



One pair of hands is doing it again this year. Those nimble hands belong to Cancer Society volunteer Fred Johnson (centre) of Georgetown's Churchill Crescent. Mr. Johnson gets encouragement from volunteers Steamer Emerson and Mr. Johnson's daughter, Ellen Norton, as he puts together over 100 kits for the Cancer Society drive set to start in April. (Herald photo)

Fred Johnson heads cancer society's April daffodil campaign for funds

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Fred Johnson, 62, spends a lot of hours at this time of year sitting amid bright yellow and lime green folders.

April is Cancer Month and means Cancer Society visitors will be at doors all across the country.
Mr. Johnson's wife died two years ago from cancer and he recalls that the Cancer Society was a big help to his family during her illness.
"The Cancer Society was really good to mum," Ellen Norton, his daughter said. "They took her to Toronto

many times for treatments."
This year's goal for the Halton Hills unit of the Society is \$33,000, up from last year's \$30,000. The money goes toward providing service for 100 patients in the Georgetown area.
Volunteer Wheldon "Steamer" Emerson said 30 per cent of the money raised in Georgetown stays here for education, drugs,

treatment and transportation costs. The rest goes to the Toronto office, where it is spent on research, administration and fund-raising.
A breakfast at the North Halton Golf and Country Club will kick off the local Cancer Society drive April 1. Members of the industrial world of Georgetown are invited to attend the 7:45 to 9 a.m. breakfast. If planning to

do so, the Cancer Society asks that you call Paul Armstrong of Armstrong Insurance so they'll have an idea of how many will be attending. Cost is \$5.
The breakfast will be followed by Daffodil Day, April 2 and 3, and visits by canvassers for the Cancer Society through the rest of the month.

Chatting with Grandma Mabel makes both parties feel good

Contact Centre assures confidence

EDITOR'S NOTE: The North Halton Contact Centre, quietly helping a few residents with all kinds of questions and problems, is again appealing for more volunteers to man its phones. A spring training session, in which interested people learn what is involved, where to find requested information and how to deal with stress calls, begins April 21. The following essay gives some insight into the volunteer's role; if it's apparent to you that it's a job you could handle, why not give the Contact Centre a call at 877-1211, or write them at P.O. Box 82.

MANNING A SHIFT AT THE CONTACT CENTRE
For one year I have been a Contact Centre volunteer. I have a husband, two children and a job, but once a week I find four hours to answer the phone and listen to callers at the North Halton Contact Centre.

The experience and rewards have changed my view of the world and myself.

If you want to do something for yourself and others, call and apply, we always need volunteers.

As I write this, I sit at the desk of the phone room, my shift is nearly over. I am thinking of the last caller - Janet, just turned 16. She very shyly asked "Is there anybody listening in on us?" I assured her there is nobody else; her call is absolutely confidential.

She was in a hurry, her room would be back in 20 minutes. Grouping for words, she mumbled she had not been feeling well for the last couple of weeks. She could not concentrate on her schoolwork. She is not on good terms with her mother. Her dad is on an extended sales trip.

She was very close to her boyfriend, but yesterday she had a terrible row with him. There was nobody else she could talk to. How could this have happened, after the first and only time?

For 15 minutes, I shared her cold fear and misery, allowing her to unburden herself. There are people who can help her. I told her how to reach them.

She thanked me for being there and I thanked her for trusting me. I wished her all the best for the future, and I really meant that.

Not every caller has such profound problems, but all are worthy of my entire attention. Like the elderly lady who lost her pension cheque, I could tell her whom to turn to. A man with a young family new in town inquired about service clubs and daycare centres. We have such information at our fingertips.

Before my time is up I phone our dear friend, Grandma Mabel. She is 78 and lives all alone in her little house. I ask how she feels and what she is doing. She looks forward to our regular calls. She loves a good chat and is happy that somebody cares.

Time to go home. I feel these four hours were precious. Let's admit the shifts can be tiresome at times, but I have gained insight and empathy towards my fellow human beings I would not miss for anything.

As I said, we always need new volunteers; the next Spring Training Session commences April 21.

Region pays legal charges

Legal costs incurred by Halton Police Constable Brian Farrell in a court case last November will be paid for by the region, the administration and finance committee determined last Wednesday.

According to the province's Police Act, municipal governments may remunerate law enforcement officers for legal costs following civil or criminal proceedings. During an arrest in December 1980, Const. Farrell, a member of the Georgetown detachment, charged a Halton Hills woman with assaulting a police officer. The woman also charged the constable with assault causing bodily harm.

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More region grants

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) will get a 4.4 per cent increase in the region's share of its budget raised from the annual tax levy. Halton's finance and administration committee decided last Wednesday.

Committee members agreed that \$40,305 from the 1982 levy should go to the Authority, which is working with a budget of just over \$5 million in 1982. Regional taxes last year covered \$38,570 of the CVCA budget.

Meanwhile, other committee budget decisions which will be voted on today (Wednesday) at regional council envision the Halton Regional Conservation Authority getting \$1,063,472 from regional levies and the Grand River Conservation Authority \$24,428. About 15 per cent of the Grand River's watershed is in Halton and two per cent in Halton Hills. The rest lies west and north of Halton.

And the Radio Reading Service, an organization which enables sight-handicapped residents to listen to newspaper readings and other selections through a special receiver, was given a \$10,000 grant. The service is currently hoping to link up with a number of cable operations in Halton, Hamilton and surrounding areas.

Hungry Hollow mishap ends in nearby waterway

A driver and his car ended up in the Credit River Sunday night after colliding with the rear of another car, leaving the roadway and smashing through a fence.

There were no serious injuries and the car was later towed out.

The accident took place on Mountainview Road South, in the valley area known as Hungry Hollow. Road conditions were bad due to very warm weather and a high melting rate which caused abnormal run-offs and wash-outs in the area.

Regional public works director Bob Moore said the road had to be rebuilt and road shoulders repaired because the running water had carried off stones from the gravel road surface.

The southbound lane was blocked Sunday night and through Monday. It was opened Monday afternoon after stone had been hauled to the area to make it safe. The road will be hard surfaced in the spring.

HELP US + HELP!

March is Red Cross CAMPAIGN-FOR-FUNDS month.

The largest grant last week went to the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton which received \$155,435 from regional coffers.

More canvassing and call-backs are being done. Please be generous with your donation, so that our FREE services in GEORGETOWN and DISTRICT can be continued. If not canvassed in Georgetown by March 31st or in the country by March 21st, please, send your donation to the Georgetown and District Red Cross Branch, P.O. Box 108, Georgetown, Ontario, L7Q 4T1. Include address for receipt-issue.

Finance committee members also agreed to provide the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra with \$10,886 in 1982.

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