

## We're a spoiled generation in a spoiled nation

Last night, I stood behind a woman in the checkout line of a major supermarket. She was struggling with five children and judging by the piled grocery cart all five were her own. As she pushed her purchases onto the moving belt—several cake mixes, cans of ravioli, TV dinners, cat food, paper towels and shampoo—she complained bitterly about the rising cost of food.

We're doing it to ourselves!  
The more we condone rising costs, the more we buy, the more it's going to cost.

We are a spoiled generation in a spoiled nation. It wasn't long ago the height of opulence was indoor plumbing. Now if you don't have two-and-a-half baths, you feel embarrassed.

The first house for most young couples 20 years ago consisted of a living-dining room, kitchen and two or three small bedrooms. Now young people are bitter about the price of housing yet they demand a full family room, two bathrooms, a mud room, separate dining room and built-in dishwasher, for heavens sake.

Our demands swell system  
I've digressed from the food issue, but I hope you get my drift.

Food is the major problem in all the world today as it was yesterday. Unfortunately, the

situation is getting worse and it's made worse by the affluent nations raising their living standards and expectations far above necessary. Our demands support the multi-million dollar corporations who extend to the poorer nations the helping hand of profit. Those nations grasp the



hand would by promises of better living and the rich get richer while the poor get poorer.

We can help stop the imbalance and help ourselves by slowing down our own demands.

In the area of food, we can buy more unprepared food and unnecessary items, rely on ourselves more. I know it's been said before but it still isn't working. The grocery shelves are piled higher than ever with mixes, boxes, powders, and chemical junk. People are obviously buying it or it wouldn't be there.

Have you any idea how much you pay a cor-

poration to mix a bunch of cake ingredients together for you? With a little practice, it's possible to toss a scratch cake together faster than it takes to tear the "easy-open" box. My 13-year-old daughter can pop a good chocolate cake in the oven with more speed than she could read the directions on a box.

AND, you know what goes in your own cake! You can even sneak a little nutrition in it if no one's looking.

People Food Commission  
There is an organization called the Peoples' Food Commission, a nation-wide group dedicated to asking questions about the entire food growing, marketing, and purchasing system throughout Canada with an eye to simplifying an over complicated operation.

If you are interested in having a voice in general food management for your area, country, and world, look into the Peoples' Food Commission. Call Grant Patullo, 877-6239, he'll give you information.

If your goals are smaller and more immediate, examine your grocery cart this week. Toss out anything you can make or produce yourself. Check into food co-operatives for lower priced basics. Buy sensibly and you'll help your stomach, waistline, wallet, and world.

## Library is for books

A library should at least include lending books as one of their goals and objectives, according to Councillor Roy Booth.

At Monday night's council meeting, a motion was put forward saying, "after reading the Halton Hills Library Board minutes of January 17, stating goals and objectives, council requests the library board to consider including lending books, both fact and fiction for the public's enjoyment."

Booth said, "The board's goals and objectives don't mention lending books to the public and I think this should be something to which they should address themselves."

# Children's aid seeks 200 foster homes

The local children's aid societies have set their 1979 new year's resolution at finding 200 new foster homes during International Year of the Child.

The Halton Children's Aid Society will co-operate with the Hamilton-

Wentworth and the Hamilton Roman Catholic societies in a fundraising campaign to build a \$43,000 budget.

Jessica Davenport, public relations with the Hamilton-Wentworth group, said the money will be used for mass

media coverage to promote the desperate need for foster homes.

She added: "if a child can't live with his parents, sometimes a foster home is the best answer."

Often it is the only answer. Foster homes are

needed for children of all ages, with a particular need for those 12 years and up.

They are also needed for almost every conceivable length of time... from a few nights to an indefinite period.

"When a child is taken into the care of a family, sometimes we can't predict how long care is needed," said Mrs. Davenport.

In order to keep up with the demand for foster homes, Mrs. Davenport said, the society must continually find new foster families.

"This hasn't been happening," she said. "In fact, it's been a steady downward trend."

The three local societies are aware of the power of mass advertising, she said; however, lack of funds at the individual level has prevented any of the societies from mounting a foster parent campaign.

With their combined efforts during 1979, which was declared International Year of the Child by the United Nations,

## Ladies Auxiliary Legion

### Two receive pins

Janet Rogers and Margaret McNab were presented with their 25 year pins at a banquet given to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion by the Men's Branch 197.

Every year the women have the treat of sitting down to a roast beef dinner cooked and served by the men. They have an exchange of gifts and pins are presented.

Ann Richards, Mrs. Doby and Gwen Dawe were presented with mother of pearl pins for being 10 years a member but over 65.

Phyllis Angell and Janet Rogers were in charge of entertainment and did a superb job with help from Vic Patrick and his performers who supplied a skit with a real sense of humor enjoyed by all.

Highlight of the evening was to see Mrs. Buchanan out, the oldest

member. Close by was daughter-in-law Joyce, to tell her who everyone was as she is not able to go out very much now. Everyone was invited to the dance to end an enjoyable evening.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was held Thursday with 54 members present and president Mary Daigle in the chair. Zone Commander Rose Green made her yearly visit and commented the Ladies on the way their meeting was run. She was presented with a gift and a word of thanks.

Lily Higgins, the Auxiliary's sick convener has been busy with the sick, Pat Hagett, Freda Lamb, Jill McLaren, Shirley Turkosz and Chris Hardy. Hoping they are all feeling well soon.

Five Hundred dollars was donated to the Legion Bursary Fund and \$2,000 to the men's

Branch.

There are banquets, Feb. 16, a wedding March 2.

Anyone wanting to attend Sports can read the schedule in the kitchen or contact Kathy.

## Firefighters called twice

Alarms called Acton Firefighters to duty twice last week.

A chimney fire at John Van Arragon's farm home on Lot 21 along the 3rd Line Monday night brought out one truck. Many of the kitchen stove pipes were removed. Firefighters stayed for a time until electric fans cleared the home of smoke.

At the McIsaac property on Highway 25 south of Town firefighters had to extinguish a blaze in a truck.

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A \$1 million increase in the land acquisition budget for the Niagara excarpment has been approved in principle by Ontario's cabinet but "some strings are attached," says Ivor McMullin, chairman Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC).

Announcement of the increase was released Thursday at a NEC meeting in Georgetown

by Rene Brunelle, provincial secretary for resource development, who said in a letter that the

money will be included in the Ministry of Natural Resources' budget for the 1979-1980 fiscal year.

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