



**Petal power**

Jenny Vivian, 10, (back) and Jennifer Gregory, 10, were at Zellers department store Saturday encouraging shoppers to have a heart. The two members of the 5th Georgetown Guides were selling

roses and heart buttons for the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation. February is heart month and the guides help out as a community service in seeking donations. (Herald photo)

**Arena will be a miser when it comes to energy**

There's money to be saved at the Gordon Alcott Arena, and town councillors voted in favor of three energy saving measures that cost \$20,000 Monday night.

In their general committee meeting, councillors supported the installation of a heat recovery system called an Ego Saver, a 15 horsepower brine pump and control, and a new water heater for the front of the building.

Recreation Director Tom Shepard said the heat recovery system will take the heat produced by the refrigeration equipment and use it to heat water for the arena's use.

It will mean less natural gas will be needed to heat water to the resurfacer and for showers. As well, the condenser and refrigeration system won't have to operate as often or as hard, saving electrical and water costs, and, because of the reduced

operating time, repairs will be less frequent on the equipment, Mr. Shepard explained in a report to councillors.

The Ego Saver will cost about \$12,000 installed and should save the town \$3,500 annually, he said. Alcott Arena's current brine pump is 25 horsepower and reducing it to a 15 horsepower pump will reduce energy demand, Mr. Shepard said.

**More restrictions on hunters can solve problem: MNR rep**

By ANI FEDERIAN  
Herald Staff

The problems caused by hunters in the region's agreement forests can be solved by having more controls placed on hunters, the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources said last week.

Jim McGuigan told members of the Halton and North Peel Naturalist Club that when a controlled hunt is held, with limited numbers of hunters and strict supervision, "people are hardly aware it's going on."

"We think that controlled hunts are proper," he said.

He told a past president of the club, Doug Robertson, that statistics on the damage caused by deer isn't available. A fruit farmer himself off the shorelines of Lake Erie, Mr. McGuigan said farmers get the brunt of the damage, "those deer love some of the tender crops farmers produce."

"Being a cherry and grape grower and having to battle the birds every year, I can certainly appreciate how farmers feel," Mr. McGuigan said.

Farmers whose crops are getting gobbled up have a right to object to any bans on hunting, he said.

"If they were eating my crops, I tell you, you'd get opposition from me," the parliamentary assistant declared.

Having lots of staff on hand is the best way to develop "gentleman hunters", along with self-policing and educational efforts by hunting clubs, Mr. McGuigan said.

"The hunting is usually for just a short period of time...I probably wouldn't want to go bird watching if I knew the hunt was on," he said.

Mr. McGuigan said that to get a gun licence, a course must be taken. He said it's the novice hunter you have to worry about.

He noted that in Europe, there isn't much hunting except on private property, and anticipated the same will happen here eventually as cities grow and spread into the neighboring

farmlands.

At the same time, in a prepared text read by Mr. McGuigan, the Halton agreement forest north of Milton and Campbellville was specifically mentioned as an area of "natural and

scientific interest" that the Ministry has identified.

"This area is particularly important because it is large, relatively undisturbed and close to an area that's developing rapidly," Mr. McGuigan read from his speech.

**Credit Park for day-users**

The Ministry of Natural Resources expects the Forks of the Credit to be developed into a day-use park in the near future.

Parliamentary Assistant Jim McGuigan told members of the Halton and North Peel Naturalist Club that the Ministry would like to improve parking and vehicle access to the park slated for hiking and cross-country skiing use. He said he hopes to have 14 kilometres of trails in the park and possibly a foot bridge across the river.

The park management plan is expected to be completed by March end. The Ministry held an open house last November for public comments on the draft of the plan.

Now, the province is waiting for comments from the Town of Caledon on these plans for the park.

As for the Willowby property adjacent to the park, Mr. McGuigan said an agreement was reached last month between the Ontario Heritage Foundation and owner Bert Willowby for the 40-hectare parcel of land.

Mr. Willowby is donating most of the land and selling part of it to the Foundation. A meeting next month of the Foundation's board of directors is expected to finalize the agreement, he said.

Once this is done, the Foundation intends to meet with all interested parties, including the Ministry, to decide how the property will be used and who will manage it. Both the Town of Caledon and the Credit Valley Conservation Authority have expressed interest in it.

The public is urged to contact the Authority or the Foundation if interested in participating in discussions on the future of the Willowby property.

A smaller piece of land next to the Forks of the Credit parklands is the Cox property. The Ministry has declined to buy it because a railway line separates it from the park.

**IN THE HILLS**

**Tenant bylaw**

The long-awaited property maintenance and occupancy bylaw is now on the books. The final reading means the property maintenance requirements of homeowners and landlords in the downtown Acton and Georgetown area extend to landlords and homeowners in the rest of the town.

It means tenants don't have to take their landlord to court when he refuses to repair that leaky roof and broken window. The town's bylaw officer does it for them. The Halton Hills Legal Clinic fought long and hard to have the bylaw extended to the whole town.

**Shiny new car**

The vehicle allowance Halton Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy is receiving annually from the region doesn't reflect actual costs, Mr. Pomeroy says.

The Chairman received a car allowance of \$5,300 in 1985 and \$4,982 in 1984. In 1984, he drove approximately 45,500 kilometres and in 1985, 40,200 kilometres. He estimates personal mileage makes up 17 1/2 per cent of his total mileage.

"It is evident, given the amount of driving required to carry out the functions of my office, that the vehicle allowance currently being paid does not reflect the actual cost," Chairman Pomeroy states in a report to regional council last week.

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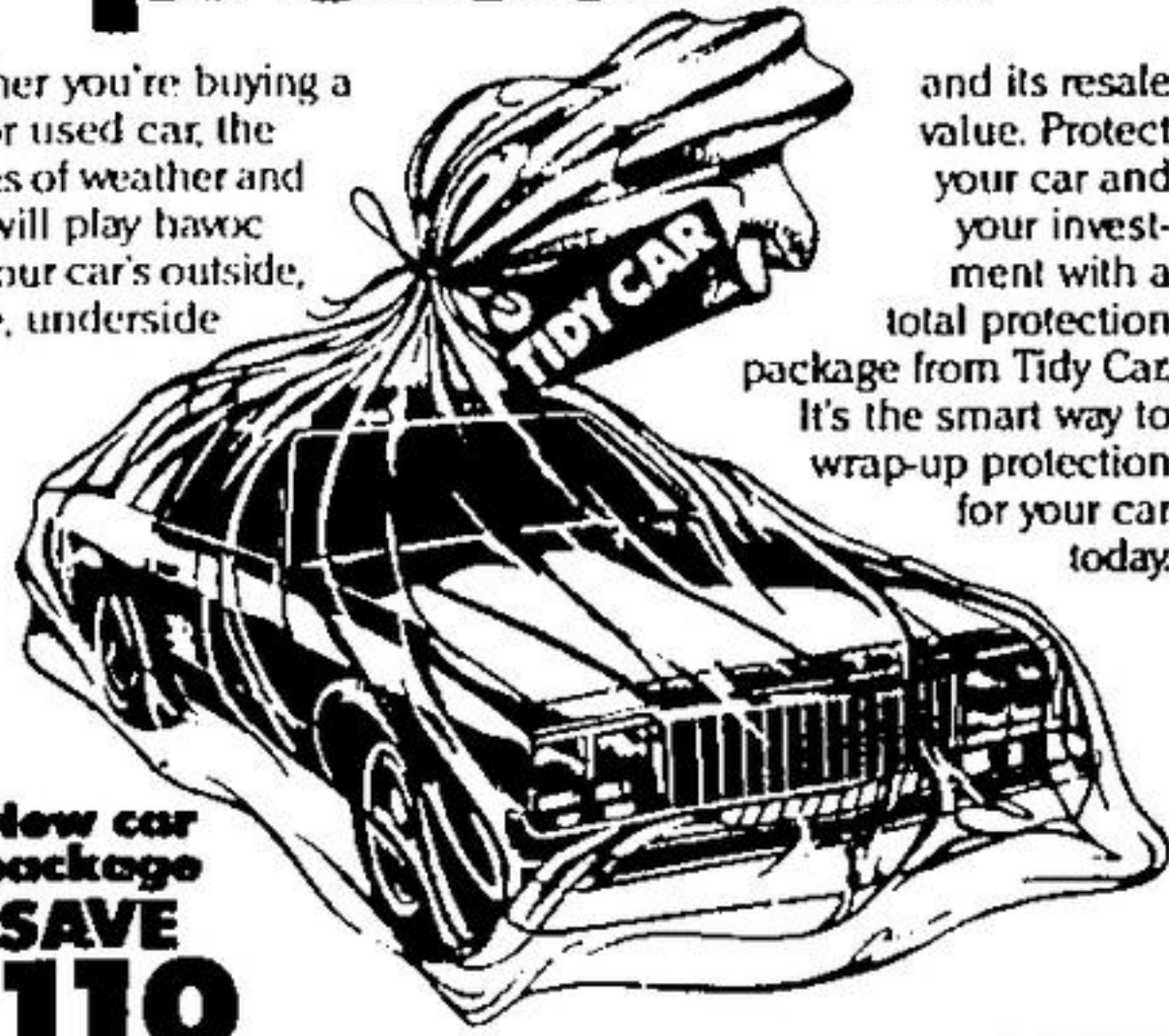
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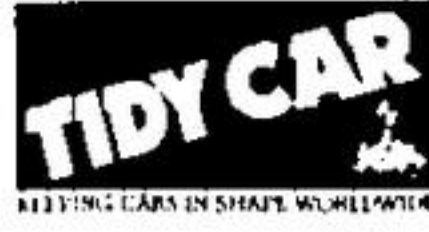
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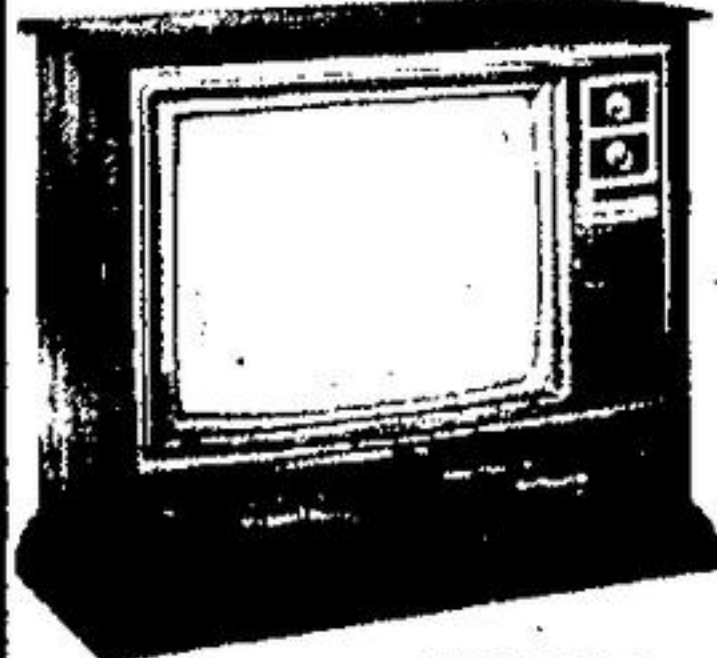
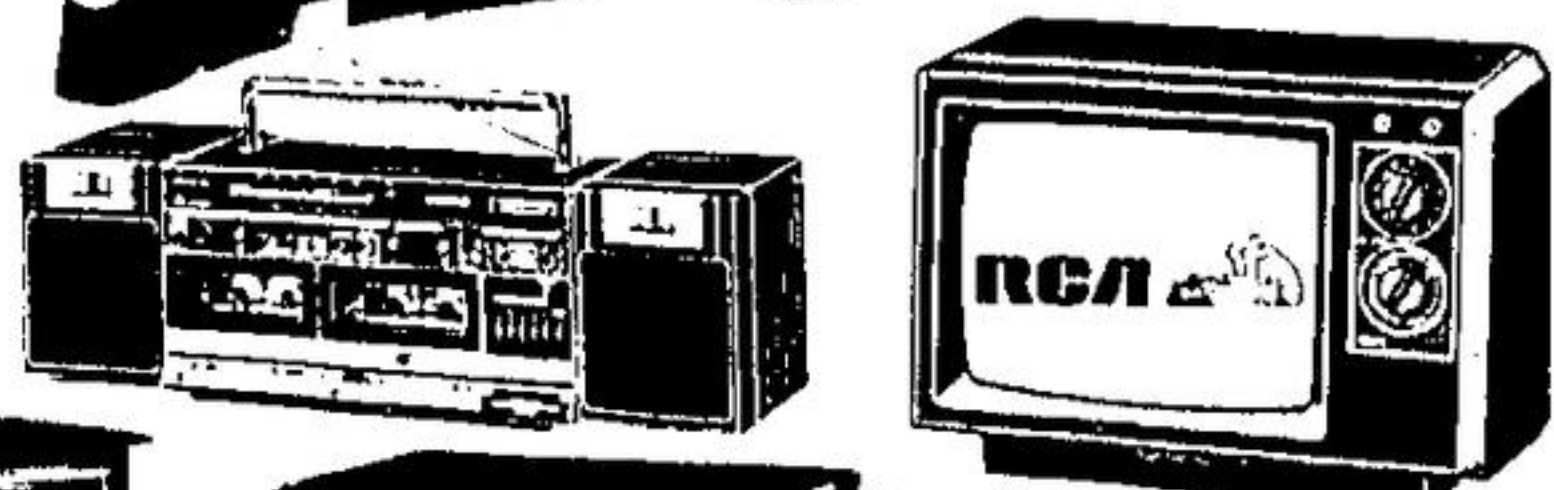
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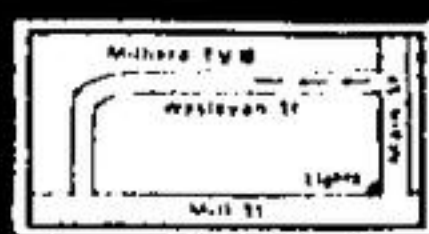
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