

Edgar Foster was honoured as Citizen of the Year at Friday's banquet. Long-time friend Leonard McNell Introduced Mr. Foster to the more than 100 people in attendance at the event. The 77-year-old has been an active Milton volunteer for most of

Chamber applauds Edgar

More than 100 people were on hand to salute Milton's Citizen of the Year - Edgar Foster - at the annual Milton Chamber of Commerce Community Awards Dinner Friday evening.

Paul Lonergan served as master of ceremonies for the event which saw Mr. Foster honoured. Other recipients were Vera Delacourt who was named Businessperson of the year, and Wayne and Elaine Guard, of Feherguard Products Ltd., for Business of the year.

The Milton blood donor clinic was voted the Organization of the year with Margo Kent, clinic chairman, accepting the award. The Civic Improvement Award went to the Town of Milton for the restoration of the former courthouse and jail, to become the new town hall.

Each of the recipients were presented with four different awards. Carole Budworth, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presented for the chamber, and Mayor Gord Krantz did so for the Town. MPP Don Knight was on hand for the presentations and a representative from Otto Jelinek's office made a presentation on his behalf.



Wayne and Elaine Guard of Feherguard Products Ltd. accepted their award for Business of the Year, at the annual Chamber of Commerce Community Awards held Friday evening. MPP Don Knight presented the couple with a plaque. Mr. Guard said that if he had set up business in Toronto no one would have recognized its growth.

Data shows drunks kill

By LISA TALLYN Champion Reporter

Nineteen Halton residents lost their lives last year as a result of drinking drivers. In all, 64 per cent of accident fatalities were alcohol-related

These alarming statistics concern Sgt. Garry Bogue, who heads up the Halton Region Traffic Bureau for Halton Regional Police. He notes that the national average for alcoholrelated fatalities is 55 per cent.

The numbers are down slightly from 1984 when there were 20 fatal accidents resulting in 29 deaths. In 1985, Halton police investigated 17 fatal accidents, which resulted in 19 deaths. In Milton alone, four accidents were alcohol-related resulting in five deaths.

'In the case of Milton, alcohol was a contributing factor, but not the only one," said Sgt. Bogue. "We have a lot of back roads up here. Some people speed and drive carelessly, but could be responsible for

He predicts a decline in drinking and driving for 1986, caused in part by the introduction in December of tough new federal and provincial laws clamping down on impaired drivers.

"Our officers are having a difficult time getting impaired drivers out there now." In regional spot checks for the month of January, the traffic bureau stopped 625 cars, but nabbed only five impaired drivers.

The mandatory one-year suspension for first-time impaired drivers and soaring insurance premiums are scaring a lot of motorists.

"It has really hit home with people who drive for a living," he added. "In the past, a company could hide an impaired driver for three months. But they can't do it for a year."

The force plans to step up their public education program on impaired driving this year.

'We want people to start thinking of drinking and driving as a crime, the same way they think of murder as a crime."

Each member of the traffic bureau has been assigned a district where they will be responsible for holding forums, and presenting information to schools and service clubs. They all sit on the different mayors' committees on drinking and driving.



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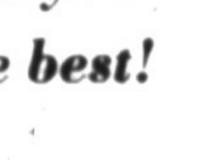


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