

# Community



## Floral design discussion

Georgetown resident and floral design expert, Daisy Harris, is busy arranging one of several floral designs she put together during the Ontario Association of Superannuated Teachers of Ontario, Halton-Peel Branch meeting Wednesday at Holy Cross Church hall. Mrs. Harris is a retired Humber College Teacher in the Retail Floriculture Program. (Herald photo)

## Row erupts over child-care spaces

By BEN DUMMETT  
The Herald

Halton's decision to turn down 87 partially provincially-funded child care spaces tells those in need of daycare "they don't matter to Halton," Oakville Regional Councillor John Graham said Wednesday during a Regional Council meeting.

Earlier this year, the province offered to provide 80 per cent funding for 87 new child care spaces in the Region. Halton would be expected to cover the remaining 20 per cent cost, a figure amounting to more than \$200,000, said Social Services Commissioner, Bonnie Ewart, during the meeting. She told council there were upwards of 600 families waiting for subsidized day care spaces in the Region.

Burlington Regional Councillor Peter Arch, Chairman of the Region's Health and Social Services Committee, countered the accusation from his Oakville counterpart by saying, "we (the Region) are not saying that at all." Coun. Arch explained the spaces were rejected during the 1991 budgetary process because of a lack of available funds. Halton had no money to fund its 20 per cent of the cost for the spaces, he said.

Coun. Arch went on to say Halton wasn't the only municipality unable to accept similar offers by the province. The province had announced that money would be provided to subsidize 5,000 child care spaces spread across the province.

## Scouts to plant trees

Early in the day on April 29, Halton Hills Scouts will be planting over 5,000 trees on Silvercreek Conservation property on Hwy. 7 as part of Scout Canada's national reforestation project.

Scout leader, Jean Layman, said Scouts, Cubs and Beavers from Acton, Georgetown, Limehouse, Hornby and Ashgrove will be out with spades, planting a variety of evergreens in the field.

This year, over 130,000 Scouts across the country will plant three million seedlings in conservation areas, provincial parks, crown lands and municipal parks. The planning has been go-

ing on since 1972 and John Rietveld, executive director of Scouts Canada, said over 40 million trees have been planted from coast to coast since then.

He said tree planting is one of the most positive methods of combatting the problems of acid rain and global warming. Trees help replenish the oxygen supply, fight soil erosion and add beauty, he said.

In this era of environmental awareness, Scouts Canada has developed an environmental focus which encourages and honors environment-oriented activities.

"Scouts Canada believes that good conservation is good citizenship, accordingly we provide opportunities for our members to demonstrate a personal awareness and concern for the environment through education and action."



## Effective Speaking winners

Pictured above are students and officials who were involved in the Georgetown Lions Effective Speaking competition held at Lions Club Hall March 26. Winners of the competition, Micah Zarnke (front row left) and Sachia Kron (front row right) are congratulated by teacher Bev Miller (far left) and

Lions member Dennis Borotsik (far right). The winners, along with the other competitors (back row, left to right) Greg Taylor, Karen Mathiasen, Jen Richards and Shannon Morris, will go on to the Lions District A-11 effective speaking run-offs at Dolphin Public School in Mississauga tomorrow (Saturday). (Herald photo)

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