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### Hot wax hearts

GEORGETOWN - Hot wax sales made Saturday at the BP car wash on Guelph Street will go to support the Canadian Heart Fund. The manager of the station said 40 cents of every dollar wax job will go to raise more money for heart and stroke research.

Last year over 300 Canadian Car Wash Association outlets across Canada raised nearly \$31,000 with their "hot wax" event.

### Optimist gabfest

GEORGETOWN - The Optimist Club will be holding its annual oratorical contest for school-children Feb. 28 in its clubhouse on Highway 7.

Topic for the year is My Responsibility. Involvement and each school will be represented by one boy and one girl, with speeches to be between four and five minutes in length.

Tom Ramautarsingh, contest chairman, wants applications in by Feb. 25.

Last year the contest was so close the judges took 25 minutes to pick a winner, he said.

Winners will get Olympic-style medals and certificates of participation.

### Getting charter

GEORGETOWN - The Halton Hills branch of St. John's Ambulance will be receiving its branch charter from the provincial council of the Order of St. John in a special ceremony in the Legion Hall March 8 at 8 p.m.

The presentation will be made at the meeting of the chapter.

### Wanna suck face?

Do you want to learn how to suck face? Or could you be an old poop?

If so, the Georgetown Little Theatre has a deal for you.

At the end of April the group will be presenting Ernest Thompson's engaging play On Golden Pond and auditions are taking place March 4.

The group is seeking a boy 12-14 to play the part of young Bill and, since parental permission is needed, parents are asked to contact producer Jill Evans before the end of February.

The play is being performed in the John Elliott Theatre.

### No raise for roads

GEORGETOWN - The annual subsidy from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications for road construction in the town of Halton Hills will not be going up this year despite rising construction costs.

Council learned Monday the province will pay \$429,000, the same amount as last year's subsidy.

For road maintenance the town will get \$561,000, an increase of \$16,000 from last year.

### Eating properly?

If you're at home reading your Herald and eating breakfast, you might want to know that March is Nutrition Month.

This year's theme, Food Facts And Fallacies, deals with some of the misconceptions people tend to have about food because of how it's promoted.

Nutrition Month was proclaimed by Halton Hills council Monday night.

### \$1,000 sawdust fire

ACTON - There was \$1,000 damage when a spark ignited sawdust in a bin at Hornby Box and Palette on Main Street North Friday.

The Halton Hills fire department said the blaze erupted at 2 a.m. Nobody was hurt.

### Car burned

GEORGETOWN - A 1978 Monte Carlo sustained \$1,000 damage in a fire Friday night on Byron Street. A fire department spokesman said cause of the fire was undetermined.

### Lamp post arson

GEORGETOWN - Gas was poured on a light standard Friday night on Mountainview Road South near Sargent Road and set on fire.

Halton regional police are investigating the arson, which caused \$200 damage.

### Sparks after dark

HORNBY - Sparking hydro wires at the Hornby Community Centre brought out firefighters Sunday night.

Fire chief Bill Cunningham said the wires were "arcing" and making contact with a tree. Nobody was hurt he said.

### Truffle shuffle

GLEN WILLIAMS - Those remarkably pungent mornings may be coming to an end.

Coun. John McDonald said Monday the Meadowglen-Skrow Mushroom plant in Glen Williams is moving its composting operation to a site south of Acton.

Odors from the process have left area residents holding their noses as they head for work.

Coun. McDonald said only the composting process is moving; the mushroom plant will stay in Glen Williams. The move will take a year.

### No drop-in

GEORGETOWN - The Ward 3 council drop-in scheduled for tonight has been cancelled. Councillors John McDonald, Phil Carney and Finn Poulstrup are at other meetings and can't attend.

The meeting will be held next Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Rm. 114, Georgetown High School.



A HELPING HAND FOR SCOUT AND GUIDE WEEK  
Throughout Halton Hills hundreds of Cubs, Beavers, Scouts, Brownies and Guides gathered to celebrate Guide-Scouting Week Feb. 19 - 25. We all know that Brownies are a helpful lot, so it was no surprise when Elaine Baker, seven, of the 7th Georgetown East Brownies, offered to straighten Craig Tatten's sash. Craig is with the 1st Glen Williams Scouts.

## Former pastor returns to see mortgage burn

It had to be a special event that brought former Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church parish priest Otger Oiger back across the Atlantic Ocean Thursday.

Retired to Holland since September 1980, the Georgetown pastor of 20 years made a special journey to attend a celebration Saturday at which the church mortgage was

burned. Together with Bishop Anthony Tonnois, Rev. Oiger helped Revs. Dave Cole and Con O'Mahony celebrate a 7 p.m. mass after which over 300 parishioners stayed for the banquet and program in the Maple Avenue church hall.

Built in 1964, the new church and rectory were completed during the time of Rev. Oiger.

He was the last of the Capuchin friars appointed to the parish. Arriving with Rev. Oiger Thursday was his sister Bernadine, a frequent visitor during his service in Georgetown.

Bishop Tonnois has been administrator of the Hamilton diocese since the recent death of Bishop Paul Reding. A formal appointment of bishop is pending by Pope John Paul II.



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## Start legwork early to get summer jobs

While Canada's economy is enjoying modest recovery, students shouldn't expect employers to come knocking with offers of summer jobs.

The message at the Canada Employment Centre, which opens in Georgetown in about six

weeks, is that you'll have to do your own legwork to find a job. And the earlier the better.

Supervisor Deborah Finegan said Monday the Centre had 900 post-secondary and secondary students registered last year.

Six hundred found full- and part-time jobs. Centre staff visited 550 businesses in the Georgetown area in 1983, encouraging them to hire summer students. By getting an earlier start on business visits, they hope to reach many more companies this year, Ms. Finegan said.

SUBSIDIES Businesses are being introduced to a number of programs which offer wage subsidies for student help.

One is the federal government's summer career-access program which aims to create career-oriented jobs in the public, private and non-profit sectors.

## Sheep farmer sees watchdog as answer for council

HALTON HILLS - A Steeles Avenue sheep farmer wants council to appoint a watchdog committee to ward off packs of ravenous regional planners.

Peter Branch told council Monday he is concerned about three documents: an amendment to the regional

plan, a report on rural development policy and an economics study, all of which he believes will curb reasonable growth in the rural area here.

The plan amendment sets growth standards for villages and clusters of homes and limits land severances.

## More clay sounds OK to council

A clay pit on Sideroad 22 has applied for a permit to expand and council has endorsed it.

The site uses eight acres for clay extraction and the owners are asking the Niagara Escarpment Commission for permission to use a further 32 acres for the same purpose.

The development policies recommend against infilling vacant lots with houses.

The economic study is about the Almond Estates subdivision, which the region tried unsuccessfully to stop last year despite council's approval of the site at Highway 7 and Fifth Line.

Mr. Branch said the region spent taxpayers' money to go against the wishes of the town. "What could be more asinine?"

## WE ASKED YOU Merchants want trains returned

ACTON - The Herald asked five merchants what they thought about efforts to return passenger train service to Acton.

Betty Fudge 8 The Book Nook - "I think it's a good idea. It would help commuters to

Brampton, Mississauga and Toronto. It would probably help property values in the area."

Heleen Jocke 8 Village Shoppe - "When my sister uses it, I have to go to Georgetown to pick her up. The trains would take only a min-

ute to stop here before they go on their way again."

Dot Jennings - "Acton Yarn Barn - "I think it would be especially good for people who don't like to drive. Acton needs a boost, and I think this would help."

Grace Robertson - Robertson's Flower Shoppe - "There's the convenience of having a train going back and forth to Toronto. It would help many of us get down to the city to visit friends in the hospitals."

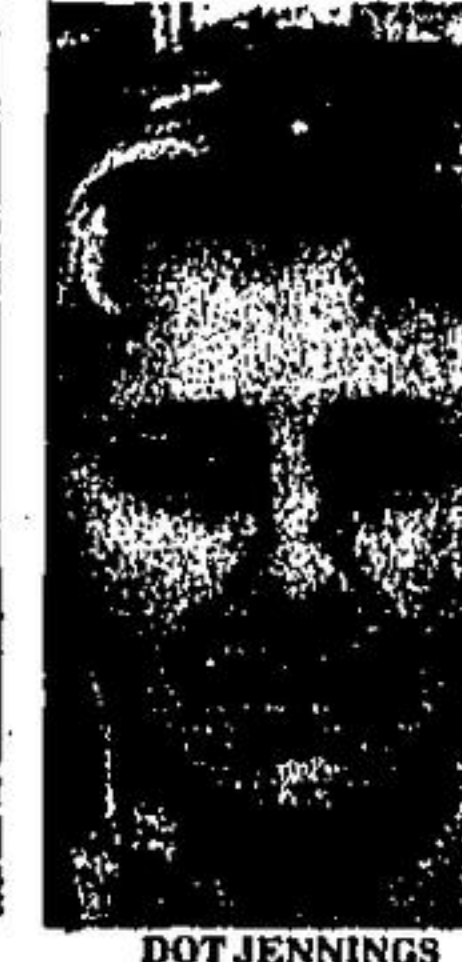
Susi Noblett - Bread Basket Bakery - "If you worked in Toronto it would be easier to get the train in Acton than to drive to Georgetown or Guelph. More people might come to Acton and that would be good for business."



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## Bring back our trains say Acton residents

By CHRIS AAGAARD Staff Writer  
Acton's Chamber of Commerce hopes market survey and public support will sway VIA Rail Canada into rearranging its train schedule to add a stop in Acton.

Acton has been without passenger train service to and from Toronto for several years. But Chamber members who discussed the issue at a luncheon meeting Thursday said the community of 7,000 has grown enough to warrant the return of "whistle stops".

"There were only 3,000 - 4,000 people in Acton in the 1940s and '50s, yet the train still stopped here," Acton Coun. Rick Bonnette said.

Coun. Bonnette first addressed the lack of train service in his ward at a town council meeting two weeks ago. Council agreed to support his request by sending a letter to VIA.

An Acton High School marketing class said it will conduct the marketing survey to "forecast" the demand for train service.

There are five passenger trains each way passing through Acton daily, but to catch them residents must commute to Guelph or Georgetown.

MEETING VIA Chamber members hope to meet with VIA officials next month. The survey, plus letters of encouragement from residents, will form part of a "professional approach to show VIA that it will not lose money by stopping in Acton," Coun. Bonnette said.

Regular train service would be of great economic benefit to the community, Acton Chamber president Steve Dawkins said.

It could encourage residential and industrial growth in Acton, boost property values in the community, and might even attract tourists on day tours, he said.

The Chamber, Mr. Dawkins said, could draft and print the survey, which would be done by the students. The results would be correlated in a computer.

Convincing VIA Rail that passenger service to Acton's viable may only be the first hurdle, Mr. Dawkins said. CN owns the land on which a station would be located and it would have to endorse the idea as well.



Coun. Rick Bonnette grabbed a VIA train schedule and donned a conductor's cap last week to emphasize the importance of returning passenger train service to Acton. Mr. Bonnette's idea has now gained the support of town council and the Acton Chamber of Commerce. (Herald photo)

## Help your postie clear the steps

By ANI PEDERIAN Staff Writer  
Homeowners in Georgetown and area who have not kept their driveways and steps clean this winter may be in for a surprise from Canada Post.

The postman may just stop delivering that mail if he feels he is in danger of slipping and falling. So far this winter five letter carriers have

fallen in Georgetown, suffering back, foot and knee injuries, said Post Master Hal Belcher.

He said the worst conditions are where there is light snow over ice. "When you're carrying 30 pounds of mail on you you're not able to defend yourself," he said.

Mr. Belcher said some staff members have refused to deliver mail to homes with uncleared sidewalks and driveways.

## \$60,000 DAMAGES

## Blaze guts district home

A family of four has been left homeless after a basement fire Monday damaged their residence.

Halton Hills fire chief estimated damage to the Carroll home, on Highway 7 across from the Cedar Spring Motel, at \$60,000.

He said Nancy Carroll and daughters Wendy, 18, and Judy, 14, were home at the time of the blaze but escaped uninjured.

Husband Doug had just left for work at 6:19 a.m. when Mrs. Carroll heard the smoke detector go off.

At first, she thought the small amount of smoke coming from the basement was from the wood-burning furnace. As the smoke increased, she roused her daughters and left the house for

help, Chief Cunningham said.

Acton firefighters battled the blaze until 9 a.m. with 15 men. Damage to the home was extensive with one bedroom gutted and house contents damaged.

Going all to blazes Halton Hills is off to a bad start in the fire department's records.

Last month, there were 30 calls for help, seven more in the same period in 1983.

Fires caused \$78,000 damages in January, compared to \$20,000 for the month last year.

There were no deaths in the blazes last month, nor were firefighters or members of the public injured.

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