



United Way flag raised

The 1990 United Way campaign got underway with a flag-raising ceremony at the Civic Centre last week and a luncheon Wednesday. On hand to raise the United Way flag were left to right: Acton residential campaign chair, Dan Dolliver, Mayor Russ Miller, Georgetown residential chair, Julie Williams and campaign chair, David McNally. (Herald photo)

Researchers develop test for loss of consciousness

University of Toronto researchers have developed a test that identifies people who lose consciousness as a result of fainting.

"This test confirms or eliminates fainting as the reason for a loss of consciousness," said Dr. Menashe B. Waxman, a cardiologist in the Department of Medicine.

"If the reason is not fainting, then other causes such as epileptic seizure, severe rhythm disturbances of the heart and narrowed heart valves can be investigated," said Dr. Waxman.

The test involves the administration of Isoproterenol - a synthetic form of Adrenaline - intravenously while the subject is in a passive upright position at 60 degrees. People who are prone to fainting will lose consciousness after being given Isoproterenol, while individuals who have other disorders will usually not faint under these conditions.

Dr. Waxman said the exact reason for the fainting reaction induced by Isoproterenol is not known, but it is thought to be a result of a false signal sensed within the heart, in response to the combination of Isoproterenol and upright tilting.

This false signal is believed to be a greatly increased pressure within the cavity of the heart, which causes the involuntary nervous system to switch off. This in turn leads to a reduction in heart rate, a fall in blood pressure, and ultimately a fainting reaction.

Dr. Waxman tested 48 people, aged 17 to 74, who had a history of

loss of consciousness. The subjects, whose previous episodes were consistent with a fainting reaction, described the following conditions:

- They occurred while the subject was upright or standing.

- They were preceded by weakness, sweating, warmth, nausea and visual dimming.

- They were induced by unpleasant, frightening, anxiety-filled or painful events.

- Consciousness resumed within seconds of reclining, and full recovery was within one to five minutes.

In the study, 16 of 48 subjects developed a fainting reaction to the test.

Rural Notebook

The young offer new hope

By KENDA NURSE
Herald Special

The space in this newspaper is supposed to be used to inform the rural public on "happenings" within our community. Once in a while it is nice to forget the "supposed" and allow just some "thought."

Do you ever look into the eyes of something young and absolute? Living on a farm gives me ample opportunity to do just that - every day. It could be the eyes of the newborn calves and foals or metaphorically, the newness of the sprouting crops, the clear water from the melting snow. We see hope when we farm and for many, it is the reason we continue to do so - even when the times economics dictate we should not. The hope is in the planting, the nurturing and the harvest; whether it is crop or livestock.



Our new hope

Whenever we are troubled, we can all be inspired by hope. And whether you are a "townsperson" or a "countryside" dweller it is there in the eyes: our babies, our new, our hope.

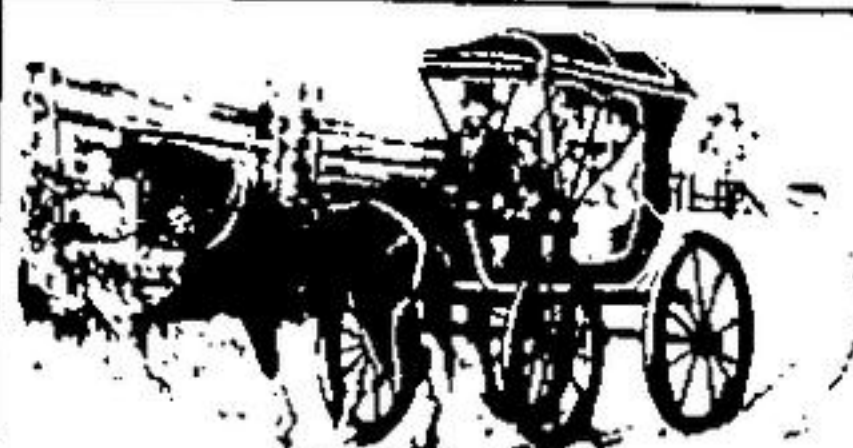
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Information available on credit card costs

OTTAWA - Federal Consumer and Corporate Affairs Minister Pierre Blais today released the September 1990 issue of "Credit Card Costs." This publication provides comparative information on the interest rates and other costs of using credit cards.

This issue includes updated "Facts and Figures" on credit card use by Canadians. These figures show that credit card use has grown in Canada. The number of cards, the number of merchant outlets and the volume of sales continue to increase every year.

Copies of "Credit Card Costs" are available at your nearest office of Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada.



Home Post Scripts

By Glenda Hughes

This Sunday marks the beginning of Ontario Home Week, sponsored annually by the Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA). This week, you will see and hear about events in our community that will be of help in keeping public awareness about Home Ownership. At most real estate offices you will find brochures and information about this special week, and as it is free, it is a fine time to take advantage of this golden opportunity to find out about home ownership.

We, at NRS, are pleased to be running an Information Weekend for anyone who wishes to attend, on "Everything You Wanted To Know About Real Estate And Were Afraid To Ask." Between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, there will be guest professionals from many areas of home ownership, to answer your questions, and provide you with information. Among our guests are a lawyer, a home building inspector, a mortgage expert, a professional mover, an interior decorator, a computer demonstration on home finding, a video on "Dressing Your Home For Success," a land surveyor, and lucky draws and refreshments. It is a wonderful opportunity to get informed about all the "nitty gritty's" that have been bothering you in this field, and best of all it's FREE!

Home Ownership: The Key to Your Future. Owning your own home is the key to a secure future. Real estate values have always been among the leaders in return, on investment ... most often, the leader. Owning a home is much more than a superior financial investment. After all, what other investment can you live in and enjoy a thousand different ways? What other investment becomes a part of your family's growth. What other investment opens so many choices for your future? None but home ownership. Small wonder then, most Canadians seek to be homeowners instead of renters. Sure, buying a home is the biggest financial investment most of us will ever make. But it's worth it, in ways you can only dream of. Why not make that dream a reality?

Drop in and see us anytime this weekend - we'll help you get the right answers and maybe make your dreams come true.

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