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## ABOUT THE HILLS

### Wishing Well secrets

"The Secret of the Wishing Well" is the title of the Travelling Trunk Players Presentation, Aug. 12.

This children's Participation Theatre is presented by the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department, Drama Camp Program at 2 p.m. in the Georgetown District High School cafeteria.

For a fee of .50 children can spend an afternoon uncovering the mysteries of the Secret Wishing Well.

Halton Hills children have already had a taste of this group's talents, at last year's Canada Day Celebration in Glen Williams, and were pleasantly surprised!

For more information, call 877-5185, ext. 275.

### Taxi struck

A fall to remain occurred Thursday night at 10:35 p.m. on Highway 7 and Winston Churchill Boulevard when a taxi was struck from behind.

After the cars clashed the taxi driver went into the Hollywood Tavern to call the police. When he returned the Ford Maverick that struck his car was gone.

An estimated \$300 was done to the taxi cab. The suspect is being sought, police said.

### 3 Georgetown grads

Three Georgetown students were among the graduates June 19 from the University of Toronto's Erindale Campus in Mississauga.

Kelly M. Grant received a four year Bachelor of Science degree and Lorraine Willson received a three year Bachelor of Arts degree.

Stephen Rye was presented with a three year Bachelor of Science degree.

Degrees were conferred on 772 students, making it the largest graduating class since Erindale first opened in 1967.

### Travelling activities

Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department Travelling Activities Centre will be presenting spontaneous supervised events at the following times next week:

August 13: 11 - 12 noon, Stewarttown School 2 - 3 p.m., Norval Park.

August 13: 10:15 - 11:15 a.m., Mary St. Parkette, 1:30 p.m., Speyside Park; 2:45 - 3:45 p.m., Holmesway, Acton.

August 14: 10:45 - 12 noon, Harrison School, 3-4 p.m., Centennial School.

August 15: 11 - 12 noon, Prospect Park.

### Monte Carlo night

The Halton Region United Way is reaching out to businesses asking for support for an upcoming Monte Carlo Night Oct. 26.

They are seeking donations of merchandise or gift certificates as advertising or promotion, over and above their regular United Way donation.

The organizers are requesting replies by August 30. Call Mary Ann Grant at 877-2151.

### Small-business help

There's a government ministry that's willing to answer all your questions about small business.

The Ministry of Industry, Trade and Technology has a business start-up hotline.

Entrepreneurs interested in starting a new business and operators of existing enterprises may call 1-800-387-6142, toll free.

You can get answers to your questions about government regulations, health and employment standards and the range of information you need to know before starting a business.

### United Way talk

Does the Chamber of Commerce in Georgetown want to be part of a United Way for Halton Hills?

That's the question that will be asked at the Chamber's September meeting.

Thursday Doug Penrice told the Chamber he had attended a preliminary meeting and on Aug. 21 another meeting will decide whether to put together a committee to implement a United Way in this area.

He said he hopes to ask the Chamber in September what their feelings are about a local United Way.

A feasibility study earlier in the year showed that businesses were not strong supporters of the move, Mr. Penrice said.

### No registered trademark

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce decided not to have their new logo registered as an official trademark.

The waterwheel logo symbolizing Georgetown's roots as a milling town would cost in excess of \$600, said David Page.

# Physiotherapy: a popular, busy department

**Herald Staff**  
From a tiny room in the Georgetown Memorial Hospital, the physiotherapy department has expanded and moved into the new wing of the hospital.

Jean Davis, head of the physiotherapy department, remembers when physiotherapy used to be done in what's now the X-ray room of the hospital.

From there, the department which treats injury, disability and disease by external physical means such as heat, light, massage, exercise and electricity, moved into the area across from the emergency waiting room, behind the bright orange doors.

Today, the hospital's physiotherapy department is a larger space, in recognition of the important role it plays in the health service. Not only are there the familiar pulleys, weights and bannisters to encourage along a recovery, but there's also a whirlpool to loosen stiff muscles, and a 15 by 10 foot pool that's yet to be tried.

A busy place, the physiotherapy department has grown from one physiotherapist to three, and an aide and volunteers.

The physiotherapists have four patients an hour each, Mrs. Davis said. On an average day, the department will have seen 85 patients, she said, counting up the appointments cribbled in a big diary.

"We have a waiting list a month long," Mrs. Davis said.

"Ninety-five per cent of our patients can't walk down those steps," Mrs. Davis said, indicating the steep slant of steps in the empty pool.

What kind of people do Mrs. Davis and her staff see coming for physiotherapy?

Most of them are out-patients, meaning they aren't patients in the hospital or in the adjacent Bennett Health Care Centre. In fact, Mrs. Davis estimates for every in-patient, there are four out-patients.

"So many people are sports-minded today; we get a fair number of sports injuries," the head physiotherapist said.

Many injuries are the result of motor vehicle accidents, and they can also involve bones, joints and muscles.

Some patients have had neurological problems like a stroke or nerve damage from a disease like multiple sclerosis or Parkinson's. They have a long-term problem that needs physiotherapeutic treatment.

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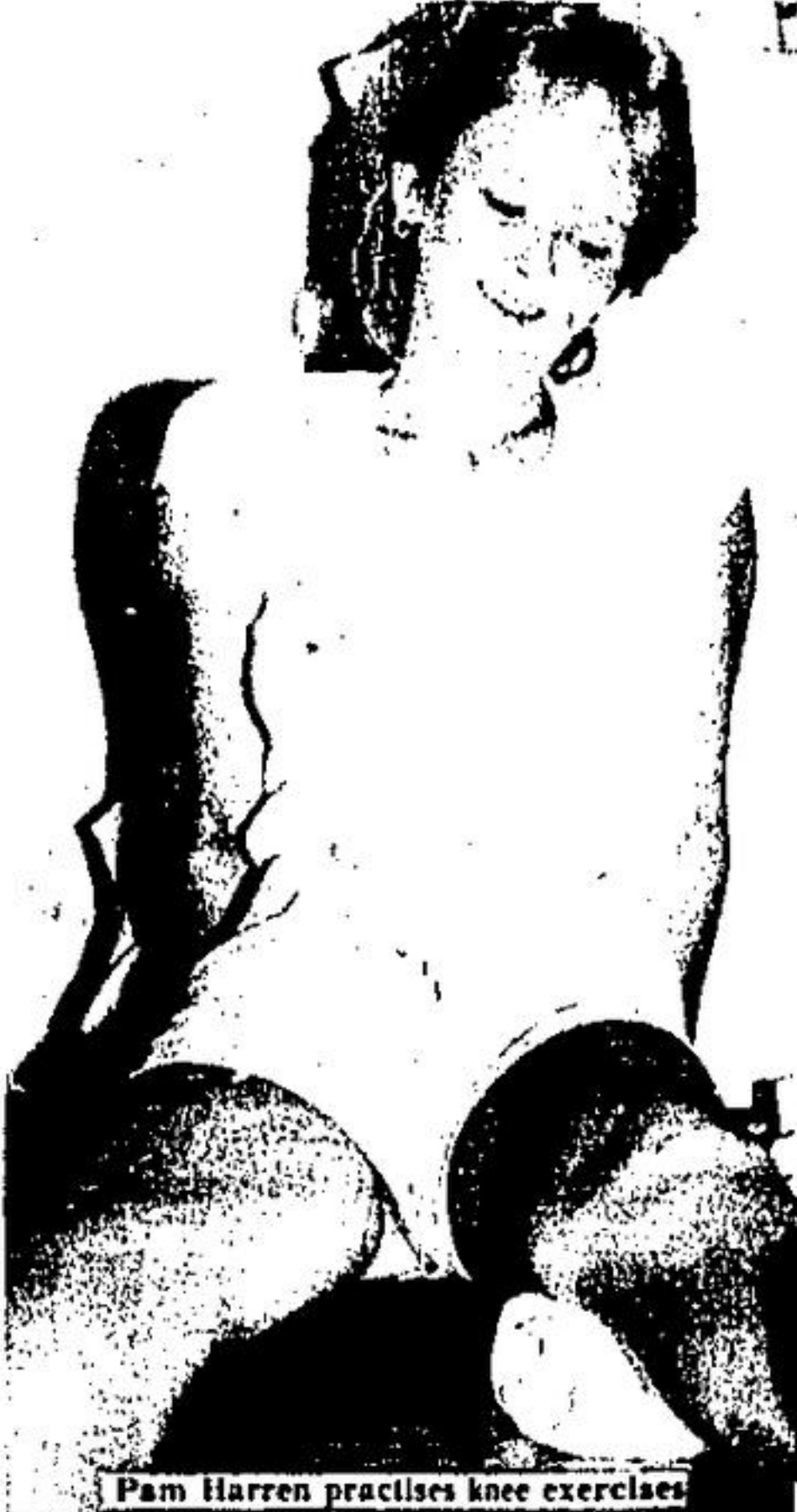
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### Stories, photos by Ani Pederian



Pam Harren practises knee exercises



A soothing whirlpool

## Diane lifts weights in hope of fast recovery

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Michael Doyle recovers from playground accident

## Michael's arm needs regular stretching

**Herald Staff**  
Patients of all ages turn up for physiotherapy at Georgetown Memorial Hospital.

Michael Doyle, 7, of Georgetown was one of the youngest patients in the spanking new premises for physiotherapy, Thursday morning.

Two days before school was out, the friendly youngster fell off the balance beam at the St. Francis of Assisi playground, and broke his left arm.

Since June end, Michael's been wearing a cast, then a sling, and now, he's out of the sling and into regular physiotherapy treatments.

Thursday, he was resting on one of the beds, his elbow under a heat lamp. The lamp was to relax the arm's ligaments and joints for the stretching exercises head physiotherapist Jean Davis soon Michael doing.

"Out and over," Mrs. Davis encouraged, rousing smiles from her patient, as she playfully got him to stretch.

Next, she brought him some putty to squeeze with his left hand. From very soft putty, Michael's worked himself up to squeezing a harder putty.

His mom said he's an active youngster, already riding his bike, despite his arm.

Two years ago, Michael's twin sister Lisa also broke her arm, so Mrs. Doyle has been through this experience already.

"I think the treatments are excellent," she said. I appreciate the most their (physiotherapists') manner. There's a lot of fun and joking, and they're nice and pleasant to the kids, which helps them to try harder."

Even more important, Michael wants to come for his physiotherapy and doesn't complain about it, she said.

## No more boring times for Pam

**Herald Staff**  
Pam Harren can't wait until she can be jogging again.

The 16-year old underwent a knee operation a month ago, after writing her final exams at Georgetown District High School.

For the past two years, Pam's knee kept giving

out on her so that she'd fall down while walking along a school corridor.

Her doctor told her not to walk on flat surfaces, no skiing, and no skating, "so my whole winter was pretty boring," the teenager said.

She was pulled out of gym class in order not to injure her knee and if she was doing any sports, Pam had to wear a brace

on her knee to keep her kneecap in place.

A month ago, Pam had arthroscopic surgery done for a partially dislocated kneecap in her left leg. Today, she's recuperating, and attending the physiotherapy department of Georgetown Memorial Hospital regularly.

"I'm starting to bend my knee more now, and I started yesterday with the whirlpool," Pam said. The warm water relaxes her knee and makes it easier to do the knee exercises she's been assigned.

Thursday morning, she had her knee resting on a rolled up towel, and was straightening it out again and again, on the



Cpl. Dave Allen and Pte. Kevin Raper work at positioning their British-made mortar as Capt. Tom Corlett watches. Training took place in Georgetown for two weeks before the militiamen were allowed to use live ammunition at a Meaford firing range.

## Mortars training in Meaford Militiamen launch hurling projectiles

**By DAVE ROWNEY Herald Staff**  
A Corporal bellows out a command. A row of mortarmen respond instinctively, moving their anti-tank guns into position.

At a firing range in Meaford, Ont., 18 students who train at Georgetown's Armory got their first chance to fire off live rounds of ammunition.

After two weeks of mortar training in town, members of the Lorne Scots militia summer program just finished up four days of firing a variety of weapons.

In Meaford from Aug. 4-7, these skilled infantrymen learned how to use mortar equipment for support of the foot soldier.

The young soldiers aren't having a holiday at the army's expense. The pay isn't the greatest and each private or corporal is tested at least once every day in either classroom work or out on the firing range.

Teams of two work together to handle their ammunition safely and get their round off quickly. "We stress accuracy and speed," said Captain Tom Corlett, a Lorne Scots C Company Commander in the reserves.

Capt. Corlett is taking holidays to work with the militiamen for two weeks. During the week he works full-time as a computer consultant.

The recruits are trained on a variety of light equipment. Some of the pieces they have tried so



Militiamen demonstrate proper handling of an anti-tank gun.

far are: a machine gun, anti-tank weapon and the mortar.

Weighing about 80 pounds, the 81mm mortar is made in Britain and is a standard piece of weaponry with the NATO forces, Capt. Corlett said. The mortar is defined as a small cannon which hurls projectiles at a target.

The rounds weigh about 10 pounds and are about a foot long with fins that stabilize its flight.

The mortar has a "killing radius" of about 40 metres while the anti-tank gun is effective up to a range of about 300 metres.

The mortars are capable of three different types of firing. They can shoot up smoke bombs to help camouflage troops or signal other units. The weaponry can also illuminate the sky to help "lay out the battlefield," Capt. Corlett said.

The third use of the mortar is to fire a high explosive (NE) which has a blast and fragmentation effect," he said.

A typical infantry platoon has two Officers, seven Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs), 45 Corporals and Privates, 18 trucks and eight mortars.

Next week the Lorne

recruits join up for the summer program?

Capt. Corlett speculates that it might be a matter of patriotism for some, or the chance for a summer job for others.

Some want a career in the armed forces