

Red Cross drive

Do you have spare time to help the Red Cross? The Georgetown and District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society is looking for canvassers to be responsible for only 12 homes in their March campaign for funds drive. Please call 877-4208, 877-5233 or 877-4563.

Open House

You will be able to register for minor ball (boys and girls) at the Community Open House Feb. 25, 1984 at Holy Cross School. There will also be registration for spring recreational gymnastics at this time. There will be many interesting exhibits and demonstrations; door prizes include free social memberships at North Halton Golf and Country Club, Silver Creek Braving Range, Georgetown Lawn Bowling Club, the Credit Valley Artisans and more!

DAY TIME SWIMMING
Swims at the Georgetown Pool are being held from 11:30 - 12:30 on Monday, Wednesday, Friday until Feb. 17. For more info call the pool after 6 p.m. (877-7721).

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT
The Rec. Dept. is looking for enthusiastic and responsible individuals to be part of our summer playground and aquatics staffs. The deadline is Feb. 17.

Be aware to help, say drug abuse experts

Five experts on drug abuse spoke to a forum sponsored by local service clubs and hosted by the Optimist Club of Georgetown Thursday at John Elliot Theatre. A probation officer, an alcoholic, a constable and a chemist and Ray Martin, chairman of the Optimist drug abuse committee offered their views on drug awareness. The theme of drug awareness week in Halton Hills is for parents to get involved in learning about drugs so their kids can be counselled, said the chairman of drug awareness week Al Axford. There are some 9.5 billion dollars spent on drugs in Canada each year, according to the RCMP, Mr. Axford said. A former probation officer, Gebhard

Thoeny said some parents don't notice mood changes in their children which might be a symptom of drug abuse. Many parents are too pre-occupied with their own careers, he said. You should be knowledgeable enough about drugs so that you can talk to your kids and counsel them, he said. **FINDOUT**
Don't accuse them of taking drugs if you're not sure - just find out what's wrong and try and discover why your children aren't communicating, Mr. Thoeny said.

His advice to parents was to "not give up" in trying to stop their kids from taking drugs if they have been discovered. All the time he has seen children who blame their parents from not trying hard enough to get them to stop, he said. A reformed alcoholic shared his experience about how he killed a six-year old while driv-

ing impaired. The middle level manager from Toronto explained that he thought he didn't have a drinking problem. Constable Bob Andrews from the Halton Regional Police described the drug situation in Halton Hills from his nine years on the force. He explained what the different drugs were and later held a display of the types of drugs currently on the market. **DRUG RELATED**
He said 60-70 per cent of criminal cases in the last two years were drug related. Chemist and pharmacologist Alex Gabe made a pitch for more drug education in the schools. He said drug addicts sometimes move to areas where the drugs are more readily

available and they drop their circle of friends who won't take drugs. Often if a drug abuser is given an alternative such as sports, hobbies or a career, they won't go back because of the fear, loneliness and full-time related to drugs.

Profit over \$1,600

For having rain on two of its three days, the Acton fall fair did amazingly well financially in 1983 and managed a profit of just over \$1,600. Past president Keith Aitken said the fair managed to draw a record crowd Saturday and that helped with the finances. Hosting the District 5 meeting for agricultural societies in November was an achievement for the Acton fair board. Attendance was estimated at 400. It has been 20 years since Acton hosted the last district meeting. The society elected Norm Shea president, Bill Lasby first vice-president and Paul Thompson second vice-president at its annual meeting Saturday.



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