

Canadian Cancer Society kicks off \$100,000 campaign

The Georgetown Cancer Society kicked off its most ambitious campaign ever last week with the Annual Cancer Breakfast at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

The Georgetown unit wants to hit the \$100,000 mark in 1989 marking the first time their goal has hit six figures.

Ted Gorth will lead the Georgetown campaign as chairman with Barb Johnson as residential chairperson, Graham Farnell as industrial chairman and Marny and Bob Malcolmson as the commercial leaders.

Jean King leads the daffodil

campaign, Curwood Packaging organized the campaign breakfast and Cynthia Green will look after the coin boxes.

Last year the Georgetown unit set a goal of \$60,000 but they overwhelmed that target by raising over \$97,300.

Events scheduled for this year include Co-op for Cancer, April 2 through April 8, daffodils sales on April 14 and 15, Classic Cars for Cancer on June 18 and the annual Bill Smith Invitational Golf Tournament on June 26. Since its inception in 1977, the Bill Smith tournament has raised more than \$142,000

for cancer.

Ron Potter, president of the Ontario division of the Cancer Society, called the \$100,000 mark "truly an ambitious goal," following the "awesome" results in 1988.

Fundraising campaigns are even more important than ever because "we're truly on the threshold of some of the most important breakthroughs of the disease," said Mr. Potter.

The national organization is proud of its ability to keep its administration costs down, he said.

Anti-Poverty Activists March to Queen's Park

Amidst a honking of horns and waves from passing motorists, a group of anti-poverty activists

passed through Halton Hills Thursday on the last leg of a 16-day march to Queen's Park.

Organizers say the Queen's Park rally today (Saturday) is expected to attract a "four-figure number of people, making it the most powerful anti-poverty rally for decades."

"The name of the game is that we're trying to maximize the pressure on the Peterson government," said marcher John Clarke of the Union of Unemployed Workers in London. Over 80 groups

in Ontario will be represented at the rally.

Mr. Clarke said the anti-poverty group hopes to force the provincial government to implement the first stage of the Thomson Report, published by the Social Assistance Review Committee of the provincial government.

The first stage of the report will help the poor get out of the 'welfare trap', he said by allowing those on social assistance to keep their part-time earnings. The anti-poverty group is also asking for

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POWER group chosen as Acton's "Citizen of the Year"

POWER, the local group fighting a proposed landfill site at the Acton Quarry, has been named Acton Citizen of the Year by the Acton branch of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce.

The Acton branch chose the 300-member POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources) group last week because of "all the hours they've put in and the work they've done to help Acton keep the dump out of this community," said former Acton Chamber of Commerce president Mike Manes.

Mr. Manes said POWER had done "a good job" fighting for the citizens of the community.

"We feel very honored that they have recognized us and what we've been doing over the past few years," said POWER president Ruth French Thursday.

POWER was formed two years ago to keep Reclamation Systems Incorporated, a local consortium,

from getting approval for a landfill site in the Acton Quarry, located at Third Line and Sideroad 22.

"This (award) should give us a boost in general (public) awareness," said Mrs. French. She said she hoped the Citizen of the Year award would mean an increased membership. POWER presently has almost one per cent of the local population.

POWER's concern is that the Acton Quarry site sits on land that slopes into Georgetown. If groundwaters are contaminated by garbage in the site, local water will also be contaminated, POWER says.

"If they (RSI) get this dumpsite that is supposed to pollute the water, no one will want to live around here," said Mr. Manes.

POWER is aided in its fight against RSI, who recently put in a proposal to the provincial government to turn the quarry into a landfill site, by the Town of Halton

Hills. The town has reserved \$200,000 of its 1989 budget for the RSI battle.

Mrs. French said POWER appreciates the town's support, but feels the provincial government should also be helping.

"It's a shame that small towns like Halton Hills have to bear the brunt of all this," she said.

"Next year (the town) will probably have to allow more money."

But POWER is optimistic that a battle with RSI can be won. Mrs. French said that information from a report on the Milton and Burlington sites recently reviewed as hosts of Halton's landfill site, showed that the Milton site was chosen partially because it contains clay and not the shale found in Burlington's site. "Shale isn't always impermeable," said Mrs. French.

She added that the Acton site also contains shale, which would let contaminated water leak through the site into the soil.



"POWERful stuff"

POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources) members are shown here with local politicians at the Feb. 18 Enviro-watch, a meeting of environmentally-concerned groups. The group was named Citizen of the Year by the Acton Chamber of Commerce and will officially receive the award at a ceremony April 29. Left to right are federal MP Garth Turner, POWER president Ruth French, POWER member Rita Landry, Dr. Clarke Thomson, provincial MPP Walt Elliot and John Jackson of a St. Catharines' citizens group. (Herald photo)

Choral Society says "You come too"

"You come too" is the Georgetown Choral Society's way, and Robert Frost', of inviting you to attend the Spring Concert, April 21 and 22, at the Alliance Church, Main Street South.

Conductor A. Dale Wood has included three of Robert Frost' poems set to music by Randall Thompson in the program. The selections will change pace from the mysterious Phantom of the Opera, to the earthy joy of farm, copse and meadow.

Every family has its own Robert Frost: farmer, teacher come shoemaker, come people's

poet. The history of Upper Canada is very like that of Robert Frost' New England. Both lands had their pioneers who worked the unrelenting land but took time to listen to the bird song, the swish of the scythe cutting hay or the laughter of youngsters in the woods. A moment to listen to the gentle voice of God, the familiar suddenly remembered, tears sprung from the sudden joy of memory.

These particular poems were written around the time of the First World War, before Frost became famous. However, Thompson's music is more re-

cent, commissioned in the late 1950s. Both men were New Englanders (Harvard men at that) with the strange mix of rustic simplicity coupled with a hard Puritan streak to survive whatever the risks. The music takes us through the struggle to a final serenity.

"Men work together," I told him from the heart Whether they work together or apart."

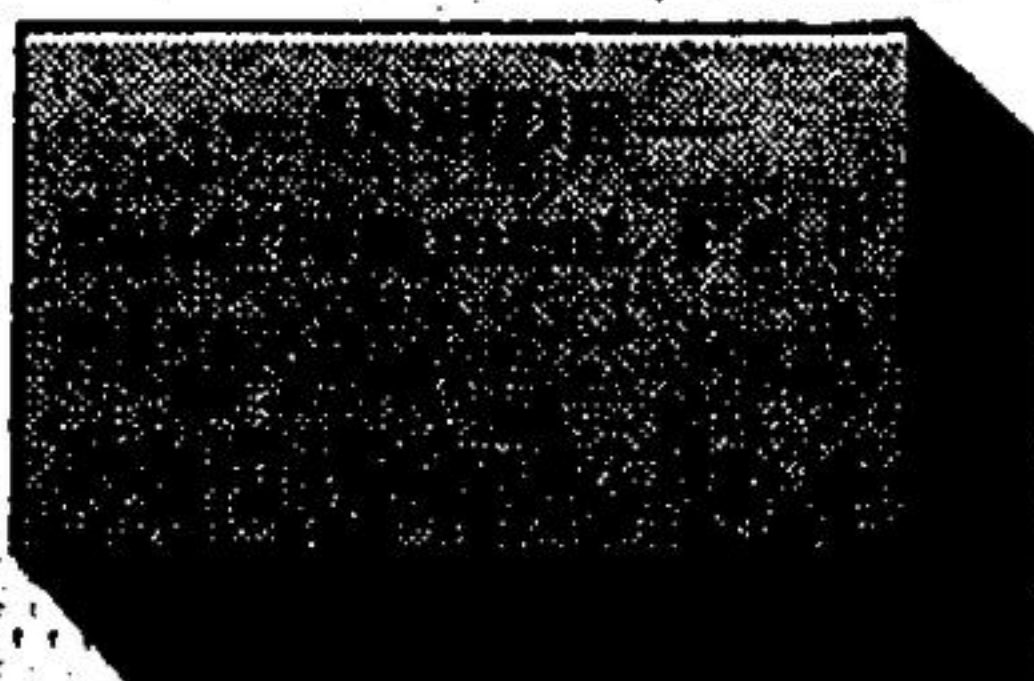
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