

Seniors

Volunteer driving group needed

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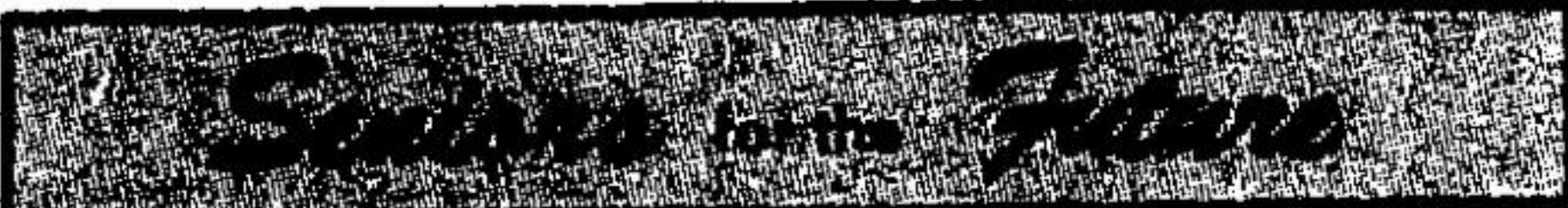
Much to my surprise, a couple of weeks ago, I found that the volunteer driver pool for Georgetown had not become a reality this past summer. I heard that there were two reasons - the first that the name of the Co-ordinator on the Seniors Coordinating Committee happens to be a name from Acton - and far be it for Georgetown people to have anything to do with what Acton instigates!

(Apparently there is still not enough information about the Coordinating committee being for Halton Hills).

The second reason - and I suspect, at least I hope it was the real reason - was some concern about insurance coverage for volunteer drivers.

I have checked with Peggie Valkind, the employee of ASSIC who co-ordinates the volunteer drivers for the Acton region, and have this to offer about insurance. ASSIC carries a third party liability policy to cover the volunteers. Each volunteer has to carry his or her own insurance, of course, and ASSIC checks to be sure the policy carried is adequate. It is important to check regularly with the head office of the insurance companies about their policy about volunteers so that all eventualities are covered.

With the discussion going on around car insurance over the



past few months it is more important than ever that this checking be done. At present, Peggie is in the midst of checking for the benefit of the Acton volunteer drivers.

Now the reason that I found out about the absence of volunteer drivers in Georgetown has nothing to do with my own awareness of what goes on in the town. I just happened to hear that people of Georgetown were calling ASSIC and asking for volunteer rides in the Georgetown area. This seems to mean, as far as I can see, that there is still a need for a volunteer driving group for just general driving around the Georgetown area.

I have nothing to do with this myself, though I do occasionally do volunteer driving, but I hope that this business of volunteer driving for Georgetown would get to be a reality. There are many who need the service - or at least whose lives would be brightened if there was such a service. Peggie has promised to let me know what the results of her current checking with the insurance companies are, and I am sure that they will be the same for the Georgetown area as for the Acton area. After all, we are all one in

Halton Hills. We may still be able to develop a corps of drivers for Georgetown and district within the near future. If it is needed, let us hope so.

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