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The old Smith and Stone building on Glen Rd. in Georgetown, an industrial landmark for almost 70 years, was demolished in mid-December after being closed for more than a year.

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# Industrial landmark demolished

By Oksana Buhel

An overly competitive business climate and unrelenting off-shore competitors were blamed for the closure – and ultimate demolition – of a 70-year-old industrial landmark in Georgetown; the former Smith and Stone Ltd. on Glen Rd.

"We are dealing in a very competitive industry and offshore competitors have been really hurting business," explained Rob Hammond, president of Hammond Manufacturing in Guelph, which has owned the building since 1986.

The company manufactures electrical fixtures and, for a limited period of time, manufactured porcelain. Hammond explained when business was at its peak, almost 250 workers were employed at the "old Smith and Stone" building. By the time the building closed last October, only 60 people were employed there.

Asked if at that time any plans existed to re-open business, Hammond contradicted circulating rumors by insisting "not at all."

### Second City to appear

If you are tired of winter already and are looking for a way to avoid your Christmas visa bill when it arrives, Arts Alive has a good idea on how you can "get happy". The Second City Touring Company is coming to town on Friday, Jan. 28. This group of five zany young people will do anything to make you laugh. No subject is taboo. Every politician is fair game. In fact, seeing the Second City is so much fun that we are waiting for it to become illegal! Tickets are available now at the Halton Hills Library and at Royal LePage, 170 Guelph St.



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