

## Anti-drinking, driving

# Making its debut

Anti-drinking and driving awareness is making its debut in Halton Hills.

We have the town to thank for getting things off the ground. It's up to individuals, groups and businesses now to help take up the torch to discourage drinking drivers.

People are no longer tolerating drivers that aren't completely alert behind the wheel.

It's time we fully recognized that drivers who take chances with booze can kill an innocent passenger or pedestrian.

A committee chaired by Pam Sheldon have come up with some positive suggestions and programs to reduce impaired drivers in Halton Hills.

We hope residents will come forward to support the anti drinking and driving committee and help them push for further preventative programs.

The signs are encouraging that people's attitudes are changing - but there's still a long way to go.

# It's just plain fun

What does minor hockey week mean to you?

In Georgetown we don't celebrate the date formally, (Jan. 19-26), but it would be near sacrilege to not at least mention its passing.

So much of our activity, our past history and our conversations revolve around the game that was once played on the ice ponds of Georgetown and Acton.

To the fathers, minor hockey is a chance for a child to learn skills he never had the time to develop; it gives him an opportunity to watch his son learn sportsmanship, teamwork, how to work hard towards a goal and to have his kid get some exercise (away from the television).

To sponsors, minor hockey is a chance to put something back into the community; to know they've helped in some small way in contributing to a young child's growth.

To hockey executives and league convenors, minor hockey is planning, raising money, tireless undertakings; tasks that are only rewarded on the rare occasion when someone says "thanks for all your work".

To the coaches it's being an example, a good teacher a part-time psychologist and having the patience of Job.

And to players? Minor hockey and minor hockey week means just plain fun.

# Don't burden youth

Lets not put excessive monetary pressures on those who need help the most.

The Bovey Commission report released last week recommends higher tuition fees for university students.

Costs would be raised from 16 per cent of the universities' budget to 25 per cent over a phased-in five year period.

To offset the hike, the report calls for more student loan packages for those who qualify.

That's not the solution.

There's no doubt that universities are suffering from lack of funds and tightening budgets.

But putting more financial pressure on our youth who are struggling to find summer jobs isn't the answer. And excessive student loans (with large debts to pay back) will just further burden students when they have their first job.

How about a levy on former alumni who are established in their jobs and have reaped the rewards of an university education.

Post-secondary education isn't a right - it's a privilege, but let's not overburden a generation of students who have enough troubles getting established financially as young adults.

# Foster parents are people who care

Herald Special

More and more people are becoming increasingly concerned about where society is heading and what today's adolescents will value in the future.

Many concerned individuals wish they could affect some positive change in attitudes, but don't know how.

Becoming a foster parent is one way in which people can play a role in the development of a youngster's character - a solid investment in the future.

Foster parents have the opportunity of sharing their love for a child who has special needs, helping determine what kind of person that child is going to grow up to be.

The reasons children come into foster care are varied. Some have been neglected, abused or abandoned, while others come into care because of parent-child conflict, death or illness.

At the same time, the reasons why some parents are unable to care for their children are diverse. Physical or emotional illness may have developed. Alcoholism and marital breakdown are other contributing factors.

Marc (fictitious example) is 14. His parents separated three years ago, and he is the oldest in a family of three brothers. The three boys have been living with their mother who is working full-time while Marc tries to keep an eye on his younger brothers.

Lately however, Marc has been staying out late and getting into more hassles with his mother. She doesn't approve of his group of friends, who are drinking, and some have even

dropped out of school.

It was determined that a break from the family situation was needed to allow some time to work problems through. Marc's social worker has been talking with him about coming into foster care to provide a cooling off period and opportunity for both mother and son to rebuild their self-esteem.

While it is difficult to live with someone who is troubled, the rewards of helping a young person discover there are choices in life can be very satisfying. Foster children come to realize that they have options when it comes to forming their own family and lifestyle.

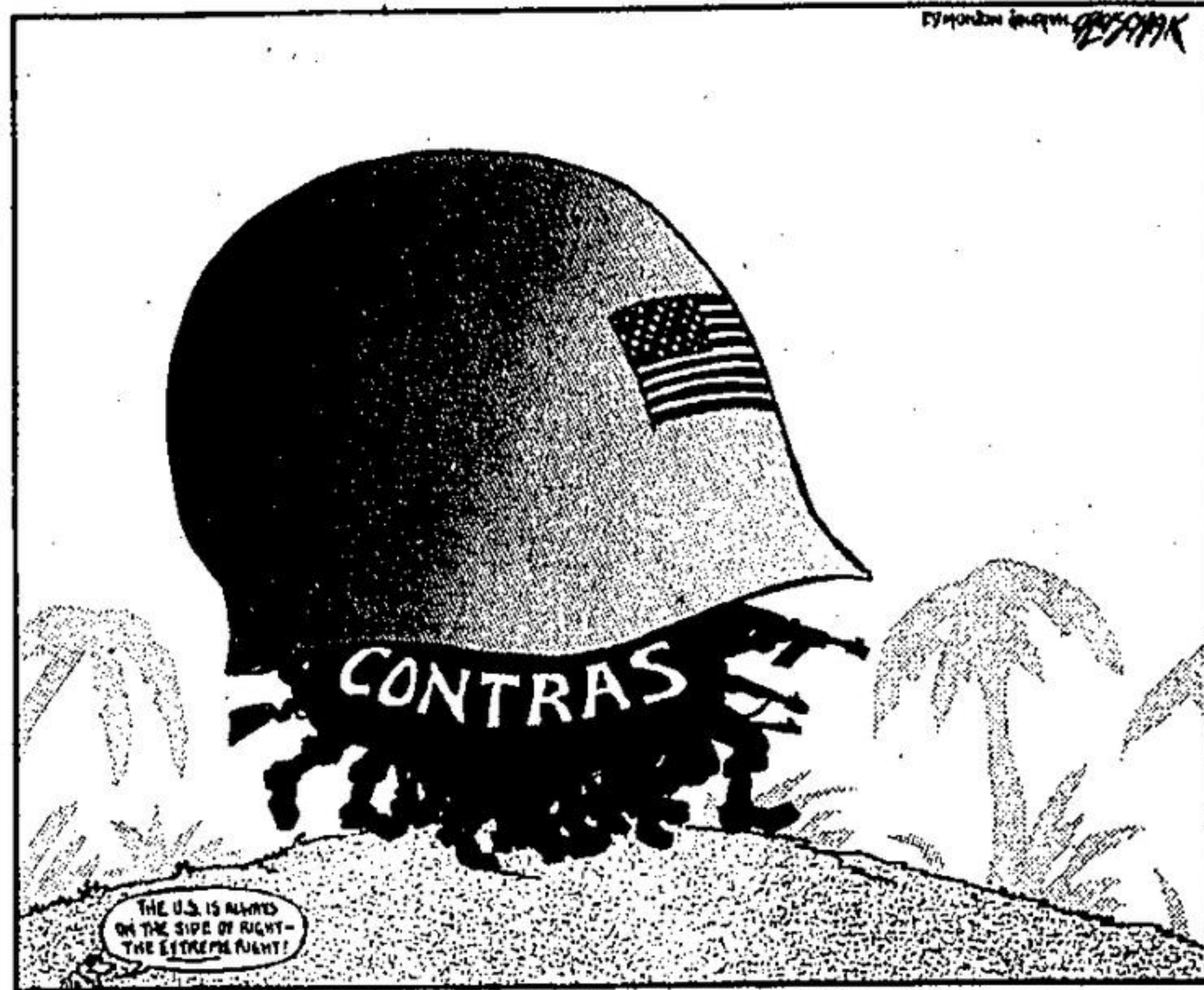
It is not necessarily inevitable that abused children will grow up to be abusers themselves. It just takes one significant person to influence them at a time of need to turn their life around.

The Halton Children's Aid Society is in urgent need of more foster parents, particularly in Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills, to provide short and long-term care for adolescents.

Training is required as part of the application process, which introduces potential foster parents to a new challenge and personal growth experience. If you are interested in finding out more about fostering, please call the Foster Care Department at the Halton Children's Aid Society, in Oakville at 844-8211, or in Milton and Halton Hills at 878-2375.

Expenses and a per diem rate are provided to foster parents, as well as relief time.

—Submitted by the Halton Children's Aid Society.



## Georgetown in 1958

# Town acquires a new face

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is reprinted from what is thought to be a 1958 edition of the Brantford Expositor. It was brought to us by Audrey Gilmer of 11 Union Street.

Small Town Acquires New Face:  
By J.E. Belliveau

Georgetown was one of those little towns in the Toronto-Hamilton-Guelph orbit that had always seemed "the typical central Ontario small town." It was, before the last war, a quiet, genteel place of 2,500 gentle souls.

But, like so many places in the metropolitan orbit, it has grown and it has changed. Driving there the other day to see a friend, I stopped three different people to get directions. The first two were so new to the town they couldn't help.

The accents that came from the replies were not the old-fashioned rural Ontario tones. One man spoke with a Scottish burr so thick it would have thumped if dropped. The next was a woman who must have left Lancashire the day before yesterday. And the third was obviously a French-Canadian who had been around a little longer.

At the railway station, a fellow loading a truck was either a new Dutchman or a new German immigrant. Obviously, Georgetown had changed.

It's Growing

The size of the town was surprising, for generally one drives through on Highway 7, avoids the "downtown" and sees little. So I called Walter Biehn, editor of the local weekly

Herald. "It's growing constantly," he said. "Actually, the population is growing faster than the industry because much of the new population comprises people who work in Malton."

Some work in Weston and others commute the 33 miles to Toronto. For white-collar workers, there is train service at the right times; for the others, the car is the thing. "You can do it in 55 minutes," Mr. Biehn said, but from downtown Toronto it had taken me a lot longer - city traffic.

This year, the town population reached 7,100; before the war it was 2,500. Like most of the orbit towns, Georgetown has its modern sub-divisions. There are several industries, the largest now employing about 600. It is an electrical fixture industry that has expanded into plastics.

The two plants around which Georgetown began to build a century ago were two coated paper mills. They remain and are the town's tradition. There is a seed business which is almost half as old.

Two New Industries

Two new industries turned up in recent years. One is a small electronics outfit employing perhaps 40 people. The second, a corporation making tools for tool-making industries, supports about as many employees and their families.

Basically, Georgetown was a "British" Ontario town. There was almost no townsmanship of other extraction before the expansion. This pattern has not changed much, despite the

accents I ran across. The big difference is that so many British islanders are newer to Canada. Since the firm in Malton is English, it was logical that many English and Scotsmen should come there to work...and to find housing in Georgetown.

Not Typically Rural  
Apparently the French-Canadian I met was one of only a few, as editor Biehn pointed out. There was a settling of Dutch, which is common in the "orbit" towns, and a smattering of Germans, but that's about all the Europeans who have gone there.

Mr. Biehn thought the great majority of immigrants stayed in the cities, with a few going to farms. Therefore, he would assume, the general ethnic character of Ontario towns farther into the province's centre had changed even less. Because it is within the Toronto-Hamilton orbit, Georgetown isn't really a typical rural Ontario town, Mr. Biehn opined.

He himself came from Windsor 18 years ago to a paper now 85 years old. The state of the publication is "very good; I don't know where we could do much better." Circulation has doubled since the war.

Editor Biehn likes Georgetown; he wouldn't want to see Metropolitan Toronto spread so far that the town simply became a suburban adjunct. "We like it this way, independent, and we hope it stays this way."

He has a point because, as I drove about the place, it had an air of pleasant comfort; it moved at a happy, casual pace. Seemed like a good place to live.

# No guilt by association



By Dr. John M. Drickamer  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
There has been recently been some tough journalistic treatment of a group called, International Christian Aid.

## Letters to the Editor

### Super Sunday series supported well

To the editor of The Herald:

The 1984-85 Super Sunday Series has come to a close. The public has responded enthusiastically to this theatrical and musical series, and many people helped to make it an unqualified success.

The University Women's Club wishes to thank

Hnk Huhtanen, manager of the John Elliott Theatre, The Herald, and also the local schools who distributed our brochures.

A special thank you is extended to our patrons, the people of Halton Hills, who have appreciatively supported our efforts right from the start.

In the spring, watch for details about our 1985-86 series featuring Kim and Jerry Brodey and the Toy Town Trappers. We are looking forward to another enjoyable season of entertainment designed for the entire family.

Yours truly,  
Carol Russell,  
Super Sunday Series Committee

### Cautious rejoicing over arms talks

To the editor of The Herald:

The recent Geneva arms talks should give all of us cause for cautious rejoicing this month.

Two countries whose enmity is affecting the whole world are finally

agreeing to bargain as if our lives depended on it - which they do!

President Reagan says his aim is "the complete elimination of nuclear arms everywhere."

Such a goal might come sooner if Canadian politicians would back

up their professed desire for peace with a refusal to test or manufacture parts for nuclear weapons any more.

Yours truly,  
Cheryl Lightowers  
Nora Lipp  
Debbie Pentesco  
(and 7 others)

### Don't suffer in silence: people care

To the editor of The Herald:

Tragedy knows no bounds. It strikes old and young, rich and poor, the strong and the weak.

Illness, an accident or the loss of a loved one can cause a deep and lasting sadness, feelings of anger or maybe even

guilt which can gnaw at the very core of one's soul.

Time, people say is a great healer and often, that is true, but time may not be enough.

Why carry the burden, alone, when you can call the North Halton District Centre 877-1211.

Anytime, day or night the volunteers are there to lessen the load by sharing your concerns.

Don't suffer in silence when there are people who care.

Sincerely,  
North Halton Contact Centre

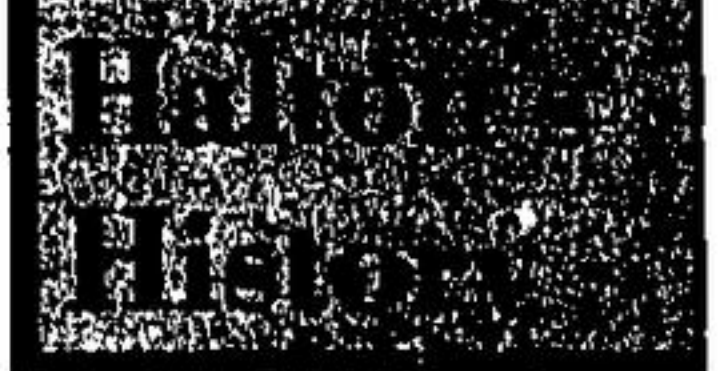
# POETS' CORNER

THE MISER

A greed for money, all in his mind  
To grab every cent that he could find  
Stole from the poor, and the blind  
He built fancy houses that flashed like stars  
Then he wasted his greed on pleasure  
and cars  
And the ones he robbed were in poverty  
and need  
This miser never knew how to do a  
good deed.  
—By ALBERT BROOKS

FICKLENESS

Sadly  
I watch you  
move away  
not so much  
in haste  
as necessity  
Nothing  
lasts forever  
save memories  
and even those  
sometimes  
become scrubbed clean  
with the introduction  
of a new brush.  
—By MARLOWE C. DICKSON



THIRTY YEARS AGO—Mrs. Alex Taylor was re-elected president of the Ladies Auxiliary, Branch 120, Canadian Legion, at the annual meeting. Judy McCumber and Bob Crawford were judged best speakers in a contest for high school students sponsored by Georgetown Lions Club.

Bert Bayerstock is the new manager of the Maher Shoe Store, replacing Joe Jackson who has been transferred to a company store in London.

Ken McMillan was re-elected as president of the Canadian Hackney Horse Association.

Claude Kentner and Walter Gray were re-elected president and secretary treasurer when members of the Georgetown Bowling Club held their annual meeting.

A few days after reporting shooting of the first wolf in this district in many years, at Norval Station, Bert Colman, William Street, tells us he saw a wolf right in town limits.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO—After opening four tenders for a sanding truck for the town at Monday's council meeting, Mr. Ern Hyde said a second look should be taken as to whether it is needed.

After 37 years as caretaker of Georgetown Cemetery, Harry Savings, Queen Street, retired at the beginning of the year.

A film crew from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is now in its third week of filming a half hour color TV drama entitled "Postcard", in Georgetown.

A Georgetown man, George Bulliga, won \$6,000 and a new car in the 1969 employee suggestion management proposal program at Ford of Canada.

Halton MP Bud Whiting became a member of the important Public Accounts committee of parliament.

TEN YEARS AGO—"Shoplifting is on the increase, in Georgetown and something must be done to stop it," said Sergeant John Barratt, Criminal Investigations Branch Halton Regional Police.

To preserve the past and link it with tomorrow Georgetown has formed its own Historical Society.

Costs could be as low as \$77,000 for closure of the old Georgetown landfill site, according to Pete Morris, town engineer.

The senior three-year-old purebred Holstein, Haigertlee Ace Marie, bred by T.H. McGee, Norval, and developed by Jack Proud, Oakville, has set a new championship mark for milk production.

Terry Turner of the Sunny Acre Major Midgets won the Lady Byng Trophy and received it from Gerry Perkins of the Georgetown Referee's Association.

FIVE YEARS AGO—Halton Hills, Halton region and the Sixth Line residents group are all sending delegations to meet this week with the provincial Cabinet's standing committee reviewing Bill 127, an amendment to the Pits and Quarries Act of 1971.

Town council has approved the rezoning of 70 acres of land general to permit the development of an industrial park.

The official ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the Georgetown Motor Inn will be held Friday afternoon, although guests has been staying at the Inn almost since the rooms have been ready.

The annual struggle to find funds to keep Halton Recovery House a residence for recovering alcoholics, in operation for another year is again in progress.

Jennifer Jackson previously performed for the Queen in England and is now a member of the Georgetown Little Theatre.

Kris Barber, Kelly Johnson, Lise Smith and Sydney Shanks proved they were among the top ten figure skaters in the country when they participated at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships in Kitchener.



The prime concern of Halton Helping Hands is to encourage the frail elderly and the permanently physically disabled to maintain their independence. By providing help in their own homes, they aim to prevent or delay their need for hospitalization or institutionalization.

The staff and volunteers receive ongoing in-service training on various aspects of gerontology. Staff are selected for emotional support to the clients and must be alert to their changing needs.

Individually or as a group, they advocate for their clients to ensure their needs are being met and their basic rights are recognized and protected.

Thorough housecleaning is done on a regular basis by staff who perform tasks that are difficult, dangerous, or impossible for the clients to do themselves. This may include vacuuming, scrubbing floors, doing laundry, etc.

Information concerning such areas as housing, aids or employment may be provided and referrals can be made to other agencies and organizations. For individuals who meet the physical criteria but are not on a small fixed or limited income, then pay direct referrals are made.

Volunteers, also, play an important role in visiting or doing odd jobs. Wheelchair ramp construction, minor repairs, seasonal maintenance, shopping, mending and outings are just a few of the ways in which they have offered their help. In the summer, students have been hired to do outdoor and indoor painting.

Anyone wishing to enquire or apply for this service offered by Halton Helping Hands can call their office at 878-6403.