

Murals by Linda:

She offers a unique opportunity to personalize your home

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If you're in the market for some unique home improvements, Linda Roe may be the person to get in touch with.

Mrs. Roe has come up with an exclusive service which will turn an ordinary wall into the mural of your choice.

Having a ten year involvement with the theatre, Mrs. Roe has been active in designing and painting theatre sets for Georgetown Little Theatre and Globe Productions.

Mrs. Roe has four awards, (two shared), which she has been presented with for outstanding work in set design. One from Theatre Ontario, the Thea Award, was received in 1983 for the set decor used in Georgetown Globe Productions' 'Oklahoma.'

There were no formal lessons taken when Mrs. Roe began painting theatre sets and she credits her success at it with the confidence other people had in her. "They just said go ahead and do it," she said.

WAIT

Originally planning to move into the professional theatre with her set designing experience, Mrs. Roe, the mother of three, feels she has to wait until her children are older for that move.

Calling this "the year of the female", she said it was the ideal time to start her own business.

Size and subject matter pose little problem to Mrs. Roe although she said she prefers to stay clear of portraits and horses.

Some of the backdrops she has painted for the theatre have been 13 by 35 feet and have included landscapes, seascapes and a reproduction of Baveux tapestry chronicling the exploits of William the Conqueror.

Not just limited to walls Mrs. Roe said she could paint over panelling, doors, kitchen cupboards and almost any kind of furniture. Cartoons in a child's nursery, a coat of arms in an office, modern or traditional art are some of the examples Mrs. Roe gave which her service could do.

MOOD

Mrs. Roe said is a customer didn't have an idea of what they'd like, she would go into a home, feel the mood of the room where the mural is to be produced

and return with a number of mural ideas for the client.

Working mostly with mat and semi-gloss paints Mrs. Roe said she will be charging between \$20 and \$25 per hour for her service. An estimate would be given before any work would begin and Mrs. Roe said she would not go over the estimate without

permission.

One of the problems with this type of service is the inability to take the mural with you if you were to move. Mrs. Roe was quick to point out that when a family puts a swimming pool in their yard it stays with the home and may even help to sell the property, as she hopes, her murals will do.

"This type of work is

exciting for me because the scope isn't limited. The ability to create and please people is there, as it is in the theatre," she said.

Business officially opens the first phone call Mrs. Roe receives. She may be reached through 'Murals by Linda' at 877-2824 most evenings.



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Sept. 5 the Recreation and Parks Department will be distributing their Fall and Winter Community Brochure to all Halton Hills residents.

Achievement group

Under the direction of a library volunteer Norman Elson, the achievement group will get together every Friday from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. beginning on the first Friday in October.

Anyone interested in presenting a topic may call Mr. Elson at the Georgetown Public Library, 877-2681.

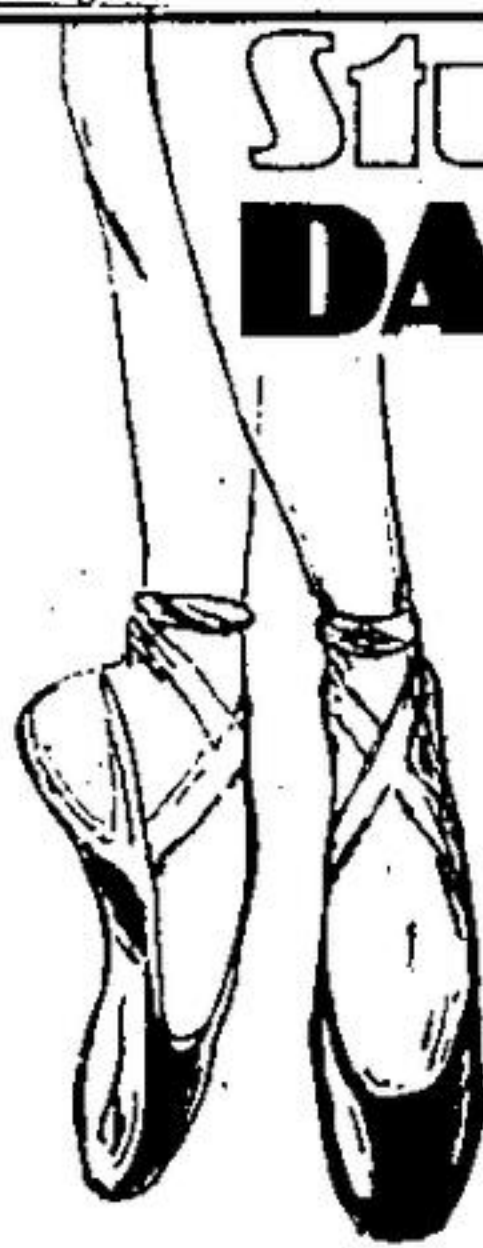
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If you've been wondering what's the name of that cute police officer you've had your eye on, you'll be able to read it on his uniform soon.

Halton regional police will be sporting a name badge either by this fall or early next year. To be worn on their left breast area, it will give their first initial and surname.

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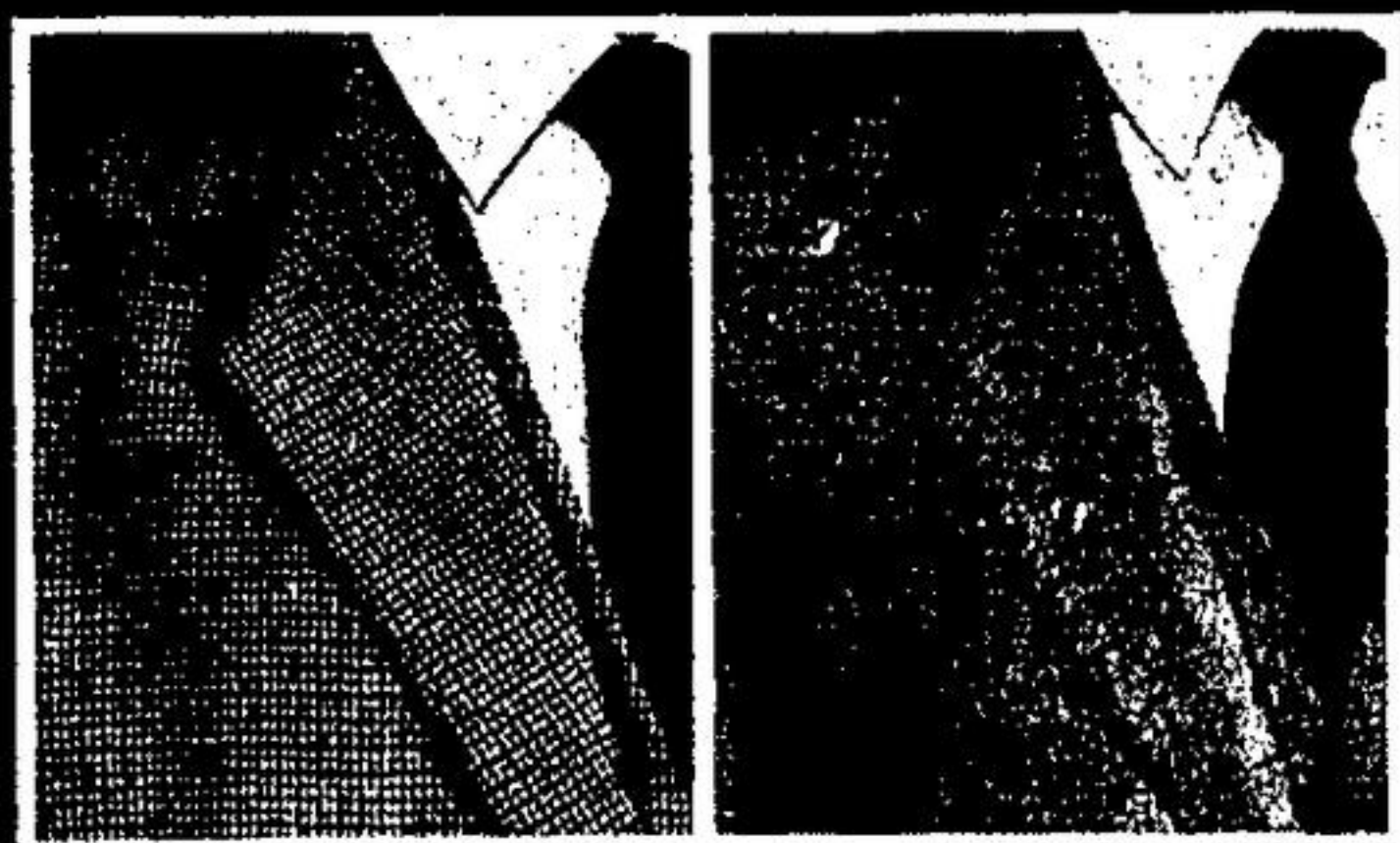
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