

Enthusiastic meeting endorses plan for Halton Cheshire home

More than one hundred physically handicapped and interested citizens met at St. Paul's United Church, Oakville, on Sunday, September 14, 1975 to discuss the possibilities of opening a Cheshire Home in Halton Region.

Peter Street, an Oakville handicapped business man, opened the meeting. Mr. Street explained his involvement in the group came from his abrupt awareness of the presence of other hitherto unknown handicapped persons in his immediate area. These people appeared during the first Oakville Mail when the business section suddenly became accessible to them.

tion and be able to contribute in some manner to the maintenance running of the home.

The home concept originated with Leonard Cheshire, an R.A.F. hero whose interest in the physically handicapped led him to begin the now widespread group of Cheshire Homes in England.

The Cheshire type of home environment is designed to give its members a feeling of independence and self reliance in a home-like atmosphere. It is intended to provide a feeling of self confidence, and possibly a way in which the handicapped

people living there may be of service to others even less fortunate.

Three residents of McLeod House in Toronto (the first Cheshire Home in North America), Mr. Paul Stevens, Miss Judy Knapton and Miss Linda Hinan presented a slide program showing life in McLeod House. Mr. Stevens was the droll commentator.

Miss Linda Hinan, originally from Burlington, was one of the first residents of McLeod House. Linda told the group that she was certain if she had not had life in McLeod House she would never have had the courage to be where she is today. She has a job and now feels capable of

moving very shortly to her own apartment.

A lively discussion followed and Mrs. Lorraine Wright asked the handicapped present and any others who knew of handicapped people to assist the committee by taking the questionnaires.

Mrs. Wright emphasized each questionnaire must be returned and that a minimum of 50 must be completed before we can approach the provincial government for their active support. Mrs. Wright has 30 more to hand out, and would be interested in hearing from the handi-

capped in Halton Region. She can be reached at 416 845-8979 or at P.O. Box 985, Oakville.

Enthusiasm for the project was evident at the meeting; expressions of confidence and support were given by groups and individuals.

There were representatives present from Regional government, Georgetown, Erin, Acton, Milton, Oakville, Burlington and Hamilton. Among those present were Terry Manell, Councillor from Oakville; Mrs. Marjorie Powys, Councillor from Milton; Rick Morrow; Councillor from Georgetown.



PICTURED IS part of the scenic 40 acre parcel of town-owned property at Silvercreek known as the oldreservoir land, which the town decided to retain, after a walking tour of the site.

Keep reservoir land-committee

After a tour of the 40 acre parcel of land at Silvercreek, known as the old reservoir property, Halton Hills administration committee recom-

mended the town keep the land just as it is. The Garden Clubs of Ontario sought the land as a wild-flower sanctuary. They des-

cribed the 40 acres on the Niagara Escarpment as "a little gem, an oasis of unspoiled beauty," where native flora abounds in a natural

setting. They have raised \$10,000 to fence the property, and hoped the Credit Valley Conservation Authority would buy land from the town.

In 1973 the CVCA offered \$40,000 for the land but the Ministry of Natural Resources ruled the town should deed the land to the Authority for a dollar. At that time the town decided to keep the land.

After the Garden Clubs of Ontario approached council this year, the matter was reopened. It was found the area was judged sensitive and would need guided tours in special sections to avoid trampling and destruction of the rare plants. Council also said \$10,000 would not fence the 40 acre site.

Pet of the week



SHAYNE IS THE 14-month-old rambunctious Shepherd-Belgian Collie of Sue and Mike Bullock, Churchill Road. Shayne must have some Roman in him somewhere along the line as he likes to eat grapes. His kind mistress and master got him within three weeks of their moving to Acton, eight weeks after moving to Canada from England.

Youths used lost credit card, arrested

Georgetown detectives have arrested two Acton youths after they used a lost Chargex card to buy merchandise in Georgetown. They face charges of fraud.

The two suspects, a girl in her teens and a boy in his late teens, found the Chargex card in an Acton phone booth last week. A Toronto resident had reported losing the credit card to Chargex officials last week.

The pair from Acton were able to use the card successfully to buy items at Canadian Tire and Consumers Distributing in Georgetown but their third attempt, at G and S Television, failed when the store checked on the status of the card with Chargex head offices.

G and S Television complained about the two youths to the police and after an investigation detectives made the arrests. The two fraud suspects used the credit card in Georgetown on Friday.

Merchandise worth about \$30 was purchased with the card at Canadian Tire and Consumers Distributing by the pair and they had tried to buy radio equipment at G and S Television.

Blood test clue to death

Stymied Halton Regional Police investigators are hoping an analysis of blood samples from a Hornby father who died in a single-car crash 12 days ago may shed light on the puzzling incident.

Herbert Roy Coupland, 58, of R.R. 2 Hornby, was found dead on Oct. 12 in his overturned car on the Ninth Line between Derry Rd. East and Highway 401. The roadway forms the boundary between Halton and Peel regions.

The victim is survived by a wife and four children. A police spokesman Monday night said blood

samples are being tested at the Centre for Forensic Sciences in Toronto.

He said it is possible the blood tests may show the victim was impaired by alcohol or drugs at the time of the accident, but results could also be negative.

The policeman said no witnesses have come forward to explain the mishap, and no one lives along that stretch of roadway. It is unlikely a coroner's inquest will be held. A coroner's inquest determines whether or not there is sufficient evidence to lay formal charges against someone when a death occurs.

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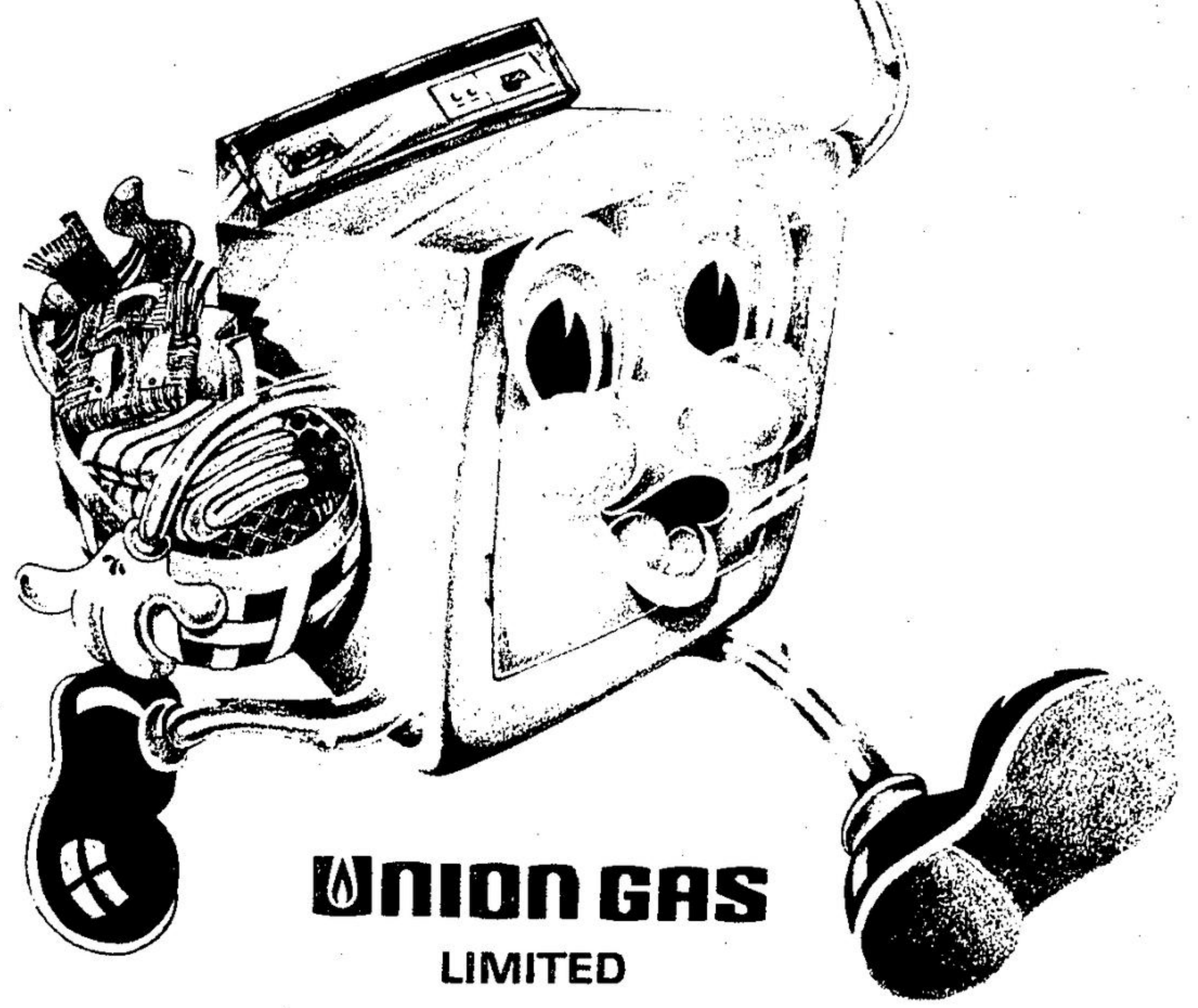
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Edén Mills Guide and Brownie news

by Diana Wallace

1st & 2nd Brownie Packs
Brownies, brownies everywhere—40 to be exact is the total of the 1st and 2nd packs joined together working as one big pack this year. With 6 leaders to run things we started off with a games night for our first day together. The following week however, we were more adventurous and had a nature picture test for one group, a scavenger hunt planned for another, and cooking for another group, while the new twentees worked on their Brownie Story. We plan on doing as many outdoor things as possible while the lovely autumn weather is here.

Plans were made for five brownies to fly-up to Guides on Monday 22nd. It is fun to be back! There have been many changes. Mrs. Anna Jackson has retired from the brownie world. Eva Stevenson and Linda Blacklock have also given it up this year. This year we have Mrs. Diana Wallace as Brown Owl, Mrs. Pat Godding as Tawny Owl, Mrs. Lillian Neave as Screech Owl, Mrs. Cheryl Thornton as Grey Owl, Wendy James as Snowy Owl. Fortunately, Mrs. Chesworth is with us too each night and

we have christened her Super Owl. She is of course Guide Captain now, but does enjoy being with the owls too.

1st Edén Mills Guide Company
The Edén Mills Guide Company has already held two meetings and one could say that they began the new season with a splash. On Tuesday September 16 at 7 p.m. five rather shaky rafts were launched into the Eramosa river and two immediately sank.

Most of the fun was had before the start of the race as logs were placed under rafts to give increased buoyancy, and one patrol decided the only way they could operate was to tow their raft along the river bank. No holes were barred and almost every Guide jumped into the muddy, but warm, water, to push or pull their craft to the bridge and back.

It was lucky that everyone had remembered to bring a change of clothing. Passing residents of the village were puzzled by wet footprints leading in the direction of the community hall. Suggestions have been

made that this Raft Race should become an annual affair with leaders also entering and we know of some Wolf Cubs that would love to challenge the Guides!!

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