

the HERALD Community

Veteran canvasser heads '85 campaign for Cancer Society

By DAVE ROWNEY
Herald Staff

A veteran canvasser has been named as the '85 campaign chairman for the Halton Hills Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Murt Allison will be directing the annual campaign for funds during the month of April.

A farmer, businessman and local hydro commissioner, Mr. Allison has been helping the cancer society for about six years.

About 500 people involved in the campaign will be trying to raise about \$45,000 to help fight cancer. That's about a 10 per cent increase from what was raised last year, he said.

New this year is a canvassers' appreciation night April 1, featuring singer Patricia Ann McKinnon. Ms. McKinnon, who has cancer (in the remission stage), will speak to canvassers and a movie will be shown.

The next morning breakfast chairman Paul Armstrong will be a host for a kick-off breakfast at the North Hlaton Golf and Country Club beginning at 7:30 a.m.

When canvassers are going door to door asking for financial assistance, the only thing they can offer in return is information, Mr. Allison said. Three brochures about cancer will be dropped

off and the information may be of value to the person who answers the door or a member of their family, he said.

People have to be made more aware of the need to check for cancer while it is in its early stages, Mr. Allison said.



MURT ALLISON

Residential canvassing makes up for about 60 per cent of the overall money collected during the campaign, he said.

If someone still wants to participate in the fund-raising drive, it's still not too late to call. Phone the office at 164 Guelph Street, 877-1124.

"Cancer can be Beaten" is the slogan most often heard when people refer to the cancer society. But because of certain promising advancements in fighting the disease, this year another slogan is also being used, Mr. Allison said. It says: "We are winning".

If you've ordered daffodils and they haven't arrived yet, don't despair. Because of cool weather in British Columbia where they're grown, the flowers will be delayed until the middle of April.

Selling for \$2 a bunch to schools, businesses and in plazas, the daffodils raise about 10 per cent of the overall campaign objective.

Mr. Allison is a past president of the Georgetown Lions Club and a member of St. John's United Church. He has been a Halton Hills Hydro Commissioner since 1979.

He grew up in the Port Hope area and worked for General Electric in Peterborough for 10 years as a tool and die maker.

Mr. Allison came to Georgetown in 1951 and look over a Massey Harris farm equipment dealership.

He now raises beef cattle on a 100 acre tract of land in the Silvercreek area on Trafalgar Road.

The campaign chairman has three children: Paul, 26, Lori, 24 and Robert 30.

Mr. Allison is a director of the Acton Chamber of Commerce and is on the newly formed business development committee of Halton Hills.



DEEP TROUBLE

With winter being over, now is the time for pot holes to crop up. Here Ian Anderson looks as if he's in trouble getting out of a bigger one. However, region work crews are out in force filling up the pot holes they come upon.

(Herald photo by Dan Ralph)

A gripe session with town staff

Over user fees

Herald Staff
Got a gripe against the town's recreation and parks department and the user pay system?

Then you're invited to hash it out with the recreation director Tom Shepard, councillors and the mayor.

Mr. Shepard will be organizing a public meeting, on the request of councillors, where the air can be cleared concerning these matters.

The meeting was prompted by a letter that appeared in the Acton Free Press last week signed by W. Roulledge of Acton Industrial Fastball, Dave McLean, Acton Condo Sports, Ron Huchey, Acton Oldtimers and Steve Marshall, Acton A's.

None of the sports representatives had called Mr. Shepard with complaints or indicated in any way their dissatisfaction to him.

Coun. Ross Knechtel said he sympathized with Mr. Shepard and the awkward position council was putting him in by asking Mr. Shepard to set up a meeting because of a letter in the paper rather than because of a direct complaint.

Coun. Rick Bonnette said it needed to be clarified that councillors and not Mr. Shepard set the user rates.

"People have to be aware those are decisions we've made, not Tom," Coun. Pam Sheldon stressed.

Mr. Shepard expressed dissatisfaction over how the meeting was being set up. "I don't like the fact that I was never called or written to," Mr. Shepard said. "I sure wouldn't have this meeting without the press being there. Whatever I have to say, I want them to hear."

10 per cent rise

Parents absorb costs of daycare increase

By ANI FEDERIAN
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Although the fees for day care at the region's day care centres, including Maple Avenue Day Care Centre in Georgetown, went up 10 per cent in January, it didn't have much of an effect on parents.

A supervisor in the region's children's services department said parents who paid the full fee for day care continue to pay the increased rate.

Rates for a full day in the regular program went from \$15.30 to \$16.83. In July, they go up to \$18.51.

Diane Ayliffe said no full fee parents requested subsidization because of the fee increase.

About two-thirds of children at the three regional day cares are subsidized, depending on their family's income and expenses.

The province and federal governments pay 80 per cent of the subsidy cost and the region the remaining 20 per cent.

"I don't think you're going to see an impact until you see the actual per diem," Mrs. Ayliffe said.

By "actual per diem," she meant the actual cost of the day care.

Right now, the centres are charging less than the actual cost of the care.

The region is phasing in the increases and should be at the actual rates in July 1986.

Director of social services Debbie Oakley told members of the region's administration and finance committee last week that she anticipates a shift from full-fee to subsidized parents, with the rate increases.

She said the rates are becoming prohibitive in families where there is more than one child at the centre.

"Somewhere along the way we're going to lose out in this issue," Milton Coun. Brad Clements warned. "We have to make readjustments somewhere."

Mrs. Ayliffe said since the rate increase, one child was pulled out of the Maple Avenue day

care and another in Oakville.

"It probably means

Majority subsidized

The regionally operated Maple Avenue Day Care Centre has only seven non-subsidized children out of 38 children cared for.

Diane Ayliffe of the region's children's services department said about one-third of children at the region's three day cares are non-subsidized.

Subsidies are paid 80 per cent by the province and 20 per cent by the region. The amount of subsidy the child qualifies for is dependent on family income and expenses.

A full day's day care in the regular program increased from \$15.30 to \$16.83 in January. In July, it goes up to \$18.51.

Milton Coun. Brad Clements expressed concern over the figures which show there are 90 subsidized children and only 27 full fee paying ones in the region's day cares.

"The revenues on the Maple Avenue Day Care Centre are down substantially," he noted.

The day care centres help out parents retraining for work or who are considered "persons in need" so that they may become more self-sufficient and contributing members of the community.

they took the child to some other day care," she explained.

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