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It's Worth the Drive to Acton!

## A nasty note written by Grinch thief

By BRIAN MacLEOD  
Herald Staff

The Christmas Grinch is alive and well and operating in Georgetown.

The weekend of Dec. 11, 12 and 13 at least six different houses had Christmas ornaments of some kind stolen from their front lawns.

But the thieves weren't content to just steal a little bit of the Yuletide season. They left behind a note at six of the houses.

The note was written on a computer and two smiling "happy faces" greeted the reader. The note read: "This act of petty theft has been perpetrated by the caring people at the Georgetown Little Thieve's Guild."

Most of the homes that received the note are in the east end of Georgetown on Delrex Boulevard, Stockman Drive, Fagan Drive and Duncan Drive.

Detective Sergeant Keith Robertson of the Halton Regional Police said most of the stolen Christmas ornaments have been recovered.

Some of the stolen articles includ-



### Torch bearers' flame of glory

Several residents of Georgetown are sharing in the Olympic spirit by participating in the Olympic Torch Relay, a cross-country odyssey which will eventually end in Calgary, where the 1988 Winter Olympics are being staged.

Jim Clarke (above) has already had his moment of glory, as he carried the torch along a one-kilometre stretch of road just outside of Belleville.

For more on local involvement in the Olympic Torch Relay, see page B2.

ed sets of outdoor lights, a plywood reindeer, pink flamingos and a plywood lamb.

Ralph Gallant had a plywood caroler stolen off the front lawn of his home on 47 Duncan Drive about 11:30 p.m. Dec. 11.



Mr. Gallant's son was watching television when he heard a noise outside. He dashed to the front door to see what happened but he couldn't see anyone, said Mr. Gallant.

Mr. Gallant went outside to check and found the note in the exact spot where one of the carolers was missing.

The next day his son's girlfriend was going past a house on Delrex Boulevard and she noticed the wooden caroler in a pile next to a fence.

She then went to Mr. Gallant's house and asked if a caroler was missing.

They retrieved the caroler at 9 a.m. the next day.

"We built them 30 years ago," said Mr. Gallant.

"They're one of a kind."

Mr. Gallant said he was disappointed when he found the note.

"At first I didn't know what to think about it," he said.

Mr. Gallant had walked up, and down the street with his son looking for the carolers.

"We were quite disappointed. They didn't have any (money) value. They had value to us because we had them so long. We had pride in them," he said.

When he found the caroler stolen Mr. Gallant took all the ornaments down. But now he's put them back up.

"We're people who like to enjoy Christmas and we like to show we enjoy Christmas," said Mr. Gallant.

"I think next year we'll put them back out but we'll keep a closer eye on them," he added.



### A time to celebrate

Toggling on the New Year's bell is Acton Citizens of the Year Vic Britton. Mr. Britton got into the party spirit complete with lei, balloons and horn. The bell is actually the one located at the Old Stone School near Robert Little

School in Acton and the party supplies are courtesy of Up, Up and Away Balloons on Main Street. The bell, like everything else, is one year older now. Happy New Year. (Herald photo)

## Reducing drunk drivers aim of SADD group

By DONNA KELL  
Herald Special

SADD is not the way Georgetown District High School students feel about their program directed at reducing drunk driving.

SADD is 'Students Against Drunk Drivers', a program headed by Mrs. O'Neill, a teacher at Georgetown high school.

"The movement started with the death of a student - Phil Hughes," said Charlie Gibbs, a student at the high school. The accident occurred last year.

SADD took action to demonstrate the danger of alcohol while driving

Recently a car smashed in an auto accident was towed to the front of the school to demonstrate the hazards of alcohol. A film showing accident victims was presented to students in a school assembly in December.

Recently there was a logo contest with two winners, and a 'grab day' which gave out anti-drinking and driving prizes.

Students in SADD sign a "contract for life", said Charlie Gibbs. Parents consent to driving their children home if the children feel unable. Parents also agree, Charlie explained, to postpone punishment until at least the next day.

## Christmas baby 'Nick' Santa's gift

Jolly old St. Nick brought a very special Christmas present to Lynn and Herb Hulme.

And it's one that the Hulmes are likely to remember for the rest of their lives.

Nicholas Herbert Hulme was born Christmas Day at 2:59 p.m. at the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital.

While the rest of the town was dashing through their hallways, eager to peek at Santa's gifts, Mrs. Hulme was making a phone call to her mother to tell her to start the party without her.

The Hulmes were holding a Christmas dinner for 18 people at their Hillsburgh home Christmas Day and someone had to cook the turkey.

So Mrs. Hulme phoned her mother Lorraine From at 6 a.m. to ask her to go over to her house and prepare for the party.

The timing of the Christmas baby prompted the Hulmes to call their baby after his namesake, St. Nicholas, said Mrs. Hulme.

"It was a last minute decision," Mrs. Hulme said of the name.

He was originally going to be named Jason and he was supposed to be born around New Year's Day, she said.

Nicholas is the first baby born to the Hulmes and it didn't matter to Mrs. Hulme if it was a boy or a girl, "just as long as it was healthy."

The idea of having a Christmas baby suits Mrs. Hulme just fine.

"I thought it was great. He may not think so in a few years," she said.

The baby was delivered by Dr. Paul Zeni who was pulled away from a Christmas party of his own, said Mrs. Hulme.

When Nicholas was born, Dr. Zeni said: "Congratulations! And I really can't remember the rest. It was just a blur," said Mrs. Hulme.

She credited the nursing staff at the Georgetown Hospital for making her stay there a pleasant one.

"I couldn't have done it without them," Mrs. Hulme said.

"The nurses were just fantastic."

Although Nicholas is the Hulmes' first baby, he may indeed have a little brother or sister one day, said Mrs. Hulme.

But Christmas is just a little hectic to be having babies.

"Maybe we'll try for a July baby (next time)," she said.

### In the hills

#### Ring in New Years

New Year's Eve in Georgetown and Acton will be greeted with style once again this year.

In Georgetown midnight watchers will begin gathering at the Knox Presbyterian Church around 11:30 p.m. Hot chocolate will be served to keep everyone warm.

Everyone who attends the Georgetown ceremony will be given a balloon.

Organizers are trying to get the Georgetown citizens of the year, the Girls Pipe Band, to sound the church bells at the stroke of midnight. When midnight comes, everyone will let go of their balloons at once.

Acton's ceremony will take place at the Old Town Hall on Willow Street.

#### New Year's levee

Everyone is invited to attend the New Year's Day Levee Jan. 1, 1988 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the John Elliott Theatre. If you require a ride to the event call 877-7915 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. New Year's Day.

#### Back to school

Registration for Continuing Education takes place at Georgetown District High School, 70 Guelph St., Jan. 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

If you can't make it that night, the Halton Board of Education Offices at 2050 Guelph Line will be accepting registrants Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The number in Burlington is 335-3663. For adults who left high school before completing Grade 12, a day school program will be available in the new year.

Registration is at Georgetown District High School, Jan. 13, 14 and 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information on night school in the Georgetown area call 878-8451.

## The people who made the news in 1987:

### The year in quotes

"You can watch. You will save us a lot of money if you do."

Mark Boere's father said that to him in the midst of a \$200 bet that Mark and David Boere would not watch television for a year. From Jan. 7 paper.

"Surely the Halton Board of Education is not so fiscally responsible that it, on the one hand, denies its students adequate funding for a complete education, but, on the other hand, spends thousands of dollars to allow 13 staff members plus one non-staff member to cavort in Atlanta Georgia?"

From a letter to the local newspapers Jan. 14 by an anonymous author who claimed the board of education misused funds by sending staff on trips to the sunny south.

"I don't mind you putting in the minutes of the meetings, but none of this damned reporting."

Upon leaving Georgetown former Herald publisher and Chamber of Commerce Secretary Walter Bienn recalled one councillor's remarks when he first started reporting council meetings. From Jan. 14 paper.

"We can't continue to bang our heads against the wall continuously."

Georgetown Fall Fair Board Vice-President Bruce McClure in a Jan. 19 interview on the prospect of cancelling the fall fair because of lack of new executive members.

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