The Optimist Club of Georgelown saw to it that Santa paid a visit to the children of the Saturday Centre on the weekend. The program is coordinated by members of St. John's United Church and the North Halton

Association for the Developmentally Handleapped, Here, Santa presents Stephanie Schmeler, 11, with an early Christmas present, during the Optimists' Christmas party for the group. (Herald photo)



Lee Irwin, 9, filled Santa Claus in on what he's hoping to receive this Christmas Saturday in Glen Williams. Santa made a visit to a "photo)

Decorations

arrive late

be a bit brighter tonight.

will remain in the closet.

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down again.'

downtown area.

Main Street Georgetown should

That's because Halton Hills

Hydro is expected to replace about 300 clear bulbs in the trees in downtown Georgetown today

(Wednesday), but the annual Christmas decorations which

usually adorn the streets of town,

The Business Improvement Area

(BIA), an association comprised of downtown businesses, ordered new

Christmas decorations this year but they didn't arrive until Dec. 16, said BIA co-ordinator Margaret

Each year the BIA asks Halton

Hills Hydro to set aside time to

replace the lightbulbs and put up

the Christmas decorations, said

This year, because the decorations arrived much later than ex-

pected, the lightbulb maintenance

was held off so Hydro could do both

Hydro was prepared to put up

the decorations on Thursday, said

Halton Hills Hydro manager Gerry Trudell. But the massive blackout

caused by a transmission tower falling over on Highway 403 early

Thursday morning delayed the in-stallation of the decorations, he

Because they were kept busy with the blackout, Hydro will only have time to replace the bulbs and not put up the decorations, said

And because it is so close to

"They'd hardly be up till they're

Meanwhile the BIA has put up its

speaker system once again to serenade shoppers. Christmas

carols play from loudspeakers dur-ing shopping hours in the

'Good service.

good price-

That's

good coverage.

Christmas, the decorations would only be up for a short time even if

they were put up now, she said.

at the same time, she said.

party in the village's town hall, much to the delight of the many children who attended. (Herald

Town decides to sit on fence

Residents surrounding the Georgetown Fairgrounds have brought town plans to put a fence around the park to an abrupt halt.

Bryan Shynal, the town's superintendent of parks, said he has been instructed to stop the \$12,000 fencing project, which was to be done in two phases, following complaints by local residents.

Councillor Anne Currie said last week she had received five phone calls from area residents who were "adamantly opposed" to what they thought was a seven-ft. chain link

fence. The town wants to fence the park to avoid liability problems with abutting residents and the Optimists, who hold Bang-O-Rama in the park and the Georgatown Agricultural Society had actually committed funds to help the project get under way, said Mr. Shynal.

The black vinyl chain link fence was to be erected half this year and half at a future time, he said. And it would stand only six feet high, he ad-

The first phase, from Gardiner Drive to the southeast corner of the park was to be started this week. The second phase called for the fence to go from that corner to the park entrance off Charles Street.

Three of four adjacent residents were opposed to the fencing and now residents in the surrounding area say they don't want to look at a chain link fence around the park, said Mr.

The town will now seek legal advice to find out its liability position should it decide not to fence the park, he said.

But no fencing will be erected until next year, he said.

The new bus, as well as two new

trains during rush hours in Milton,

are being introduced in response to

Extra Go buses set to run

Starting in January Georgetown commuters won't have to leave the office right at 5 p.m. to catch the rush hour trains.

GO Transit is introducing a bus service from Union Station in Toronto to Georgetown Jan. 9, said GO spokesman Edmund Shea.

Fire report

The bus will leave Union Station at 7:30 p.m. and service the GO stations in Brampton, Bramalea and Georgetown.

Fire officials report two fireplace-

related fires on Thursday morning,

the day of last week's power

At 9:12 a.m. officials were called to Lot 17, Con. 6 where a box of hot ashes stored in the garage caused \$1,000 damage. No one was home when officials responded to the

Shortly after noon at Eden Place. Georgetown, a chimney fire caused

\$2,000 damage. Officials say the flames were the result of an improperty installed airtight stove.

The smell of smoke in an Edith

Street house brought officials to the

home to investigate. The cause, say

officials, was a lampshade rubbing

against a light bulb. There was no

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growing population and a perceived need for a late hour service, said Mr. The bus from Toronto to

Georgetown will allow people to stay in Toronto longer during the day to wrap up business or go shopping, he

"A lot of people can't leave the office punctually," said Mr. Shea. GO is re-examining the train and bus service along all its lines but there is no definite changes in the works, sald Mr. Shea.



formation Centre gave its volunteers a Christmas party last week. Volunteers for Meals on Wheels and visitors to the elderly and infirm were treated to a lunch buffet and friendly conversation at the Old

year volunteer Bob MacArthur, Coordinator of Meals on Wheels. Transportation Pool and Reception June Lewis, and volunteer Mary McKenzie. (Herald photo)

Councillors left wondering

Wednesday's Throughout Regional council meeting, the 21 other councillors present kept tossing inquiring glances at the objects on the desks of two of their col-

leagues. Halton Hills' Marilyn Serjeantson and Burlington's Joyce Savoline

kept them wondering. So did Burlington's Ralph Scholtens, who sits between the two. The objects were a box of cookles and a roll of toilet paper, wrapped

Finally, in a desire to satisfy everyone's curiosity, a councillor asked what was up. Ralph Scholtens rose to his feet.

"It's no secret that I'm in the high fibre cookie manufacturing business," said the rookie coun-

"These two roses beside me have always asked for cookies," be of-

"But because they work as well as they do, I brought some tollet paper

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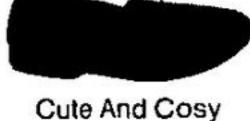


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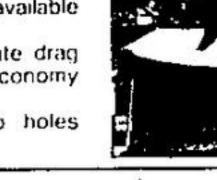
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