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Friday, December 3, 1982

Town seeks appointees

Advertisements are appearing in The Herald inviting residents to apply for a number of positions on municipal agencies. There are positions open on the town's committee of adjustment, library board, parking authority, safety council and land division committee for residents who have some free time to spare. Town council Monday night decided not to advertise for the town's property standards committee position which opens up this year because the committee has had no need to meet in 1982. Instead, council will ask the person currently serving in the spot if he would like to sit for another term. The appointments will be reviewed by council. Other individuals already sitting on the committees have terms which end in different years. Current board and committee members may reapply.

Cancer unit bazaar

The Georgetown unit of the town's cancer society will hold its Christmas bazaar at St. Andrew's United Church on Mountainview Road South, this year. The bazaar will be open from 1 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Tuesday (Dec. 7). Everyone is welcome to attend.

King Street bust

A 19-year old Georgetown woman was charged with possession of a narcotic Nov. 20 after Halton regional police arrived on her King Street doorstep with a search warrant. She'll be appearing in Milton provincial court Dec. 13.

Two arrested

Two young people were arrested last Friday at 10 p.m. in the Halton Hills plaza and charged with possession of marijuana. A 19-year old Georgetown man and a 18-year old Scarborough woman will appear in Milton provincial court Jan. 10.

Helping the vision-impaired 'read'

Bring warmth to winter

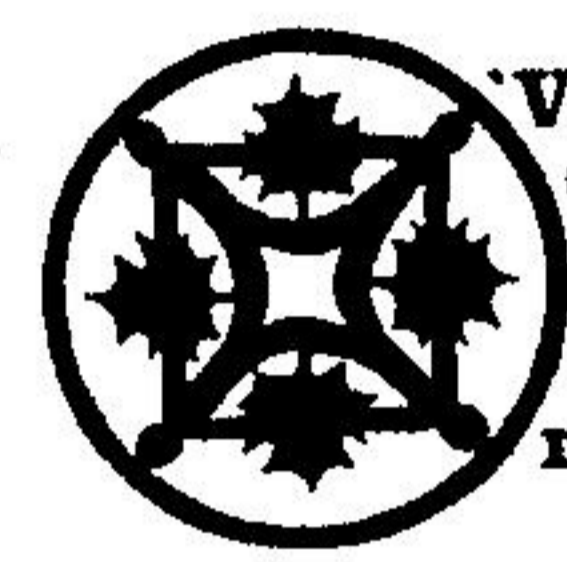


SIMPLER TIMES

Saddle 'er up and let's bale out. George Kennedy Public School students (left to right) Adam Bood, 8, Ryan Pirie, 7, and Alexis Kerr, 8, got into the mood of the good old days of Canada Wednesday afternoon. Dressed in long calico print dresses with matching bonnets, Grade 3 girls whirled around the antique artifacts their class had set up to demonstrate the pioneer lifestyle.

(Herald photo)

By CAROL CLARK
 Volunteer Centre Co-ordinator
 The winter weeks can be very long if you don't get out too often. To be able to sit quietly and read the local papers can be quite an enjoyment. If you can't get out, the papers can keep you up with the local happenings, what's going on and



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who's doing what. But what if you couldn't read the paper? Would you appreciate a friend?

HELP OUT

The North Halton Volunteer Center has the need for such a friend. Someone in Georgetown has impaired vision and is in need of a volunteer to spend a few hours a week to read the local papers or to put the highlights on tape so they can be listened to at this person's leisure.

This is not a difficult task but a friendly voice could make someone so happy. If you are interested in being that voice, please contact Carol Clark at 877-3219.

In addition to needing someone to help the vision impaired, the volunteer centre is also looking for an individual who can teach needlepoint to someone with muscular sclerosis. The person must have a strong needlepoint interest and patience.

Meet AHS' spirit: Fred's a promoter

By DARYL JOHNSON
 AHS student
 Our school spirit's name is Fred.

Fred is a very pleasant guy, once you get to know him. He drifts through the hallways and classrooms instilling a good feeling in students, making them proud of their school and its accomplishments. Sounds good, doesn't it? Unfortunately, it's not true.

As you may have already guessed, Fred is not real, but there is a real need for school spirit, and the student association.

The student association, or S.A. for short, is a group of devoted individuals and staff who try to raise school spirit at Acton High School.

The S.A. has various ways of doing this; some are as follows: dances are held monthly, with a

theme corresponding to a special holiday or event in that month. Spirit days or spirit weeks are held in hopes of bringing the school closer together.



As many of you probably know, spirit days are the days when a themed dress code is set, and activities are planned around it. Take for instance "Hat, Button, and Sock Day" where your funniest hat, ugliest, weirdest pair of socks, and buttons galore are put

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Blade expert Clare's stays sharp

Knife-sharpening hobby turned into successful trade for Georgetown man

By ANIPEDERIAN
 Herald Staff Writer
 Clare Remple of Gibbons Place is sharp on his trade.

The Georgetown resident for 27 years has been honing a hobby sharpening scissors, knives, cutlery and other cutting equipment for the past ten years until it's become his trade.

Working out of the former garage behind his home, Mr. Remple, 68, provides a service to many Georgetown and area residents and companies.

A former tool room grinder, he decided to take a four-week course in Minneapolis when he was 55 to learn more about the sharpening trade. Although it was just an interest at that time, he considered it might develop into an occupation once he reached retirement age.

Training four weeks on Foley Company equipment, Mr. Remple learned the basics and through subsequent years bought one piece of equipment at a time for his own backyard workshop. He followed up his first course with a second on carbide tipped saw grinding.

"I was thinking of turning 65, and all of a sudden waking up and having nothing to do," Mr. Remple said. "I couldn't abide to sit still. That would drive me bananas."

SIT STILL

To be sure he wouldn't be sitting still, Mr. Remple bought a saw flier ten years ago, then a retoucher and setter. Since then, he has added eight more sharpening pieces, including a surface grinder, drill grinder and scissors grinder.

All this equipment means Mr. Remple can

sharpen drills from one-eighth of an inch to three inches in diameter. Besides woodworking tools, he can also sharpen industrial drills and saws 40 inches in diameter.

To understand cutting edges is a prerequisite in sharpening, Mr. Remple said. He'll be sharing some of his knowledge in Galt next month where he'll be teaching a one-week course for the sole Canadian distributor of Foley's equipment.

"A dull knife is the most dangerous tool you can have in the house," Mr. Remple said. With it, you have to exert extreme pressure and the pressure might send the knife or whatever it is you're cutting into your lap. With a sharp knife, you don't have to exert any pressure at all, he said.

"When a good knife is really sharp you'll cut yourself and you won't

even know it," Mr. Remple said.

Although he doesn't believe in electric knives, he sharpens them for customers.

DON'T SAW

"If you're going to cut, cut. Don't saw it. I wouldn't be caught dead with an electric knife," Mr. Remple said.

Advising purchasers of knives to buy a good set of knives from West German companies like Trident or Henckle or the Japanese makes, Mr. Remple said if you pay about \$100 you're getting a fairly good set.

"A person's set with three knives - a peeler, a bread knife and an eight-inch chef's carver knife," he said.

His wife Elsie interjected to recommend a curved peeler instead of a straight one, saying they're very good for potatoes and carrots.

Generally speaking, sharp knives can't be bought, Mr. Remple said, because after all the packaging and bashing around they get before they come home, they've dulled. He said after a good knife is bought, it should be taken to be sharpened.

Doing it yourself with a steel will only ruin a knife, Mr. Remple said.

And the "tinkerbells" who trudge up and down suburban streets with their carts ready to sharpen housewives' knives? Forget it. Mr. Remple claims they ruin more than they ever do properly.

Not a glamorous trade, sharpening hasn't caught on much with the younger generation. In Canada, Mr. Remple said there are three times too few people in the sharpening business.

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