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Murray Lawton ...

... roasted

## Chamber winner a sitting duck

The menu listed stuffed prime rib rolls as the main course, but the dinner turned out to be roast duck.

Murray Lawton is a man who likes to say, "when you've got a problem, just get all your ducks in a row."

Speakers at the seventh annual Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year banquet picked up on the duck theme, setting up the evening as a jocular roast of Mr. Lawton.

The recipient was honored last Wednesday for his contribution to the town of Georgetown as the owner of a local Canadian Tire franchise.

Mr. Lawton was congratulated and kidded by a variety of friends, politicians and employees. He was a virtual sitting duck.

There was never anyone else who broke tradition more at Chamber meetings than Murray Lawton, Lynn Barnard explained. Therefore, it was only fair the dinner format be changed to include a roast, she said.

A fellow Canadian Tire dealer John Williamson took the first shots at Mr. Lawton. "I'm glad to come to town to see all my customers here," he quipped.

He praised Mr. Lawton's wife Verla for getting to work before her husband and providing a smokescreen of excuses for why he's not able to come to the phone.

Mr. Lawton ponders his day figuring how to get out of work, he said jokingly. The fellow dealer said he thought the community in Midea Beach, Florida was making the award.

His dressing habits were attacked mercilessly by Mr. Williamson. "Who else has done more for the clothing industry in Georgetown - that's why you're the Business of the Year winner!"

Former Chamber of Commerce president Doug Penrice said a few words "because, I guess, during my time he (Mr. Lawton) caused the most trouble," he said.

Mr. Lawton has been with the Chamber executive for over 10 years and he was one of a seven person team who spearheaded the June 1984 BIG (Business in Georgetown) Celebration.

Ms. Barnard said Mr. Lawton is one of the best teachers the



**MORE THAN TIRES**—There's more than tires with Murray Lawton. That was aptly discovered at the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce dinner for the Business of the Year winner.

Chamber has had. Another BIG member, Bill Ward, wrote a humorous poem about the recipient's "2x4 approach" and their work on the bicentennial celebration together.

Master of Ceremonies, Rud Whiting, got in his digs after announcing the absence of politicians MP John McDermid, Mayor Russ Miller and Regional Chairman Peter

Year, Murray Lawton of Canadian Tire won the award. Because of a favorite 'duck' expression, he was the roasted duck last Wednesday evening at the North Halton Golf and

Pomerooy. "They all had good reasons for not being here, Mr. Whiting said. "They don't like you" he smiled.

The three politicians were absent because of prior commitments, but MPP Don Knight presented Mr. Lawton with a plaque.

Two of Mr. Lawton's Canadian Tire employees had their turn at the microphone, taking shots at their

Country Club. Seen here presenting one of the many awards to Mr. Lawton is MPP Don Knight (left) with Verla and Murray Lawton. (Herald photo)

boss's hockey skate supply which matched his own shoe size, his increased supply of curling accessories in the store after he took up the sport, and his penchant for having trouble lighting barbecues.

Mr. Lawton thanked his wife for her "unflinching work and support" and "one of the most fantastic (Canadian Tire) staff in Georgetown or anywhere."

## Non-profit apartment proposal

By SANDY CAMPBELL  
Herald Staff

The Task Force For Emergency Shelter is tackling the affordable housing shortage problem in Halton Hills under a new name. Now called the Housing Needs Group of North Halton, the group will be investigating the need for emergency, short-term and long-term affordable housing.

The task force met Thursday for the third time since December. Adam Czerchowicz of the non-profit homes corporation Lantana brought news of the possible construction of a 39-unit two storey housing project on Carruthers Road in Georgetown.

Claudette Smith, representing the YMCA, spoke of starting an emergency shelter project in Acton sponsored by the YMCA and the Salvation Army. That project may mean converting the Acton Y building into a shelter or purchasing a house beside Acton's Salvation Army, Ms. Smith said.

The group stressed people in need of affordable housing should not stop apply to co-op or subsidized apartment buildings. Lists of people applying are used to determine the need for such housing.

If people get discouraged and stop applying those lists will not reject the needs, said Stan Barkovitz, Housing Co-ordinator of the Planning and Development Department of Halton. The number of the Halton Housing Authority where inquiries on affordable housing are made is Zenith 4120.

Lantana is a non-profit corporation that helps people develop non-profit housing. Lantana could help north Halton get an emergency shelter and has plans to build a non-profit apartment in Georgetown.

Building a non-profit apartment building on Carruthers Road could begin as early as the spring if Lantana's application for funding is approved by the Ministry of Housing. The Ministry will make an announcement if it is approved Friday or early next week, said Michel Labbe, Development Co-ordinator for Lantana.

Once approved by the Ministry, the project must also be approved by town council. "zoning must be in place," Mr. Labbe said.

Once the project is approved, a local board of directors will meet to direct the project. At least three Halton Hills residents and one Rexdale resident have volunteered to sit on this board which will be meeting for the first time March 10.

The price of apartments is determined by the lowest prices of apartments available in Georgetown. People who pay more than 1/3 of their income on rent can qualify to live in the apartment.

There will be a cross-section of people with varying income in the

apartment. About 25 per cent will receive none. "A mix is good," Mr. Czerchowicz said.

An emergency shelter in Acton which the YMCA and the Salvation Army would oversee would be only for males initially, Claudette Smith suggested. After a year of working at the program a space for women might be organized. In addition to providing shelter the Y and the Salvation Army would help their visitors, provided their problems were not too complicated, Ms. Smith said.

### IN THE HILLS

#### Garden winners

Thanks to the 1986 Garden Festival, Ed Bessey of Erin and a friend are going to Amsterdam with \$500 spending money. Mr. Bessey won one of three draw prizes at Garden Festival 1986 held between Feb. 8 and 16 at the International Centre in Toronto.

#### Holly's coming

Holly is coming. The Rotary Club of Georgetown is sponsoring the 1983 Du Maurier Search for the Stars winner for a concert April 5 at the John Elliot Theatre.

Holly Arntzen will be a featured artist at Expo '86 in Vancouver. Tickets are available from Rotarians or by phoning 877-4078. Net proceeds will be going to the Rotary Foundation.

#### 31% increase

The Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee has been budgeted a 31 per cent increase over its 1985 budget. That means spending is being hiked from \$6,700 to \$8,800. The budget is up for approval by Regional council this spring.

#### Y March break

The Acton YMCA is offering a full weeks' program for the March Break. Roller skating, movies, crafts, out-trips. Phone 853-1070 for more information.

#### Red Cross helps

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## How do you stem a rumour mill?

How do you stem the tide of a rumor mill? It's been the third call in two weeks for the owner of Halton Hills Kinder School.

Colleen Hanson is becoming frustrated with questions about her Main Street, Georgetown, school closing.

The school is not closing and enrolment is strong, Ms. Hanson said.

Four years ago Ms. Hanson bought the vacant Georgetown Alliance Church, originally built in 1869. It was converted into a nursery area for students aged 2 1/2 to 6 years. About \$40,000 was spent on renova-

tions to the facility, which encompasses 3,500 square feet.

Revenue from the school has been going up about 6 per cent per year, Ms. Hanson said, but parents of the school realize that the economy has not completely recovered and times are tight.

Because registrations were put back to March 5 from Feb. 15, someone may have misinterpreted the intention of doing so, she said.

"I don't know where it's (the rumor) coming from, but I knew it was time for a newsletter," she said. For the past four months Ms. Han-

son has been spending half her time consulting for daycare centres in Toronto to supplement her school's revenue.

The kinder school is also being rented in the off hours to make the facility an evening venture.

In the fall, the kinder school was listed with a real estate agency, but the intention was to move to another facility to carry a lower overhead, she said. Not at any time was the school considering closing.

The school is still accepting new registrants. For more information call - 877-5004.

## Heading west for council

By MONIQUE TOBIN  
Herald Special

Two Georgetown women will be heading west in May to attend a National Gathering for women in Manitoba, arranged by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

The Council arranges a series of National Conferences every four years, promoting human rights as they affect Canadian women and women internationally.

Georgetown residents, Kathryn Latimer, a member of the Council, and former member and co-ordinator of the conference, Marilyn Milton, will meet with Christian women from the Yakon to Newfoundland, attending the conference, called "Moving Mountains".

The University of Manitoba in Winnipeg will be the location of the conference, taking place from May 1-4. Canadian and International guest speakers will be holding a variety of workshops at the conference. Workshops being offered are: Making Connections, Sexism, Racism, Classism; Women, Spirituality and Peace; Pictures, Pedestals and Pornography; Beyond Superwoman; Empowering Spirituality for Women; Intimate Strangers: Men and Women Together; It's Great to be Female; Women, Poverty and Aging; A Case Study.

"It's a great opportunity to meet with women from across the country to share concerns and learn from that experience," said Kathryn Latimer.

### In your opinion

Question: Are car insurance rates unfair for young drivers?  
By MONIQUE TOBIN

## Is teen insurance too high?



Ron Hamlin



Bob McKay



Joyce Frank



Tunde Otto



Francine Leblanc



Drew Fisher

**RON HAMLIN**  
"No. Young drivers have to pay that much so that they respect what they're doing."

**BOB MCKAY**  
"No. I don't think that the rates are unfair, because it helps kids understand the significance of being behind the wheel. If they prove to be responsible drivers, then they will be rewarded with a lower rate, later on."

**JOYCE FRANK**  
"The rates are expensive; however, they might encourage young people to be responsible at all times."

**TUNDE OTTO**  
"No, I guess not. I can understand why the rates are so high for students, although it's tough for them because their income is so low."

**FRANCINE LEBLANC**  
"No. I think it's discrimination towards the guys and it's unfair. I think their insurance rate should be much lower."

**DREW FISHER**  
"I do think that the insurance rates are unfair. As I'm a very safe, careful driver and I pay about \$200 more than a female driver my age."

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