

**Business beat**



It was the first official day for Ray Roberts (left) and Joe Balson (right) who opened a car care service garage on Guelph Street. Mayor Miller dropped by Saturday to cut the ribbon. Coffee and donuts were served to friends and customers. (Herald photo)

**Busy and involved**

**UW chairman Wickens active as volunteer**

by DONNA KELL  
Herald Special  
Involvement in the community is a rule of thumb for the United Way Chairman John Wickens and his family.

"They were phoning new people in Georgetown to see if they'd like to help" said wife Janet. In 1969, Connie Nieuwhof, the woman on the other end of John Wickens' phone managed to convince John to join the Red Cross.

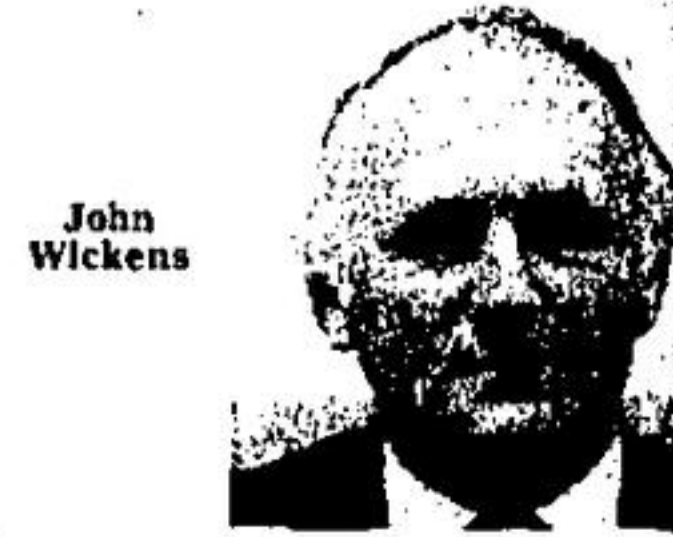
Newly emigrated from England, the Wickens family was to become well-acquainted with the Nieuwhofs. "I didn't realize it was for life" said Mr. Wickens of his Red Cross involvement, which has extended 18 years.

Mr. Wickens was campaign chairman for eight years before being promoted to financial Resources Chairman. In 1984 James Snow, the former Minister of Transportation and Communications presented Mr. Wickens with Ontario Bicentennial Medal for distinguished community service. "I was very proud of him," said Janet Wickens. In September of this year, Mr. Wickens won The Distinguished Service Award for his efforts with the Red Cross.

John and Janet Wickens' children went to Joseph Gibbons and Centennial Schools in Georgetown. The eldest daughter, Karen, received a business award at Georgetown District High School and pursued a legal secretarial diploma at Sheridan College. For three years Karen worked in the office of Helson and Kogan. "She now works at a large downtown Toronto legal firm."

The Wickens younger daughter, Jackie, also attended Sheridan College. Jackie took courses in Business and was presented with the C.G.A. Special Award. She is currently working in Mississauga while obtaining her C.G.A. Diploma.

The third child to follow the active footsteps of dad is Phillip. Phillip Wickens was an Ontario Scholar who is in his third year of a Co-op Honors



John Wickens

program in Chemistry at the University of Waterloo. Like his sister Jackie, Phillip is "very active in local sports" according to his dad.

The Wickens family demonstrates the spirit of the United Way: a willingness to participate in the community, a wholesome, active outlook, a willingness to be a part of Georgetown. For John Wickens, the Red Cross and the United Way play significant roles in his busy life—a life that is productive.



Hamming it up for the camera are Vijay Mittra, Mani Mittra and Hank Handke at Barragers Cleaners Saturday. Mr. Handke is having his tie cleaned and spots removed by the new owner, Mani Mittra who held an open house complete with free gifts and a draw for two embroidered tablecloths. (Herald photo)



**United Way**

"He's worked a lot of hours toward the United Way" said wife Janet Wickens, "we have to go our own ways a lot of the time." John Wickens is indeed a busy man. In addition to his volunteer work he plays golf, badminton, sails with the Georgetown Power and Sails Squadron and says he will be taking a course in advanced piloting and one on seamanship.

In his spare time, when Mr. Wickens is not flying, sailing or playing golf he is serving on the Red Cross Regional Council and its financial resources advisory committee.

When asked if his United Way work is done for money, Chairman Wickens replied "Oh no, this is volunteer work". Mr. Wickens also works during the day at a salaried job as a manager of a production control and purchasing department.

Mr. Wickens said he has been a member of the Halton United Way "since its inception" in 1985.

Given the example of father John, the other Wickens children could not help but succeed in their chosen fields. Wife Janet, of 29 years is active with St. George's Church as a president of the Altar Guild. Mrs. Wickens spent ten years working at the Bank of Commerce as a teller and according to John's "now enjoying retirement, is active in supporting every thing I do, but also likes to do her own thing."

**Homicides drop in Ontario**

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