The Georgetown Lions Club continued in its efforts to help local senior citizens Thursday when they brought some cheer to the Durham Street seniors apartments in the form of a new plano purchased specifically for the building's rec room. With arrangements for the piano made by a Lions committee headed by Howard Murphy, the club's first vice-president, Al Martin,

made the official presentation to Homer Dingman, who accepted the gift on behalf of the residents and invited all to join in a sing-along, with Lioness Dorceen Merrill at the keyboard. The Lions donated a color television set to another local senior's residence last year.

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Red Cross dance

Red Cross Youth will sponsor a dance in Knox Church hall on April 28 beginning at 8 p.m. Mike Dine and Craig Teeter will provide the music and there will be door prizes and spot dances.

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Slower growth housing mix help industry

Halton region's slower growth rate, quieter highways and varied mix of relatively low-priced housing are being credited for making it increasingly more competitive with neighboring Peel region and Metro Toronto in terms of attracting new industry.

Halton regional chairman Jack Raftis last week said Halton offers industry a balance between Toronto, with its comparative shortage of available homes at accessible prizes; and Peel, where a high rate of population growth and abundance of high-density ... housing tend to cleg highways and urban centres.

Mr. Raftis was commenting on recent improvements in the Halton industrial picture, which regional officials hope to continue developing through intensive advertising campaigns that will actively try and sell Halton as an attractive location for all kinds of industry. The region's new official plan suggests that 36,000 new jobs should be created here within the coming decade if planning and growth timetables are to be followed

as approved. BEING MAILED

Letters and brochures outlining the possible advantages of locating in Halton are being mailed to firms in Toronto and will soon be directed in a mass mailing to industries in the mid-west U.S., where Bill Marshall, the region's business development officer, will soon by visiting personally.

The efforts of Mr. Marshall's office thus far are already beginning to show impressive results, Mr. Raftis said. South Halton in particular is beginning to enjoy the product of Mr. Marshall's work, having recently attracted several new operations to the area.

Alberta Distilleries has commenced the first of three development phases on a 13-acre site in Burlington where 50 people will be employed in a \$5.5 million operation. FOUR ACRES

Another four acres in Burlington has become the new home of Bailey Motor Company's new computerized instrumentation firm where 135 people will find jobs in a 35,000 square foot plant.

Perkins Paper Company has

recently leased space in the same city where 35 people are currently employed in office work and consideration is being given to expansion into manufacturing.

Milton was selected as the new home for Canada Valve, previously of Kitchener, which will open a 78,000-square foot plant and employ 135 people.

Regional council recently learned that two different industries are interested in available land in the Glen Abbey area of Oakville.

Mr. Rattis expects that, within several years, the new industries locating in Halton will help reverse the trend for Halton residents to shop and work outside the region. Shopping facilities in Burlington and Oakville are being improved, he said, and new outlets have opened in the north. Regional figures have shown that Burlington alone loses \$50 million worth of department store business every year to outlying shopping centres.

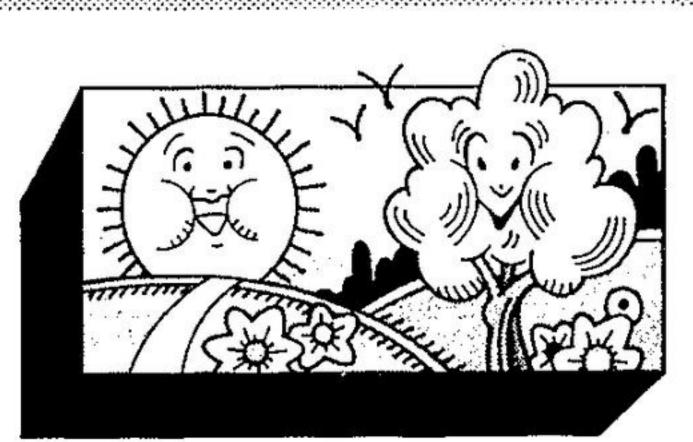


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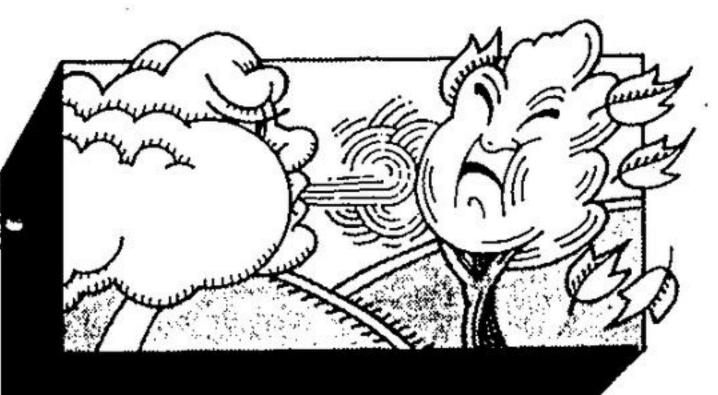
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