

Daffodil sale kicks off drive

Over 500 dozen daffodils were sold the past week, as the kick-off for the month-long Cancer Society drive for funds.

The 17 lively members of the Theta Phi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi took the sale of daffodils as their contribution to the campaign and on Monday Marg Oliver presented a cheque for \$1,000.42 to Cancer Society campaign chairman Arlie White. Marg was in charge of the project for this new Acton group. Last year, the Georgetown chapter of the sorority included Acton in their plans, but this year the local group took over.

They had taken orders in advance and when they went to fill them Thursday and Friday they were aghast to discover the blooms were in ter-

rible condition. An entire pileload of 740,000 daffodils had been spoiled. Some of the flowers had turned to mush.

Understanding They had to proceed with their deliveries and they said that everyone was very understanding. By Saturday, more flowers had been flown in from the west coast and these ones were "beautiful". Chapter members sold them on the streets Saturday in the pouring rain. Some loose cash donations explain the 42 cents in their total raised.

Some were given to the Acton Rest Home but almost all were sold.

Members of Theta Phi are also among the 300 or so canvassers calling door to door in town and countryside this April.



CHEQUE FOR \$1,000.42 is presented to Cancer Society campaign chairman Arlie White by Marg Oliver, who headed the daffodil sale project for the Acton chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Local police crime stats at par in shortest month

Crime rates last month (February) reveal little that alarms or pleases District One Regional Police Superintendent Floyd Schwartz.

"I don't see anything that's alarming, nothing seems to be going haywire," Superintendent Schwartz said Monday. He added he saw little that makes him feel better about the criminal situation during the shortest month of the year from figures.

Fifty-four per cent of the crimes committed in Feb-

ruary were solved, Superintendent Schwartz said. He described the rates as being very good. The rate of solved crimes in District One during the first two months of 1977 is slightly below the February figure at 51 per cent.

Excluding serious offences such as homicide, rape and wounding, any of which District One has not experienced to date, 238 offences have been investigated, said the superintendent.

The superintendent's comments came on the heels

of the release by Halton Regional Police Commission of the monthly statistical report.

Police Chief Ken Skerrett described the increase in offences over the region as drastic, though he said he hadn't had a chance to compare figures with previous months.

Halton Regional, in the first two months, has been free from charges of homicide, attempted homicide, rape and prostitution.

Public meetings of official plan

Halton Region's Planning Department will hold another set of public meetings this spring to discuss the region's official plan.

Last fall the region went to the public and discussed the region's future and developed from those discussions goals and aspirations for the region.

"This time we will take selected examples of how the region can be developed and we will be discussing the implications of each."

"We'll draw implications in terms of transportation needs, agricultural land, soft services, water and sewage and we'll be asking what people prefer of the alternatives available. What is different this time is we'll be going with hard figures."

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planner Rasheed Mohammed explained.

The tentative schedule of meetings would see a meeting planned for Brookville Hall April 20, for Milton Library May 12, Gordon Alcott Arena in Georgetown May 12 and Acton Library April 27.

Meetings in other parts of the region will be held through the latter part of April and into mid-May.

Jobs created in Halton Hills

Halton Hills has received two Canada Works Program grants worth \$30,449, which will create 10 much needed jobs.

Halton MP Dr. Frank Philbrook announced the grants this week and a total of \$46,582 will be spent in Halton. Fifty thousand had been earmarked for Halton so the extra money left over will be added to the grants given out for phase two of the program.

A parks assistance program for the town will employ five people and a grant of \$15,143 will pay their wages.

The workers will stain equipment in creative playgrounds, paint playbenches in 25 ball diamonds and soccer pitch sites, paint about 8,000 spectators seats in parks. Other projects will include location, construction, assembling and painting of 50 picnic tables and also stain other picnic tables.

Painting of standards at soccer fields and other play

areas is included in the project as well as painting and repairing of posts and rails at several parks in Halton Hills.

They will build seats at the wading pool in Acton's Prospect Park and paint shuffleboard courts and hopscotch games in parks throughout the town.

Another project will be water resources identification in and around Georgetown for the fire department.

The five workers who will receive \$15,306 in wages will list all types and sources of water in the Georgetown area and will do maps showing quantity and availability of the water. They will also determine if the water is available year round or only in certain seasons and how fire-fighters can get the water.

The other grant in Halton is worth \$16,133 and will create six jobs in Milton where workers will make improvements to the Glen Eden Ski area.

Scouts invite Rotary to appreciation dinner

Acton Rotary Club members enjoyed a meal cooked by the Acton Scouts at Blue Springs Scout Reserve last Tuesday evening. The Scouts also gave the members a tour of the building and grounds, showed a film on the World Scouting organization and entertained with skits and songs. The occasion was an appreciation dinner at which

the Scouts thanked the Rotary Club for all their help over the years.

The club also held their regular meeting the same evening, when Wayne Huse, new owner of Acton I.G.A., was inducted.

Last evening (Tuesday), the Rotary members welcomed a guest speaker who spoke on National Lacrosse.

Bikers seek good image

Bikers must show people that not all motorcycle riders are leather-jacketed greasy-haired thugs if they are going to have trails to ride in the future, according to Larry Bastedo, motorcycle representative to the Ontario Trails Commission.

Mr. Bastedo was speaking to the annual meeting of the Halton Off-Road Trail-Riders Association Monday night at Acton Public Library.

He emphasized that if motorcyclists talk to farm-owners, they will usually find them quite willing to allow the bikes on their land. It is when a farmer has to find out for himself that there has been a biker on his property, either by catching him at it or by being sued in the event of an accident, that he gets upset.

"People are scared by lia-

bility," he said. The group is working on legislation on this, to give more protection to the landowner.

Talking about bikers' bad reputations, he said that they should insist they weren't "rapists and pillagers."

Motorcyclists have also run into opposition because of the damage which, in some people's eyes, they do to the environment. "Environmentalists are very funny people," said Bastedo. "I have found them extremely difficult to talk to. You have to try to reason with them."

The group is presenting a brief to the Ontario Trails Commission on April 19 in Cambridge, detailing their position. Bastedo urged that all members of the club write to their MPs as snowmobile associations have done with great success.

End closed session before Planning Bd.

The half-hour closed session prior to Halton Hills Planning Board meeting will be dispensed with, and will be held only when considered necessary by the chairman and the planner, if council endorses a planning board recommendation.

The "in camera" sessions have irked Councillor Peter Pomeroy, who pushed for their abolition.

Councillor Walter Biehn said he was wary of such ses-

sions. "They sound to the public like football huddles, where the strategy is decided before the meeting."

Councillor Peter Morris suggested the sessions be limited to 15 minutes, with the planner simply saying why he considers certain items confidential.

Councillor Les Dudy claimed 99 percent of the time "in camera" sessions are unnecessary but said occasionally they are vital, such as in discussing land prices.

\$600 for works social

Members of the Regional Public Works staff will get together with regional councillors and senior officials in the Public Works Department.

The public works committee approved an expenditure of \$600 for the event to be held at Tyandaga Golf and Country Club in Burlington.

The event has become an annual event and is designed as a good will effort.

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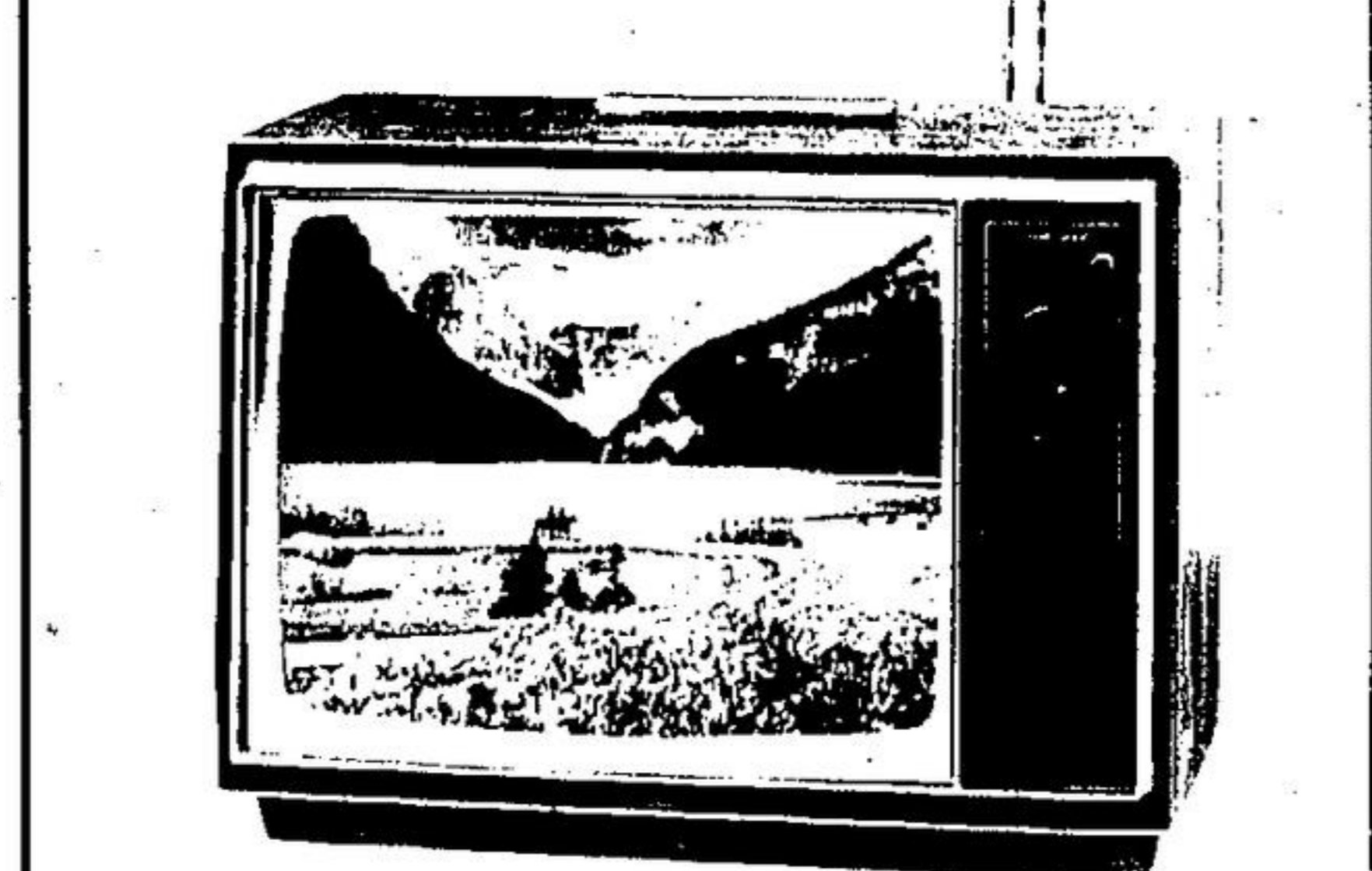
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