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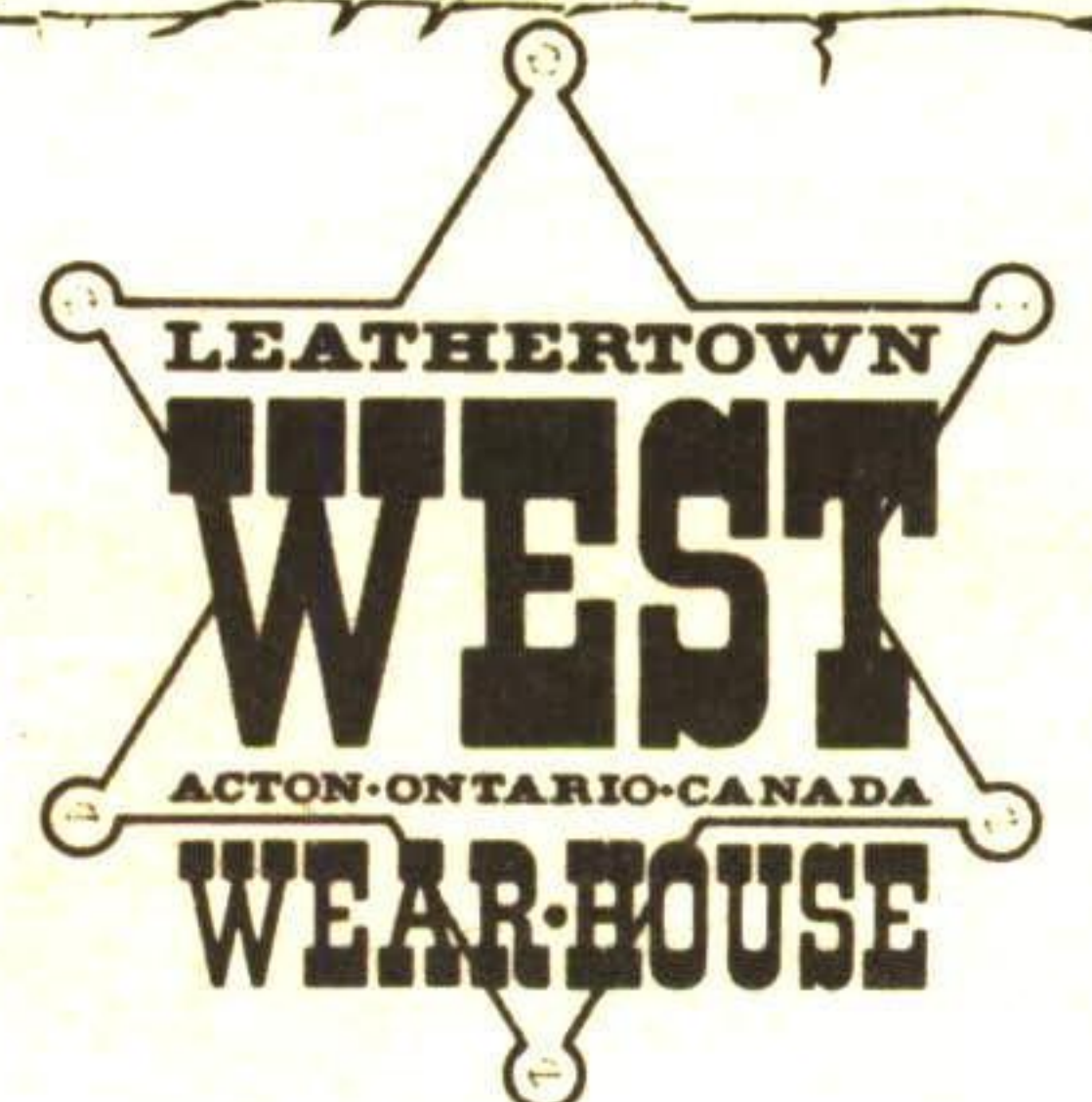
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Cancer unit sponsors Spring Fling

The Acton unit of the Canadian Cancer Society is getting an early jump on April's Cancer month.

The local unit will get their fundraising efforts in gear on Tuesday (March 26) with their annual Spring Fling Fashion Show at the Acton Legion.

The show will kick off a month long campaign to help raise funds for the cause. Blitz Night is slated for April 2, the daffodil campaign will run April 4, 5 and 6 and the 5th annual Benefit Brunch is slated for Sunday, April 7 at Jack Tanner's Table. On Tuesday, April 9, a Cut-a-thon will take place at GlenLea Beauty Salon. All cuts will be \$10 that day with 50 percent of the proceeds going to the Acton Cancer Unit.

The Spring Fling, with fashions by Elizabeth's Fashions, Bridal Boutique and Victoria Lane Children's Wear, will begin at 7:30 p.m. with coffee and dessert. The show will begin at 8 p.m. The cost will be \$6.

Oops!

It's Blood donor clinic time again.

Members of the Acton branch of the Red Cross are asking Halton Hills residents to visit the Acton Legion next Thursday, March 28, between 5 and 8:30 p.m.

The clinic is this coming Thursday and not March 21 as reported in Wednesday's paper. The newspaper regrets the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

All donors are encouraged to bring along a friend. The event is being sponsored by Leather-town Hardware.

POWER meeting

POWER will have a speaker from the Ministry of Environment at their general meeting next Wednesday (March 27) at 8 p.m. Contrary to advertising, the meeting will again be held at Limehouse School.

Local food banks in desperate need



Dr. Bob Cranfield, flanked by Tina Lord (left) and Mary MacEachern, of Cranfield Chiropractic Clinic in Georgetown, are encouraging Halton Hills residents to drop off food at their Guelph St. office next week to help out the Love In Christ Food Bank this

Easter season. As an added incentive, Dr. Cranfield is offering to waive his fees on Wednesday, Mar. 27 for those patients who bring food donations on that day.

STUART JOHNSTON Halton Hills Weekend

By STUART JOHNSTON
The slump in the economy has taken its toll on a number of things, but it seems the hardest hit are the food banks in town.

Georgetown's Love In Christ Food Bank and Acton's Food Share are both "in dire need" of donations, as more and more people are turning to these organizations just to be able to feed their families.

"We experienced a gradual increase (last year) in the number of people coming to us, but they have been coming faster and faster these last few weeks," Love In Christ's director Laura Ellison said. "Virtually, the food that was coming in, outside of what we buy, has all but disappeared. We were able to stockpile, but now that's gone.

"It's bad now, but it's not as bad as it's going to get," she added.

Both food banks rely on food donations, as well as monetary contributions, in order to provide the basics they need. However, they can't keep up with the rising demand on their centres as more and more people, out of work and hungry, come to them "just to provide food for their kids," Ellison said.

"It's the economy more than anything, we know it is," she said. "It takes an awful lot for people to get to this point, to be able to come here and ask for food. People stereotype those who go to food banks — but it's not an easy thing to do.

"It's not the run-of-the-mill people who show up — they're people from all over, who need our help because they can't go anywhere else," she said. "Some people are self-employed and all their money is used to keep the business going. Others are in sales, strictly on commission, or they get laid off...

"We've had grown men in here crying while they are filling out the applications. They feel ashamed to be here, but they have to feed their kids. It's just terrible."

The Georgetown centre is currently feeding almost 600 people — 208 families — half of which are children under 12 years of age, and half of that figure are kids less than five-years-old.

"We had one family with eight children, another with six, and they were all under 10 years old," Ellison added.

In Acton, the numbers aren't quite as high, but the problem remains the same, according to

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Mayor says double arena, seniors' centres by 1996

By MARIANNE TAKACS
Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller is working on a plan which would see both a second ice surface and a seniors' centre built at the Gordon Alcott arena site within the next five years.

Miller outlined his plan Wednesday night at a meeting held by the Georgetown and District Seniors' Centre Association.

The mayor is proposing Memorial Arena be sold and the money used to fund the arena/seniors' centre project. He told the meeting he would be working to have the project completed within five years.

"It's just myself and a few coun-

cillors who have talked about it," said Miller in a later interview. "Although the new arena is not in the capital forecast until the year 2000, it's my feeling that this (Memorial

Arena) property downtown could be sold and the money out of that taken to bring the arena at Alcott forward, and at that time I would

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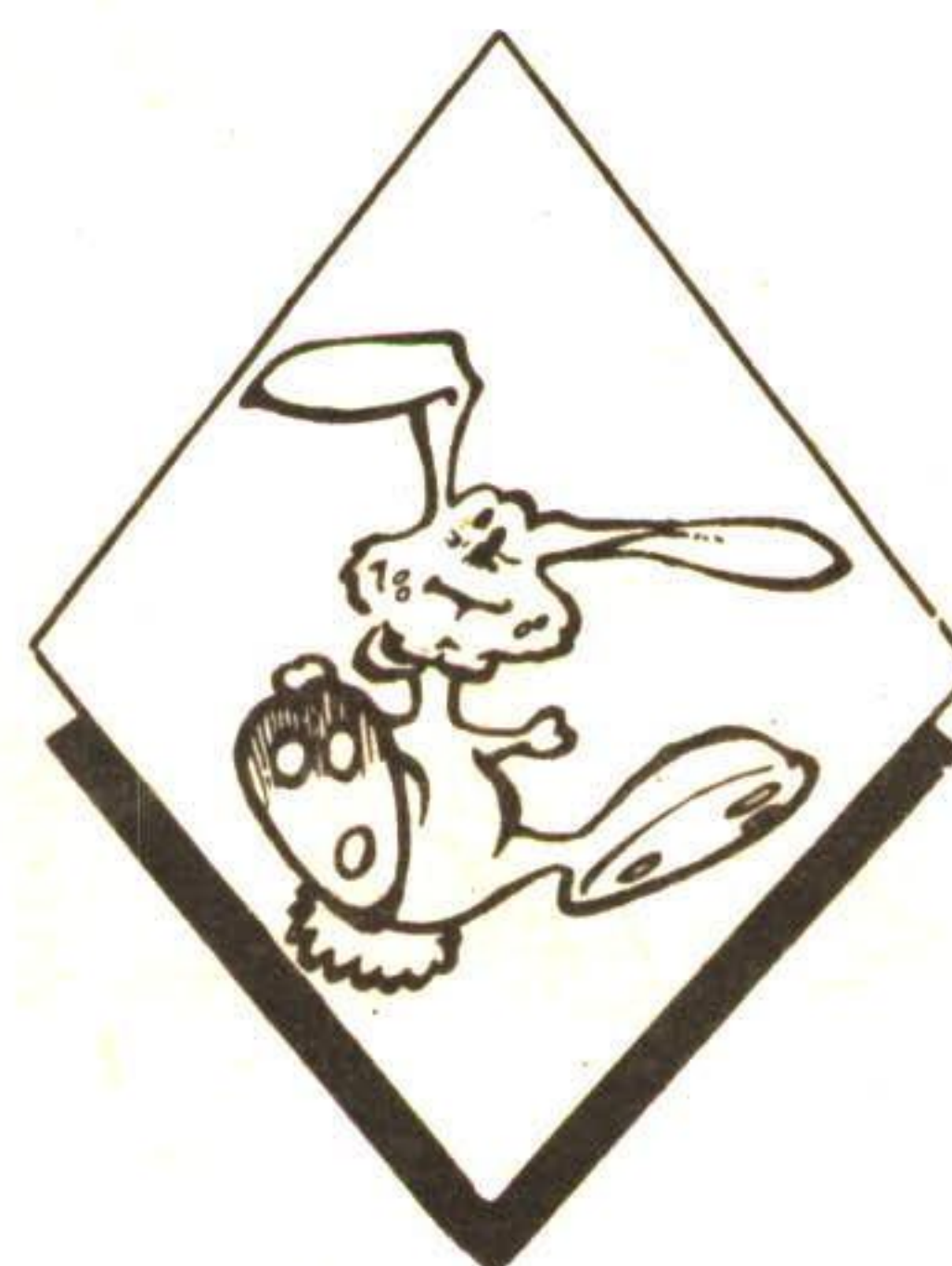
Centennial School girls are tops at cheerleading. Page 18.



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