

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller is poised with the stop watch in preparation for the 11th annual Mayor's race on Sunday. The event begins at 8 a.m. For more information contact the recreation office at 873-2600. (Herald photo)

## Local Vintners Club brings home five awards

The Georgetown Vintners had their most successful weekend ever at the Amateur Winemakers of Ontario convention in Ottawa on the weekend.

Georgetown entries brought home five awards and the four couples who attended picked up 17 door prizes.

Perhaps the biggest winner of the show was Jim Justice, whose cider entry took first place in the category and was voted the runner-up for the Best of the Show award. The Best of the Show awards are usually given to wines, said Myles Gilson, one of the

award winners and the secretary of the Georgetown Vintners.

With the award, Mr. Justice has gained enough points for the title of Master Cider Maker.

Other winners in the judging were Ray Shier, first for North American light beer, Myles Gilson, second for cider, Ray Shier, fourth for continental amber beer and Les Smith for label design.

The Georgetown winners were chosen from a total of 500 entries in this year's judging.

Couples on hand for the event included the Gilsons, the Philipotts, the Strongs and the Justices.

## Agreement reached in Terra Cotta

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really talk or meet with each other is when they're in the store. They're in here every day to pick up the mail," said Mr. Rombough.

Rural post offices "offer a unique turn to what the big post offices in the city do."

But the Romboughs, if they had failed to sign a contract with Canada Post, would have been replaced by a new postal system in the village.

Postmistress Marilyn Hughes, scheduled to retire June 10, took an early leave for health reasons.

Canada Post has closed 300 of the 5,000 rural post offices across the country and has converted 240 of those into retail postal outlets. A death of a postmaster or a retirement is considered a "natural opportunity" to replace the rural postal system with a retail contract with Canada Post.

Mr. Rombough is sympathetic with the Gaskill-Cadwalladers, who purchased the Limehouse General Store last year and signed a contract with Canada Post to continue a 131-year postal tradition in that community. The couple opted out of the Canada Post contract in November because it wasn't paying enough.

"They bought (their store) the very same day we did in 1988," said Mr. Rombough, "but we turned (the Canada Post offer) down. It was too low."

Canada Post's latest offer leaves the Romboughs "satisfied," said Mr. Rombough. But he feels the second time around, the crown corporation learned a lesson about contract payment.

"Canada Post has certainly changed the way they're operating. They've offered me more than what they did last year. They're learning probably from experience. It's new to them," he said.

Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner takes some of the credit for Canada Post's more generous offer this year. Mr. Turner met with Canada Post president Don Lander last Thursday to discuss the Terra Cotta service.

"I brought the Terra Cotta situation directly to his attention... I was fortunate enough to be able to take it to the top."

National Manager of Canada Post's rural network John Polak was in Terra Cotta Monday to discuss the contract offer with the Romboughs. But he denies that money was given special consideration.

"The basis of the agreement was the same basis that we signed in Limehouse," said Mr. Polak, adding "each and every case is different."

Service is a factor in determining a contract proposal, he said.

Canada Post and the Romboughs had been negotiating for five weeks before the contract was agreed upon Tuesday morning. Mr. Rombough said he had told Canada Post what he wanted and "it was back in their court."

There will be a 90-day sub-contract at Terra Cotta until "things are set up," said Mr. Rombough. But "the people in Terra Cotta can breathe easier," knowing there is a contract, he said.

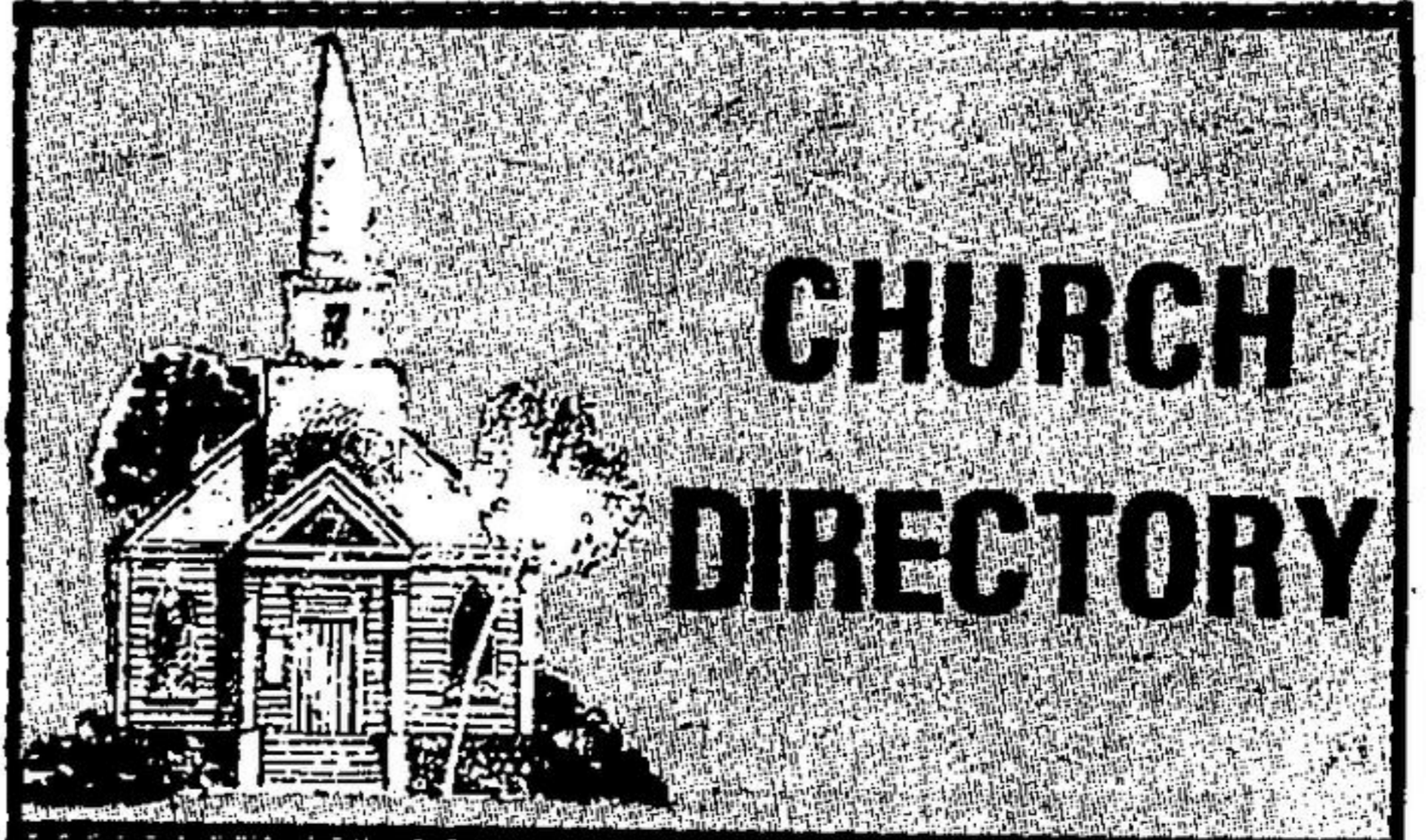
The contract date will be effective June 10, the day Mrs. Hughes is scheduled to retire.

Local residents in Terra Cotta will meet with Canada Post tonight (Wednesday) to discuss the details of continued postal service. They will have the option of using locked boxes or continuing to use the mail slots provided in the general store.

Residents, unsure of what direction the contract offer with Terra Cotta would take, said Monday they would try to form a public meeting tonight to tell Canada Post what service they wanted in their village.

But local resident Barb Calloway said Tuesday, there is really no reason for residents to attend the meeting if the contract offer has been accepted.

If there is a request for locked postal boxes, "it's not something that's generated from the community," she said.



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June 4th to 10th, 1989**

The Town of Halton Hills, in conjunction with Environment Canada, would like all staff and citizens to participate in the following events scheduled for each day of the week.

Monday, June 5, 1989 - Merit Monday

- The presentation of a Certificate of Merit to the Bruce Trail Association at General Committee at the Clerk's Building on Trafalgar Road at 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, June 6, 1989 -  
Tree Planting Tuesday

- The planting of a tree at the new Halton Hills Civic Centre

Wednesday, June 7, 1989 -  
Weedless Wednesday

- All smoking will be banned for one day at the Halton Hills Civic Centre

Thursday, June 8, 1989 -  
Trillium Thursday

- A day to recognize the Trillium flower in Halton Hills

Friday, June 9, 1989 -  
Bird Feeder Friday

- The installation of a bird feeder at the new Halton Hills Civic Centre

Saturday, June 10, 1989 -  
Softball Saturday

- Town staff will challenge the Town Council to a game of softball in order to raise money for bird seed for the bird feeder, Norval Ball Park, 2:15 P.M.

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