

Diabetics to form local chapter

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The Herald
By next month, Halton Hills could have it's own chapter of the Canadian Diabetes Association to

provide materials and information to diabetics in the area. Monday night, 37 people turned up at the Lion's Club Hall to show their interest in starting up a

local chapter. Of the 37, 32 became members of the Canadian Diabetes Association, said Don Coglin, Diabetes Awareness Chairman for Lions District A-11.

"I'm pleased with the turnout," said Mr. Coglin, who's been instrumental in organizing the meeting and encouraging local diabetics to start their own chapter.

He said this initial meeting has already helped some local diabetics. He said one man, who was taking pills for his heart problems, found the pills were antagonizing his diabetes. By talking about his problem, he found another diabetic who had experienced the same situation, but overcame it. The first man resolved to talk to his doctor about correcting the situation with the ideas he got from the meeting.

Though no executive was chosen at this meeting, the gathering did discuss some areas a local chapter might focus on. One was to offer information and lectures that would appeal, not only to adults, but to children and another was to have not only a structured chapter, but a social club.

The group's next meeting will be on March 25 at the Lion's Club Hall where an executive will be chosen and the chapter officially formed.

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The 1991 registration fee is \$125.

To register, call SEVEC toll-free at 1-800-38-SEVEC. The deadline for registration is March 15, 1991.



Day care youngsters project

Reading from one of the children's books the Georgetown Day Care Centre donated for the children in the Paediatric Ward at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital is nurse Iva Simmons. Children from the day care centre helping to present the book are (left to right) Laura Lee Rivers, Sean Logan and Michael McColl with their caregivers, Deborah Foster (left) and Yvette Fournier. The book donation is the 4th Annual Valen-

tine's Day project conducted by the centre. For three weeks prior to Valentine's Day, the children earn money by doing extra chores at home. They contribute the money to the Valentine Book Fund. The purpose of the project is to engage the children in an activity which allows them to purchase a gift for the hospitalized children, and may help to lessen the loneliness of children in the hospital. (Herald photo by Lisa Boonstoppel-Pot)

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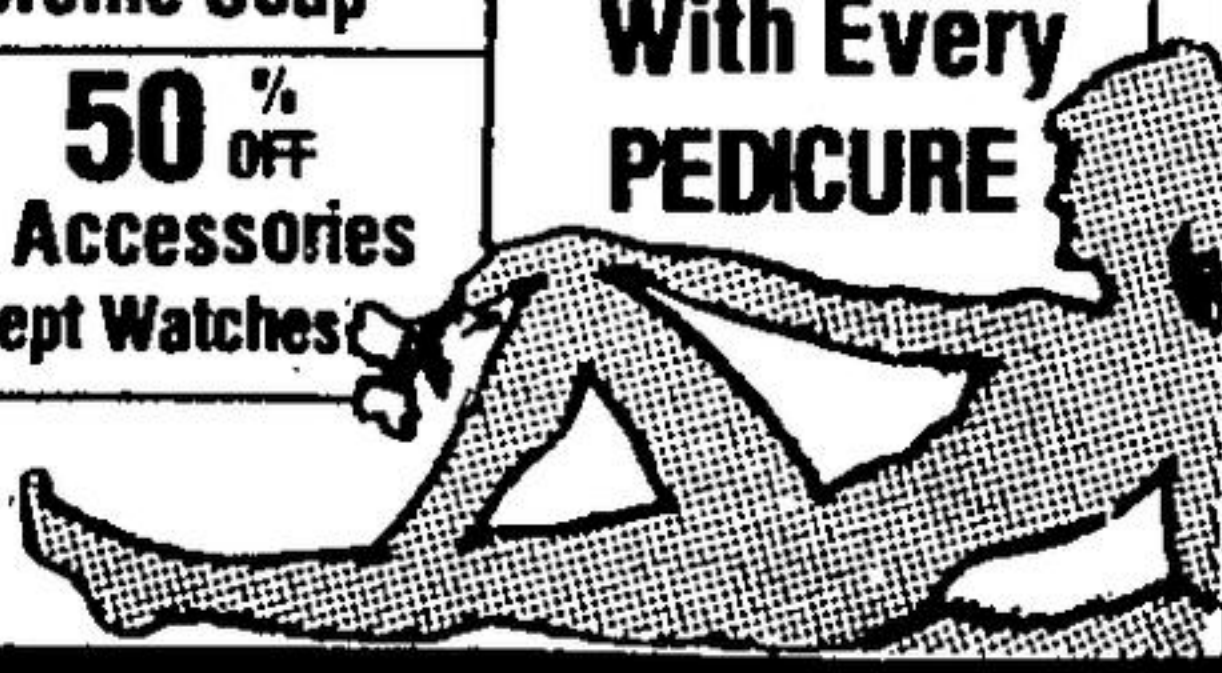
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