

Anti-nuke petition going door-to-door

Bolstered by the belief that the only way to prevent nuclear war is to show Parliament how the public really feels, members of the Halton Hills Action for Nuclear Disarmament (HAND) committee will begin taking a petition door to door starting next week.

Additional canvassers are being sought to help conduct a Georgetown survey June 18 to 23 and an Acton survey June 23 to 30. The local HAND committee's plans are part of the nationwide Peace Petition Caravan organized by a coalition of pro-disarmament groups and aimed at reaching every home in Canada.

Those polled will be asked to endorse a four-point policy, to be presented to Parliament before the end of the year. Georgetown's results will be forwarded specifically to Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid, while Acton's will go to Halton MP Otto Jelinek.

The four points making up the petition are:

- and end to cruise missile testing in Canada;
- the designation of Canada as a nuclear weapons-free zone;
- the diversion of wasteful spending on arms into the funding of human needs;

Seek rezoning

A group known as Snyxon Investments Ltd. want to have 75 acres of land on the Town Line, north of Norval, and south of the railway tracks, zoned industrial.

The land is now zoned agricultural. Halton Hills council will not discuss the application until the proposal has been circulated to all Town departments and various agencies. In addition, the Regional Development Officer will be asked to comment.

-ratification of the above three points through a free (non-partisan) vote in Parliament.

Admitting to a shortage of canvassers, local organizers Eldon Comfort of Acton and Nora Lipp of Georgetown said that while the petition is intended to reach every home in Halton Hills, the canvassa will likely focus on the urban areas.

Comfort acknowledged that requiring respondents to endorse all four points in the petition may reduce its support among those who would agree to only one or two of the points, but noted that the wording has been specifically chosen for the national campaign to achieve a clear-cut consensus.

He pointed out that the public does not yet know whether the U.S. military will conduct more Cruise missile tests in Canadian airspace, but said the preliminary test earlier this year gave every indication that more will follow.

Employment
USC Canada is contributing \$33,432 to establish a new farmers' cooperative and support a training school in Swaziland. The School of Appropriate Farm Technology offers practical courses, training projects and production schemes

A NEW PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

to help Disabled and Seniors live at home.

Why was this new program introduced?

"Many elderly and disabled people want to live with their families. However, in some cases, providing shelter requires extensive home renovations which result in increased property taxes. We must encourage—not penalize—families for their efforts to provide shelter and supportive care."

Accordingly, I am announcing today that homeowners who undertake renovations or additions, specifically to keep an elderly or disabled person at home and in the community, will be exempt from any increase in taxable assessment that would otherwise occur."

Budget Statement—May 15, 1984, The Honourable Larry Grossman, Q.C., Treasurer of Ontario.

Does the program involve direct financial assistance for alterations? No. The savings are in reduced property taxes each year, not in grants or loans for alterations. Under this program, the assessed value of the improvements will not be included when your property tax is calculated, providing the improvements were made to help a disabled or senior live at home.

Who can apply? Any property owner who makes improvements to accommodate people who are 65 or over and those of any age with physical or mental disabilities that would otherwise require them to live in an institution.

Can only the family of a disabled or senior person apply for this exemption? Not necessarily. For example, you may wish to make improvements to accommodate a friend in your home. Moreover, disabled or seniors can apply for the exemption directly, if they make alterations that will enable them to continue living in their own homes.

What about group homes? Non-profit group homes can apply, but only as long as their improved accommodations do not exceed three residential units. Larger institutions operating multiple facilities to care for the disabled or seniors are not included in this program.

Can commercial properties qualify? Yes, in some cases. For example, a family operating a retail store

could apply for the exemption if they make improvements to an apartment upstairs for the accommodation of a family member or friend who would otherwise be compelled to live in an institution.

What types of home improvements qualify? Any addition, improvement or alteration specifically related to the needs of the disabled or senior resident qualifies for this new exemption. These may include such features as special bathroom modifications or additions to an existing home. (Please note: general repairs and maintenance do not increase assessment anyway).

Does the exemption apply to changes underway or completed before the program was announced? Only alterations started after May 15, 1984 when the program was announced will qualify for the property tax exemption once the work has been completed.

How long will the exemption apply? The tax exemption continues as long as the senior or disabled person uses the property as their principal residence.

How do you receive this new property tax exemption? The first step is to call your local Assessment Office at the number listed below. To avoid any possible disappointment, please contact us before finalizing your plans. We look forward to discussing the program in greater detail.

Please talk to your local Assessment Office. We're anxious to help.

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Hon. Larry Grossman, Q.C.
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Sell unopened road for \$1,850

Halton Hills is selling an unopened road allowance between lots 27 and 28, Concession Nine, to Sy Vandermeer.

Vandermeer, a former Acton resident, now lives in the area of 27 Sideroad and will pay \$1,850 for the land. He also paid

for the appraisal and will be charged other costs associated with the closing of the unopened road allowance and its sale.

Monday council decided to advertise its plans to close the road and sell it and the public can comment if the road closing affects them.

Computer courses offered in Rockwood

by Mark Holmes

For people who want to learn about computers John Robson has an answer.

Robson, the librarian at Kennedy Public School, is organizing the Rockwood Computer School for children nine to 15-years-old starting July 9th.

This is the second year the computer school has been run said Robson and he is expecting 100 or more people to register for the weekly programs.

As well as on hands training on computers the course will offer arts and crafts, sports and ukulele lessons under the direction of Roberta Murray, a teacher from the Collingwood area.

Each weekly session costs \$80 per person said Robson and up to 20 people will be accepted for each program running from 9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Robson, who has taught kindergarten through to grade eight will also offer adult computer courses on comparing micro computers, word processing and B.A.S.I.C. programming at a cost of \$20 to \$40 per course.

The shoppers comparison course, Word Processing and B.A.S.I.C. courses are two week courses running Monday through Thursday for two weeks.

Max Stevens-Gulle will also be on hand during the courses to instruct students. Stevens is a high school student who won the IBM award of excellence for a science fair project that sent him to the Canadian National science fair in Halifax earlier this year.

The courses will be held at 399 Harris Street in Rockwood and further information can be obtained by writing to that address.

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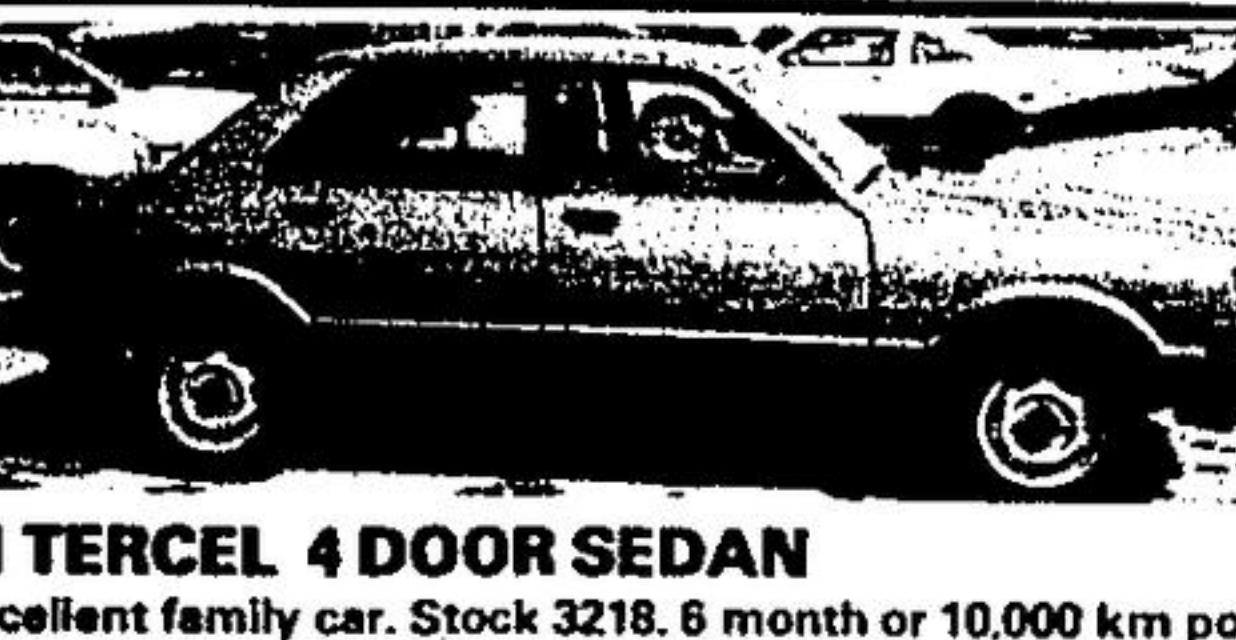

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