

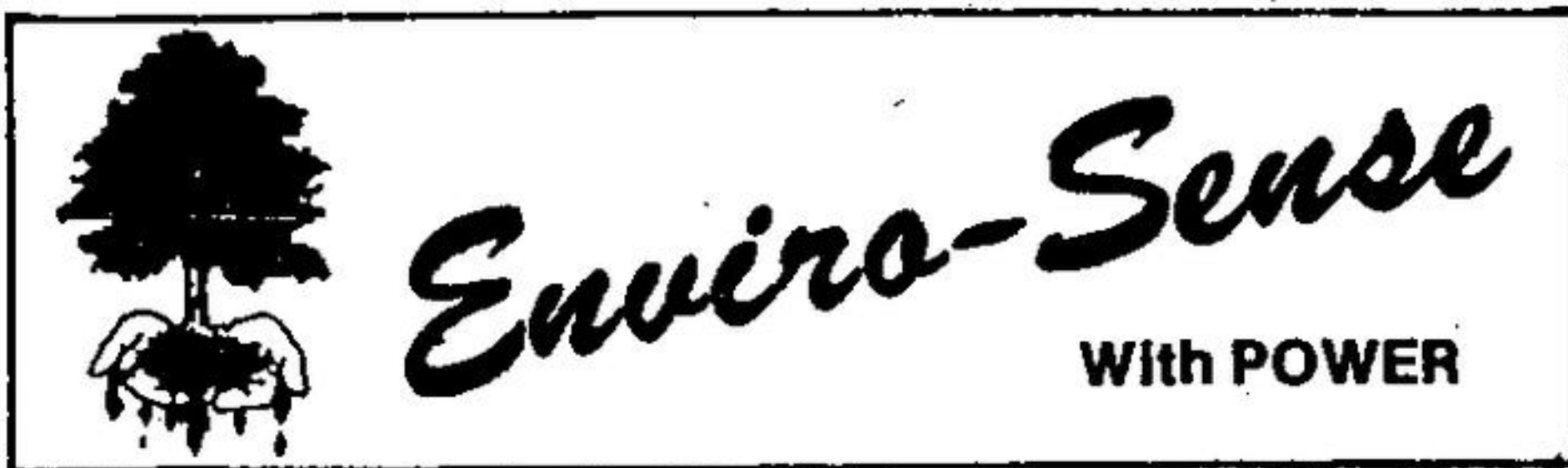
Environment

Business and Industrial Blue Box Program needed

By SCOTT HAMILTON
Although there is limited industrial recycling in Georgetown at least one small business has examined it's role in saving the environment.

Kentners Social Catering involved it's staff and clients in a program of re-using, reducing and recycling its waste.

After a suggestion from a part-time student employee involved in The Bronte Creek Project (Halton's Outdoor Education and Environmental Studies program), supervisor Lori Kentner took action.



Lori first examined the types of waste produced by the catering service. Her recycling plan included purchasing two large garbage cans to collect aluminum cans and glass bottles and buying back re-usable trays, cups and serving utensils from customers

after use.
"Helping the environment is easy to do," says Lori.
"The hardest part is remembering to put the recyclable products in the cans."
The Kentner's program has been running for seven months

now and is still going strong. Lori states that the trip to the town recycling depot two or three times a week "isn't a problem at all. I just think it's important for

everyone to do their little bit."
But this writer wonders why the town has yet to implement a business and industrial Blue Box program.

Press for Blue Boxes

By BARBARA HALSALL
Scott poses a very good question. Several commercial establishments have asked me the same thing. "Why don't we have blue boxes?" My advice is to call your regional councillors. I'm sure with rising tipping fees diversion is cost effective.

Kentner's followed Scott Hamilton's plan but each business could do their own waste audit. They may find valuable by-products going to disposal. If something is identified call Art Mercer at 416-827-2151. He is the regional recycling coordinator for products from commercial establishments.

There is an agency that also could be very helpful to business

and industry that is the Ontario Waste Exchange, 416-822-4111. Ortech International will answer that number. Ask for the Waste Exchange, for the manager, Linda Varangu or for Diane Lawson. When you call in they will match you with someone who needs the item you are trying to get rid of.

For example, when labs are closing down, the Ontario Waste Exchange will FAX a list of chemicals to universities. The company saves on disposal costs, which could be substantial, and only has transportation costs to the happy recipients. I'll give more information on this in future columns.

Remember, you can make a difference. Scott and Lori did.

Tropical rainforests disappearing

Warning that tropical rainforests are disappearing at almost twice the rate as previously believed, World Wildlife Fund has launched its 1990/91 Guardian of the Amazon campaign - a major initiative aimed at stemming the destruction of Amazonian rainforest.

Through the Guardians of the Amazon program, WWF is appealing to Canadians to help protect an acre of tropical forest in

the Amazon - the greater storehouse of natural wealth on the planet and one of the most threatened ecosystems. Recent data shows that 33,000 square kilometres of the Amazon were destroyed in 1989. In all, 404,000 square kilometres have been lost throughout human history.

A \$25 contribution to WWF helps protect an acre of rainforest. The funds will be used to support WWF's critical conserva-

tion projects in the Amazon. Included here are WWF projects which:

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