



**Artistic creation**

Local artist Jo Wallerson shows off one of her many water color art works during the Forge Gallery's Christmas Open House in Terra Cotta Saturday. The open house runs until Dec. 22. (Herald Photo)



**Welcoming New Chum**

New Chum, Eric King (right) got some knotting instructions from his brother Cub David King at a recent 1st Georgetown Cub pack meeting. (Photo submitted)

**Jobs will be close by next year**

One of the healthiest job markets in the country will be found in the Brampton area as the New Year begins, according to results of the latest Employment Outlook survey released today by Manpower Temporary Services, the world's largest temporary help service.

Of the area employers polled about first quarter hiring plans, 16 percent expect to add more workers during the January/February/March period while 4 percent predict staff cutbacks. Another 76 percent foresee no change in current staffing levels and 4 percent are unsure.

Diane Slater, Manager of Manpower's office reported, "The latest survey results appear to be a continuation of the upturn that began earlier this year. Three months ago, 16 percent of the employers surveyed expected workforce increases and 8 percent anticipated decreases. A year ago, by comparison, the job picture was weak as 4 percent predicted adding staff and 15 percent expected cutbacks."

Job opportunities this winter appear best in wholesale/retail trade, transportation/public utilities, and finance/insurance/real estate. Staff reductions are forecast in non-

entertainment durable goods manufacturing. Nationally, the picture remains negative, though considerably improved over that of one year ago. In the upcoming quarter, 12 percent will add staff while 19 percent expect to reduce employment rolls and 63 percent will remain at present levels. Another 6 percent are not yet certain. Geographically, only eight of 39 cities surveyed reflect a positive hiring position with more companies adding employees than cutting back. The Province of Ontario showed somewhat more strength than other areas.

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**Remembering Christmas**

By FR. DAN CYR

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Almost 2,000 years ago, a Child was born and has forever changed the history of humankind. This little Child, Jesus Christ, is honored on His birthday by millions of followers. Unfortunately, the Birthday of the Babe of Bethlehem has become too commercialized. It is difficult not to get wrapped up in the consumerism of the day. The following poem might be helpful for us.

The mistake we sometimes make is in thinking that

Christmas occurs on December 25th, when actually that is just the day we've chosen to celebrate all the Christmases in all our lives. Christmas is a miracle that happens whenever love and hope and wonder are brought into the world. It can happen over coffee with a friend, in the checkout line at the grocery store, or at a family picnic. It can happen noisily - like when the kids come home from school, or quietly, in the hush of a hospital room. Christmas happens in the small moments when people are real and available to each other.

That's when love is born. And when you think about it, love coming into this world is what Christmas is all about.

Have a blessed Christmas and remember to "keep Christ in Christmas".

**Correction**

In the Dec. 4 issue of the Halton Hills Herald, it was mistakenly reported on the front page of the Living in the Hills section that Jack Pickup is 88-years-old. In fact, he is 81-years-old. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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**HALTON HILLS HYDRO** 1992 HYDRO RATES

Ontario Hydro has announced that the wholesale cost of power purchased by Halton Hills Hydro-Electric Commission during 1992 will increase by 11.8% effective January 1, 1992. Due to the higher cost of wholesale power and the higher cost of providing services, Halton Hills Hydro-Electric Commission finds it necessary to request Ontario Hydro and the Ontario Hydro Energy Board approval to increase the 1992 retail rates an average of 11.6% effective January 1, 1992, as follows:

RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL SERVICE			
MONTHLY ACCOUNT		BI-MONTHLY ACCOUNT	
First 250 kW.h.	at 13.85¢ per kW.h.	First 500 kW.h.	at 13.85¢ per kW.h.
Balance	at 6.85¢ per kW.h.	Balance	at 6.85¢ per kW.h.
Minimum Bill	7.50¢	Minimum Bill	15.00¢
1992 RENTAL WATER HEATER RATES			
40 Gallon	\$6.50 per month	60 Gallon	\$7.00 per month
RATES FOR GENERAL SERVICE			
MONTHLY ACCOUNT		BI-MONTHLY ACCOUNT	
First 250 kW.h.	at 13.85¢ per kW.h.	First 500 kW.h.	at 13.85¢ per kW.h.
Next 12,250 kW.h.	at 7.53¢ per kW.h.	Next 24,500 kW.h.	at 7.53¢ per kW.h.
Balance	at 5.42¢ per kW.h.	Balance	at 5.42¢ per kW.h.
Minimum Bill	7.50¢	Minimum Bill	15.00¢
Demand charge \$5.25 per kW for all kW over 50			
OVER 50kW - .60¢ per kW for all kW applicable to the maximum billing demand during the previous eleven months or the contracted amount, whichever is greater.			
MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES			
NON-PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS			
Late Payment		5% Applied After Due Date	
N.S.F. Cheques	\$10.50		
Collection Charges	\$7.00		
Reconnection Charges		At Meter \$14.00 - At Pole \$17.25	
Dispute Meter Test Fee	\$5.00	After Hours \$27.30	
Arrears Certificate	\$10.50		