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New 'Plant Creations' shop keeps prices low

Blood clinic



Val Majury has a new one woman operation in Georgetown's Moore Park Plaza which should be of great interest to plant lovers. Plant Creations opened recently and concentrates on keeping quality high and prices low. (Herald photo)

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The only real dream Val Majury has ever had has been to open her own florist's shop, and with opening of Plant Creations in Moore Park Plaza her dream has come true.

Ms. Majury runs the store entirely on her own at the moment, everything from caring for the plants to keeping the books. She also does all the floral arrangements in her store.

Flower arranging was a family tradition for Ms. Majury, who learned it from her mother.

"My mother loved plants and making things, and I guess she passed that on to me," Ms. Majury said. "She made all her own Christmas decorations, wreaths and centerpieces, and so on. I don't know if it's hereditary or not, but I do all my own arrangements for the store."

Ms. Majury has been working with plants and arrangements professionally for about six weeks. She worked as an apprentice at one flower shop, and at another shop was manager of the store in all but the name. She has also sold house plants and arrangements from her home.

TAKES SKILL. Arranging flowers, be it for funerals or weddings, centerpieces or terrariums, takes a great deal of skill and imagination. Although Ms. Majury had a head start with learning from her mother, she also read a lot of books on the subject,

and made use of her own imagination. "In the last florist's shop I worked in, I made every arrangement in the store, just as I'm doing here," she said. "I'd see an unused dish, or an empty brandy snifter, or any kind of unused container, and I'd automatically start thinking about what would look good in it."

"It's an approach that's always worked well with me. After I left, the last store I worked at called me to find out how to make arrangements because I had done them all for them, and they had no one who could do it."

Ms. Majury said her house has always been full of plants and she has always had good luck with them. She recommends ignoring plants as the best way of getting healthy plants.

"The best thing is just to ignore plants a little," she said. "Many plant problems

are caused by too much tender, loving care."

DIG STEP. It was a big step from working in a florist's shop and selling plants from her own home to owning and operating her own shop, and Ms. Majury credits the encouragement and support she received from a friend as being the final factor which encouraged her to reach for her dream.

"If it wasn't for this person, giving me encouragement and more help than he knows, I wouldn't be here," she said. "He gave me the courage to go ahead, because I didn't think my things were good enough."

Ms. Majury is a former Scarborough resident who now lives in Brampton. She hopes to move to the Georgetown area eventually, because she likes the atmosphere.

Her main goal with the store is to keep the prices as low as possible.

"I love plants but I won't pay a high price for them, and I won't expect other people to pay it either," she said. "I run the store as I would like to have it if I were out shopping for plants - fresh, healthy plants at a reasonable price. I think the majority of people who like plants are the same way."

The store stocks plant supplies such as pots and fertilizer, as well as plants, terrariums, cut flowers and floral arrangements. Ms. Majury makes funeral arrangements as well as wedding arrange-

ments and also makes deliveries. The store's phone number, which has not been added to the listings yet, is 877-4259.

Ms. Majury hopes, if the store does well, to open another store some time in the future.

"This was my only real dream and now I guess I'm proving to myself that if there's enough interest in something, you can keep it going," she said.

The blood you give at Canadian Red Cross blood donor clinics means that the Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service can supply blood components to hospitals. By separating whole blood into its components, hospitals can give the patient only the part of blood they need.

Christmas means annual return of Good Neighbors

Activities have begun early this year, several enquiries have been made and cheques are beginning to arrive for the annual return of Roma Timpson's Christmas Good Neighbor Service.

The Georgetown Kinettes will look after the toys again and under the capable guidance of President Carol Pearson they are looking for good used or new toys. Please call Carol at 877-5730 or drop off your donation at her home at 380 Delrex Blvd. Cut off date for the toys will be Dec. 17 to enable the girls to parcel them up for

delivery. Pick-up from the 14 local schools for the canned goods etc. will be Dec. 18, after which, sorting will begin and packing the baskets will begin on Friday Dec. 19. Donations will be accepted by Roma Timpson, 53 McIntyre Cres., and for information, call 877-9135.

As costs increase each year, expenses also climb: this year, the service will need about \$2,000 to meet all accounts. Turkeys have been ordered and the rest of the needed supplies will be ordered shortly.

FIREFIIGHTERS START TOOL FUND

You can help Georgetown's volunteer firefighters do an even better job by helping them buy specialized, hydraulic rescue equipment which quickly and efficiently enables volunteers to remove trapped victims from crashed vehicles. Estimated cost of the equipment is \$10,000. Local firefighters are responding to an increasing number of accident calls where such equipment could make the difference between a life saved and a life lost. Local citizens, service clubs, businesses and industries are urged to support the "GVFFA Rescue Tool Fund" by mailing donations to the Canada Trust Bank, 29 Main St. S., Georgetown.

Skate-a-thon Sunday

The Georgetown Rotary Club will host a skate-a-thon this Sunday (Nov. 16) to raise money for the town's new library and cultural centre project, among other charities. The skate-a-thon will begin at Alcott Arena at 9:30 a.m. and run until 4:30 p.m.

Seniors' info service

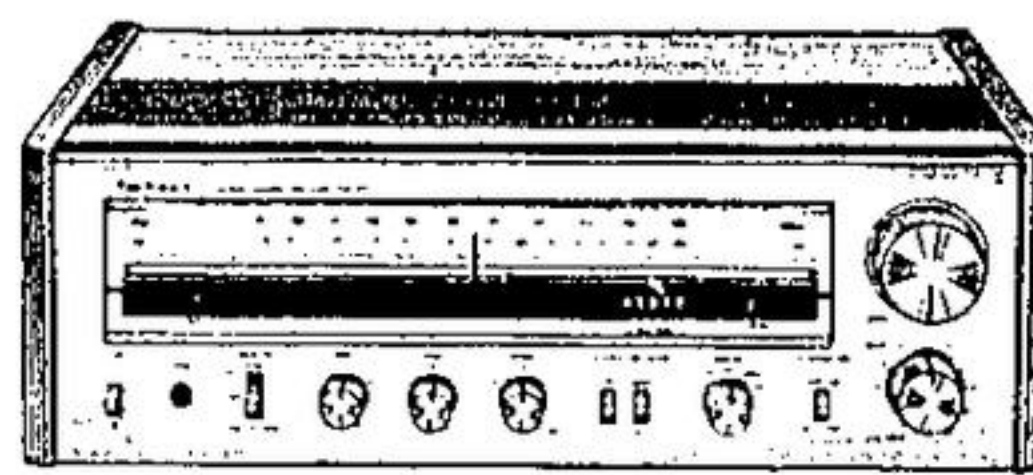
One of the many recommendations of a study on long-term care undertaken locally by the Halton District Health Council called for the development of an Information System for senior citizens in Halton. At present, there is no co-ordinated and comprehensive information program in the region.

A small committee has been set up and its membership is comprised of senior citizens from the five geographic areas of Halton under the chairmanship of Joyce Armour, a Health Council member. Representing the areas are: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dewdney of Georgetown, Marguerite Taylor of Acton, Irene Fearson of Burlington, Edgar Foster of Milton and Jim Fraser and Bud Paterson of Oakville.

The first meeting, held last week at Milton District Hospital, provided a useful exchange of ideas and information and steps have been initiated to begin the development of this much needed program.

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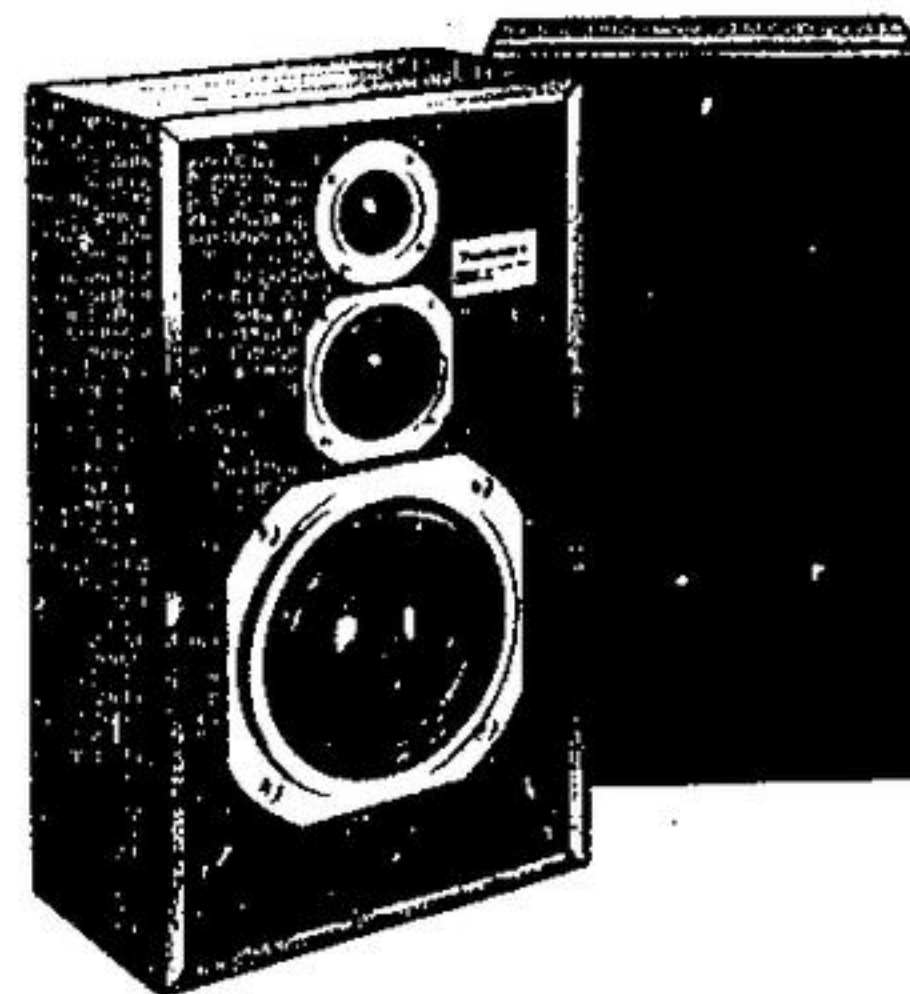
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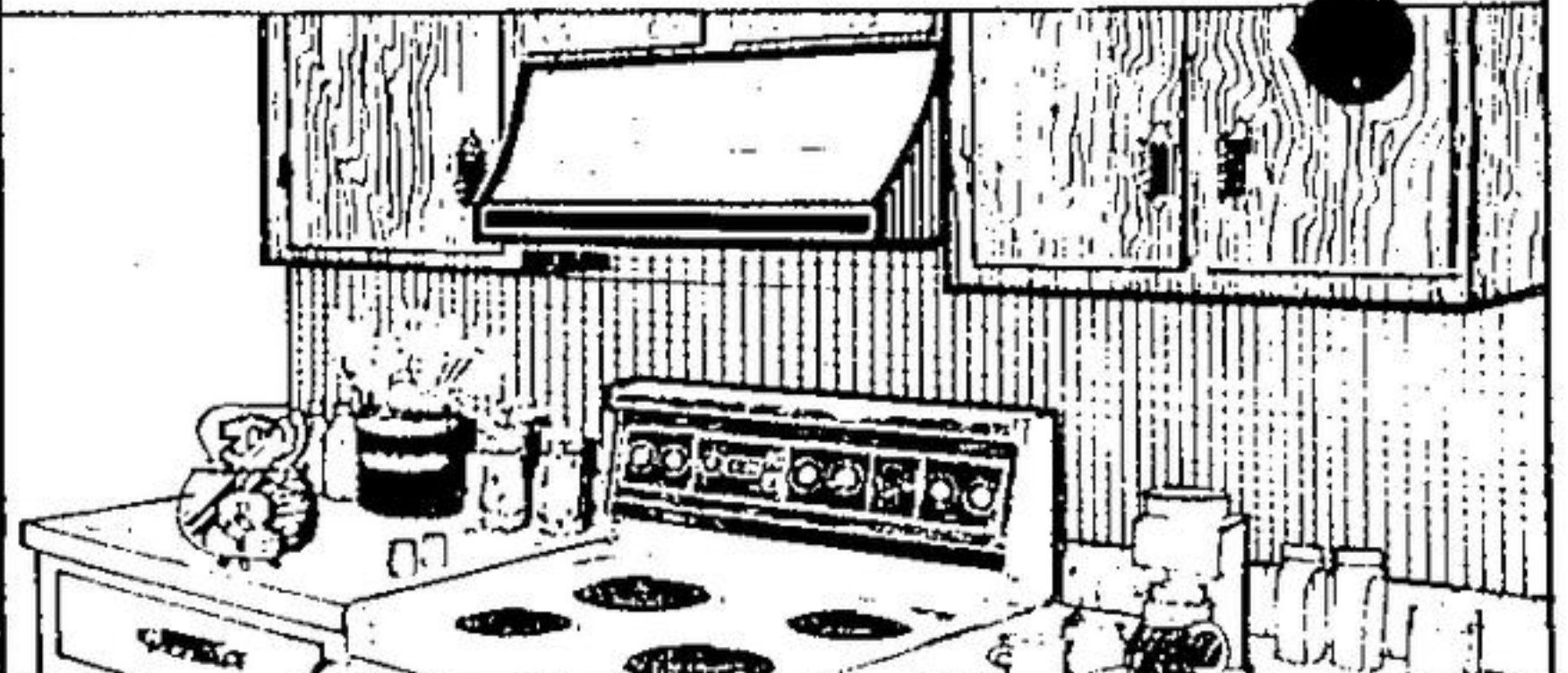
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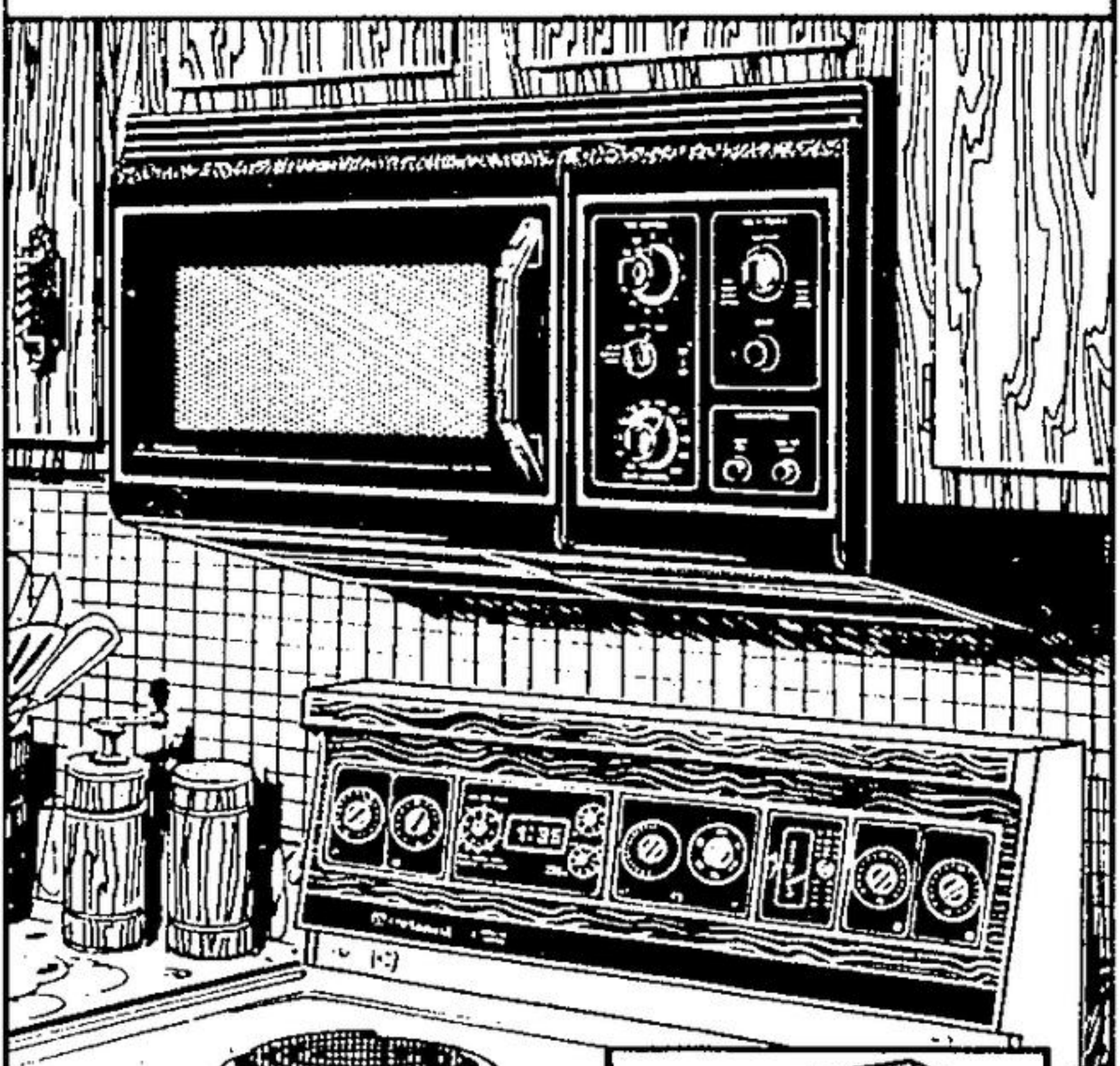
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