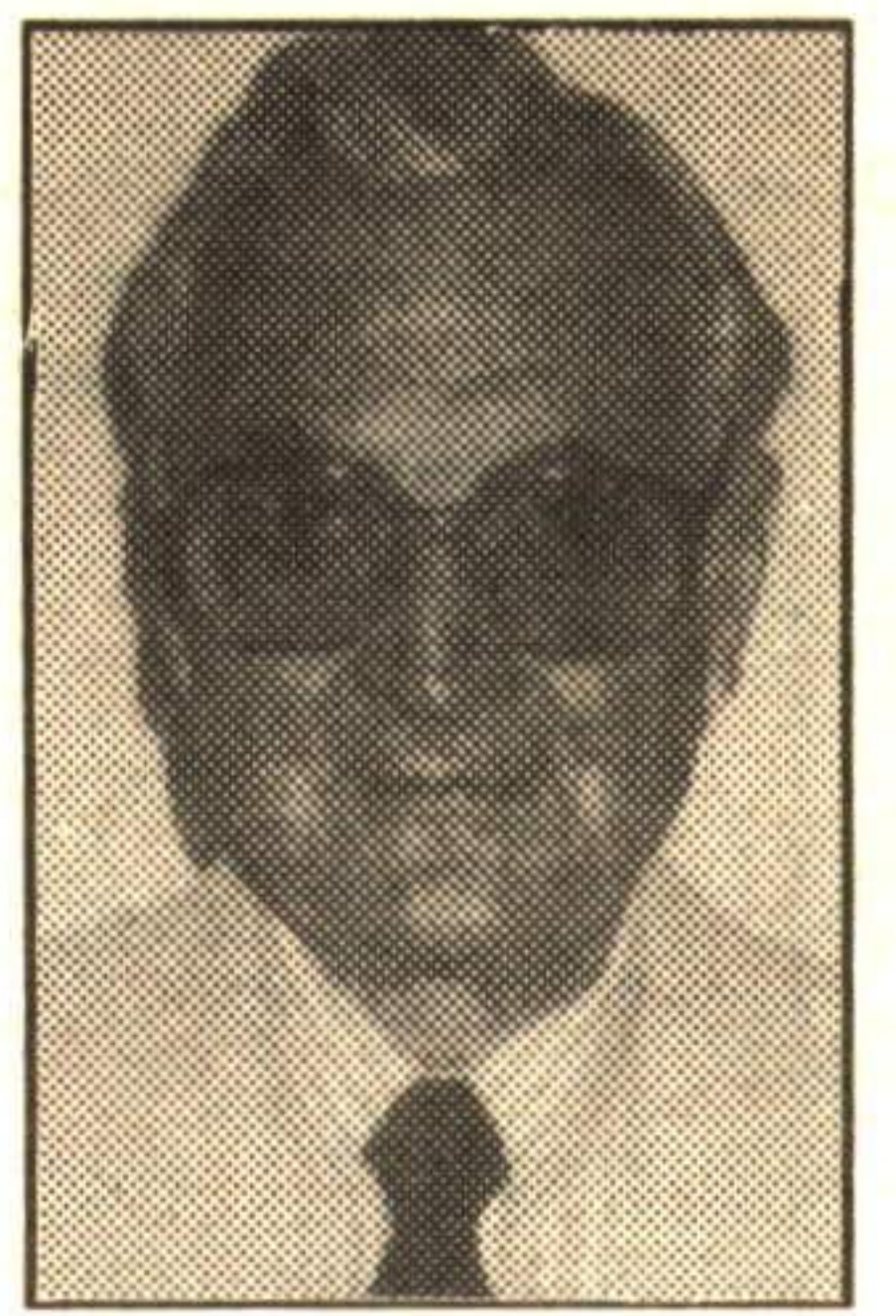


Former mayor Steamer Emmerson dies



'STEAMER' EMMERSON

The former mayor of Georgetown and the 1984 Citizen of the Year Wheldon (Steamer) Emmerson died at his home Wednesday.

Emmerson, 71, who was Georgetown's mayor in 1969 and 1970, is survived by his wife Muriel Hewson and his son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter, Blake, Leesa and Amanda. He is also survived by

his brother Steven of Acton and sister Lois Teesdale of Brampton.

Emmerson entered municipal politics in 1966 and before becoming the town's mayor he worked as an assistant administrator at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

After his term as mayor Emmerson worked for 10 years as

the deputy sheriff of Halton County. He retired from that position in 1980.

Emmerson was very active in his community over the years. An award in Emmerson's name, in recognition of his work with organization, is given annually to the Halton Hills Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation's volunteer of the year. In 1992

Emmerson received a commemorative Canada 125 medal in recognition of his significant contribution to his country, community and compatriots.

Friends were received at the J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home on Thursday. The funeral and committal service was held in the chapel on Friday afternoon.

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Door damaged

A man asleep at his Delrex Blvd. residence awoke at 1:30 a.m. Saturday when he heard thumping on his door. He got up and attempted to open the door, but it wouldn't open because the deadbolt was damaged, police said. Prior incidents of the same nature had happened at this house. Police have no suspects, but would like to hear from anyone who may have seen or heard anything at that time.

AHS assault

A student at Acton High School was charged with assault on Monday afternoon after an incident with the vice-principal, police said. They report the student was agitated and challenged the vice-principal, but there was no physical violence.

St. Brigid break-in

St. Brigid School, which is under construction in Georgetown south, was broken into sometime over the weekend. Someone entered a tool storage room and took tools and copper pipe fittings worth \$1,100, police said.

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In the spirit of Christmas



In keeping with the season, the Love in Christ Food Bank received a load of toys Wednesday afternoon as students from Holy Cross and St. Francis of Assisi schools delivered them to the food bank to benefit less fortunate children. The toys were acquired through a joint program with the schools and the Georgetown Canadian Tire, in which the children and shoppers at the store donated \$1,600 in

Canadian Tire money for the toys, and the store sold them at cost. In addition, Fisher Price/Mattel donated \$800 worth of baby toys to the cause. Among those students helping out were (from left) Tracey Van Meijel, Craig Fisher, Rhonda Myers, Michael Clost, Billy Jackman, Amanda Farrugia, Sarah Caldwell and Edward Van Klink.

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