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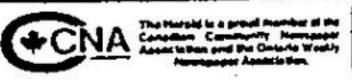
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# Give a hug for Christmas

The Christmas season of 1991 will be remembered by many not for the joy the festive season should bring, but for the harsh economic times currently ravaging Canada.

It is hard for mothers and fathers to be merry when it basically is all parents can do to simply make ends meet.

How can money be lavishly spent on gifts when the fearsome prospect of unemployment lurks like a dark shadow over previously happy proceedings.

The dinner table that used to be full to overflowing in years past, now appears to be bereft of bounty that once was taken for granted at this time of the year.

One thing that harsh economic times can't take away. however, is family love.

So the thermostat is turned down a bit lower and there aren't as many presents scattered around the tree as there were in years past! And quite possibly not nearly the amount of food that used to be consumed on a daily basis throughout the holiday season!

So what!

Mothers and fathers love for each other and their children can make even the darkest of times just a little bit brighter and less threatening.

A family hug at Christmas, a sign of togetherness that can never be torn apart, is perhaps the best gift of all.

Give your family a hug for Christmas. From the Herald family, we wish you and yours a big hug as well, and a safe and happy Christmas.

#### **Community Forum** 1992 predictions



HARRY GEORGETOWN "We will struggle to win back



**GEORGETOWN** "Perhaps people will be more optimistic. We have had a tough year. It is time for people to perk up a little."



MCLEAN, MICHAEL GEORGETOWN

"This recession will lead to a depression and the economic problems are nowhere near over. We haven't hit the bottom yet. When we do, people will feel it."



DAVID KNIGHT, Georgetown "The future is questionable. Questionable in the economy, politics, everything. But I don't think Quebec will separate. You have to be optimistic."



#### People's Forum

### Lions club says thanks to many

Attention: The Editor

Dear Sir:

Re: Lions Club of Georgetown 60th Annual Santa Claus Parade, November 30, 1991.

Through the facility of your editorial page the Lions Club of Georgetown would like to thank all of the participants who braved the blustery weather on Nov. 30, and applied their energy, enthusiasm and imagination to make our 60th Annual Santa Claus Parade another success. We look forward to seeing all of you back on Nov. 28, 1992.

Each year we call upon local merchants and industry to support the parade. Through an advertisement appearing elsewhere in this newspaper, we have acknowledged with our thanks, those who contributed to the cost of staging the parade through donation of service, material or funds.

The single largest expense in

our budget is for the hiring of bands. This year, a few days prior to the parade, our most expensive band was forced to withdraw due to the high incident of flu amongst its members. As a result, we immediately stopped our fundraising, but nonetheless we have incured a surplus. We are pleased to announce that the Lions Club of Georgetown has matched the amount of the surplus, and on behalf of our many sponsors, we have made a donation of \$500.00 to the Good Neighbors Christmas Basket program, over and above our customery donation to that

To those who we called upon this year and supported us so generously, we extend our thanks. To those who have supported us in the past and did not hear from us, we know that we could have counted on you and'we look forward to your support in

the future.

Finally, we would like to publish the names of those groups which participated in the parade and were singled out by our judges:

Best Band: Georgetown Air Cadets:

Best Marching Group: Halton Hills Gymnastics Club;

Best Service Club: Peel Shrine - Club;

Best Theme Entry (for "An Old-Fashioned Christmas"): Georgetown District Christian School;

Best Overall: Georgetown Lioness Club;

Special Judge Award: North Halton Scouts;

Honorable Mention: Halton Hills Fire Department.

Sincerely yours, The Santa Claus Parade Commit-Lions Club of Georgetown

### Georgetown, the place to be

Dear Editor,

My husband, my two sons and myself just recently moved to Georgetown from a small community called Red Lake (in Northwest Ontario).

I just wanted to express by gratitude to the people of Georgetown for making us feel so welcome. Whether its the people

at Wendy's or Miracle Mart, those who have ordered my Ukrainian perogies, the people at this paper, wherever we go, the service is always friendly and the best!

Everything you could possibly want is right here in Georgetown.

We really enjoy our visits to the Apple Factory, Crawfords, shopping at all the local stores and meeting the lovely warm people in this community we now proudly and happily call "home".

What a nice welcome to the "South", from a Northern born family.

Thank you all so much! Mary Ann Leavens, Danny, Daniel and Bobby

#### Coverage welcomed

I am writing on behalf of Georgetown Globe Productions to thank you for your excellent coverage of our recent presentation of "My Fair Lady".

Publicity is an important part of any theatrical production and the Herald can always be relied upon to give its full cooperation.

Your generous contributions to all aspects of the performing arts . are very much appreciated by community theatre in Halton 

> Sincerely, Maureen Walker

## Local businesses support church

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the St. John's United Church Christmas House Tour I would like to thank your newspaper for assisting us in the promotion of this event.

would also like to acknowledge several other local businesses that participated in various ways: Broomhead Printing, Fendley Florists, Harris Craft, Teddy Bear Magic, Shirley Deaville, Georgetown Terminal Warehouse, D and D Copying, Hallmark Gifts, Georgetown

Fruit Market, Papter Factory, M and M Meat Shops and Isobel Cruise of Interiors.

Through the generosity of these Georgetown businesses our Tour was a tremendous success enabling us to make a substantial contribution to the St. John's renovation and restoration project now in progress.

Thank you everyone.

Yours truly, Gloria Sinclair Committee Chairperson