ON TO ETHIOPIA

Students from Centennial Public School decided they wanted to help the starving thousands of Ethopia. They contacted the local branch of the Red Cross and made a donation of $300 which came from money raised through their "Rock and Roll Marathon". Anna Toone (front row, left) Teacher Pat Ball and Teri Korzack made the presentation Friday to Lea Douglas, Red Cross Publicity and Janet Dean (back row, right) president of the Georgetown Red Cross.

Law change blamed for home closure

By MAGGIE HANNAH
Herald Special

D and G Care Ltd., operators of a group home for native children who have run into problems with the law is empty and so far in debt its owner knows no way to save it.

In a telephone interview David Stanley said between Dec. 21 and Jan. 2 all 10 of his residents were removed from the house on Highway 25, one mile south of Acton.

Although his home had the highest occupancy rate of any home of its sort in the province, according to a civil servant with the Ministry of Community and Social Services (COMSOC), Stanley said no new residents were referred to him when his previous residents were removed.

"In November I had five kids on a waiting list," he said. "Over the next three weeks those kids disappeared and the memos (recalling the residents) began coming.

On a case-by-case basis, Stanley said, it is possible some of the residents could have been ready to return home but as a group the decision to remove them was "indefensible."

"It's inconceivable that all our kids were cured at the same time," he said. "It's also inconceivable that there would be no new kids to come to us when they left."

Stanley believes at least part of the problem stems from differences between the Young Offenders Act and the Juvenile Delinquents Act.

Under the JDA, people with problems could be sent for treatment when they were convicted of a crime. There is no treatment component in the YOA, Stanley said.

He feels some government official decided treatment of the residents had to be stopped because the new act was in force and because he only handled native children he suffered more than other homes.

Compounding his problems in October, a fire in the home forced him to remove his residents to Manitoulin Island. The fire did about $70,000 damage, but so far the insurance company has only authorized about $12,000 worth of repairs.

Stanley said he understands the dickering which is going on with the company is standard

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Agrees to tax on lake property

Beardmore and the town's recreation and parks department have agreed to share tax payments for the property around Acton's Fairy Lake, in a contract that has no expiry date.

The town will continue to pay the taxes for the 1.7 acres they use for their programs; and Beardmore for the rest. There was a two year agreement with the company, specifying the same, which expired in December 1984.

This new agreement will authomatically be renewed every Jan.1 but includes the opportunity to cancel with six months notice.

The land belongs to Beardmore and was reclaimed by dredging Fairy Lake.

The lease between the town and Beardmore says the property may be used for park purposes only and that the town has permission to develop and landscape it as it deems fit and at its own expense.

Christian singles

A group called Christian Singles is holding a Valentine Party with special music, fun and games Feb. 9.

The Halton-based organization can be contacted for more information at 387-6530 (days).

SELLING THE SUN

Even the Mayor was helping out. Saturday at Zellers a special Toronto Sun edition was sold to help support Toronto's Variety Village for the disabled. Seen here are (back row, left to right) Lindsay Smith, Mayor Russ Miller, Leanne Henselwood, Kirsten Johnston, (front row) Tom Baisillie.

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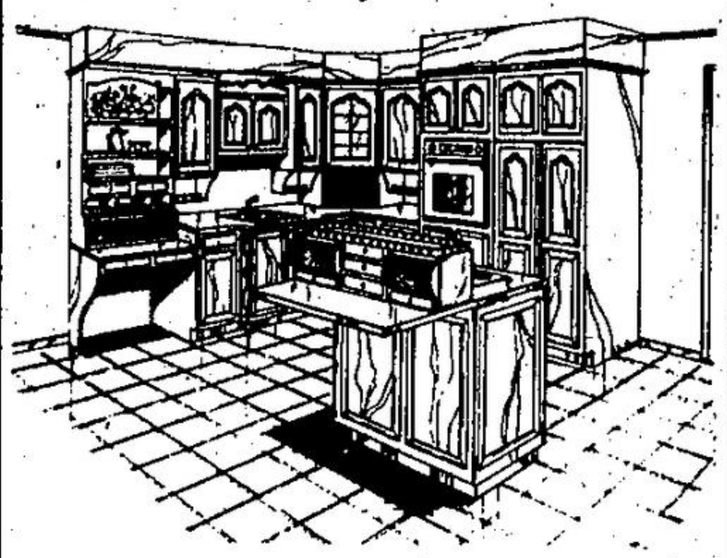

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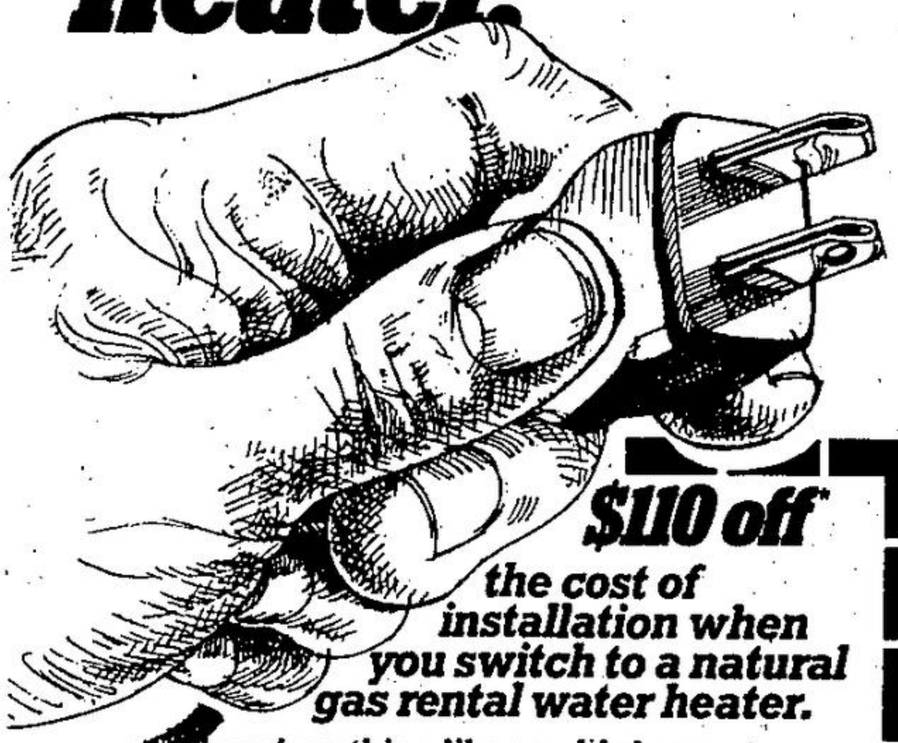

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