

## In the hills

### Newcomers meet

The Georgetown Newcomers Club will be sponsoring a chocolate demonstration at St. Andrew's United Church on Mountainview Road, Wednesday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Deborah Ellis from Pine Valley Farms will demonstrate how to make chocolate novelties for Easter.

Everyone is welcome.

For more information call Jeanie at 873-2255.

### Group support

The Halton Regional Health Department is offering group support sessions for bereaved spouses starting April 6 at 7:30 p.m.

The sessions will be held at the Health Department office in Georgetown at 83 Main Street.

For more information, call 877-2238.

### Car fires

The Halton Hills Fire Department reports two car fires in the area over the last week, causing a damage total of almost \$10,000.

A late model Ford Marquis burst into flames on Sideroad 15 east of Highway 25 Friday night shortly before 11 p.m. The car fire caused \$9,000 in damage, firefighters say. The owner of the car could not be located on the scene.

A 1982 Plymouth Colt with an oil leak received \$500 damage Monday morning when it caught fire. Firefighters arrived at the Sideroad 22, Winston Churchill Boulevard location around 11 a.m. to put out the flames.

No injuries were reported in either car fire.

# Slope stabilization needed to save backyards

The backyards of 34 homes in eastern Georgetown are in danger of slipping into a ravine if the banks behind the houses are not stabilized soon, the general manager of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority says.

It will likely cost about \$1 million, of which the town will have to pay 45 per cent, to repair the banks behind Metcalfe Court, Eden Place, and Irwin and Dawson Crescents, Vicki Barron says.

"If left untreated the backyards of the homes affected will disappear," added Charlie Worte, the

CVCA's Manager of Water Resources.

The CVCA has already purchased a house at 45 Metcalfe Ct. because the earth under the foundation was found to be unstable. It cost \$57,000 to repair the foundation, said Ms. Barron.

The problem was created by developers of the subdivision in the mid-1960s, said Ms. Barron. The developers imported fill to construct backyards for the homes but the soil was never compacted properly. The problem came to light in 1985 with a wet spring. If the pro-

blem remains untreated, all the homes could conceivably lose all the imported soil leaving them with a six to eight ft. drop-off behind their homes as soon as they walk out the back door, said Mr. Worte.

The average cost to stabilize the banks behind Metcalfe Court is between \$17,000 and \$19,000 with a high of \$36,000. The average cost to stabilize the homes behind Irwin and Dawson Crescents, and Eden Place is about \$35,000 with a high of \$68,000, said Ms. Barron.

Under CVCA funding plans, the province would pay 55 per cent of the cost and the municipality would pay 45 per cent. However, the municipality could charge back the cost of the repairs to the homeowners.

Allan Turpin, a resident at 43 Metcalfe Ct. asked councillors Monday to let his ratepayers association make a presentation to council next week explaining why homeowners shouldn't foot the bill.

The CVCA wants the town to approve funding for Metcalfe Court

soon. That portion would cost about \$300,000 and the province has already approved its share of the costs for construction in 1989.

Although bank stabilization on all the homes would occur over a three-year period, the CVCA wants to begin work this year on Metcalfe Court.

There are 16 homes on Metcalfe Court in need of bank stabilization and a total of 18 homes on the other streets.

When the subdivision was built in the mid-1960s there likely wasn't any organization like the CVCA watching construction, said Ms. Barron.

The Minister of Natural Resources would have judged the suitability of the land for construction but it wouldn't have supervised the operation to make sure any fill placed there was compacted properly.

The slope stabilization is one of the biggest stabilization projects ever to be undertaken by the CVCA, said Mr. Worte.

## Registration may be late

Efforts by the developers of Halton Hills Village to register the subdivision on the west side of Mountainview Road may in time to save 108 purchase agreements fall short, town planners warn.

Fernbrook Homes has received an extension on its purchase agreement for 237 lots on the west side of the road until April 28. Fernbrook has sold 108 lots on the west side of the road but the firm may only construct 93 due to servicing limitations. In order for all the purchase agreements to remain valid, the 93 home subdivision must be registered at Halton Region by April 28.

But town planners said Monday that date may be unrealistic.

The process of registration normally takes 12 to 16 weeks because several agencies, such as the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, and the Ministry of Natural Resources, must approve the plan. "As a result, staff estimate that Fernbrook's projected registration date of April 28 is optimistic," said town deputy planner Bruce MacLean.

If the subdivision agreement is registered in time it's likely that the 93 people who actually get their

homes will be picked in chronological order, said Halton Hills Village Homes Inc. Project Manager Toby Barwick.

Originally, 114 homes had been sold but several people have withdrawn their offers to purchase so there are still about 108 homebuyers waiting for the subdivision registration.

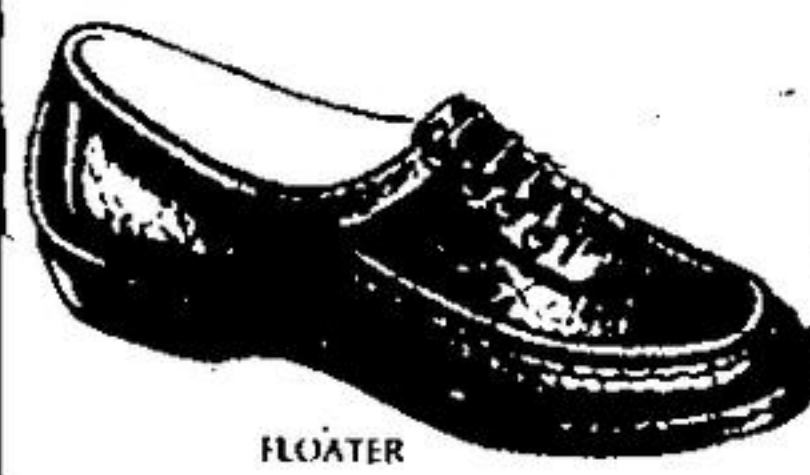
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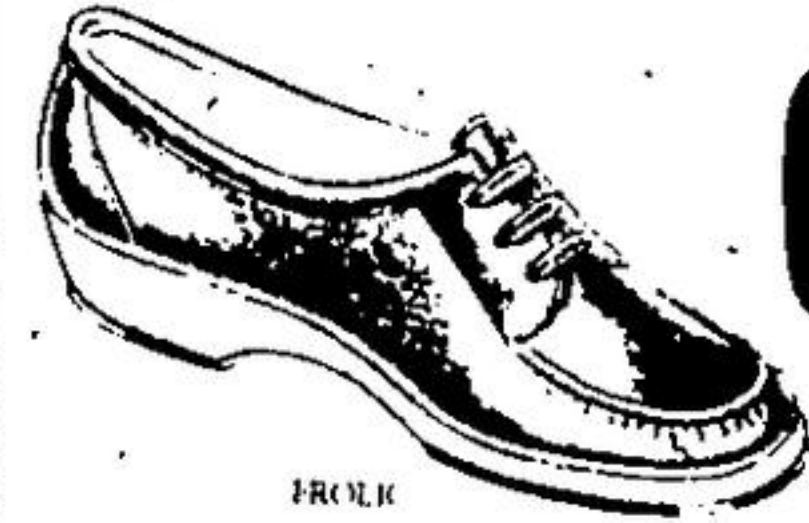
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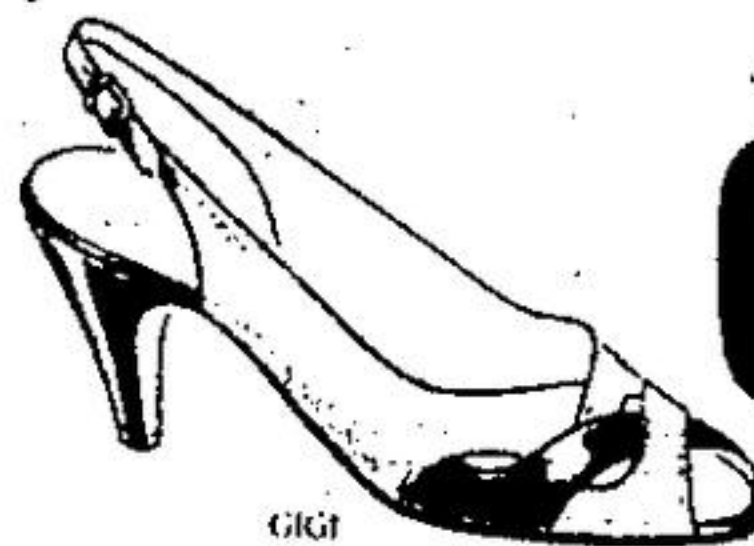
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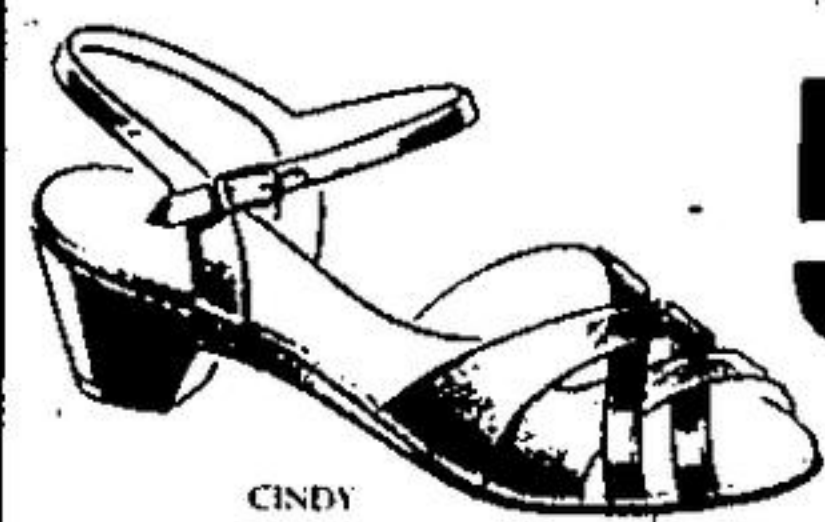
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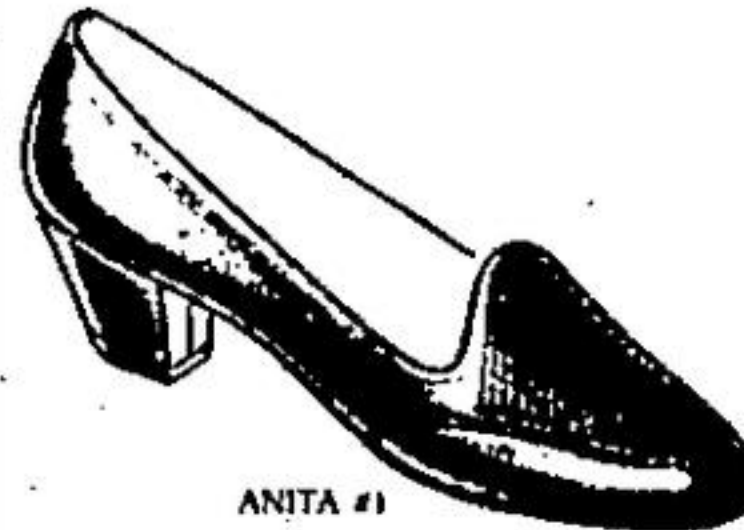
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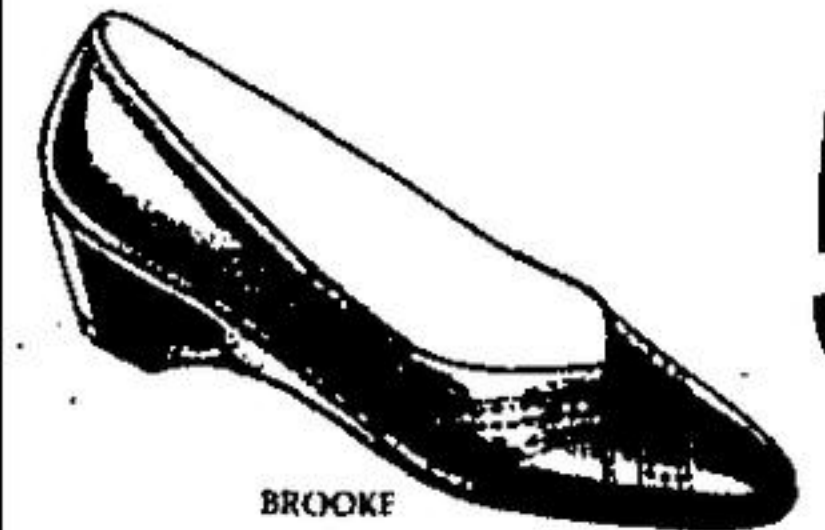
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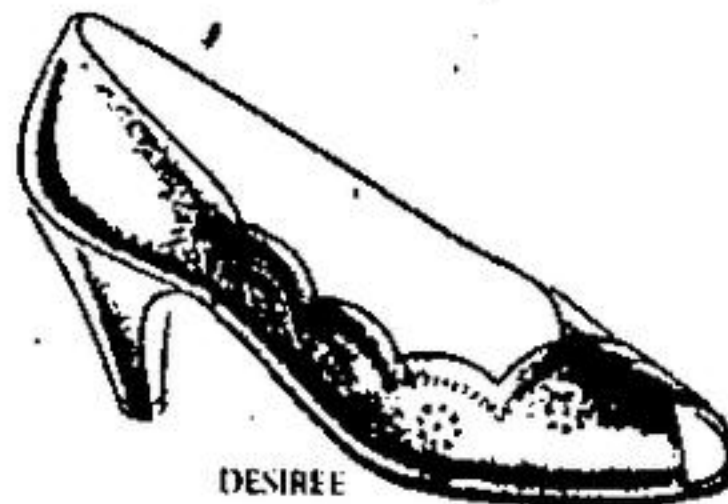
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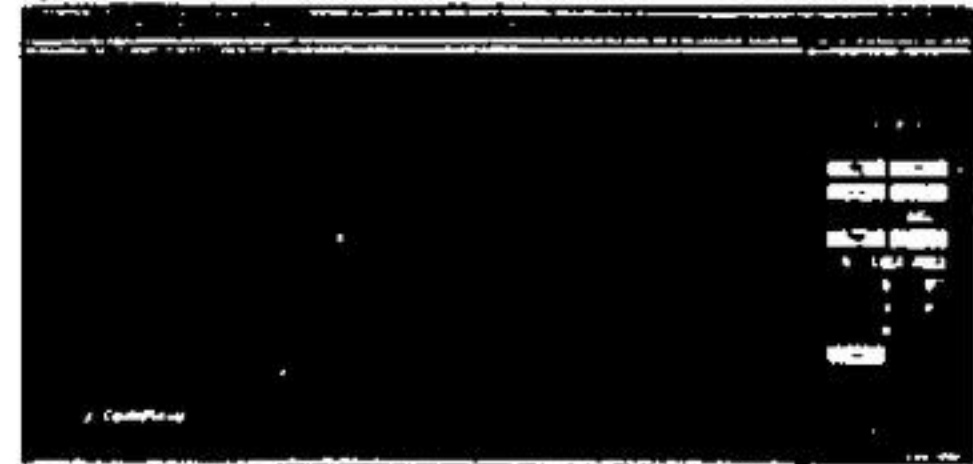
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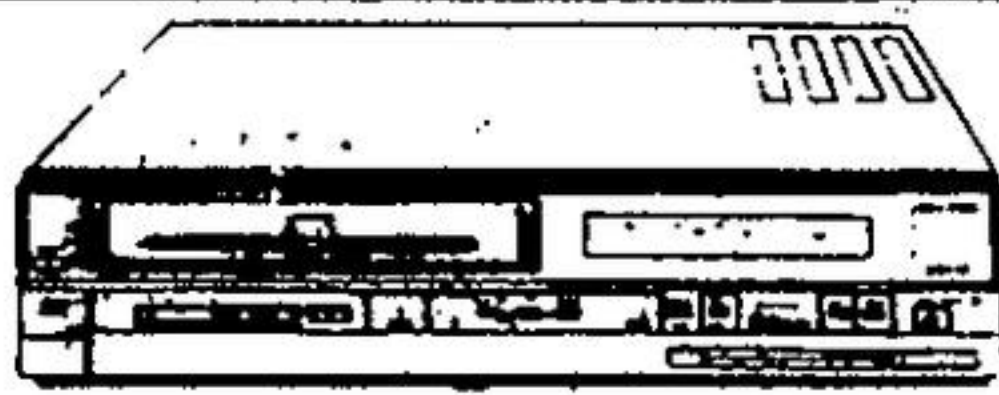
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