



NHLer signed

Georgetown Chrysler Raiders added two impressive names to their roster this week. Former Toronto Maple Leaf Fred Boimistruk signed on Tuesday, while former Olympic team player Darren Lowe (seen here) joined the club Thursday. See stories and photo on Sports B6.

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Rock Ella sweeps up

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The lights of Christmas

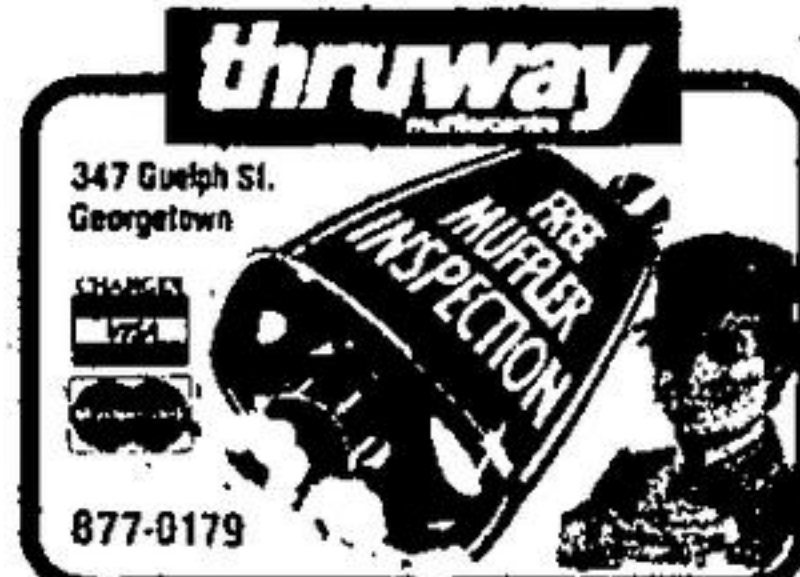
Reporters Dan Ralph and Ani Pederian searched the streets of Acton and Georgetown for some signs of Christmas. The lights shone bright and they came back with some startling results. See Family page B1.



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Halton to fix flooding for '85

By ROBIN BAKEWELL
Herald Staff

Georgetown residents who have been plagued with basement flooding can expect the problem to end by the late summer or early fall of 1985.

At a public meeting held in the council chambers Wednesday evening Halton's Engineering Services manager Rick Robertshaw outlined the problem and introduced engineering consultant Alan Perks from Proctor Redfern.

The areas in which sanitary sewer flooding is a problem centre in the Raylawn Crescent and Duncan Drive district and the Shelley, Byron and Prince Charles area. Residents in attendance complained about flooding from as long as

20 years ago and one local man said when the flooding started it was like "Old Faithful" in his basement.

Mr. Perks, who has been studying the problem in the area since last spring, recommended that existing sewer pipes be reconstructed to provide a better flow through the system.

He said by constructing wider pipes it would

help the relatively flat (poor drainage) areas and alleviate what he described as a "bit of a bottleneck in the system."

Camera, dye and smoke testing were performed on the sewers in the problem areas which revealed that the pipes were adequate for normal use.

Stating that most of the basements experien-

cing flooding were the ones with the lowest elevation he called the situation a serious, messy and difficult problem which is not uncommon to most communities in southern Ontario.

One of the major factors contributing to the flooding is the fact that the weeping tiles in the areas are connected to the sanitary sewers, Mr.

Perks said. Weeping tiles are a series of perforated pipes running around the perimeter of a basement which eliminates excessive water.

He said that while the sewers could handle the normal demand placed on them it was usually after a severe storm problems occurred.

In 1983 an ex-gratia grant was awarded to

residents who had experienced flooding after the regional chairman declared the situation a disaster. Residents were given \$250 although one local man present said his damages were closer to \$1,000.

Designs for the project are presently underway and Mr. Robertshaw said regional consent should be given Dec. 19

ABOUT THE HILLS

Photo Art

If you're a shutterbug, remember to write Santa and ask for lots of film, because it's nearly time for Photo Art '85.

The annual juried exhibition of photo art is scheduled for the month of March, but entries must be received by Feb. 9.

The photo contest is open to all residents of Halton Hills and prizes will be given for those entering in both color and black and white.

Animal tales at library

The Tales of Beatrix Potter will be presented in the John Elliott Theatre Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

The Tales of Squirrel Nutkin, Peter Rabbit, Jeremy Fisher and Tom Kitten were adapted by Santo Cervello of Erewhon Theatre.

During the forty-five minute presentation masked actors will use puppets, mime, dialogue and unusual props to bring the stories to life.

Tickets cost \$2 and are available at both the Acton and Georgetown Public Libraries.

For more information, contact Joy Showell at 877-2681.

Seniortise fitness

Consider a Seniortise Fitness Program.

This program is not just for seniors, but caters to the older adult. Starting Jan. 14, the program will run for eight weeks, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the Halton Hills Library and Culture Centre.

Cost will be \$22. Senior Citizens (adults 60 years of age or older) are eligible for a 50 per cent discount.

Register at either Recreation and Parks Office, 40 Mill Street East, Acton, or 25 James Street, Georgetown.

Y goes Multi-cultural

Are you interested in the ethnic variety in Georgetown?

The YMCA is holding another multicultural evening to help support YMCA work in Peru.

People are needed from various cultural backgrounds to tell about their country and special customs or to show their national costume.

Would you like to help? The Y would like to represent as many countries as possible in a program in late February-early March.

Call Cheryl Lightowers at 877-2311 or Y office at 877-6153.

Vets for disarmament

Veterans for Multilateral Nuclear Disarmament is a Halifax-based national organization of ex-service people devoted to ensuring a future for their children and grandchildren.

Veterans who would be willing to endorse the group and/or to join it are asked to call Eldon Comfort at 853-1069.

Ashgrove winners

By MRS. BELLBODDY

ASHGROVE - The Women's Institute held a successful euchre at Ligny Hall Friday evening Dec. 5 with 13 tables in play.

The winners were Ladies 1st Dorothy Featherston, 2nd Mrs. Garfield McGillivray, Men's Mr. Jim Cunningham, Alfred Ford.

Four lucky tally prizes went to Olive Tasker, Mrs. Roy Wilson, Mrs. Glen Stringer, Claire Smith. John Hunter and Mrs. Ellison Ball won the two door prizes.

St. Paul's Christmas

Saint Paul's Anglican church in Norval will be having traditional Christmas services.

On the Sunday before Christmas, at 10:30 in the morning, you can hear the story of Jesus' birth and sing the familiar praises, in the Service of Lessons and Carols.

And on Christmas Eve, there will be a family communion service, beginning with carol singing at 7:30.

Day of browsing

By MRS. JOHN BELLBODDY

ASHGROVE - Dec. 11 at 9 a.m. 31 Women's Institute members with their husbands and five visitors boarded a bus for Cullen Country barns and thoroughly enjoyed the day of browsing through the three different floors of crafts of all kinds, the gift gallery, the bakery, the Playhouse Theatre where four young actors entertained with Christmas songs and plays.

The Christmas decorations were fantastic and much thanks go to Mrs. Ford Wickson and Mrs. Pat Stark for arranging the wonderful day.

Discussion over meters for parking

Town staff will ask representatives of the Acton Business Improvement Area for comments on a plan to install parking meters in the downtown area, including municipally owned parking lots.

Although Acton councillors did not favor such a suggestion, Georgetown councillors overruled them saying it was not up to council to decide against such a move.

Both councillors Harry Levy and Mike Armstrong agreed with the Acton councillors meters probably would not be a good idea in Acton, but they wanted the decision to come from the BIA rather than from council.

Coun. Ross Knechtel noted three of the Acton parking lots are privately owned and could not be metered.

Coun. Dave Whiting said he felt installing meters on Mill Street would do little to relieve congestion there.

Coun. Rick Bonnette said with a population of 6,900 he did not feel the town was ready for parking meters yet. He also felt they would drive shoppers out of town to malls.

Town engineer Bob Austin said the Acton BIA contributes up to \$5,000 annually for snow clearing on sidewalks and in parking lots, about equal to the money collected from Georgetown parking meters and used for snow clearing there.

—Courtesy Guelph Mercury

Two teams reap \$1,104

By MAGGIE HANNAH
Herald Special

The Acton Minor Hockey Association is \$1,104 richer after a special dinner sponsored by the Olde Hide House and Acton Travel.

Acton Travel owner Rick Bonnette said more than 100 adults attended the fund raising dinner and as a result \$500 was raised towards the trip to Norway the association plans for two of its teams over the Christmas vacation.

Acton Travel had promised \$1 from every booking it received since October and turned over \$210 to the association.

The Olde Hide House had also promised a percentage of its earnings between 6 and 10 p.m. Monday and as a result donated \$1,104 to the boys' trip.

The association will be sending one midget and one bantam team to Norway on exchange and Norwegian teams will visit Acton later in the spring.

Mr. Bonnette said the idea of the fund raiser came to him when council rejected an association request for a \$3,600 grant for the trip.

Courtesy Guelph Mercury



TENDERFOOTS
They're tenderfoots. Every one of them. These girls from the 7th Georgetown Guides passed their tenderfoot enrolments and were presented with certificates at a ceremony Dec. 11. From left to right are: Lisa Ford, Barbara Scholz, Jennifer Helmer, Nicole Malboeuf and Jennie Van Lier.

Lottery sweepstakes

Could win \$1 million

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

There's a man in Georgetown who's on the threshold of winning \$1 million from the Ontario Lottery Corporation.

Rolf Braun, a 44 year old electrician living on Baylor Crescent, has become a sweepstakes finalist in the "Instant Game Match Three Sweeps".

Jan. 30, he goes on to participate in a live televised sweepstakes draw at the Toronto Convention Centre. You can watch Mr. Braun at 8 p.m. on Global TV.

So far there are 37 possible contenders for the \$1 million sweepstakes, of whom only 32 have come forward. A spokesperson for the Lottery Corporation said some may be tickets that haven't been purchased yet.

At any rate, even if Mr. Braun doesn't win the \$1 million, he's

guaranteed \$10,000 in winnings. Of the sweepstakes contenders, one will win \$100,000, two will win \$50,000 and three will win \$25,000. All the rest will win \$10,000.

"I'm a very calm person," Mr. Braun said when asked if he was excited or nervous about the sweepstakes.

He said once a week he buys about \$2 worth of lottery tickets. An electrician with Guild Electric in Toronto, Mr. Braun and his wife Paula have a 19-year old son.

With the winnings, Mr. Braun said he'd like to go travelling, naming Jamaica as one of his destinations. Fond of golf, he said he'd like to do that in Florida as well.

"I don't know if I would quit my job. I would like a little more holiday, that's for sure," he said.

The winnings will also go to pay for Mr. Braun's tuition fee at the University of Toronto.

Cabooseless trains

Other side of dispute presented

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

Town councillors got to hear the other side of the "cabooseless trains" story Tuesday night from CN Rail's Central Ontario Division Superintendent Jed Drew.

After viewing an audio-visual presentation in support of removing the caboose from freight trains, councillors asked the Canadian Transport Commission to let them know the result of hearings currently being held in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Hull and Moncton on the subject of testing cabooseless trains.

Coun. Pam Sheldon called this "A cop-out" on the part of local councillors and wanted them instead to state their opposition to cabooseless trains, and their desire to be part of the public hearings process.

Cabooseless came into use in the mid-1800s as a mobile tool and supply depot where lamps, flags, flares, chains and other tools and spare parts used by the train crew for light repairs were stored.

CN Rail and CP Rail want to replace them with a \$3,000 End of Train Unit which is mounted on the last car of the train.

This modern micro-processor monitors the distance the train travels, indicates when the last car is moving and in which direction, tells the air pressure at the tail end of the train and emits radio signals to the head of the train. The rail companies maintain trains are "safe and sound" with an ETU instead of a caboose.

Mr. Drew said testing on more than 30,000 kilometers of track has shown ETUs to be 99 per cent reliable and efficient. He said the issue has become an emotional one because members of the United Transportation Union fear a loss of jobs in the move to do away with cabooses.

He said there would be negotiations with the union if job losses was to occur. So far that issue hasn't been raised, Mr. Drew said.

"As far as technology, we have proven we've got a far superior monitoring of many functions with the ETU than we do with the current system," he said. "I know of one thing. The presence of people in the caboose didn't prevent the derailment in Mississauga."

Besides the fact their modern equipment can do many of the jobs originally done by rear end crews, Mr. Drew noted the cost is far less than the \$175,000 cost of a new caboose.

Parent-tot cloning

The Acton Y parent-tot program will be closed Dec. 21 until Jan. 9 when there will resume programming. For more information call 853-1070.



TOP HONOR
It's pretty nice when your boss thinks you're a hero and recognizes what you've done publicly. OPP Const. Frank Giffen (centre) was the recipient of a Commissioners Citation at Queen's Park recently. The personal body guard of Ontario's Lieutenant Governor John Black Aird (far right), Const. Giffen put out a fire that had started in the dress of an 11 year old girl with his bare hands. The officer was at a function in Cleveland, Ohio, with the Lieutenant Governor when the near tragedy occurred. Proud of him are son John, wife Louise and daughter Jane.