

Don Pearson of the Georgetown Kinsmen presents a cheque to Laura Spaldin of Acton High School for the Bump-For-Life-Cystic Fibrosis program. He also gave Acton High School teacher Bill Taylor a plaque in recognition of his organizational work with the fund, High School students will Bump-for-life May 23.

Ron Coupland

land's talk. Acton is in

step with the rest of the

region in single parent families. There's been a

50 per cent growth in the

number of single parent

families. M.Z. Bennett

school principal Doug

Magwood estimated ten

per cent of the children in

the school are from

single family while about

four years ago the per-

centage was just over

future? Answer is-The

children; the man has

Coupland painted

contemporary society.

"Child abuse is a rising

Acton is refuge for south's foster child

Acton absorbs by proportion more foster children than all other Halton towns.

"In Acton, we have some of the best soil for transplanting children," Halton Children's Ald Society (CAS) director Ron Coupland told the M.Z. Bennett Home-School Association meeting Thursday.

This town produces two to three times as many foster families-by proportion-than Oakville, indicated Coupland.

And like old fashioned familles, the familles with foster children take care of each other. "Foster parents in Acton work in a hospitable way," said the CAS director. "They will back each other up like old extended families."

M.Z. Bennett Home-School Association invited Coupland to discuss the role of the CAS with schools as part of Education Week.

Acton is somewhere in Coupland often spoke in terms of trends. What between what Coupland described as an open statistics indicate is gocommunity with small families, lack of solid ing on. The family of the Blended Family, "It's church role, and absence of local government and the most rapidly growing." That's one where the closed community which has characteristicthe woman has some ally larger families, local some children and they town council and the church as the centre of put together a family. the community. The open community seems to be bleak picture of the fate more common in the rest of some children in

of the region. Coupland indicated that the Halton CAS has more success in placing foster children in Acton than elsewhere in the region.

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Obituary Ethel

Ritchie A resident of Acton for 46 years, Ethel Gertrude Ritchle died April 11 at her home at 139 Crescent Street. She was in her

79th year. Born December 2, 1902, daughter of Joseph and Isabel Andrews, Mr. Ritchle married Herbert Lewis Ritchie June 19, 1935, at Grace Anglican Church in Milton.

She attended Boyne Public and Milton Conschools tinuation graduating from Guelph General Hospital as a nurse in 1931.

She was affillated with the Milton Gospel Hall. Mrs. Ritchie is survived by her husband; daughters Isabelle (Mrs. Don Heaven) of Minden; Beth (Mrs. Earl Brears) of Walkerton and Laurie (Mrs. David Johnson) of Milton; sister Hazel Andrews of Milton; and six grandchildren. She predeceased by brothers Henry and Joseph, and sister Isabel

Funeral service was April Funeral Shoemaker Home. Rev. Robertson of Preabyterian Church, Acton, and Mr. Murray Regis of Milton Gospel Hall officiated. Interment was at

Fairview Cemetery. were Pallbearers grandchildren Douglas, Robert and Jim Johnson, Paul and Carmen Brears and nephew Keith Andrews.

discuss at May 20 meeting North Halton Pallia- coin is that every per-

Interest Group will be held at Acton District High School on May 20 at 8.00 p.m. This is the third meeting in a series of four that are planned for this season.

The guest speaker will be Karen Bojin, R.N. who has been diagnosed as having a potentially terminal illness. Mrs. Bojin will discuss her own feelings and reac-tions to the disease and her personal experiences in a hospital setting as a patient with a nurse's understanding.

In this series of meetings there is a focus on the needs and experiences of the dying and their families with the hope of stimulating community interest and involvement Palliative / Hospice Care. Karen Ferguson of

Williams. Marguarite Knechtel of Milton and Eva Sansom of Acton, arrange public presentations distribute information to interested persons. The organizers are looking

director was optimistic

The one institution

which remains important

in the open community is

the school, according to

Coupland. For a new-

comer to best meet the

community it is through

The CAS is another.

important institution.

Where families fall apart

in open communities the

CAS has authority to step

in a place a child in

another home. "We have

about 200 children in our

care at any one time."

Coupland estimated that

about three-quarters of

that figure "are cases of

determines the welfare of

the child in two steps,"

said Coupland. The child

may become a CAS ward

for two years-when

efforts are made to place

him back in the family-

or he becomes a ward of

the state and may be

critical role. The child

must make the ad-

justment in the family

and the school. . . Often

the foster child will feel

he is a second hand child.

It's not a good feeling. So

it's important to have

home-school association

to join the school in

Coupland urged the

it join the

good environment."

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community.

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the school.

for support from community groups and are available to speak at group meetings. At the last meeting in Milton, the topic of Bereavement discussed. The Reverend The Rohr of Toronto differentiated between an individual and a person

in the following ways: (1) Individualism suggests independence, lives separate from the group. This may isolate and lead to loneliness and estrangements. Suffering is done alone because one tends to respond to suffering with the idea of being vulnerable and thus one withdraws from the community. (2) To be a person is to co-operate Interdependently and to live in community with our fellowmen. It is to enter into the journey of life with others and

together face hopes,

struggles and even death.

The concept of Hospice care is based on the idea of personal rather than individual contact. Getting involved is sharing one's life and in caring for the dying on this basis requires the statement: "I'm willing to experience this pain" for each time another person dies, a part of us dies with them. Although this pain does not get easier with every con-

tact, the other side of this Care sonal contact, the other side of this coin is that every personal contact between two persons enriches both lives immeasurably. terminal Illness.

It takes a great deal of emotional energy oneself from the idea of death and to carry out the pretense and denial. This applies equally to dying and to families and friends. What is left then for sharing and living? Where is the dignity in a lonely life no matter how close to death?

emotionally taxing experience of sharing in a death , Hospice Care takes into consideration the needs of the survivors and thus can provide measures of support and relief that help to reintegrate the bereaved gently back into the community.

It is important, for example, to understand hat grief takes a long time to work through, for here is for personal in-If rushed, it may create physical as well as problems. Grief may take several forms and although the use of formulas, when dealing with people, is

three general phases may be identified. These phases may also be similar to the grief experlenced by a patient shock and by informed of his/her Numbness and shock-The person seeks person. They to protect self from the loss and needs emotional distance to "lick the wounds." He or she is

able to make every day decisions but not complex ones. The feeling is one of isolation, being of pain endured. totally lost, suspended animation; something like holding one's breath. As the numbness wears off anger and, or guilt may surface, but as these emotions break through, so do other emotions and perience one is able to start frequent

breathing again. 2. Disorganization—As the numbness subsides, there is the feeling of overwhelming loneliness and sadness. This may self plty, include sense of what has hapweeping, sleep problems. pened and to accept In contrast to the initial control for the further withdrawal, the need development of his/her timacy; sensitive caring to facilitate the ventitation of feelings. The needs person acknowledge the impact A Very Special Sale! of the loss, to talk about

the loved one, about

dying is easy. Help is

This is a critical phase and often unfulfilled since it may not occur until several weeks or months after the initial relatives and friends have lost the continuous contact with the grieving unknowingly communicate the expectation that grieving should be ended and may not be reminiscences about the life as it was or accounts

Hospice can only be achieved if there is time to listen, to understand and to care. This idea is as important to the terminal patient as it is to Re-organization—If the survivors. People the grieving is allowed to tend to forget that a take its course without dying person is still alive, rushing to "get it over growing and can still with"; the bereaved contribute to life, so these opportunities slowly begins to exremoved from his or her more peaceful control; then "the living periods, a lessening in the intensity of sadness and a willingness to turn comes." renew participation in life. At this time the person needs to make

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needed to be born, one cannot journey through life in isolation and help is needed for dying. The word "Hospice" means a community for travellers along the way, a place for replenishing, refreshment and care. Any feeling of community cannot but enhance the welfare of all involved, thus everyone benefits. The whole idea behind

are frightened to think that they can be so disregarded when their Hospice / Palliative care seeks to correct these mistakes so that everyone may live with

dignity until they die and in this way, the legacy that is left behind will Neither living nor make the grieving easier to bear.

Personal view of terminal illness

Doug Magwood, principal at M.Z. Bennett school and chairman of North Halton Music Festival presents a cheque worth \$586 to Betsy Cornwell, head librarian of Halton Hills. The money was leftover in the Festival's bank account after it was disbunded last year. Magwood said they were donating the \$586 each to the music departments of Georgetown, Acton and Milton libraries.

Police told to watch money

Regional Unairman Jack Raftls says he expects the Halton Police Commission to "continue to do a thorough review of each expenditure prior to the undertaking."

Mr. Raftis in a letter to Police Commission Chairman Harry Barrett said the Regional Administration and Finance Committee, at a meeting April 9, had asked the commissioners "to monitor their budget on a month to month basis and provide this information to members of regional council."

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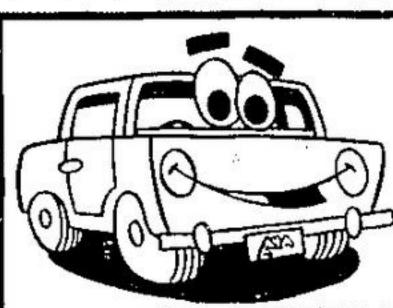
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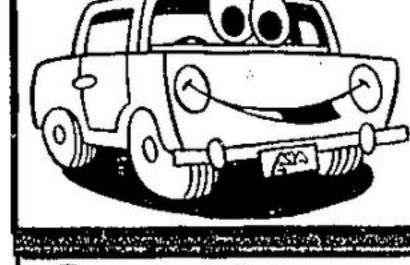
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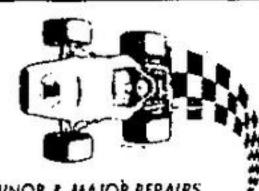
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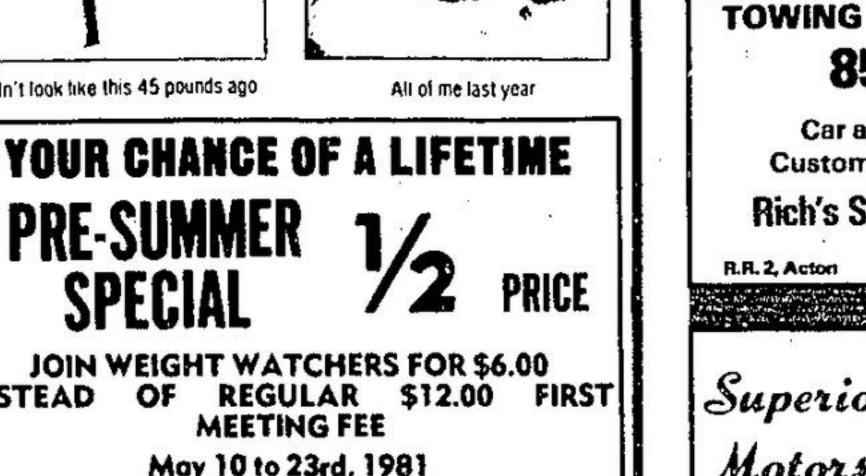
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