and they seemed to enjoy the aerobatics.

# Schools below capacity, enrollment declining

By ANI FEDERIAN Herald Staff Writer Schools in Halton Hills are currently operating under their capacity levels and that situation isn't expected to change over the next five years.

Centennial Middle School has been rated to have capacity for 905 students. It currently has 673 students and in 1988 is projected to have 488.

George Kennedy Public School has room for 880 pupils but only has 516 now. In 1988, it's projected to have 528.

Glen Williams Public School is intended for 320 students. Classrooms hold 158 now and will be dropping down to 118 pupils in five years.

Harrison Public School can hold 565 students. At present, there are 271 pupils enrolled. By 1988, that figure may drop to 184.

At Howard Wrigglesworth Public School, enrolment capacity is 390. There are 237 students now and in 1988 it's expected to be 224.

Joseph Gibbons Public School has room for 535 pupils. Enrolment is currently 195, and is expected to drop further to 124 by 1988.

Limehouse Public School can hold 285 youngsters. It has 147 now and that number is expected to stay stable by 1988.

M.Z. Bennett School in Acton has the capacity to educate 565 students. Right now, it's educating 282, and is projected to be educating 199 by 1988.

McKenzie-Smith Public School in Acton has room for 630, but its enrolment is only 378 this year. By 1988, it's projected to be 238.

Park Public School enrolment could be as high as 460. At present, it's 208, and in 1988, is projected to increase to 221.

Pineview Public School enrolment capacity is 565. There are now 204 pupils at the school. By 1988, projections show a further decrease in enrolment to 162.

In Acton, Robert Little Public School can hold up to 605 youngsters. At present, it has 378 pupils in its classrooms. By 1988, it's

expected to have 344 students. Enrolment at Speyside Public School could be as high as 320. At present, it's 123 pupils and five years later has been projected to be 122.

If enrolment at Stewartriverton Senior Public School were 525, the school would be operating at capacity level. As it is now, enrolment is 349 and is expected to decline to 264.

At the high schools, enrolment drops will also be seen. Acton High School has capacity for 850 pupils. Currently,

there are 760 students attending the school. Projections for 1988 show a decline to 693 pupils.

Georgetown District High School has room for 1,985 students and currently has 1,674 students. In 1988, that figure is expected to drop to 1,284.

There were six Georgetown residences broken into by a brother-duo from Brampton overnight Friday.

Halton regional police said residences on Dale Gate, Byron Street, Norton Crescent, Stevens Crescent and Dawson Crescent and Prince Charles Drive were

robbed mostly of liquor and money.

A shotgun, unclaimed so far, was also stolen by the pair who did their deeds in a stolen car.

The 18 and 16-year old brothers are being held for a bail hearing. They're charged with six counts of break and enter.

## Women injured

A 45-year old Acton woman was taken to Georgetown Memorial Hospital Thursday at 9:35 a.m. following a car accident on Main Street South in Acton.

A northbound vehicle was turning into a driveway when it was rear-ended by a second car unable to pull around it because of the slippery road conditions.

The driver of the second car was charged. There was \$2,100 damage.

## Pole hit

A light standard at Alcott Drive and Guelph Street was knocked over by a hit and run driver Saturday at 1:50 a.m. Damage was \$2,000.

A 29-year old Brampton man was charged with failing to remain at the scene of an accident and with careless driving. There was \$3,000 damage to the man's 1980 Honda Accord.

## Ramp requested for disabled boy

There's work to be done on the town's sidewalks but little money to do it.

One problem the town's budget committee will be asked to consider is "ramping" sidewalks at intersections to make them easier to use for physically-disabled residents in wheelchairs.

In a letter to town engineer Bob Austin Weber Drive residents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ellis say that their son, Todd is limited as to where he can go alone in his neighborhood

because of the raised sidewalks. Todd is physically disabled and gets about using an electric wheelchair or electric tricycle.

To "ramp" the intersections around the Ellis home, Mr. Austin replies in a report to general committee would cost about \$5,000. Delrex Boulevard including Jessop Court intersection would cost about \$4,000 and adding ramps to Duncan Drive and Weber intersections would cost about \$400.

# Town weighs thrift policy vs. increasing budget demands

By CHRIS AAGAARD Herald Staff Writer Is the town being too thrifty?

As Halton Hills' budget committee intensifies its work on the town's annual budget over the next month, Coun. Pam Sheldon wondered Monday night if it isn't being locked into a "bare bones" way of thinking, at the expense of essential services.

thing by thinking about the tax increase when we really should be looking at our level of service," she told members of the town's general committee.

While they still have a long way to go through the budget committee, the town's operating and capital budgets should be ready for council's review by mid-March.

Guidelines for this year's fiscal document have been set at about five per cent for any departmental increases, slightly lower than the nation's rate of inflation.

REDUCTIONS Cutbacks in provincial subsidies will also reduce the spending power of the town's public works department.

Committee members agreed that it could take a second look at some items which are scratched from the budget in an effort to meet the five per cent guideline.

But they didn't fully endorse Coun. Sheldon's proposal to start prioritizing department, not just single items, when decisions are made

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# Construction up in 1983

There were a lot of permits driven in in 1983 in Halton Hills.

Figures released by the town's building department last week show that, to the end of December, \$13.7 million of new construction had been erected or was underway in town.

Last year, the town's building department issued 435 building permits - over half of which went to additions and alterations to homes.

The 1983 construction picture wasn't as booming as the one two years ago. In 1981, 526 permits were issued and \$18.6 million of new construction took shape.

The amount of renovations on homes was down slightly (243 permits) from the 1983 figure, but there was more new home building that year - 109 permits compared to 57 in 1983.

In the midst of economic slump, construction was not a lucrative field in 1982 when only \$5.8 million of new construction was recorded for the entire year.

No official support

Support the Prime Minister's peace initiative?

Privately maybe, but regional councillors may not be willing to put Halton's seal of approval on it. Members of the administration and finance committee last Wednesday decided that the region should stay out of the federal government's business.

Burlington's Jim Grieve said the peace plan is for Parliamentarians, and he added that he felt Prime Minister Trudeau has his own political ambitions in mind in the peace campaign.

Fellow Coun. Walter Mulkevic maintained that the region is responsible for a number of programs

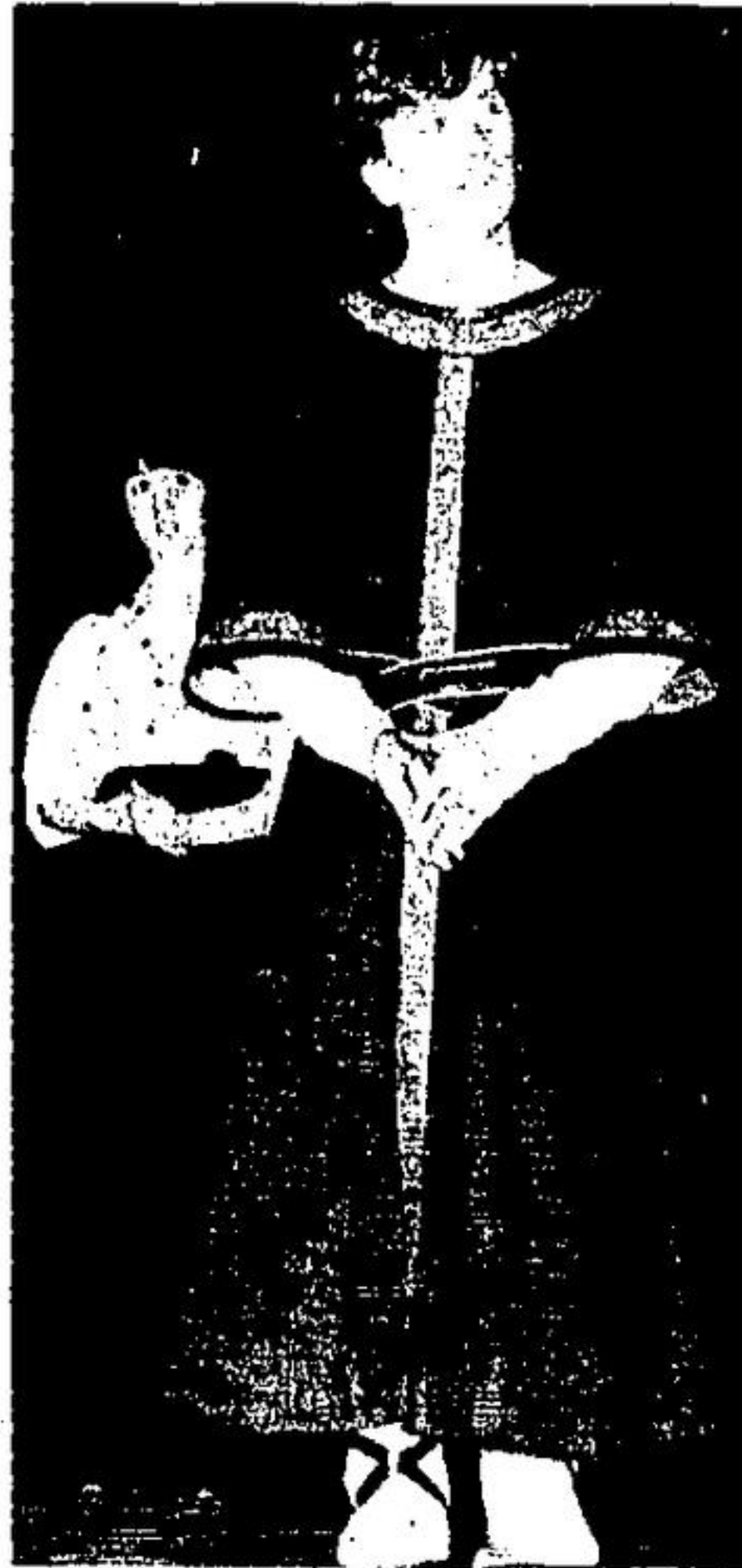
Supporting the peace initiative should be one of them, he said.



## UN-EWE-SUAL VISITOR

Playschool instructor Jenny Constant is surrounded by her class as they welcome a woolly visitor Monday. The school is located in an unused classroom at Speyside Public School on Highway 25 and is run by the Georgetown and District YMCA.

(Herald photo)



## LION'S WINTER

Prince Geoffrey (Ian McLaren) is one of three sons vying to succeed King Henry II as King of England in "The Lion in Winter". In the background is the aging King's mistress Alais, played by Karen Ivany. The play, written by James Goldman and performed later this month by Georgetown Little Theatre, is set in the 12th century castle of Henry's court in Chinon, France. For ticket information, call 877-3700.

(Herald photo)

## WHAT'S INSIDE

### Entertainment

A newcomer to Georgetown, Ray Feasey wasted no time getting involved in local theatre. He works behind the scenes and on stage in Globe Productions' New Girls in Town". Page A10.

### Community

In Ballinfad the church congregation votes for a room addition. Page A6.

### Sports

Five Georgetown bowlers captured the provincial high school team bowling championship, in Brampton on the weekend. See Sports Page B1 for the details.