



Where's Mitch Miller?

The Christmas spirit visited Georgetown District and Memorial Hospital last night during visiting hours.

The Georgetown Choral Society dropped in and walked the halls of the hospital singing songs of Christmas.

The 54 member choir likes to visit every Christmas. (Herald photo)

6½ hour day irks councillor

The daily grind of 6.5 hours work a day by a full-time regional employee wasn't enough for Oakville Coun. John Graham.

"When did the region allow an hour for lunch? That's the first time I've encountered an hour for lunch as part of the work time," Coun. Graham said at last week's administration and finance committee meeting.

The region's chief administrative officer Dennis Perlin reassured the former Halton board of education employee that an hour for lunch was "pretty standard in municipal services."

The committee was looking at the work week of a property appraiser who works from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m., less an hour for lunch and two 15 minute

breaks for coffee.

The work week was included as part of a report saying the workload for property appraisers have increased, so that with the regional staff available it was only possible to complete 60 appraisals of 110 needed for 1985.

"I guess people work generally fewer hours than we used to," the retired councillor said, shaking his head.

Burlington Mayor Roly Bird jumped on the bandwagon, asking if that was what Halton was getting out of each of its staff?

"Department heads work a hell of a lot more hours," Mr. Perlin said. "Quite frankly, I'd be ashamed of myself if I worked that little, 32 hours a week," Mayor Bird said.

IN THE HILLS

2 special services

Immanuel Lutheran Church, located at the corner of Windsor Rd. and Carole St., will have two special worship services to commemorate the birth of Christ. Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, there will be a worship service at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 25, Christmas Day, there will be a worship service at 10 a.m. Both services will feature favorite Christmas hymns and messages about the mission of Jesus Christ.

Teen expert comes

Don Posterski, Researcher of the publicly recognized Project Teen Canada, will be in Georgetown Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1986 to address the University Women's Club on teenage attitudes.

The author of two books, The Emerging Generation, and Friendship, Mr. Posterski recently interviewed teenagers to determine their attitudes toward school, parents, relationships, sex, friendship, nuclear war, and happiness, as part of Project Teen Canada. The startling results of the study, "totally smash conventional stereotypes of youth today," according to the Toronto Star.

Mr. Posterski is the Ontario Director of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and Pioneer Camps, and the father of two children, aged 16 and 22. The community is invited to attend Mr. Posterski's presentation, at Centennial Public School, at 7:45 p.m. on January 7. For more information, please contact Club President, Diane Deruchie, at 877-5408.

Santa says thanks

Santa Claus says thank you. In an interview today, St. Nick was happy to report that he'd finished all the letters sent to him by boys and girls in Halton Hills.

The deadline for receiving letters at The Herald was yesterday. Santa is now busy at work getting his reindeer and sleigh ready for Christmas Eve.

The Herald will publish the remainder of their Santa letters in their next edition, published just before Christmas.

\$2,000 for town hall door

There's a bargain waiting for town council, Heritage Acton's Ted Tyler said Monday night.

He said the town has the option to buy back the new, Improved Acton Town Hall for \$1, the same price it sold the building to Heritage Acton for back in 1983.

Monday night, council approved the application by Heritage Acton for a grant of \$2,000 from the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture.

The money is to replace the front doors to the town hall, refurbishing the door, frame and trim.

The Ministry grant covers half the

costs with the rest to be made up by Heritage Acton.

This is the third Ministry grant applied for by Heritage Acton in the amount of \$2,000.

Back in 1983, the group wanted the money to reinforce steel beams for the first and second floors of the Willow Street building. Then, in 1984, the grant was used to reinforce the second floor ceiling and main roof trusses.

Coun. Peter Norton said \$2,000 seemed like an awful lot of money to do the front doors, to which Mr. Tyler replied it costs more to do old doors than new ones.

Asked if a New Year's Eve party was to be held at the town hall this year, Mr. Tyler said not likely.

The council and budget committees should consider their options for the Town Hall. The only ill the hall has could be cured with an injection of cash. The after effects will be all pleasaq," he said, pointing out the hall can raise revenue for the town.

"With co-operation like that, you may get Heritage Acton to help you with the Stone School. A little help will help go a long way," Mr. Tyler finished.

Highland festival seeks grant

A former councillor who was known to have a tight hold on council spending reappeared in the council chambers Monday night requesting a council grant.

"Firstly, I just couldn't keep away, especially since I hear you tried to spend last week," joked Harry Levy, a 17-year veteran of council.

Mr. Levy asked for a \$2,000 grant from the town to help put on the annual Highland Games this summer.

He said the games have been upgraded for 1986 so that the best of athletes will be turning out for the Supreme Events championships Halton Hills will be hosting for the first time ever.

Mr. Levy said there are only five such games held annually and Georgetown is fortunate to be hosting one of them.

As it is the Diamond Jubilee year for the Royal Canadian Legion, the games committee is working to combine the two celebrations for June 14.

They'll be promoting the legion also in the traditional Highland Games ball, to be held at the Acton legion this year.



Meet the Presidents

The Esqueing Historical Society celebrated their tenth anniversary in style last Wednesday at the Halton Hills Library-Cultural Centre. President Mark Rowe welcomed Society members, visitors and friends to the meeting, which included a slide show of historic buildings and places in the area. Regional chairman Peter

Pomeroy made an appearance, as well as two former Society presidents, Elaine Bertrand and Rev. Richard Ruggle (right) seen here with Mr. Rowe, who unveiled a commemorative plaque with the names of the Society presidents from 1975. (Herald photo)

Couple agrees with Sec. 63

Erik and Kim Kowal think Section 63 is the best thing to hit Halton Hills since the 911 emergency number.

They wrote town council to tell councillors so. The couple have lived in Ward 2 since 1959 and found the objections of a Ward 3 couple against

the market value assessment system of taxation "shocking".

The Kowal's said Section 63 benefits many residents "in a more than fair system of taxati and is long overdue from its 'grossly unfair' old system."

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