

Parading around



Everyone had fun at the Georgetown Santa Claus parade, but some lucky entrants also won prizes for their floats. Seen here are the winners in a variety of categories

(front, left to right) Billie Izzi, Hon Fuller, Colin Kay, Joyce Tilson, (back, left to right) Bob DeCoste, Sandy Booth, Milly Roffel and Harry Roffel. (Herald photo)

Fire calls up...but damage down in '86

Although fire calls were up in December, the damage due to fires was down over December 1985. The Halton Hills Fire Department report shows there were 35 calls for service in December, with damages of \$18,510. No firefighters or members of the public were injured or died because of fire in December. How did 1986 compare with 1985? According to the report, there were 407 calls for service in 1986 compared with 398 in 1985. Not much difference there. In terms of damage due to fire, there was \$552,374 in damages in 1986 compared with \$753,734 in 1985. That's a significant difference. Both years, there were no deaths either to the public or to firefighters because of fire. That's something to be proud of. However, more firefighters were injured in 1986 than in the previous year. In 1986, 15 firefighters were hurt on the job compared to nine in 1985. Four members of the public were injured in 1986 compared to six in 1985.

Poets' Corner

FRESH WATER
There are many streams which flow in the earth
Found only by a waterwitch, gifted by birth
Listen, the river, it rolls on in its bubbly way
It is fresh water for a purpose it's running away
The rain is falling, the river banks are high
Water is flowing to where and for why?
Over land it is straying to end in a swale
Heat of the sun, it will dry like a sail
The drain of the earth, the heat of the sun
Together, as partners, makes water to run
The clouds are dark, like a large water wall
Force of the wind, helps scatter them all
Without nature, what would our life be
Molature, for vegetation, they to run free.

—By ALBERT BROOKS

In the hills

VON week

Next week is Victorian Order of Nurses Week. Town council made the proclamation for the Halton VON branch. Founded 90 years ago, the order provides skilled nursing care and specialized services based on individual needs. VON Week runs Jan. 25 to Jan. 31.

Non-smoking week

National Non-Smoking Week begins Jan. 15 and runs to Jan. 21. Town council endorsed a proclamation naming Jan. 21 Weedless Wednesday. Residents are urged to establish a non-smoking environment in their home and workplace. Statistics show 30,000 Canadians die prematurely each year from diseases associated with smoking.

Minor injuries

A Mississauga woman was treated at Credit Valley Hospital for minor injuries received in a car accident on Winston Churchill Boulevard Jan. 6. Susan Percival, 30, was northbound on Winston Churchill at Sideroad 10 when she lost control of her car while attempting to negotiate a curve. She struck a hydro pole. Due to the slippery road conditions, Halton Regional Police laid no charges. There was \$3,000 worth of damage to her vehicle.

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Library wants a 'growth' budget

By SANDY CAMPBELL, Herald Staff

To increase the inadequate size of the Halton Hills Public Libraries' collection, the library board will be asking town council for a 23 per cent increase in the library budget. That decision was made at their Jan. 7 board meeting. An additional \$22,000 is needed each of the next three years to bring the collection closer to provincial standards, said Betsy Cornwell, chief librarian. If the library receives \$22,000 each of the next three years, the collection will have the average size collection of the last quarter of Ontario libraries in the Halton Hills' size range. For a size range between

30,000 to 50,000 people, Halton Hills has the smallest collection in the province, Mrs. Cornwell said. The total amount the library will be asking town council for is about \$800,000. Without the request for \$22,000 the rise in the town's contribution to the library would be 7 per cent, Mrs. Cornwell said. Last year the library received \$657,000 from the town. Books, records, tapes and compact discs are examples of items in the Halton Hills libraries' collection. Currently, the average number of items in that collection is one item per person less than the provincial average of towns in the same size range. The provincial average for towns 30,000 to 50,000 is 2.69 items per person, Mrs. Cornwell said. About \$700,000 would be needed to bring the collection up to the provincial average, she said.

Sheridan survey

More than 1,200 Halton and Peel secondary school students were surveyed on their perception of college generally and of Sheridan College. Sheridan College undertook the market research which found students look for career-related information first when they are looking for information on programs, and they are strongly influenced by parents and guidance counsellors in their career choice. Students surveyed who planned to apply to college said they feel they have a good chance of being accepted at the college and see college as providing practical experience.

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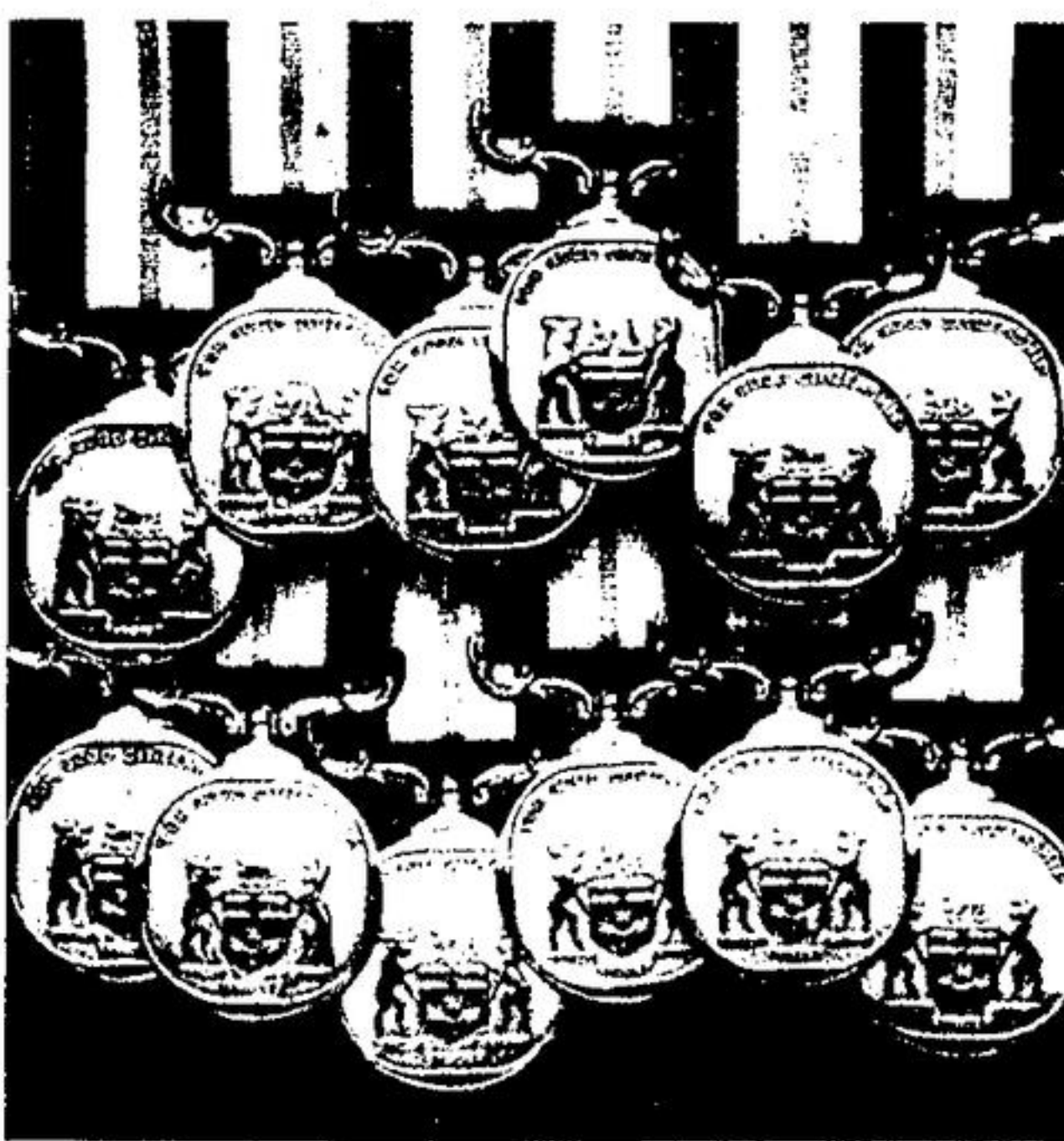
GEORGETOWN LIONS Are Seeking CITIZEN of the YEAR

The Georgetown Lions Club is again looking for the "Citizen of the Year"; someone who has given unselfishly to the community.

The Lions Club wants help in picking our most deserving citizen or group for 1986. Nominations are now being received for Georgetown's Citizen of the Year.

Please mail nominations with supporting resume no later than Feb. 4th, 1987 to: C. El. Lloyd (chairman), Citizen of the Year, Georgetown Lions Club, P.O. Box 73, Georgetown, Ontario, L7G 4T1.

This year's citizen or group will be honored at a dinner to be held on Tuesday, March 10th, at the Lions Club Hall, Mill Street.



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budget has never concentrated on growth, she said. The library board would like to change that this year. The need for an access for the handicapped at Acton's library was discussed Jan. 7. The board stressed the need for a study on the access to be completed soon, so that it might be built. The total expenditures for the library in 1987 are estimated to be \$929,955. The board would like to see about \$811,000 of that come from the town. The rest will come from the library.

In addition to revenue gained from fines, photocopies and other local sources, the library will receive \$86,000 from the provincial government, Mrs. Cornwell said. That grant is a per household grant. By the end of February, when the library board's requests go before council, the board will find out how much money they will receive.

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