



Allan Edwards, president of Age Mechanical Sales Limited, and Jean Connolly, service co-ordinator, stand behind one of the newest ideas in plumbing. The sink has a handmade flower painted onto it. Mr. Edwards says the art can be made to fit into any kind of bathroom. (Herald photo)

Age Mechanical brings art into the bathroom

By ALAN MACKIE
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A new part to Age Mechanical Limited on Sinclair Avenue in Georgetown opened in January to allow people to see the plumbing and heating fixtures that it builds. Allen Edwards, president of Age Mechanical Sales Limited, said.

The retail sales section of the company is not the only new idea the company has had.

Mr. Edwards said the company is bringing original individually hand created art into the washrooms.

A kind of mural on ceramics. "It's hard to describe. I just have to recommend people come and see them," Mr. Edwards said.

All the art is specifically designed to fit a certain type of bathroom. Mr. Edwards said.

This is an attempt to enhance the bathroom without having to buy European designs since this is a Canadian design, he said.

"It's another reason for people

to come to the Hills" Mr. Edwards said.

"I feel there's a need in Georgetown where people can buy the luxury upgraded fixtures in the area without heading to Toronto," he said.

The new sales division will even serve a growing do-it-yourself market, Mr. Edwards said.

Jennie Chapman, general manager of the sales department, said as the Halton Hills population grows, all markets will grow. "Georgetown is a rapidly expanding area."

Mr. Edwards added, "We have confidence in the Georgetown area as a thriving community."

One of the next things being introduced to the company is a computerized system that will be replacing "our manual system," Ms. Chapman said. While the customers may not notice any difference in service, the computers will have an internal affect that actually may give the company more time for customer

service, she said.

One of the reasons for moving to computers is because "everybody wants answers yesterday," Ms. Chapman said.

Mr. Edwards predicts the nineties will be a carry-over of the eighties as customers become more and more informed about their decisions. The new 1200 square-foot showroom is to help inform the customers, he added.

Ms. Chapman said "Things are not going to be as rosy as we've (society) experienced." People will be dressing up homes instead of changing them due to a possible slow down in the economy.

Mr. Edwards agreed that home renovations will soon be increasing.



A new spirit of giving

June will be BIG

By BEN DUMMETT
the Herald

In the inimitable words of showman Ed Sullivan, this year's Halton Hills B.I.G. Show is going to be a "Really Big Shew."

Over 8,000 people are expected to visit about 150 booths set up inside and outside the Gordon Alcott Arena in Georgetown by local businesses June 1, 2 and 3, says the trade show's chairman Doug Penrice.

But the attractions don't stop there. There will be continuous entertainment, fashion shows, the Big Chill Dance, double decker bus tours, and the BIGgest ice cream sundae bar. The bar, which amounts to an ice cream lover's version of heaven, will be a table the length of the arena covered with different ice cream flavors.

The show will cost approximately \$30,000 to put on.

There will be a great emphasis on children's activities at this year's event compared to the 1988 show, Mr. Penrice says.

Parents will be able to drop off their children at a supervised play

area, that will include the "world's largest sand box," jugglers, face painting and other activities while they visit the booths, he said.

"It (the show) will be a family affair."

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce organized the first two B.I.G. Shows in 1984 and 1988.

The anachorism stood for Business in Georgetown. But last year the Georgetown and Acton Chambers of Commerce merged to form the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce. BIG now stands for the show's sheer enormity, said Mr. Penrice.

The event allows Halton Hills residents and others to see the services and products offered by area businesses without being "pestered" into buying something. "It's an information show and not a selling show," he said.

It also allows people new to Halton Hills to see what's available, says Mr. Penrice, pointing out that the town has a transient population.

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