

# Volunteers needed ASAP!

## ASSIC ALERT

Volunteer visitors are needed desperately in the Acton area!

Do you have an hour or so a week to visit an isolated senior seeking conversation, a listening ear and an enjoyable time? We have seniors waiting for a visitor. Young families and children also make for an enjoyable visit.

Adults are needed to help seniors, disabled and others with odd jobs. Interested in volunteering or making a small amount of money shoveling snow, performing a small repair job or running an errand? You must be responsible and available in the mornings (especially on snow days).

If you'd like to help with any of these tasks, call 853-3310.



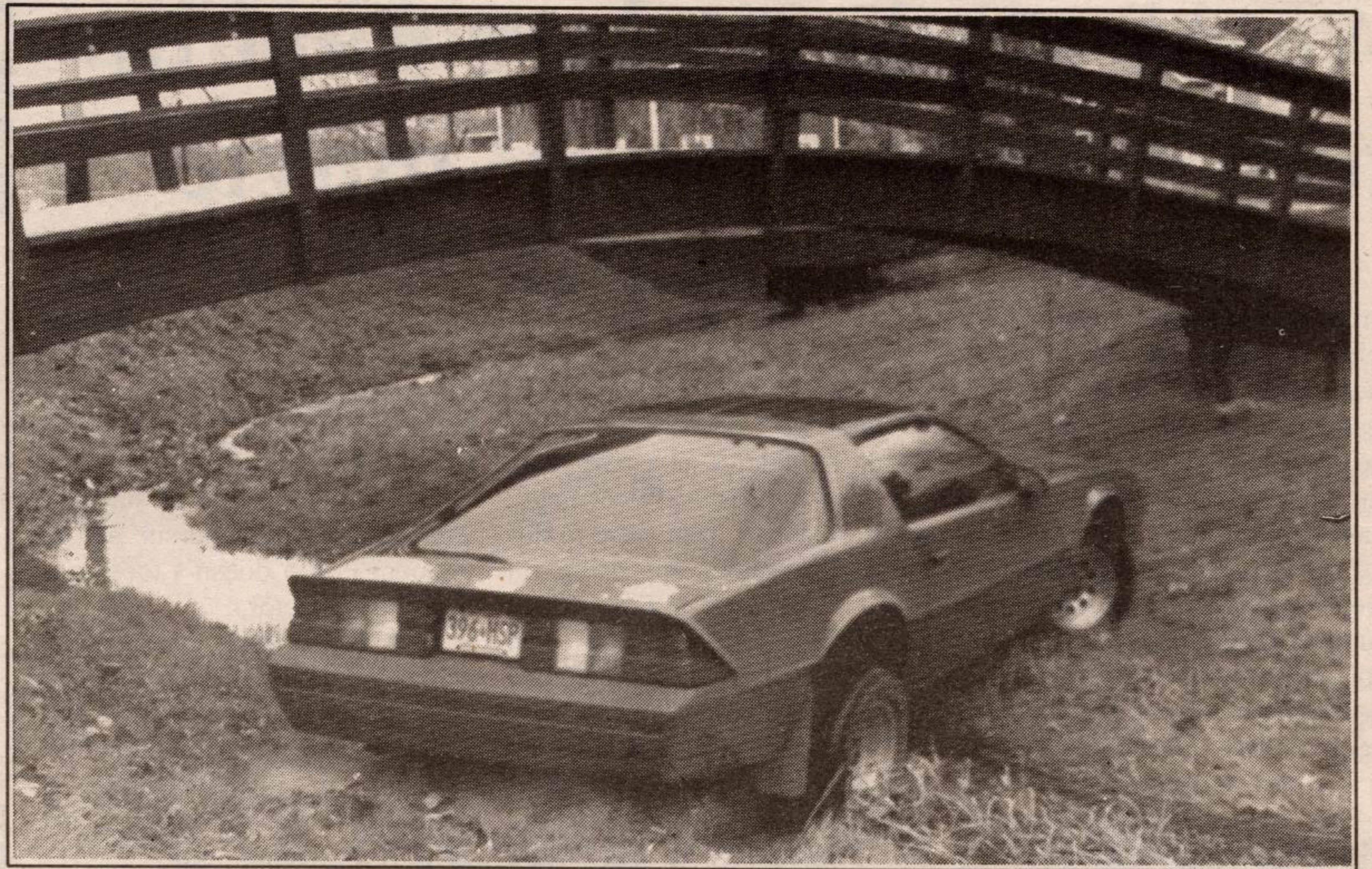
Join the staff and community for Tree-lighting Festivities:

Thursday, Dec. 8, 1994  
7:00 to 8:00 pm  
outside the Hospital front lobby

Enjoy carol singing, hot chocolate, spiced tea & Christmas sweets  
Music by the Georgetown Children's Chorus  
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All proceeds from the campaign will go towards a new "Services for Seniors" Van

Donations to the 1994 campaign can be mailed or delivered at anytime to the Administration office of the Georgetown Hospital. Income tax receipts available.



THAT'S A BRIDGE ... Not an overpass! This '84 Camaro, owned by Doreen Mikkelsen, recently ended up in the ditch in front of the Acton Library after being bumped from behind. The car, Mikkelsen says, was likely in neutral since it rode over a parking block. (Doug Harrison photo)

## LETTERS

### ASSIC appeals to Health Minister

The following letter to Ruth Grier, Minister of Health, was submitted to The Tanner for publication. The original text was sent to Queen's Park on Friday.

Dear Minister,  
The Board of Directors of Acton Support Services and Information Centre have requested that a re-

sponse be made to the decision reached Nov. 9 by the Halton District Health Council. Specifically in reference to the submission of the Halton Hills Community Health Centre Working Group and the recommended Multi-Service Agency for the Region of Halton.

Roughly 100 local seniors travelled to the south of the Region to attend this meeting and to emphasize their concern that these two recommendations were not what they wanted and would not be an adequate solution here.

This effort was as nothing to the District Health Council Board.

These seniors are now convinced the District Health Council

is not interested in anyone who lives north of Hwy. 401 in Halton.

ASSIC has worked tirelessly for the past 18 years in an effort to ensure that Acton residents get a portion of their share of the much-needed support services that are available to the citizens of Ontario. Any success we have achieved has been primarily because our organization was built by the people of Acton. There are 175 volunteers who will attest to this fact.

Now we see this success threatened by outside interests who are attempting to give Acton what they feel is good for us: a community health centre that would fragment our present service and a multi-service agency that would be controlled in the south.

Please understand, we are in no way refusing help. However, experience has taught us that control from the south can be a nebulous thing. Even when times are good and the money flows we only get 50% of our share. When times are tough, it really becomes a "me-first" situation with the south. It has happened in the past and history has a way of repeating itself.

A one-stop shopping concept is one of our secrets to success and why we strongly feel we should be an integral part of any community health centre or multi-service agency. We know how to help our people help themselves.

All we ask is that we in the north have control of our destiny.

We do hope you recognize the real concern that is relevant in this small community and will be able to address this potentially volatile situation.

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President, ASSIC

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- Keep your gas tank full.
- If stranded, you are safer inside your car.
- Carry a "call police" sign.
- If someone stops to help, only roll your window down an inch and ask the good Samaritan to call police.
- Don't raise the hood of your vehicle - this may draw the wrong kind of attention. Also a raised hood blocks your forward vision if someone is approaching.

Drive safe and enjoy the snow!



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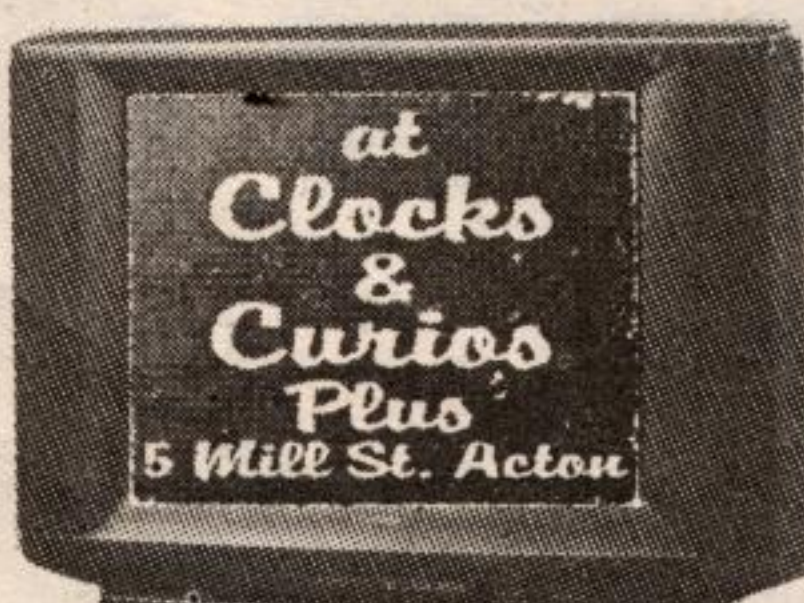
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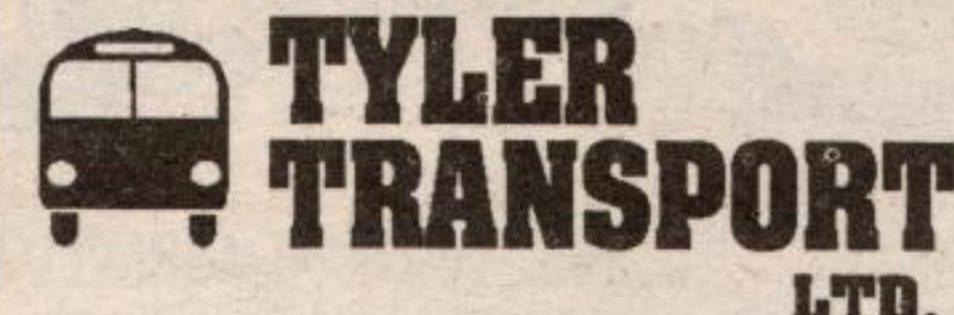
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