

Hydro audits pay dividends

Energy audits initiated by Halton Hills Hydro Commission on nine local companies last year resulted in 189.2 kilowatts of energy being saved, the utility's Service Manager, George Herrington, told the commission Friday.

An energy audit is an inventory of what can be upgraded in an industrial and commercial building, replaced or eliminated to save energy, said Mr. Herrington.

He said one audit has been done so far this year for an area company. The audits are financed by Ontario Hydro as part of the crown corporation's ongoing campaign to promote energy efficiency.

Some companies are reluctant to have their buildings go through a complete audit because they know they wouldn't be able to afford the changes to the building required to make them more energy efficient, said Mr. Herrington. Although Ontario Hydro pays for the audit any equipment changes recommended as a result of the audit must be paid for by the company, said Mr. Herrington.

He explained companies won't go through the audit and implement the recommended energy savings unless they determine the cost to make the changes will be recovered in lower energy bills over a maximum four-year period.

During the tough economic times some companies don't know if they will be around for the next four years, said Mr. Herrington.

He expects approximately the same number of companies, as

last year, will go through a full audit in 1991.

Mr. Herrington is hopeful all companies, large, medium and small, in Halton Hills will go through a full audit some time in the future.

He points out the Halton Board of Education is having its schools audited and after the necessary energy saving changes are made it is estimated the board will save just over \$16,000 in energy costs per year.

The audit consists of a review of everything from lighting to motors, to compressors to air conditioning to non-electrical energy sources, such as oil and natural gas, said Mr. Herrington.

Before a full audit is done, Mr. Herrington will do a walk-through of a company's building and point out some of the more obvious causes of energy waste.

Once the walk-through is completed, said Mr. Herrington, a full audit can be done if requested.

Mr. Herrington said he did 30 walk throughs last year and he has done eight so far this year.



Twins stick together

Since twins Danielle and Denise Bechard have almost identical faces, they wanted their balloons to also look the same, so parent Anne-Louise Johnson

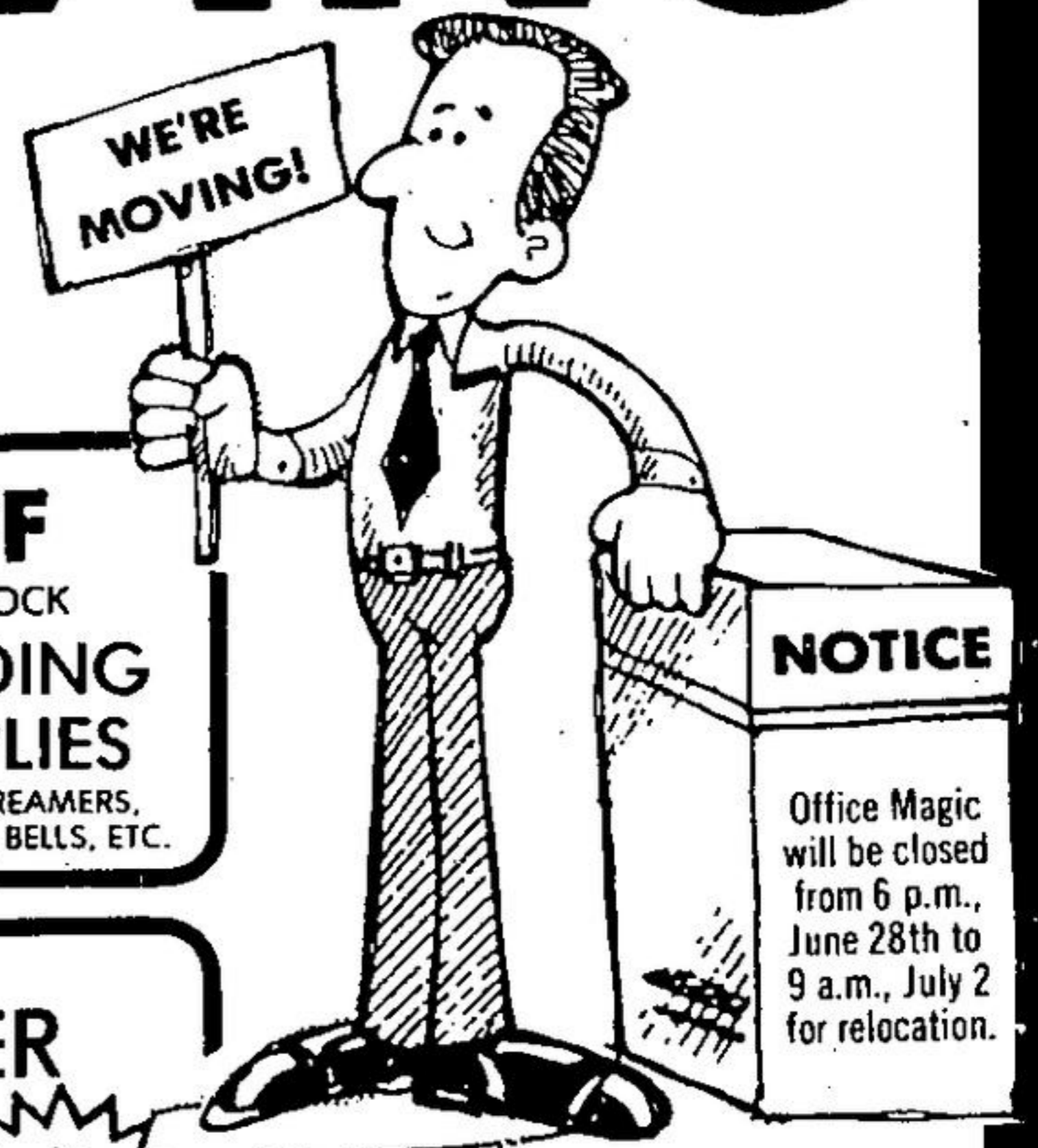
painted up two balloons especially for them at a family picnic for Sacre-Coeur students and their parents Thursday night. (Herald photo)

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