



Why is this girl smiling?

For the second year in a row, the students at Acton High School had something to cheer about. Susan Craig (right) played a major part Friday at the Halton girls basketball championships. See C1.

In the gym

Centennial rocks all night long

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Using those statistics

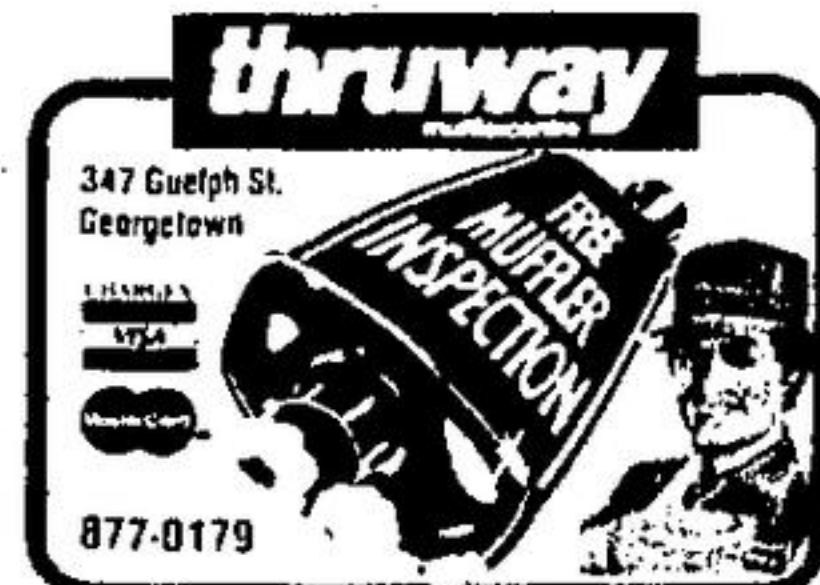
Norval farmer Peter Branch says we need more growth to prevent a loss of jobs in our community. Statistics only cloud the issue. See page A7.



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ABOUT THE HILLS

Letters to Santa

Santa's waiting. That's the word we received from the jolly old fellow himself. Cornered at the Georgetown Marketplace, Santa Claus told The Herald he's put his elves on overtime to make sure his factory is full of toys by Christmas.

Santa wishes his little friends in Halton Hills the very best. He says he's ready to accept your cards and letters. If you want to write Santa, address the letter to Santa Claus, c/o The Herald, 45 Guelph St., Georgetown, Ont. L7G 3Z6.

The Herald has agreed to publish Santa's replies in the coming weeks before Christmas. If you want to drop a letter in at the office, we have a special Santa Mailbox just inside the door.

Man critically hurt

An Acton man is in critical condition at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto after being found unconscious outside the Erin Country Inn with fractures and undetermined internal injuries.

John Vandam, 28, was found by friends who had been with him earlier in the evening, Nov. 24. The Main Street South resident in Acton was taken to Dufferin and Area Hospital after which he was transferred to Sunnybrook Hospital.

Cause of the injuries and circumstances surrounding the incident are unknown at this time and police are asking anyone with any information to call the closest detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police.

Charged with robbery

Halton regional police have arrested and returned a former Acton resident from Vancouver.

Alexander Waites, 18, is facing charges of robbery, unlawful confinement, assault with a weapon, and breach of probation.

Charges stem from an incident last July 28 when he and an unknown party ordered a pizza from Mamma Rose Pizza. When the delivery man arrived he was threatened with a knife and forced into the vehicle.

The vehicle was driven to the Fourth Line and Sideroad 27 area where the driver was further assaulted and robbed of approximately \$350.

The 22 year old Acton victim was left on the side of the roadway after the men left the scene in the vehicle.

The former Acton resident was scheduled for a bail hearing Nov. 27.

Killed instantly

A three vehicle pile-up on Highway 7 killed a Brampton woman instantly when the car she was driving drifted from the westbound lane into the eastbound lane striking a van, Thursday afternoon.

Another vehicle travelling eastbound then struck the woman's car, about a kilometer west of Mississauga Road.

Norway trip dinner

Council agreed Monday to shift its Dec. 10 meeting to Dec. 11 to permit councillors to support a special fund raising smorgasbord dinner being sponsored to raise funds for two Acton hockey teams going to Norway over the Christmas vacation.

Coun. Rick Bonnette told council Jack Tanner's Table, the restaurant in the Olde Hide House is holding a smorgasbord dinner that evening with \$5 from every meal being donated to the Acton Minor Hockey Association's trip fund.

The association is sending a midget and a bantam team to Norway on an exchange trip over the holidays and has run into fund-raising problems.

Kinsmen trees

About 700 Christmas trees will arrive at the A and P parking lot this week in preparation for sales which will start Saturday, Dec. 1 at 9 a.m.

The Georgetown Kinsmen are behind the sale which will see top quality pine trees homeward bound for \$15 with Spruce and Balsam trees available for \$16.

Official Plan under scrutiny

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

A modified Official Plan for Halton's future development and land use came under scrutiny last week in a public meeting in the town's council chambers.

The Official Plan is the framework for decisions on the town's growth. It's based on provincial guidelines, as the province is responsible for land use planning in Ontario.

After adopting it in October 1982, the town submitted its Official Plan to the province for comments.

Last week, suggested modifications by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing appeared in the town's document.

"These changes are to bring us in line with what the province sees as appropriate policies for Halton Hills, Town planning director Ian Keith said.

The 150-page revised document includes a 25 page preamble to the

ries, nurseries and greenhouses, accessory buildings and structures, or home occupations and cottage industries.

With the new Niagara Escarpment Plan currently at Queens Park, the section on the escarpment is being deferred in the Official Plan.

"This (Official Plan) policy is clearly obsolete in view of the new Niagara Escarpment Plan," Mr. Keith said.

The town's section on the Niagara Escarpment was written on the basis of policies in existence

The Official Plan's definition of farm lands has been completely rewritten, following discussions with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the Ministry of Housing and the region.

"Rather than doing a piece job of the previous text, we thought it was better to redo it,"

Mr. Keith said.

It states every reasonable effort to preserve prime agricultural soils is to be made and that detailed studies are required to prove lands are suited to non-farm use.

A modification of the plan gives town council the power to enact by-

laws to limit or prevent the use of certain lands until necessary services and phased development can be achieved.

Generally, these "holding bylaws" are to be applied to lands unserved or undeveloped at the date of adoption of the plan. The "H" prefix will identify lands with a

holding restriction.

Before taking off the holding bylaw, there should be adequate servicing capacity available for any development, and the development should satisfy all other applicable policies of the Official Plan.

The Official Plan's policy on non-farm resi-

dences in the rural area is being deferred in order that it conform with the region's plan. The region's policy is currently under consideration.

The town's Official Plan conforms to the Halton Regional Plan which was approved by the Ministry in 1980.



Acton celebrated last Saturday on Main and Mill Streets as Santa Claus visited for an 'old fashioned Christmas'. That was the theme given to the float participants for the annual Santa Claus parade. Speyside Public School won the 'best float' prize.

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plan. The actual plan covers land use, transportation, environmental concerns, services and utilities, parks and recreation and housing.

Among some of the amendments are that there be a specialty crop area within the east half of Lots 7 to 10 inclusive, Concession 11, for the purpose of all agricultural activities, apin-

over two years ago, which have, since then changed.

At the request of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the region, the Official Plan's reference to the Mineral Resource Protection Area in the town is being deferred, and Mr. Keith said he had no objections to it being deleted.

In Halton

92 rooms close

By ROBIN BAKEWELL
Herald Staff

A recommendation carried at the Halton Board of Education meeting Thursday has led to the closing of 92 classrooms in the elementary school system.

A total of 27 classrooms slated for closure are in the north area.

The board hopes to save around \$650 per classroom closure through heating, lighting and janitorial services.

Halton Hills trustee

Dick Howitt cited two incidents in the north where classrooms which were slated for closure were in use. One of the classrooms being used half a day for French instruction and another used as a music room.

Mr. Howitt asked for an amendment to the motion indicating that classrooms should be closed except for any rooms being used for instructional purposes.

Superintendent of

schools, Jim Morrison, outlined that principals in the affected schools knew last year which rooms were slated for closure and said he had gone over the process with every principal involved.

The amendment was rejected and the original motion was carried.

There is expected to be a report submitted to the board next October regarding further classroom closures.

Acton youth, 9, killed while riding his bike

By ROBIN BAKEWELL
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Halton regional police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision which killed a young Acton boy, Nov. 21.

Joseph Trimper was attempting to cross Queen Street near Churchill Road South on his bicycle at which time the collision occurred with the automobile operated by a 17 year old Guelph man.

The nine year old Churchill Road South resident was a Grade 4 student at M.Z. Bennett Public School in Acton.

Although he had only attended the school for one full year after moving from the Brampton area, principal Howard Allan said he was a popular child and well liked.

Mr. Allan said Joseph wasn't overly keen on sports but one of his greatest interests were models. He cited an incident last year when a teacher had given the boy a model as a reward gesture.

Flowers were sent by both students and teachers at M.Z. Bennett and six teachers from the school attended the fune-

ral on Friday at the Shoemaker Funeral Home.

Mrs. Irene Andrews, Joseph's language arts teacher, said the boy was very pleasant and had an "up and at it" attitude.

Mrs. Andrews said he was well liked and loved to read. She also confirmed his interest in models and said he would talk to the other children about them.

His afternoon teacher, Dave Mashinter, said Joseph will be really missed. He said the other children enjoyed being with him and said Joseph had a great sense of

humor. "He was a very active student and would want to finish one thing and go right on to the next. He liked working with his hands in artwork and enjoyed a challenge," he said.

Students in Joseph's class were asked to write down their thoughts on Joseph and Mr. Mashinter said from the writings the students appreciated Joseph's sense of humor and thought of him as a friend.

The Guelph man has been charged with careless driving in the incident.

REACHING FOR THE TOP



Acton High School's Judy Thomson (3) can only watch as an Aldershot player goes in the air for an apparent two points. Aldershot defeated the Acton senior girls basketball team 53-39 in the Halton semi finals played at Acton Tuesday. The loss eliminates Acton from further Halton play, but the team will be taking part in the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association (OFSAA) "A" senior girls championships Dec. 7-9 in Guelph. See story and photo C3. (Herald photo by Dan Ralph)

Toy drive in gear

Herald Staff

Thanks to the Kinettes of Georgetown and all of their supporters, every boy or girl should be receiving some toys Christmas Day.

The annual Kinette toy drive has started and chairman Joanne Stiles is ready to receive donations from the community.

The Kinettes originally began helping out in the early 1960s when the Kinsmen, Rotary and Lions Club organized a Christmas Welfare Fund. Roma Timpson eventually took over duties of providing food hampers from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 120. The name was changed to Good Neighbors Service.

The Kinettes helped Mrs. Timpson by collecting toys for distribution on Christmas and until 1965 the service club repaired old toys.

Today the club still accepts good used toys, but they prefer new ones. The demand has steadily gone up each year, says Mrs. Stiles, who has worked on the toy drive for two years, aided by Marney Malcolmson, past chairman for two years.

Other Kinettes who have devoted their time as the chairman during the Christmas season are Colleen Armstrong and Carol Pearson.

Anyone wanting to contribute can drop off toys at the four locations around town. Johnson Real Estate, The Herald, Georgetown Post Office and Mrs. Stiles (25 Heather Court) have offered their buildings as drop off locations. If you want more information call 877-0722.

Many people drop off toys for the younger kids, often forgetting about those over six years old or even the teenagers, Mrs. Stiles says.

Police to tape interrogations

A two year trial period will see the Halton Regional Police Force video taping interrogation sessions.

The pilot project, which will be the first in Canada to video tape entire interrogation proceedings, is scheduled to begin July 1.

The project is expected to develop an appreciation of the legal, technical and practical problems of video.

Recommended by the Federal Law Reform Commission, the project will be set up in Burlington with no cost to taxpayers. Existing police personnel will be used, after a six month training session, to operate the equipment and Sony Corporation will supply the equipment free.

Halton regional police, the Law Reform Commission and the Halton Crown Attorney's Office will form a committee which will be monitoring the project.

Only those who have volunteered to be taped during interrogations will be subject to the project and it is believed taped interrogations will make court proceedings faster, cheaper and more accurate.

Mushrooms for defence

From the Ottawa Bureau
of The Herald

Meadowglen-Skrow Canning Ltd. of Georgetown has won a \$111,436 federal contract to provide the defence department with canned mushrooms, the department of supply and services has announced.

It was among the unclassified contracts worth \$10,000 or more than were awarded by the department to Canadians during the week ended Nov. 2.