mations to Cancer Society



The Optimist Club of Georgetown made two special cheque presentations recently to assist the work of the Cancer Society. The Optimists operated food booths at the Strawberry and Symphony Festival hosted by Dominion Seed House, and the Classics Against Cancer Car Show, both held in June. As a result of their efforts, cheques of \$1,500

each were presented to the organizers. Above, Optimist president Doug Starret presents a cheque to Steamer Emerson, organizer of the Dominion Seed House garden party, and below, Mr. Starret presents a cheque to Neil Young organizer of the Classics Against Cancer Car Show. (Photos submit-

CVCA considers user fees

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority is considering implimenting user fees for processing applications for fill, construction and alteration to lands located in the watershed.

The idea of user fees has been bandled about before by the authority, said General Manager

Vicki Barron.

The dicussions were prompted by underfunding especially from the province, and by insufficient revenue generation, said Ms. Bar-

Two other nearby authorities have such processing fees but 19 others are opposed to it she said.

Recent rains help, but....

Varian receives prestigious award

The Canada Microwave Division of Varian Associates, Inc. in Georgetown, Ontario, has captured the first U.S. Army Communication Electronics Command (CECOM) Blue Ribbon Contractor Award. The Canadian manufacturer annually supplies CECOM with millions of dollars of electronic components for use in communication systems.

The new Blue Ribbon Program recognizes CECOM supplier companies who achieve at least 90 per cent on time delivery and no more than two quality defects over a year's time period. Over the past year, Varian Canada Microwave Division, which is the only contractor to be selected so far, realized zero defects and 95 per cent on-time delivery in filling CECOM orders for electron tubes, according to Colonel Joel Levanson, director of procurement for CECOM.

As described by Levanson, the program is designed to provide incentives for those contractors who meeting the stringent criteria. "By being identified as a blue ribbon contractor, Varian Canada Microwave Division will be awarded a contract if it is within 10 per cent of the low bld on any program within the electron tube federal supply class," he explains.

Levanson notes that the U.S. Army expects the prorain to operate significant cost savings through reductions in late deliveries, scrapped parts, and rework of defective

"We are very proud to be the first to receive this honor," says Varian Canada Microwave Division General Manager O. Joseph

Caldarelli, "The award carries special significance," he adds, "because the microwave products we manufacture and supply are extremely complex, making zero defects and on-time delivery especially difficult to achieve."

According to Caldarelli, Varian has implemented a companywide program focused on a strong quality

orientaion, which emphasizes the importance of on-time delivery and zero defect performance.

Varian Canada Microwave Division is a supplier of power supplies, microwave subsystems, klystrons, traveling-wave tubes, and millimeter-wave microwave tubes for communication and radar applications in Canadian and world

markets. The division has been a CECOM supplier since early 1960's.

CECOM is the U.S. Army's focal point for research, development and acquisition of tactical communication electronics equipment. Head-quartered at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, CECOM provides the full spectrum of management services to support these programs.



Varian Canada Microwave Division of Georgetown was the recipient of the Blue Ribbon Contractor Award, presented by the US Army Communication Electronics Command. Seen here at the presentation are, from left, O. Joe Caldareill, General Manager, Varian; Steve Leonard, Senior Tester/Leadhand, Varian; Vincent J. Battagila, President Electron Device and Systems Group, Varian Associates; and Major General Billy Thomas,

commanding officer, CECOM. (Photo submitted)

Bell talks remain in stalemate

Canada management and striking Bell workers have reached a "stalemate" in negotiations, according to the president of the CWC Local 26, Ray Mortimer.

The CWC (Communications Electronic, Electrical Technical and Salaried Workers of Canada) represented in Halton Hills by Mississauga local 26 is awaiting negotiation with Bell in the strike that officially began June 27.

"We're both sitting back waiting for the other to make a move," said Mr. Mortimer yesterday. The sixweek long Bell strike is affecting services requiring operator assistance, including the 411 information line, person-to-person long distance dialing and credit card

But these are a small percentage of total service, according to Geoff

reduced yield," said Mr. Lasby. But

Matthews, Media Affairs Manager for Bell Canada: Ontario. "More than 90 per cent of long

distance calls are direct-dialed," he said, adding that management is working 60-hour weeks to continue the 411 service. Bell Canada and CWC members

refuse to budge in their projected three-year agreement. Bell offered workers increases of five per cent, 4.5 per cent and 4.25 per cent for the next three years, retroactive to December, 1987, when the last agreement expired. In a May 25 vote, the union turned

down Bell's offer, asking instead for increases of 8.5 per cent for 1988 and 6.75 per cent and for 1989 and 1990. Bell refused to respond to their proposal, said Mr. Mortimer of Local

"They say they're ready for open dialogue, but we don't think their negotiation methods are 'open'," he said, referring to the advertisements appearing in last week'sk Toronto Star which said Bell wanted to communicate with its employees. But "their idea of dialogue is not our iden of collective bargaining", said Mr. Mortimer.

"Where were they when we were ready to negotiate through the weekend before the strike," he said. The CWC has nine major complaints, with their employer, said

Mr. Mortimer.

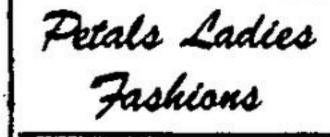
The union's complaints include contracting out of jobs formerly allocated to Belt workers. "These are jobs we can do," said Mr. Mortimer. The CWC also wants to see the 1,500 part-time employees across the Toronto-Oshawa area receive some job security. They number over 25 per cent of total employees,

said Mr. Mortimer. Operators in the union want less hours, and 15-year employees, over 50 per cent of Bell workers, are asking for five weeks annual vacation.

Mr. Mortimer also said the transfer system within Bell should be improved, and the dental plan updated. The pension plan must no longer be "Two-tiered" he sald. It must be revised to include workers. who were hired after January, 1986. Other complaints include the cost of living increases, which the union claims were not offered annually in Bell's proposed three-year contract, as well as the wage increases proposed by the CWC.

In a meeting with Local CWC members last week, Local 26 president Ray Mortimer (president for the CWC representing Oakville, Orangeville, Mississauga and Halton Hills) learned that Bell Canada was contacted by CWC for bargaining, but no date is set for negotiations.

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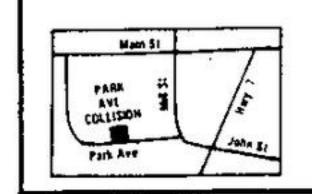
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41 Park Avenue, Georgetown OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK

By DONNA KELL Halton Hills is luckier than some Herald Staff "If it rains (in August) it's going to areas, said Frank Anthony, describ-The rain fell too late in Halton help, but the most critical thing right ing Halton as an "oasis". Simcoe Hills to seriously improve crops, ac-County received only a half inch of now is for the corn and beans to have cording to Halton Hills' farmers. rain in July and Lambton, Essex and a frost-free September," he said. "The rain was a good three full Middlesex counties received virtual-Spring crops are already fully weeks late. The crops matured before the rain came" said Corn matured, he said. last week. Producers of Ontario president Bill Lasby, a farmer on the An-Frank Anthony, a Limehouse thony property, said despite the decreased yield this year, corn and farmer. The eight inches of rain that fell since July 9 helped, but "the ground

beans have flourished in the recent rain. "We've got corn that we last three weeks," he said.

But variation of plant maturity is a problem for harvesting. Corn plants are tasselling at different times. "With 2,800 acres of corn it takes a long time to harvest," said Mr. Lasby. "The timing of the rain is the biggest thing. We've got two pro-blems. We're tooking at reduced yield and the timing of the harvest, which could begin October 15 instead of September 15.

Mr. Lasby added that he hopes for a frost-free September, but said there is usually a "killing frost".

The corn and beans have been set back two to three weeks, he said, ad-

is still dry and the moisture drained

out of the soil", said Ashgrove

farmer Murray Brownridge. Mr.

Brownridge added that he "had

"A lot depends on if we get another

decent rain, but at this stage we're

looking at a 30 to 40 per cent reduc-

Frank Anthony's Limehouse farm will produce only half its normal hay

yield and the predicted wheat crop is

80 per cent while corn and bean

yields will be down to about 75 per

cent of the normal crop, said Mr. An-

never seen the ground so dry".

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ding that the next critical point will be at harvest time.

It may be too little, too late

etimate has grown three feet in the

"Overall, we're going to have a

ly no precipitation, said Mr. Anthony Although the rain came after the growing season Mr. Brownridge said he hoped for continued precipitation to boost the height of corn, which is now tasselling. weeks this year, sald Mr. Lasby.

Tasselling, which normally takes a few days, is taking two to three A meeting with local farmers and

the federal and provincial agricultural ministers to review crop losses has been postponed. Jack Riddell, the Ontario Minister

of Agriculture and Food, and John Wise, Federal Agricultural Minister were scheduled to meet with regional farmers in Guelph last week, said Mr. Lasby. The meeting will probably take place in the fall, giving the ministers more time to review, he said.

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