Cancer Society chosen as Acton's top citizens

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A group has been awarded the title of 1993 Acton Citizen of the Year.

The Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society is this year's recipient, according to a press release issued Friday morning by the Acton Lion's

At the kick-off of the annual Acton

Cancer Society canvassing blitz at Trinity United Church Thursday night, when volunteers gathered for a dinner and presentation, no one knew that their group had even been nominated, not even the president Cathy Gerrow.

Gerrow said when she learned of it over the phone Friday morning.

"It's very exciting, wonderful news,"

"We have a great working group of volunteers; they're very hard-working people," noted the president.

There are about 20 drivers, people who volunteer to bring cancer patients to appointments in Toronto, Guelph, Hamilton and Mississauga. These people drove over 20,000 miles last year.

The fundraising volunteers managed to raise nearly \$56,000 during the annual campaign last year.

Many of the volunteers have been part of the organization for 25 years or

"Each year, we've had increases (in fundraising) which are fairly substantial. We usually raise more than our goal," Gerrow said. She has been president for the past five years.

An award dinner will be held at the Acton Legion on Friday, April 29. Tickets for the annual event are available from members of the Acton Lions



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Rezoning permitted

At the committee meeting Tuesday night committee approved a zoning amendment for a piece of property on Hwy. 25 that will allow a second permanent residence be built at the Ontario Mission for the Deaf. The second residence it to house deaf youths who attend the E.C. Drury School for the Deaf in Milton.

False alarms

The Halton Hills Fire Department responded to two false alarms Wednesday. The first was at 3:23 a.m. on Elizabeth Dr., Acton when a smoke detector malfunctioned. The second was at 8 p.m. at 62 Park Ave., Georgetown.

Poor conditions

Weather conditions are cited as the cause of two accidents Wednesday morning. One was on River Rd. at 8:30 a.m., when a 1988 Chrysler driven by a Georgetown resident lost control and hit an oncoming vehicle, police said. The Chrysler was totalled in the accident, while a 1992 Ford, driven by an Orangeville woman, was severely damaged. The second accident took place on Winston Churchill Blvd. near Hwy. 7 at 9:30 a.m. A Toronto man lost control of a 1986 Olds, skidded off the road and hit a tree. His car was severely damaged.

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Getting 'Technical'



Jamie Starret of Norval keeps an eye on the lathe as he was one of 195 Georgetown District High School students who took part in the annual Technical Olympics on Wednesday morning. Students competed in a number of different categories, including cabinetmaking, construc-

tion, automotive, small engines, machining, drafting, welding, cosmetology, electronics, computer technology and manufacturing. Jamie finished third in the junior manufacturing division.

TED BROWN Independent/Free Press

romeroy must wait for decision

Halton regional chairman Peter Pomeroy will have to wait until at least April 18 to find out whether he'll stand trial on a series of charges.

The preliminary hearing, expected to end Wednesday, reconvened on Friday and is now expected to wrap up on Monday, April 18.

Judge William Sharpe, who was presiding over the hearing in Ontario Provincial Court in Burlington, will determine if there is sufficient evidence presented at the hearing to

warrant a trial. A total of 97 exhibits were presented over the two-week hearing.

Pomeroy is charged with three counts of breach of trust two accepting secret commis-



PETER POMEROY

He was charged last May following an 18-month investigation by Project 80, a joint forces police team set up to probe allegations of political corruption in the Greater Toronto area.

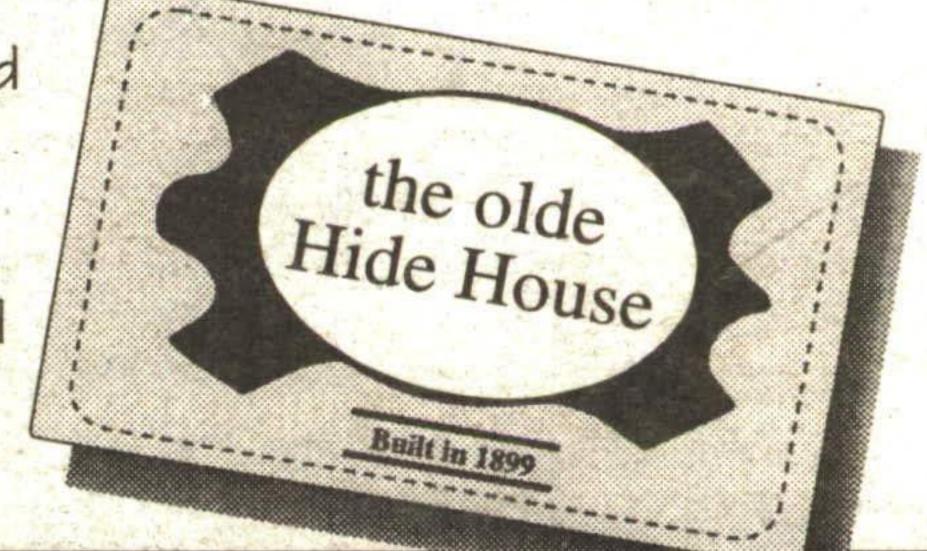
Also charged with breach of trust and offering secret commission is Halton Hills lawyer Bert Arnold. Pomeroy's wife and Halton's deputy clerk Pat Crimmins faces one count of offering a secret commission. Local developer Albert Tennant faces one count of offering a secret commis-

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