

Kinsmen shred 'wise'ly

Wastewise project manager Diane van de Valk digs out the shredded remains of some documents Kinsmen President Jack Walinga shredded in the new shredding machine the Georgetown Kinsmen bought for the recycling non-profit organization. Wastewise, which recycles office paper for several big businesses in town, approached the Kinsmen

Club for funding when small businesses raised the concern about confidential documents. These businesses can now make use of the self-serve shredder located in the Armstrong Avenue warehouse. For more information on this project, call Wastewise at 873-8122. (Herald Photo)

## Wastewise involves the community

A major fundraising campaign spearheaded by Georgetwon resident Linda Walton for the local recycling depot, Wastewise, is achieving results in more ways than one.

It was the efforts of Ms. Walton, said Wastewise Gengal manager Diane van de Valk, which led to Toronto-based National Grocers donating a forklift and kattery charger to the depot.

Avenue in Georgetown, collects and markets recyclable material and acts as an environmental resource and education centre for the general public.

Ms. van de Valk said the forklift and battery charger are only the most recent items donated to Wastewise as a result of Ms. Walton's efforts.

Since joining the Wastewise team as a volunteer in August, Ms. walton's efforts have resulted in the following donations from local companies: a microwave from Broomhead Printing; hardware and lumber from Boehmers; harware from Home Hardware; twoby-four wood planks from Macken-Wastewise, located on Armstron. Lumber; shelves and cabinets from Neilson and two pump trucks from Bos Lift Trunk Systems.

Ms. van de Valk also pointed out Ms. Walton's fundraising efforts will likely result in a cash donation to Wastewise of between \$10,000 and \$30,000 from Toronto-based Lever

Brothers Inc.

A final decision on the donation is "immenient", said Ms. van de Valk.

She said the Lever Brother donation will be used to re-hire two local residents to help run the depot. Both are currently employed at Wastewise and are paid with money provided through a Federal government job creation program. However the Federal government money will soon no longer be avialable.

Pointing out that these two people were unemployed before working at Wastewise, Ms. van de Valk concluded, "the economic spinoffs (from Wastewise), are pretty clear."

Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### Environmentally friendly decorating ideas

By Georgina Nipshagen **Herald Special Ecological Christmas** 

Decorations Considering that the Christmas tree is sacrosanct in our society, any suggestions to modify the tradition meets stiff opposition. In spite of this, it is imperative that we consider alternatives that are kinder to the environment than our present practices.

Tremendous loss of wildlife and natural resources have resulted when vast areas are flooded as dams are built to provide electricity for Southern Ontario. Our wholesale waste of electricity needs to be questioned. Although electric Christmas lights are considered traditional, their use was unknown a century ago.

Perhaps we could wean ourselves gradually by a move to one or two colourful spotlights, or by replacing our usual outdoor bulbs with colored ones for the holidays. On the indoor tree we might move to the use of smaller and fewer tree lights and gradually replace them with bunches of colorful wild red berries and other natural materials.

I would like to suggest a visit to the York Quay Christmas tree display at Harbour Front before

Dec. 29 for some ideas on unusual Christmas decorating. While you are there be sure to seek out the "naturally" decorated Christmas tree by the Ontario Herbal Association.

Prune your evergreens in December and make a tree.

Directions: Foundation - a piece of heavy wire or light metal bent into a triangular shape and covered with chicken wire or wire mesh. Allow enough wire to fasten a thick branch or bark from your wood pile (to simulate a tree trunk) and to create a bose below the trunk to simulate a tub or the earth.

Prune everygreen tips 5-7 inches long and weave or wire them to produce a bushy flat tree. Use those cuttings with pointed ends for the outside edges. The top point first and then the two symmetrical pieces for the bottom

Cover the base with grape vines or something similar. Decorate with natural materials, such as cones, milkweed podsand any dried plant material.

As you put your decorations away think about next year and how YOU CAN MAKE A DIF-FERENCE.

### Wood chipping along local Bruce Trail

By CHRIS WALKER Herald Special

What do you do when you have literally tons of unwanted waste wood that you can no longer throw into the landfill. You turn it into wood chips and spread it on the Bruce Trail!

That is exactly what happened on a recent weekend when more than 40 volunteers from several neighboring communities gathered at Silver Creek Education Centre on 9th Line north of Georgetown. The hiking trails along the Niagara Escarpment in the Scotsdale-Silver Creek-Terra Cotta area are heavily used by

thousands of hikers and students every year. In order to avoid a developing erosion problem caused by too many feet, the Toronto Bruce Trail Club, which maintains the Halton Hills section of the Bruce Trail, arranged for the November workday.

The wood chips, eight tons of them, were donated by WCI of Brampton and were delivered free of charge. Credit Valley Conservation Authority supplied vehicles and equipment to move parts of the huge chip pile to several drop points along the Trail.

### Power board game soon to arrive

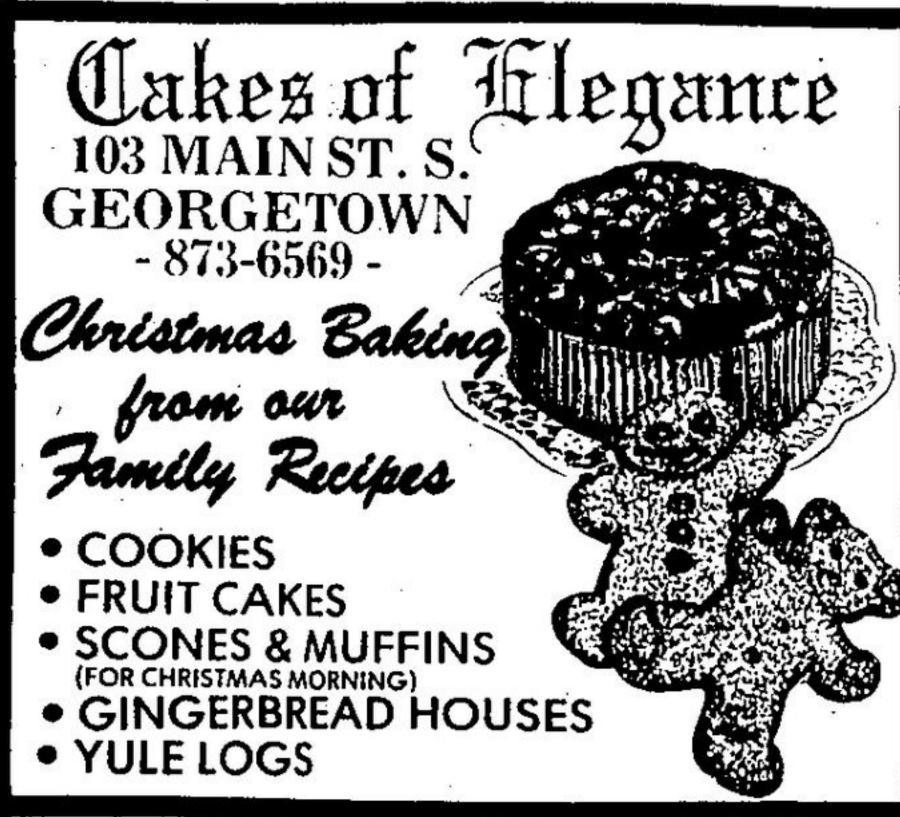
The Game of Georgetown (our version of Monopoly) is on its way and is expected for distribution and sale this weekend. P.O.W.E.R. spokes person, David Noble, said there have been a number of delays as proofs were sent back and forth before all businesses on the board were satisfied.

P.O.W.E.R. claims this ideal, one size fits all, gift will give harried shoppers instant relief from Christmas panic.

Anyone who placed any early order can pick up their game at Beeline Travel at 5 Wesleyan Street just off Main Street in

downtown Georgetown. Beeline is open Friday from 9-5 and Saturday from 10-2. Everyone will be phoned and if that option is not convenient, other arrangements will be made.

If you did not order ahead you can still pick up a game at Georgetown Yarn and Crafts between Zellers and Shoppers Drug Mart in the plaza, and at Up Up and Away on Main Street. A number of other businesses will also have the Game of Georgetown on sale for \$20. Call David Noble 877-1780 for more information.



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