

New heart campaign is seeking canvassers

For the first time, Acton will have a heart fund campaign in February. The Lions club has agreed to sponsor the campaign here, with experienced fund-raiser Vic Bristow at the helm. He is asking for volunteers to canvass door-to-door as this is the best way to elicit a response from the people. Over 60 are needed to properly cover the town, he says. The canvassers will have envelopes they can leave at doors if the people aren't home and donations can be

mailed-in. Anyone willing to canvass is asked to get in touch with Vic Bristow. He hopes to begin this week. **Roses** Cancer month has its daffodils, and heart month has its roses. There are plastic roses on display in the four banks, with posters asking for donations for the heart fund. A special heart month flag is flying at the Bank of Montreal. Heart disease is Canada's Number One heart problem.

Mr. Bristow points out. It afflicts more than 2,500, 5,000 men, women and children in Canada and kills over 77,000 annually—more than all other causes of death combined. **TV shows** Two television shows due soon are related to the campaign. They'll be shown over channel 11, Feb. 19 at noon and Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. Mr. Bristow points out that 67 per cent of the money raised will be used for research into heart disease.



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John Cooper launches recreational program

Recreational co-ordinator John Cooper, now established in his new Acton office, has been busy making plans for Acton and Esqueness. Lately he has been going to the schools in both communities, discussing with the principals how each school could be used in relation to recreation. He said he is looking forward to working with and assisting the schools in this capacity. He also mentioned an idea for a "Creative Play Project" involving one of the schools. He would assist them in developing a creative play-ground area. **Groups** Mr. Cooper has started to meet with community groups to discuss recreational possibilities. Last night (Tuesday), he met with the

Glen Williams town hall trustees to make plans for the town hall and provide consultation. He will also be meeting with the Acton Y.M.C.A. this week. For the summer, Mr. Cooper is concentrating on playgrounds. He said that the locations have already been picked out, the recreation department will soon be looking for staff to maintain and supervise these areas. **Conference** In preparation for his job, Mr. Cooper attended a conference on consultation skills. He said, "I got a lot out of it in terms of understanding myself and in consulting with groups. I will be able to work more effectively with groups." Mr. Cooper stressed that he

School Lane street light

Halton Hills Council gave permission to the Acton Hydro Commission to install a street light on School Lane. There will be an underground cable up the street and a 175-watt bulb on the pole near the Robert Little school. At the present time, there are no lights on the street, which is very dangerous as Robert Little school, at the end of the street is used during the evenings for Guides and Brownie meetings.

FIRST AID If intestines protrude in an accident casualty, do not attempt to push them back under the skin, St. John Ambulance warns. The internal organs should be covered with a sterile cloth, the casualty placed on a stretcher and removed quickly to medical aid. Do not give anything by mouth.

Save a polar bear Huxley needs you

You can help save a polar bear—that's right a polar bear. This polar bear with the distinguished name of Huxley may be put to sleep if \$3,000 isn't raised to pay for a specially constructed cage. It's a long story that started two years ago, when Wayne Lister, of the Fourth Line, had a call to design a conveyor belt. That is routine for engineer Lister, but when he was told it was a conveyor belt for a polar bear, he was somewhat surprised. Mr. Lister of Irving Steel, in Cambridge, designed the 4000 pound conveyor belt complete with hydraulic variable speed hydrostatic drive, that was later loaded on a flatcar and taken to polar country in Churchill, Manitoba. Two polar bears, Huxley and Pooh, were captured by University of Guelph biologists on ice floes in James Bay. Shot with tranquilizer guns they were airlifted to Churchill, where various experiments on their metabolism were carried

out. Under the leadership of Dr. Nils Oritsland, Polar bear expert, the conveyor was set at speeds up to 20 miles an hour, creating a treadmill, for the 700 pound animal. During the exercise the white furry bear had his blood pressure, heartbeat and other body reactions checked. When the experiments were over, Pooh stayed in Churchill, but Huxley was donated to the Metro Toronto Zoo. Recently the Zoo decided they no longer wanted poor Huxley, as they had enough Polar bears, so they told the University of Guelph, who had collaborated in the tests, if they didn't take him back he would be put to sleep. So how can you save him? Well, the University has taken Huxley back, but having no proper cage for an animal of that size called Irving Steel, and Wayne Lister for a design strong enough and big enough for the animal. Mr. Lister has come up with the design, but there is no money to pay for the large

cage. The University has also contacted Duncan Thomson, president of Dundur Equipment Ltd., Cambridge, who had been involved with the conveyor belt, and Mr. Thomson decided to make a public appeal for \$3000 to save poor old Huxley. Huxley will earn his keep at the University, where he will be part of further tests, done by Professor Best of the faculty of Biological Sciences, who is writing a thesis on his findings. It seems polar bears can expect to live 40 years in captivity, but only 29 in their natural environment. Luckily at 700 pounds Huxley is small for the breed. They can weigh up to 1,600 pounds, and would then need a much bigger and more expensive cage. A bank account has been opened in Cambridge for Huxley and donations should be sent to Huxley the Bear, Box 933, Cambridge, Ont. N1R 5X9. Perhaps his counterpart Smokey the Bear will organize a fund.

Hyde fights \$3 million forecast

A five year capital forecast of over \$3 million was too much for Councillor Ern Hyde, despite the fact he admitted a capital forecast "doesn't mean you're going to do it." Council passed the forecast saying it only indicated the debentures would be available if they were needed. Hyde persisted, saying it showed council was accepting items he had no intention of including in the capital forecast. He cited \$190,000

for an aerial ladder as an item that had never even been discussed. "Then you're looking at a \$440,000 building to put it in," commented Councillor Len Cox. Councillor Eric Morrow said he worked hard on Georgetown council to have nothing debentured but things of a capital nature such as buildings. "But here we have roads, tennis courts, soccer fields listed we could get into a desperate situation like

some U.S. cities where the snow removal is debentured." Morrow compared a debenture to a mortgage, and warned councillors they wouldn't debenture their groceries. Mayor Tom Hill said they were listed there but most likely would not be debentured. He said they would be taken out and considered, and if to be done would be done out of general revenue.

He said the treasurer has to make a capital forecast to the Region. Hyde repeated his contention that council was giving a stamp of approval in principle. Councillor Harry Levy, finance chairman, said, "Councillor Morrow is not wrong even one iota." He said he too, had worked to keep debentures almost to nothing in Georgetown. He said there were many items in the capital forecast which should not be debentured, but said the forecast had to go in, only as a rough forecast.

"If we don't enter some capital forecast now, we could be in trouble for the next five years," he added. Levy said \$50,000 had already been lopped off the forecast. Hyde repeated his objections saying, "It looks like we've earmarked the money, and that's what people will think." Levy countered by pointing out Georgetown had forecast the arena for many years and ended up by building it without a debenture, out of revenue. Councillors Hyde and Booth opposed the capital forecast, while Morrow stated "capital forecasts don't mean a thing."

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Wild flower sanctuary for old reservoir land?

The 40 acre old reservoir property in Silvercreek, owned by the town, could become a wild flower sanctuary, if the Garden Clubs of Ontario get their way. The Clubs, representing 1300 women in garden clubs across Ontario, ended a two year search for a suitable piece of land. When they found this piece of land on the Niagara Escarpment, they called it "a little gem, an oasis of unspoiled beauty". The search was for land with native flora in a natural ecological setting. The Ontario Clubs have raised \$10,000 to help maintain and fence the property, and are applying to all levels of government to have it entrusted to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. The clubs have committed themselves to provide continuing care and upkeep of the land. Mrs. D. D. Campbell, of Waterdown, a member of the Hamilton Garden Club, told this newspaper she used to visit on the former Killgour farm near the property. She said it was possible that a national Botanical Gardens network would be formed, with areas chosen from all over Canada for their regional specialties. Mrs. Campbell suggested the Georgetown reservoir land could become one of these areas, and would be an honor to the community. She hoped the residents of the surrounding area would

encourage their municipal, regional and provincial representatives to bring the wild sanctuary to fruition. She stressed they were not asking the citizens for money. In 1973 the Credit Valley Conservation Authority made an offer of \$40,000 for the 40

acres, but Queen's Park wouldn't ratify the sale of the land, so would not grant a subsidy. Later the Ministry of Natural Resources told the town they could deed the land to the CVCA for a dollar, but Halton Hills council decided to keep the land.

Sunday swim

Swimming for the handicapped began last Sunday morning at the Centennial swimming pool. Four people donned their bathing suits and took the plunge. According to Herb Dodds, organizer of the project, all had a good time and intend to do so each week. "I feel the project is headed in the right direction," Mr. Dodds said, speaking about the success of the swimming. A physiotherapist will be at the pool next Sunday to show the volunteers how to handle

the handicapped. Some of the people can swim as well as anyone without disabilities, but find the public swimming hours too crowded for their own use, according to Mr. Dodds. Anyone who is interested in swimming, but feels timid about getting into the pool, is more than welcome to go down on Sundays and just watch. It might give them the confidence they need to partake in the sport. The swimming begins at 10.30 a.m.

Equalized water rates across region proposed

Water rates in Halton Region will be under review in the very near future and serious consideration will be given to having standard water rates across the region. Until now each municipality has paid on the same rate structure as was in existence in the particular area prior to regional government. Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid told the Region's Administration Committee meeting Wednesday that the rate structure had to be reviewed in any case and he recommended the matter of equalized water rates across the region be introduced. Oakville Councillors Gord Brown and Carl Eriksen opposed the idea of equalized rates. Brown said the region had adopted a system of chargebacks to assure each municipality paid for what it got and he opposed any change in that procedure. Reid recommended consultants be hired to study the present status of water charges and consider the problem of equalization. Councillors Brown and Eriksen attacked the suggestion of hiring consultants and argued the study

could be done "in house." Oakville Councillor Mac Anderson suggested the staff had said it would take a full four months to do the study themselves and if it were decided that standardization should be implemented, it couldn't be done by Jan. 1, 1976. Regional Solicitor Noel Bates told the committee that under recent legislation, varying rates would be allowed to continue until such a point as rate increases were required and then it would be questionable whether or not the variations would be allowed. Of the 3,909 new active cases of tuberculosis in Canada last year, 494 of these were Indians and 50 were Eskimo.

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