Four of Actou's talented musicians played an informal concert Saturday afternoon in the temporary quarters of the Georgetown Public Library In the Guelphylew Square, Nancy Patterson, Dave Sale (not visible), Dr. George Elliott and Marion Patterson entertained library patrons for about an hour with songs of the season.

(Herald photo)

Milton retiree makes medical history

Herald Special

A Toronto surgeon and a retired construction worker from Millon have made Canadian medical history.

. But it will be one or two weeks before Robert Hell, 65, can talk about his part in it. Dr. Jeremy Freeman recently restored Bell's voice in an operation performed for the first time in Canada. Freeman used a technique be learned in Europe from Dr. Mario Staffiers of Piacenza, Italy,

Freeman removed Bell's larynx in a cancer operation two weeks ago, and in doing so performed reconstructive surgery that will allow Bell to talk again.

Until the operation at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, people who have had their voice box removed have used a cumbersome electronic speech aid that makes them sound like a computer. Or they learned esophageal speech, in which air is swallowed and then burped back up the

gullet - a difficult and tiring procedure. Fewer than half of the people who have had their voice boxes removed master this form of speech well enough for clear and sustained speech.

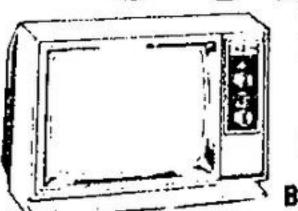
Freeman, who learned from Staffieri while studying on a fellowship, said the new operation leaves patients with a clearly understandable but hourse voice.

The operation involves making a connection between the windpipe (trachea) from the lungs and the gullet (esophagus) from the stomach.

Freeman said Staffieri has done 450 of the operations, sixty per cent having good results immediately and the other 49 per cent needing a revision. And 75 per cent of those who had a second operation have since done well.

Freeman said heavy smoking and drinking are linked to throat cancer And his advice is "quit smoking".

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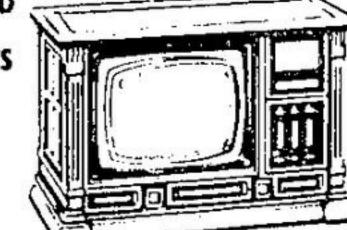
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Ceeil Ross Storring, a junior hockey coach, died Nov. 24 at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. He was 54. Mr. Storring was born in Frankford, Ontario, the son of Ross Storring and Pearl Reid. He attended school in Frankford and L'amble. He also lived in Madoc and Deloro

before settling in this area. He was an inspector on the line at American Motors in Brampton for 17 years, and served in the army service. Mr. Storring and his wife,

Ana, were married in 1954 at Frankford, Mr. Storring attended Halton Hills Gospel Temple, and drove a bus for Sunday School.

Mr. Storring is survived by his parents and his wife, and a son, Wayne, who lives at R R 1, Georgetown. He is also survived by a sister, Edith, Mrs. Alex Rushlow, of Belleville. The funeral service was held

Nov. 27 at the Halton Hills Gospel Temple, and was conducted by Pastor Angus Nicholson and Pastor E.J. Freisen, former pastor in Halton Hills.

Pallbearers were Jim Bailey, Ross Norton and Doug Lewis of Georgetown, Allan Warren of Acton, Ken Ellis of R R 1, Havelock and Bob Anderson of Erin. Interment was in Frankford.

Outers head for wilderness

By HARALD BRANSCH

Herald Special The Georgetown District High School Outers Club held a winter backpacking trip last weekend from Limehouse to Hilton Falls conservation area by way of the Bruce Trail.

A group of eight people, mostly experienced members, participated in this outing: Richard Belshaw, Harald Bransch, Tom Chiovitti, Glen Collier, Dave Hellar, Doug Issac and Stacey Wheeler, all supervised by club leader Chris Bertelsen.

The entire trip followed the well-marked Bruce Trail atop of the Niagara Escarpment; the night was spent on a municipal freeway near Speyside.

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