

SENIOR SCENES

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Spokesmen for seniors go to region

As Son Sees Dad
At age five Dad is the greatest man in the world. At about 14, Dad looks like a dollar machine. At 20, Dad is a good chap but very old-fashioned. At 35, son wonders how Dad ever got by. In his mid-50s, son asks Dad's advice. At 50, Dad sure was one grand guy. At 60, "Dad always used to say."

A successful Seniors' Seminar was held a week ago Monday in Sheridan College, Oakville. The main speaker of the morning was Lawrence Crawford, the newly-appointed provincial co-ordinator for senior citizens.

Mr. Crawford, a gerontologist by profession, was very knowledgeable of seniors' problems and concerns and ably answered questions at the end of his talk. He pointed out that seniors have the same rights as anyone over eighteen, guaranteed by our new Constitution and these rights are not lost because of age except by special legislation.

Quite often, an elderly person is labelled as being senile, particularly by medical personnel, when their state of confusion may be due to other factors such as loss of sight or hearing, malnutrition, use of alcohol or over-medication. Every patient has the right to question medical procedures.

Ageing is a field in which we are all playing a part. Everything possible must be done to help the elderly remain independent and self-sufficient. Home care programs, sponsored by local organizations, were praised for their useful role in this area. People must be helped to help themselves and more equipment for self-feeding and self-care is needed.

Very often, legislation hampers progress and the freedom of choice. As an example, it was noted that the ActiVan can not go to the Milton Manor due to restrictions governing boundaries. Loneliness, common among the elderly, can often cause illness and retard recovery and Mr. Crawford deplored the ban on pets in seniors' residences.

Of the three workshops conducted in the afternoon, the one which concerns us most in Halton Hills was on "Transportation". A list of recommendations was compiled to be presented to regional council.

(1) Some type of transit facility be established between Halton Hills and the southern part of the Region.

(2) Escalators at "GO" stations.
(3) Official identification stickers for operators and vehicles using parking reserved for the handicapped and the public be informed not to use these reserved areas. A group of volunteers offered to present these concerns to regional council: Barbara Stephens and Morley Mills, Georgetown, Ed Parsons and Clifford Brown, Milton, and Pauline Barlow of Acton.

A reader called us with this advice. If you are entering hospital, make enquiries about the use and cost of the television in your room. If you do not wish to have it, inform the office when you are admitted. Otherwise, the cost may be added to your bill.



Color and precision is the name of the game and the Georgetown Elkettes provided lots of it during their recital for members' parents last Tuesday night at Georgetown District High School. Several group dance routines were performed and the crowd was awed by fast-paced twirling techniques of a number of guest soloists, including "guest twirler" Tracy Attard. The Elkettes are sponsored by the Halton Hills Elks Lodge. (Herald photos)



Transport concerns

Herald Special
The seminar for senior citizens called "An Agenda for the Eighties" was held at Sheridan College's Oakville Campus June 28. It was very well-attended, with over 100 representatives from all corners of Halton present including over 70 senior citizens.

The highlight of the day was a talk by Lawrence Crawford, the newly-appointed provincial co-ordinator for senior citizens in Ontario. Mr. Crawford spoke informally about some of the problem areas and the attitudes which must be

overcome both by seniors and the rest of the population to ensure new policies and approaches achieve the maximum degree of success and support. A number of conclusions became apparent as a result of the discussions held in the three workshops. Among these was the distinct interest which the seniors group had in the improvement and expansion of transportation in Halton and the recognition that many of their local difficulties in other fields could be solved with community programs largely based on volunteer effort.

Both the Halton Seniors' Information Committee and the Health Council were especially pleased by the turnout and interest shown by the participants and also the responsiveness and support of the five members of regional and local councils who attended. Joyce Armour, chairman of the Halton Seniors' Information Committee, suggested that more of these gatherings will likely be held, with the next probably late next spring.

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In accordance with the requirements of the Regional Municipality of Halton's Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee and the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, studies are being conducted to select a route for this sewer and to assess the potential environmental impact thereof.

Details of the proposed project will be available for review by the public in the Committee Room of the Town of Halton Hills Trafalgar Road offices between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 14, 1982. Representatives of the Town's Engineering Department and the Consultant preparing the designs will be available during this time to explain the project and answer any inquiries.

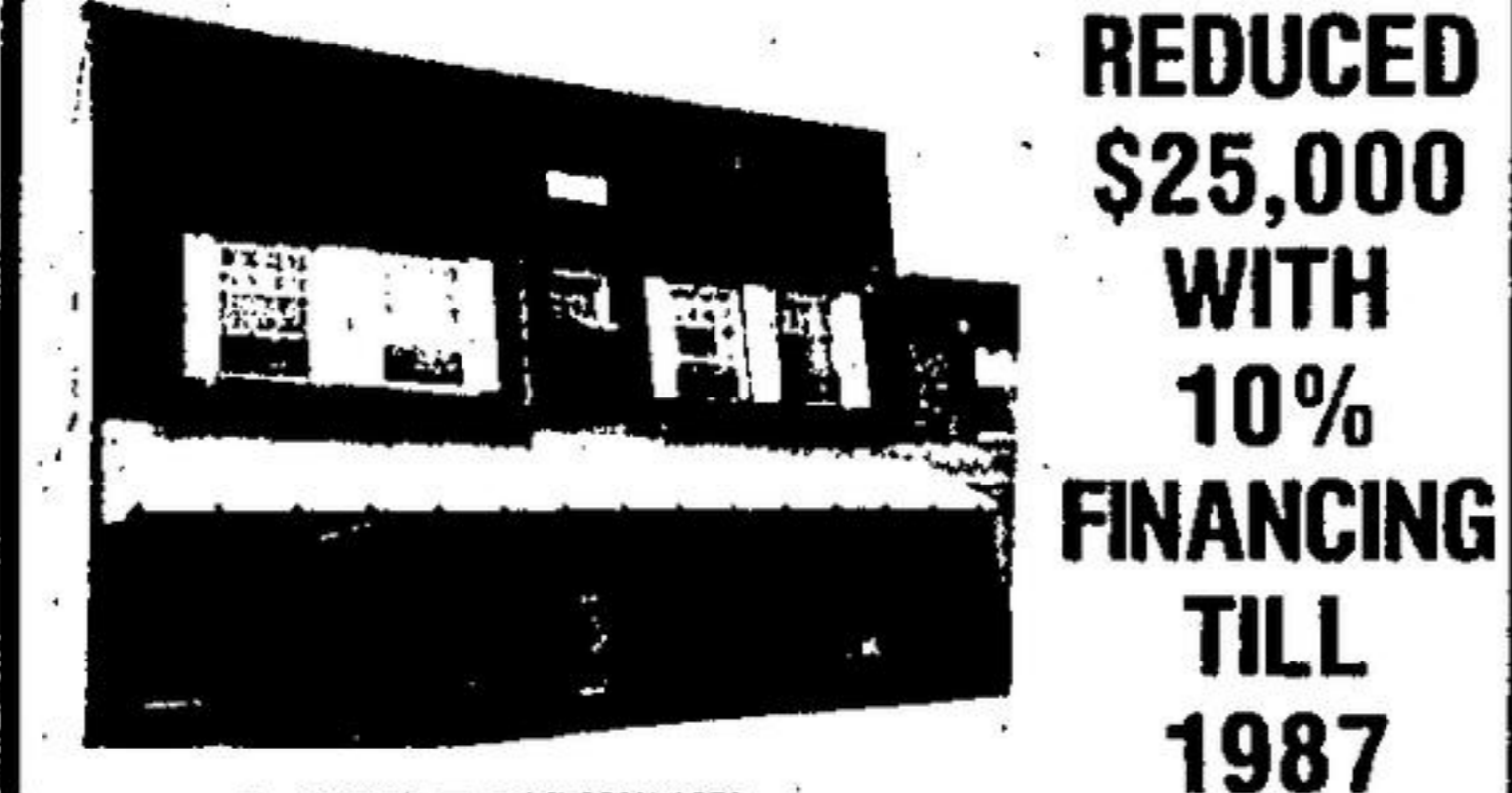
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