

W.I. agenda

By RUTH KRANENDONK
What's happening with the Halton Women's Institute these days?

Personal growth includes "An opportunity to learn and make decisions about your health." - This is the purpose of a new five session program beginning April 3 entitled "Surgery - a necessity or your choice." This is an exciting health program for women, originally organized by the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada with support from the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada.

Halton District Women's Institute will present these sessions at the Bennett Health Care Room of the Bennett Centre in Georgetown. Presented by expert health professionals, topics covered will include: "Doctor/patient interviews," "Know the options for breast health," "Knowledge about the reproductive system," "Surgery - a choice," "Consent - rights, responsibilities, trust."

Sessions will be held Wednesday, April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1, from 7 - 10 p.m. The cost is \$10 for all five sessions. Registration is limited.

Pre-register by contacting Glenda Benton (416-877-2101) before March 15. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Resolutions are one form of community action implemented by the Women's Institute by way of lobbying governments to correct laws and support issues of public concern. Most recently the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario have proposed resolutions on "Hazardous Waste at Landfill Sites," "Implementation of 'Best Before' Dates on Frozen Foods," "Violence Against Women," "Child Support Payments," and "Environmentally Unfriendly Styrofoam Cups, Meat Trays, etc."

Dublin WI enjoy Norton family's experiences

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Friendship is a sure thing that comes with being a Women's Institute member, and hearing from old friends is always a delight. When the Norton family, after a lot of thought, moved to Englehart, Ontario, we lost two very active members, Ann and her mother Edith Watkins.

The Norton family was very involved in the Acton community. Ann's husband, Ed, wrote a humorous letter about the many "tails" of living in the north. Englehart is approximately 200 miles north of North Bay.

With a lot of adjustments to make, they have survived many interesting experiences from renovating their house to adding to their ever-growing collection of animal life. Although it hasn't been easy, their sense of humor and determination have helped them adjust to their new way of life. We wish them well and look forward to their occasional visits south.

Saddened by loss

We were saddened this past year with the loss of two long time members of Dublin W.I., Mary Britton and more recently, Margaret McCullough. Our sympathies go to their families.

Many members and friends enjoyed a "Breadmaking" workshop in November presented by Jean McLean and Joan Johns. An "Interior Decorating" workshop is the next activity offered by the Women's Institute. This one day workshop will be Saturday, February 23 at Melville United Church, Fergus from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Participants choose two of six topic sessions including stencilling, creative windows, romantic bedrooms, long range decorating plans, wall papering, and

lighting-plants and accessories. Registration is \$20 which includes lunch and two workshop choices. For more information, contact Maisie Lasby (856-4436). Bring a

friend and join the fun!

Dublin Women's Institute welcomes new faces to their monthly meetings. The theme of the February meeting is "Family and Con-

sumer Affairs" and Joan Waldie, co-ordinator of Acton Foodshare will be guest speaker. For further information and directions, contact Verna Murchison at 853-1568.

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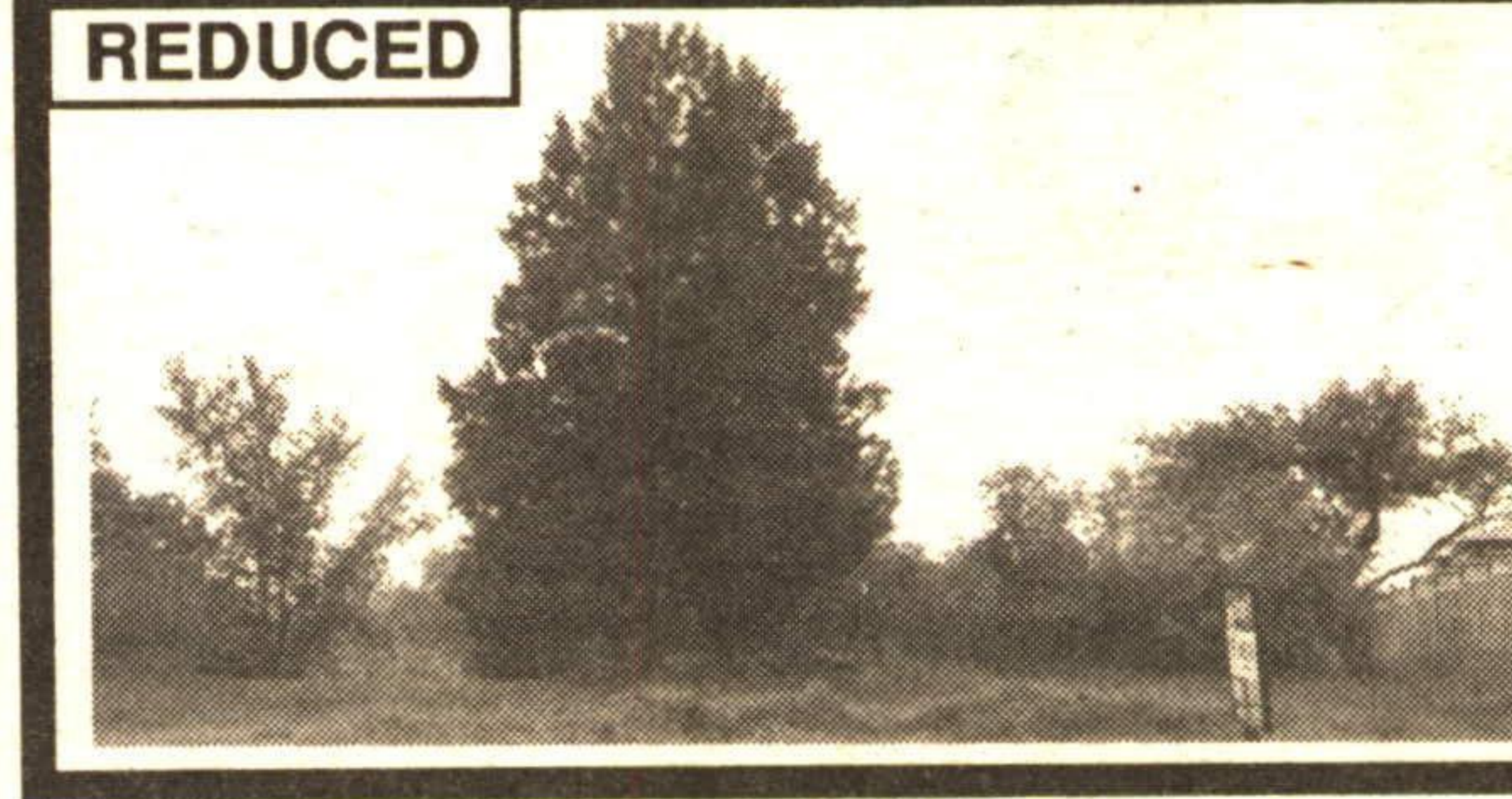
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