

'FASHIONABLE' CURLERS MAKE CLEAN SWEEP OF SPORTING BRIC A BRAC



What goes on top isn't necessarily as important as what's underneath. Patti McLaren (left) wields a curling broom as she and Penny Monckton flash their long johns for about 45 women at the Lady Curlers' Fashion Show. Curlers need to dress warmly while they're on the ice, and besides long johns, warm socks and curling slacks are a must. Curling gloves, however, have no insulation on the inside. They're made of plain leather and are tight fitting so that while curlers are sweeping they can have a tight grip on the broom. The gloves won't move as they would if they had insulation lining.

Alice Fraser was one of the more serious models last Wednesday night, giving the Lady Curlers' fashion show a dignified air. Dressed as a traditional curler, she sported a green and red plaid skirt, matching green jacket and a smart green beret. However, she was not deceived! The broom she's carefully holding comes apart to be filled with whiskey. Games co-ordinator for the club, Marilyn Mickethwaite, explained that in the early days, curlers used to curl outside, even during blizzards, and they had to find a way to keep warm. (Herald photos by Anl Pedersen)



IODE report on Labrador tops agenda

The first meeting of the season of the Countess of Strathmore IODE was held Sept. 7 at the home of Mable Sanderson.

Regent June Ross presided, with June Dean acting as a secretary in the absence of Helen MacDonald. Minutes were read and approved, and the treasurer's report given.

The meeting was largely given over to planning of the coming season's projects and activities, and Education Secretary Ruth Evans had much to report from the Chapter's adopted school in Labrador, distributing personal letters to the members from the children.

The Chapter was happy to welcome a new member, Cathy Young. The Regent conducted the ceremony, presenting the newest member with her badge.

A pleasant surprise for all members was the presence of Elsie Hamilton, formerly of Georgetown, and a former member. Elsie now lives in England and was visiting

Max Linton, so it was a great pleasure for all to renew old acquaintances, and the meeting closed with a social hour.



Tony de Hoek wasn't there, but his clothes were. Theresa Smith modelled Tony's curling apparel for fellow curlers last Wednesday night. Behind a curly black wig, plastic moustache and nose, Mrs. Smith was hard to recognize. Eleven members of the North Halton Golf and Country Club's Ladies Curling Section modelled a selection of 1981-82 curling apparel from sporting goods store Goldline.

Stop some strikes?

Halton MP Otto Jelinek has released results of his latest household questionnaire, indicating that 94 per cent of those who responded favor the elimination of the right to strike in the essential service sector.

"In view of the overwhelming support for such action," Mr. Jelinek stated, "I intend to bring this matter to the floor of the House of Commons."

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Burlington mayor attacks business development proposals

Bird scorns committee post

Never a strong supporter of the Halton business development department's recent plans for more regional dollars and a more aggressive campaign to attract new industry, Burlington Mayor Roly Bird has steadfastly refused to have anything to do with a newly formed "regional business advisory committee."

During last Wednesday's council meeting, Mayor Bird suggested that the department should stop trying to "sell" council on its development plans and "get on with business development in the region."

He has adamantly opposed a number of ideas originally presented to the region's administration and finance committee by business development department director Matt Fischer last month.

Mr. Fischer, who replaced Bill Marshall earlier this year, says Halton must contribute more funds to promoting commercial and industrial growth in the region. Currently, Halton lags behind neighboring regions in terms of per capita expenditures on business development.

If Halton is to remain competitive with other regions in attracting business, Mr.

Fischer argues, it should boost its program funding from 68 cents per resident to about \$1.55 by 1983. Mr. Fischer has also recommended that the business department's budget should double in two years and has asked for additional staff.

Although he has voiced the strongest opposition to the expanded programs proposed by the department, Mayor Bird is not the only regional councillor concerned that Mr. Fischer's proposals may be too extravagant for Halton to consider when austerity measures may force cutbacks in other programs before the budget is approved next year.

A number of committee members have already indicated they may not support the department's proposals for newsletters and extensive advertising campaigns as part of Halton's promotion in the business world.

Referring to a letter from the department's director, Mayor Bird alarmed any suggestion that unless the department's program grows, efforts to promote business development in Halton are "token."

If Mr. Fischer feels that business promotion until now have been "token efforts," Mayor Bird said, "maybe we have the wrong person for the job."

"It's up to the people we have on staff to get out there and do the work," he added.

Mayor Bird has frequently praised the efforts of his municipality's own business development efforts, while opposing the scheme proposed by the regional department.

"It takes hustle and personal exposure to build business," Mayor Bird stressed, arguing that he would "not sit around and try to re-invent the wheel" by joining the business advisory committee which includes the mayors of Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills as well as a number of key regional business figures.

Burlington, he said, is quite willing to share its business promotion knowledge with the other three Halton municipalities and suggests that business development is more effective through local initiatives rather than relying heavily on regional efforts.

Despite assurances from regional chairman Jack Rafitis that he would talk with Mayor

Bird to convince him to participate on the newly-formed committee, the Burlington representative's position remained entrenched.

"I won't support it," Mayor Bird said. "I don't feel it's necessary."

Mr. Rafitis emphasized that Mr. Fischer's proposed budgets for the department - \$295,160 next year and about \$400,000 the year after - are not final. Council was only being asked to endorse the principle of boosting the region's business development program, he said. No decision on the budgets will be made until next year.

"What we're approving here

is a general principle or a direction," Burlington Coun. Walter Mulkewich said. "I'm sure that staff are aware that some of these points will have to be justified (at budget time). The real essence here is to create jobs for the future."

Even faced with the Burlington mayor's opposition to the proposal, council concurred that the region must do more to promote industrial growth and supported the creation of a business advisory group. Nevertheless, the recommendation presented to council last week was amended, allowing Mayor Bird to appoint someone else to replace him on the committee.

Police Beat

Gas rupture stalls traffic

A ruptured Union Gas main at Sinclair Avenue and Guelph Street in Georgetown Friday afternoon caused traffic to be blocked off in that area and people to be evacuated. The four-inch main to the BP gas station was broken by a large back hoe operated by Fernmar Paving. Deputy fire chief Bob Hyde said the break had the potential to become a large problem, had the gas ignited. Halton regional police rerouted traffic from Mountainview Road to Delrex Boulevard for an hour and nearby restaurants were evacuated because of the danger of the accumulated natural gas in the area.

B and E charges laid

A 16-year-old has been charged with break and enter and theft at five Acton residences; three on Storey Drive, broken into Oct. 8, 9 and Sept. 29; one on Doby Road Oct. 9; and another on Cobblehill Road Sept. 29. Charged is Hugo Dewinter, 16, of no fixed address.

Girl struck by car

A little girl was hit when she darted out from behind some garbage boxes in front of a John Street residence in Georgetown. Shannon Hunt was taken to Georgetown Memorial Hospital with minor injuries Monday and transferred to Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children.

Norval business ransacked

Continental Service Ltd. in Norval was broken into Saturday morning at 2 a.m. through an east side window. Several desks in the office were ransacked. A young Huttonville man has been charged with break and enter with intent in connection with the Guelph Street break-in.

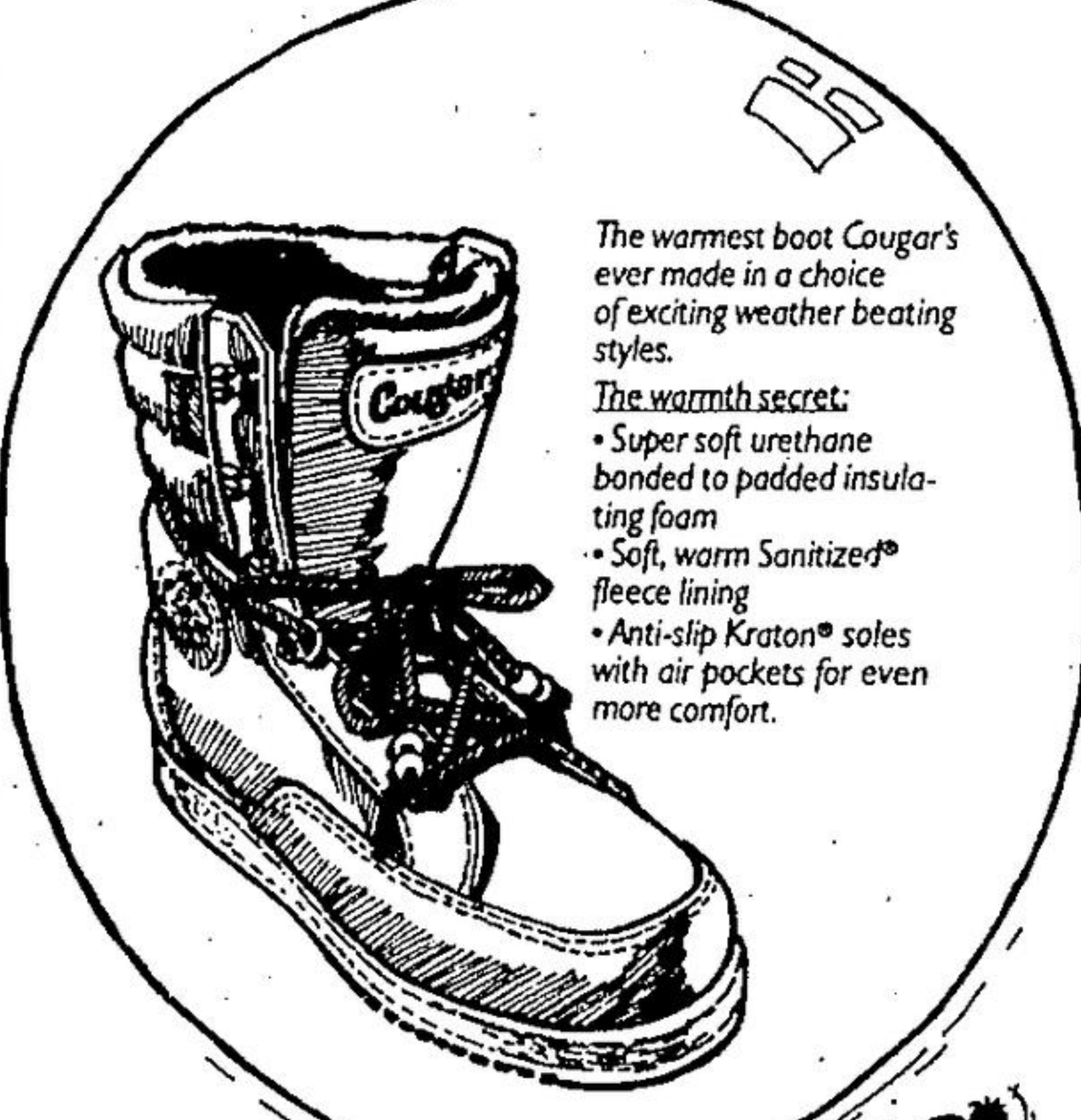
Acton driver hits trees

An Acton driver failed to negotiate a curve while driving along Mill Street West, and struck some small trees. The driver found himself with a flat tire and \$500 damage to the front end of his Plymouth, Friday.

Deer topples Datsun

A deer running across the highway caused a Mississauga driver to take evasive action causing \$1,000 damage to his 1981 Datsun Friday. Driving northbound on Guelph Line, north of Sideroad 3, the driver lost control on the curving road and skidded into the east ditch. The car rolled over onto the roof and came to rest upright on its wheels. There were minor injuries to a passenger in the car.

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