

Parents Without Partners convention will reaffirms group's necessity

By ANIPEDERIAN
Herald Staff Writer

Having somebody farther down the road than you are, who knows the pitfalls of being a single parent, is one of the advantages in joining a club called Parents Without Partners (PWP).

Members of PWP benefit from having each other to consult when raising children alone, or when being single gets to be too much.

"It's nice to have a friend you can call at 3 a.m. and they'll be right there to listen and talk with you," PWP first vice president Wayne Thompson told The Herald last week. "If you sit and think about a problem by yourself, it snowballs and becomes bigger and bigger."

Sharing a problem shrinks it and makes you realize you aren't the first one facing such a situation, he explained.

The Georgetown chapter is hosting a joint conference of the Grand Valley and Maple Leaf regional chapters of PWP this Saturday. Reverend John Vincent of Mountinview Baptist Church will speak on "Being a proud single parent," at 11 a.m. and panel discussions will be held following lunch on the problems of a child from a single parent home in coping with school. A dinner and dance in the evening will top off the conference. Registration is open only to PWP members.

PWP is an international organization devoted to the welfare and interests of single parents and their children. Developed in March, 1958, in New York, it now has chapters in Canada, Australia, the British Isles and Europe.

The Georgetown chapter has about 80 members and belongs to the Toronto-area Maple Leaf region.

Mr. Thompson, 42, said he joined PWP about five months after he was separated from his wife. It helped him recover from a severe depression he suffered as a result of the change in marital status, he said.

"People who have not been through a separation cannot begin to fathom the problems of loneliness and the worries," Mr. Thompson said. "When I was still happily married I had a friend who separated from his spouse and I remember telling him 'For God's sake, smarten up and go get another wife'. Now I feel differently and realize it isn't so simple."

"It was a total shock for me," he said. "By the time one

party plans to go, they've steered themselves up for the separation and the other party is left facing the unexpected void."

Mr. Thompson and his former wife are still in touch with each other, as their separation was an amicable one, but others are not so fortunate. Several women in PWP left their husbands because they were so badly beaten, or drugs and alcoholism had made life miserable for the family unit.

Mr. Thompson outlined

some of the painful experiences of being divorced, separated or widowed. When the partner first leaves or dies — that's the start of the pain. When they've found another boyfriend or girlfriend, it hurts. When divorce papers are filed, and when custody of the children is decided, the separation from a spouse becomes final.

Many members of the PWP have passed through these stages and can offer emotional support to others facing the same feelings of rejection and

bitterness.

However, not all members are working on a divorce or are divorced. Some have never married and qualify because they have children. Then there are those who were widowed. Ages range from 24 up, with the majority in their 30's.

Through educational meetings with other women, and men, PWP members learn more about themselves and share information about how to cope with being a single parent.

Because single parents tend to be in tight financial situations, events are considered "dutch treat" and activities organized for children aren't extravagantly expensive.

Mr. Thompson said membership in the club faces a high turnover as people find new partners and get married or live together. Once that happens, members have to drop out of the club, for they are no longer "single" parents.

Be safe, not sorry. The Canadian Red Cross Society urges you to wear a Department of Transport approved Life Jacket or Personal Flotation Device (PFD) whenever you're in a boat or fishing along the edge of the water. Cold water can kill.

H. FOBERT REAL ESTATE LTD. REALTOR



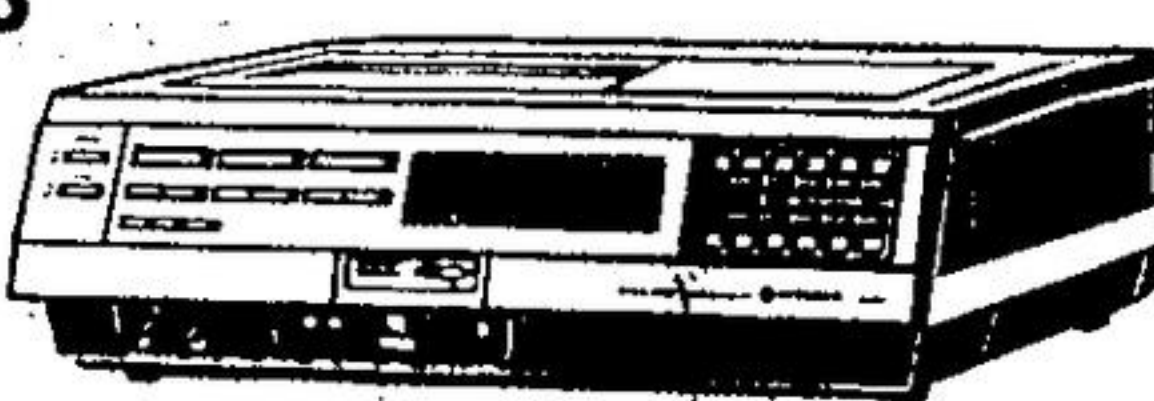
is pleased to announce the appointment of Evelyn Cadenhead to their sales staff. Evelyn joins 21 other sales associates, making H. Fobert Real Estate the largest and most established office in Halton Hills (Georgetown, Acton). We have been successfully serving these areas since 1983.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, Contact Evelyn Cadenhead at 877-5213 or 853-3464.

MOVIE RENTALS

(INQUIRE ABOUT OUR VIDEO CLUB)

UP-TO-DATE MOVIES IN:
BETA & VHS
VCR'S IN
• HITACHI
• TOSHIBA
• ZENITH
BLANK TAPES
VHS T120
\$18.95



BRAMPTON COLOUR & SOUND
13 Nelson St. W. & SOUND 453-4455

CHURCH DIRECTORY

This Weekend attend the Church of your Choice

ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
60 Guelph St.
877-8044
RECTOR Rev. Jim Boyles

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (New Rite)
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Prayerbook) Junior Church (Nursery Facilities)
11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

HOLY CROSS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
224 Maple Ave. Georgetown
PASTOR Father Dave Cote
ASST. PASTOR Father Murray Kretsch
MASSES Sat. 7 p.m. Sun. 8 a.m., 10, 12
For information call: 877-5983

GEORGETOWN ALLIANCE CHURCH
14 Main St. S. Georgetown
PASTOR Rev. Peter Ralph, B.A., M.Div.

11:00 a.m. Morning Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
6:30 p.m. Evening Service
7:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting

CALL: 877-8618 853-3923
A CHURCH OF THE CHRISTIAN & MESSYANIC ALLIANCE IN CANADA

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
PASTOR Edwin H. Mitchell 877-6865 877-0320

EVERY SUNDAY Family Bible School 9:45 a.m. Biblical Preaching, Good Music 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Supervised Nursery

WEEKLY Bible Study & Prayer Ladies Coffee Hour Youth Time & Recreation Boys & Girls Clubs

MONTHLY Jolly Seniors Missionary Meeting
Visitors Always Welcome!

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WINDSOR ROAD AT CAROLE STREET
PASTOR REV. DR. J.M. DRICKAMER
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
CHURCH SERVICE 11:00 a.m.
Church of the Lutheran Hour

OVER \$2,500⁰⁰ SAVED

by Fletcher's Family Plan Customers....
(It's Just Like a Profit Sharing Bonus)

YES..... Fletcher's Family Plan Pays Off.
Here are just a few of our many customers who have recently made savings.

<p>Mrs. C. Witcher 7 Ontario Street Georgetown Saved \$24⁷⁹</p>	<p>Mrs. M. Footman R.R. 2 Erin, Ontario Saved \$23⁰²</p>	<p>Mrs. P. Humphreys R.R. 2 Georgetown Saved \$27⁸³</p>	<p>Mrs. Donker 9 Danridge Cr. Georgetown Saved \$21⁷⁵</p>
<p>Mr. N. Pride 61 Moore Park Cr. Georgetown Saved \$20⁹⁸</p>	<p>Mrs. M. Christie 428 Delrex Blvd. Georgetown Saved \$20⁸³</p>	<p>Mrs. G. Hayes 1 Dundas St. W. Erin, Ontario Saved \$21³⁴</p>	<p>Mrs. J. Davies 5 Confederation St. Glen Williams Saved \$20⁴⁴</p>

SELECTION.... Shoes for the Entire Family.
VALUE.... Compare Prices.
COMFORT.... Try Our Fitting.
SERVICE.... None Better.

SPECIALISTS IN FITTING CHILDREN'S SHOES
ALWAYS ALERT TO FOOT PROBLEMS!
ORTHOPAEDIC PRESCRIPTIONS FILLED

Cougar Boots.

Central heat for your feet.

First Line Quality Only! Not Seconds or Promotional.

Ladies' and Youths' **\$42⁹⁹**



8" Pillow Boots, Leather Uppers, Speed Lacing, Red Brushed Nylon Linings, 3/8" Foam Insulation Including Tongue.

FLETCHERS family shoes

GEORGETOWN'S FOREMOST FOOT FITTERS

102 Main St. Downtown Georgetown 877-1664

MON TUE WED 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
THURS FRI 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.
SAT 10:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Credit Union says its scheme saves

Herald Special
At a recent monthly meeting, the board of directors of Halton Community Credit Union approved a mortgage payment plan that will save their members thousands of dollars in interest payments.

How is this possible? Unbelievable, but very simple, explained Jules Fryters, general manager of Halton Credit Union. Here is how it works, for example, on a \$30,000 mortgage with interest at 21 and a half per cent per annum.

The monthly payment in this instance would be \$318.04 per month over a 25 year period. Total payments for principal and interest would cost the homeowner \$155,412.

The new mortgage payment plan will call for weekly payment based on a quarter of the monthly payment, in this case \$129.51 weekly. As a result of this, the member would make 52 payments annually. The 52 weekly payments instead of the 12 monthly payments work out to an extra four weeks of payments, or an extra \$518.04 a year.

By paying \$129.51 a week, the mortgage is retired after only 12 years and eight weeks, at a total cost in principal and interest of \$81,850.32. This represents a saving of \$73,561.68.

For the 12 years and eight weeks it amounts to about \$6,300.00 extra in payments. By paying the extra \$6,300.00 the householder saves this whopping \$73,561.68, and cuts the mortgage retirement time to less than half the 25 years.

The other factor which makes this tremendous savings possible is, that the mortgage principal is reduced every week, instead of every month, which means the mortgagee pays less interest on principal every week.

The weekly payment plan option will be available on residential properties only. Payments will be by automatic transfer from active

Continued on Page 9

TIDY CAR

WORLD'S LEADING AUTO APPEARANCE SPECIALISTS

ASSOCIATE DEALER—CHRIS BYDEVAATE

— COMPLETE CAR CARE SERVICE —

PRESERVE-A-SHINE

YOUR CAR BEFORE WINTER

Preserve the beauty of your automobile investment with a protective shield that seals out the harmful effects of winter. Protection against snow, road salt, sand and other chemicals that reduce the safety and beauty of your car.

TIDY CAR'S OTHER SERVICES INCLUDE:

- STEAM & DRY CLEANING INTERIORS
- UPHOLSTERY GUARD
- VINYL ROOF RESTORATION
- PIN STRIPING
- TOUCH-UP PAINT
- SPLASH GUARDS

PLUS MORE!

— SAME DAY SERVICE —

FOR FREE ESTIMATE, CALL OR DROP IN AT
111 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. N., GEORGETOWN
877-6136