

147th anniversary

The Acton Baptist Church congregation looked on as its oldest member Harriet Helwig, lifetime Deacon Wilmer Fryer and its youngest member plant a Maple tree to celebrate the church's 147th anniversary, (Herald photo)

Protect yourself against winter chills, fever

The Canadian winter is nearly here and that heralds the beginning of the flu season. Familiar symptoms of fever, chills, weakness, loss of appetite and aching limbs may be signals that influenza has struck. The treatment of taking to your bed, drinking plenty of fluids and generally pampering yourself is usually enough to get you well again within a week. Your staying at home protects your friends from catching the virus when you sneeze and cough.

For some people, however, there can be complications. When the body is weakened by a bout of flu, defences are lowered and other infections can occur. In elderly people and those who are already coping with an existing disease, the body's normal defences may not be adequate for the fight. Residents of nursing homes and other chronic care facilities as well as persons over 65 years of age are at risk. Also at risk are adults and children with chronic heart or lung conditions, kidney disease, and other conditions such as diabetes, blood disorders, and immune system problems.

Recent studies show that the use of flu vaccine will decrease occurrence of illness as well as cut down on hospital admissions, pneumonia, and death.

Each year scientists study the



previous winter's influenza incidence and predict which viral strains will likely cause illness in the current season. Flu vaccine is then prepared by the pharmaceutical companies using a combination of these killed viruses. The 1989-90 flu vaccine is available now and physicians offer this annual protection to their highrisk patients.

If you are a person who may be seriously affected by influenza, now is the time to check with your family physician for that annual flushot.

For further information, contact Lynda Galbraith, Communicable Disease Program Supervisor, Halton Regional Health Department, 338-7100, ext. 535.

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Singers from Ohio to appear at Alliance church

Once again, Georgetown Alliance Church is pleased to be able to open the doors to the community with a musical presenta-

Bill and Donna Gasset, a delightful singing-speaking team from Ohio, will be guests of the church on Sunday, Nov. 5. The Gassets will be a part of the regular Sunday morning service at 11 a.m. and in the evening, they will be presenting a special musical program.

Donna is a member of the widely-known Parschauer Sisters Trio and grew up in Germany, where she began singing and recording in five different languages: German, French, Dutch, Spanish as well as English. Donna received her masters degree from Eastman School of Music in New York. She is also becoming recognized as a capable speaker at women's retreats throughout the United States and Canada.

Bill is the songwriter of the group, and their 14 year old daughter. Sonja often joins her parents in their singing engagements.

For more information call 873-0249.

Plenty of spots left for volunteers

Enjoy the many rewards of volunteering. Learn new skills, make new friends, add a special purpose to your life and give of yourself to someone who needs you.

The following volunteer opportunities are waiting to be filled: be part of an independent living program working with developmentally handicapped adults. Learn new skills in public relations position. Take persons to medical appointments or deliver hot meals to seniors. Consider the satisfaction of taking a senior out to do errands or raking leaves for someone unable to do

For information on these and many other volunteer opportunities contact the Halton Hills Volunteer Centre at 877-3219.

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