## Outlook on Halton Hills



Cold temperatures and strong winds kept many people inside at times last week. Those who went outside kept themselves safe within

their warmest clothing. Chris Hall (left) and his brother Mike were walking their new dog Shadow at the Georgetown Fairgrounds recently.

(Outlook photo)

# Garden Gossip

By MADGE WHITFIELD Herald Special

More in March, and this beautiful weather certainly makes you think spring - well, it's only two weeks

Some slow-growing annuals such as Lobelius, Petunias, Asters, Zinnia, Ageratum and Salvias can be planted soon certainly within the next two weeks.

Remember seeds will germinate better if they are given a little bottom heat such as a heat pad provides. There are special automatic soil heating cables available especially for this purpose. To intubers in peat moss and as soon as the sprouts have made several inches of growth, cut them off and place in sharp sand.

If one or two pair of eyes are left on the original shoot, these will start into growth and still more cuttings may be made later.

Start your tuberous Begonias in pots or boxes now. Have them level with the soil surface.

Time now to bring out those bulbs you have planted in pots and kept in the refrigerator or other cold place for forcing. These can be brought in-

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to growth by giving some sunlight

and water. Outside - Time now and in the next few weeks for dormant spray on fruit trees. Check the trunks of young trees for damage from mice. Stomping the snow down around the trunks will help prevent mice from

tunneling. Just about maple syrup time. Did you know it takes about 10 gallons of sap to make a quart of maple syrup. Or should I be talking metric? Out in the woods you may be able to find some Skunk Cabbage poking through the snow. These plants generate enough heat within to melt the snow around it. This microclimate lasts for about two weeks.

I'm still waiting for some questions. Some of you Halton Hills gardeners must have gardening problems. Along with the expertise of Bob Hankinson of the Dominion Seed House and the Georgetown and District Horticultural Society I'm sure we can advise and answer your questions. Looking forward to hearing from you. See you next week.

Send questions and/or comments to Garden Gossip, c/o The Herald. -Courtesy The Georgetown and

District Horticultural Society



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### Ontario Grits optimistic

lederal Liberals may have provincial election.

Lorna Milne, wife of former Brampton-Georgetown MP Ross Milne, says the old fashloned town hall accountability session organiz-ed by the federal Liberals Saturday is only the beginning of what the public can expect before Ontario goes to the polls later this year.

The Brampton area is going to see "just how hard the Liberals can

work," Mrs. Milne says, when the

party starts campaigning.
But she does not see them working towards a federal election - at least not just yet. She says the Liberal popularity at the polls will discourage Prime Minister Brian Mulroney from calling a federal election until the fall of 1988 or later.

"If the polls don't improve in his favor, I don't see him calling one un-

til the last possible moment in 1989."

The Liberal party's membership in the Brampton-Georgetown riding needed a shot in the arm. This, though, was only one of several reasons for holding the accountability session,

"We thought we would do something," Mrs. Milne said, "to raise the Liberal profile and get a larger membership. We decided to go back to the town hall-type of meetings we used to hold. The public can come and hear how responsible the different levels of government have been. At the same time, it gives the public a chance to air their con-

Among those attending the meeting at the Chris Gibson Recreation Centre were Sergio Marchl, Liberal MP for York West, Mississauga North MPP Steve Offer and Ward 2 Alderman Paul Palleschi.

#### Assault charge

A 15-year-old Georgetown male was charged with assault after striking another youth with his hand Tuesday. The youth will appear in court April 3 for assault. The assault took place at 11:30 p.m. on Mountainview Road North in Georgetown.

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Having such accountability ses. ing done on their concerns at all The surging popularity of the sions is seen by Mrs. Milne as a two- three levels of governments, she way street. On the one hand, it gives beneficial results for their provin- elected officials the chance to learn cial counterparts - just in time for a what the local issues are. As well, it helps alert the public to what is be-

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