



This is one of the Glen Williams Public School students, who participated in the school's Christmas show last Thursday night. This student participated in the Grade 4-5 class presentation entitled "I'm the Greatest." Besides the Christmas tree seen here, a variety of other holiday symbols were claiming the prestigious title. (Herald photo)

Ski area is bigger, better

After spending \$1.5 million to brush up the snow-making facilities, the Glen Eden Ski Area in Milton is open for business for another winter season - and not a moment too soon, says ski area supervisor Bob Falle.

Ski areas outside Halton Region are "way ahead," Mr. Falle said. The Glen Eden staff are "frustrated" being closed while snow has piled up this year.

Environment Canada reports over 38 cm of snow in November and so far this month compared to figures of 8.4 cm of snow for the same period last year.

"It's a sort of freak that it's this cold at this time of year. It hasn't been this cold in 10 years," Mr. Falle said.

"A lot of resorts opened Grey Cup Weekend. That's a rarity."

Glen Eden will open its 12 slopes during the next two weeks. The slopes are serviced by two chair lifts and three T-bars.

The ski area opened officially for the winter season Monday night.

"It's been very frustrating. It's been perfect snow-making weather," Mr. Falle said Monday. "We've had our best year yet as far as pre-season sales go."

The \$1.5 million spent by Glen Eden, operated by the Halton Region Conservation Authority, went towards a new ski run, and a new grooming vehicle, as well as the snow making equipment that will give the slopes "100 per cent"

snow making capacity, more than doubling what Glen Eden could do last year, Mr. Falle said.

Dam still blocks canoes on Credit

Paddlers canoeing down the Credit River through Norval this spring will be blocked by a dam at the Julian Reed residence, but a barbed wire fence stopping canoeists travelling the river will be gone.

Mr. Reed, a former MPP for the now defunct Halton-Burlington riding, was taken to court last April by the provincially-funded Canoe Ontario. The group won a decision to say the Credit River is "navigable" near his 100-acre property on Winston Churchill Boulevard north of Highway 7.

The Ontario Supreme Court ordered Mr. Reed to remove a barbed wire fence he placed across the river to keep his cattle on his property. The river dam which dates back to the early 1800s was granted "grandfather rights" by the Supreme Court which allows it to remain in the Reeds' possession.

But what Canoe Ontario is calling "precedent-setting" and "a victory" in the Supreme Court ruling, is a loss to canoeists, Wilderness Canoe Association member Jim Greenacre says.

"We didn't win. We still don't have automatic permission to portage around the dam without Julian Reed's permission. And we're sure he won't give it to us."

Mr. Greenacre approached Mr. Reed in 1981, asking for permission to portage across the Norval resident's property to bypass the dam.

Mr. Greenacre published an arti-

cle in the wilderness canoe association's quarterly magazine, warning paddlers to avoid the dammed area of the Credit River. His article launched a legal battle that kept Canoe Ontario and the Reeds arguing for five years.

But Mr. Reed said the Credit River is a bad choice for a court battle that will set precedents for other river trials in the province. That river is "lousy" for canoeing, he said, and has a season ending in mid-May. "It's all over because the water goes down," Mr. Reed said.

Mr. Greenacre and the Wilderness Canoe Association maintain that the Credit has good paddling in the spring and the fall, but this is being stunted by Mr. Reed's dam.

"You can paddle down the Credit, but if you want to get down

the Credit and past (Mr. Reed's) property, you have to get off (the water) higher upstream," he said.

The Supreme Court heard Mr. Reed say canoeists littered on his property and "abused" him when they passed.

"It's unfair," Mr. Greenacre said of the allegations. "Mr. Reed claims that canoeists have left their garbage on his property and they have been abusive to him. He even claimed in court that canoeists have cut his barbed wire fence on the river."

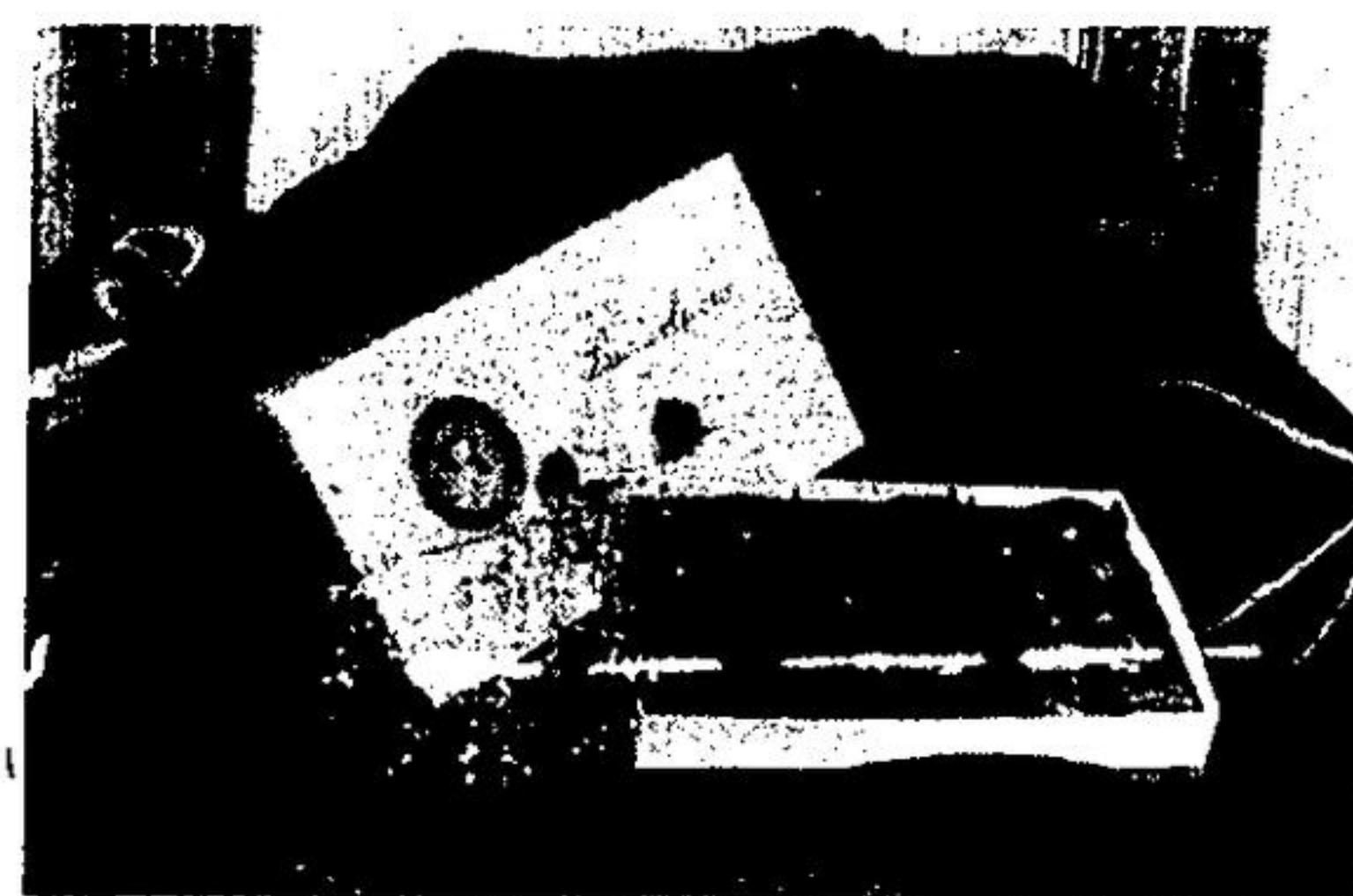
Mr. Greenacre suggested that anglers were responsible for the trash thrown on the Reed property. But Mr. Reed said "it wasn't the fishermen and it has never been the fishermen."

Mr. Reed says canoeists should not have access to his property, as ruled by the Supreme Court judge.



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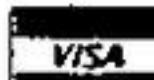
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