Glen property steeped in history

By ERIC CONNOLLY Herald Special Readers have no doubt seen several official notices from the Town of Halton Hills giving public notice of the intent to designate two buildings on the property in Glen Williams known locally as the Apple Products Property. In February, Town Council gave

approval to proceed with designation and subsequently a bylaw to designate was passed. This came about after a year of work by Mr. Doug Brock, the owner, and the Halton Hills Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC).

In the fall of 1987 a Designation Report was produced by LACAC committee members, Eric Connolly and Richard Ruggle in conjunction with the owner. The report dealt with the historic and architectural reasons for which the community should consider designating the building under the Ontario Heritage Act. It was this report which precipitated the final designation bylaw for the Williams Mill and The Georgetown Electric Light Com-Georgetown Electric Light Company Power Plant.

The two buildings are industrial and until recently unloved structures of our communities built heritage. Unloved perhaps, but when seen in the context of old Glen Williams, they are in fact important historic and economic landmarks. Both structures are dominant in the approach to Glen Williams along Main Street from the west at the Credit River bridge. Their robust industrial character are a contrast to the natural backdrop of trees on the east side of the valley. With Mr. Brock's anticipated rehabilitation and with development of the Credit River flood plain as a recreational both structures will stand out more visibly as historic landmarks. Both buildings have been employers to the Glen for over 80 years and have therefore played a large role in its economic welfare.

The Williams Mill, owned by the family to which Glen Williams owes its name, is a three and a half storey timber structure with clapboard siding. It is believed to have been built around 1860 and sits on the site of a sawmill originally built in 1825 or 1826. In 1891, a time during which woollen milling was the major industry of the village, it was reconstructed as a holsery mill.

The Georgetown Electric Light Company power plant sits on the site of Joseph Williams grist and flour-

By MID BRUNSKI

Herald Special

and you will be hearing of new ap-

pointments soon.

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The yearly representation of our

comrades to Plymouth for their Memorial Day Parade this weekend,

will undoubtedly bring home some

dance Saturday, June 11 at 8 p.m. in the Auditorium upstairs at the Legion. It will be a great night so do

There will be a steak supper and

very wonderful memories as usual.

A grant from the Ministry of Culture and Communica- tion work to this heritage building in Gien Williams. tions, under the Heritage Act, has helped with restora- (Photo submitted)

the foundation wall. The plant provided Georgetown with electric power until 1913 when power to the area was supplied from Niagara Falls.

The building is a two and a half storey stone building and is most distinguished in elevation from the baseball diamond to the south. Its five by eight foot window openings and single stone lintels are larger than usual for a stone building of this

Both buildings were in a sorry who is currently carrying out a com-plete rehabilitation of the interior of the building and a restoration of the exterior. This exterior restoration is being assisted by way of a grant from the Ministry of Culture and Communications for the rehabilitation of Commercial and Industrial Properties under the Ontario Heritage Act. The Ministry will apply the grant after the work has been completed to their satisfaction in terms of architectural authenticity. Mr. Brock is being assisted with

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detail design for the work by David Stone of the Drawing House Ltd., a Georgetown based design firm.

The owner has been fortunate, in that historic documentation has been uncovered to help substantiate the building's original appearance. For Instance, 1877 Historical Atlas of Halton County has an illustration which gives an idea of some of the original details of the building. Also, some original double-hung six over six-twelve light windows existed on the building which Ron Johnson of Paisley, Ontario is using as a pattern in order to reproduce 26 new sash as exact replicas. These new windows will be installed with internal storm windows to protect the original exterior appearance of the

Should readers be interested in having their own property (residential, commercial, industrial or rural), considered for either documentation or designation they should contact LACAC through the

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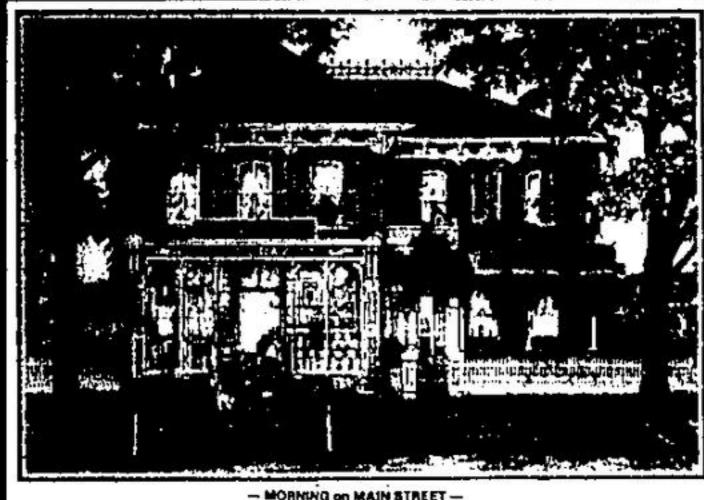
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Adam Szlachta (left) and Stephen Dane were welcomed to the 4th Georgetown "B" Cub Pack recently, as they took part in a Beaver

swimming-up ceremony at St. Andrew's Church, (Photo by Jean



Keitha Harrison of Crochet Crafts shows off some of her knitted friends at opening day of the Peddlar's weekly. "We're always looking for Market in Terra Cotta on May 22. Organizer Judy Turner said the

market runs on Sundays throughout the summer with vendors changing new vendors," she said.



Guilding movement held a garage the garage sale Items are, from left, sale recently to raise money to help send Pathfinders and young Rangers to the Echo Valley Camp,



Legion Lines

By JIM HAYES

CAR CLUB: Winners in the weekly draw held Thursday, May 26 were 296 Dave Lough, 158 Don Dedman, 366 Gary Alton, 101 Val Caruso, 422 Norm Buckley, 354 Alex Zillio.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON MEAT DRAW: Winners May 28 first draw 447 Rhoda Clarke, 499 Joe Martin, 498 Joe Martin, 483 Rod Mac-Donald, 492 Dennis Vanwyck, 504 Pat Chamberlain, 2nd draw 509 Ken Jones, 538 Bud Haines, 642 J. Hylock, 544 Ab Ford, 587 Gib Telford, 604 Friend Garbutt. The roast was won by 444 Bob Dunn.

Impaired charge laid

A 22-year-old was charged with impaired driving and possession of the narcotic marijuana after his car was observed being driven in an erratic manner May 28 at 5 a.m. on Maple Avenue and Guelph Street. The Georgetown man was held for a bail hearing May 30.



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Credit Valley District of the July 10-22. Seen here with some of Judy Barr, Tasha Branklewicz, and Ann Totlen.

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