

After 12 years:

Literacy Guild has 'grown up' to teach adults the 3Rs

North Halton Literacy Guild celebrates its 12th anniversary this month.

The non-profit Guild was officially established in 1986 as a result of a steering committee of 12 citizens representing various local interest groups who were committed to promoting literacy in north Halton.

One motivating factor was a newspaper article on literacy statistics which said one of five residents in north Halton were illiterate.

The steering committee was assisted by the Ontario Literacy Coalition, the Peel Literacy Guild and Halton Hills Chief Librarian Betsy Cornwell who helped obtain a provincial grant. As a result, in September 1986, the North Halton Literacy Guild was launched.

Volunteer tutors and students soon became

involved in a program called Beat the Street, which focused on helping adolescent boys who had problems with reading. The tutors were men who had previously been illiterate.

Later in the evolution of the Guild, Eileen Evans, a longtime volunteer and current tutor trainer assisted with a government-

funding project called Oral History. It was designed specifically to improve the social skills and writing ability of literacy students. Five students, with the assistance of tutors, were provided the opportunity to interview local citizens regarding the history of Georgetown and develop an article for possible nation-wide publication. As a result of the combined effort of the group, the article was published.

The Guild has provided assisted to adolescents 16 years of age and over, as well as parents in need of help with their own reading skills.

This year the Guild's focus is on adult literacy which includes reading, spelling, writing, and math.

The Guild is appreciative of everyone who has contributed to the success of the group over the last dozen years. Its continued

success depends on the support of the community, and that can be done four ways—becoming a member, volunteer, tutor or making a donation.

If you or anyone you know would like to improve their skills in writing, spelling, reading or math, call the Guild at 873-2200.



Training sessions for tutors for the North Halton Literacy Guild are held regularly. This workshop, partially sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Georgetown, was attended by (from left) Mike Campbell, Rose Marie O'Donnell and Mary Ann McDowell.

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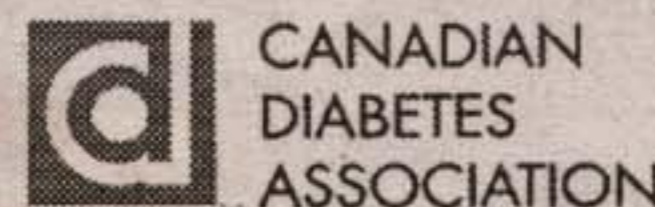
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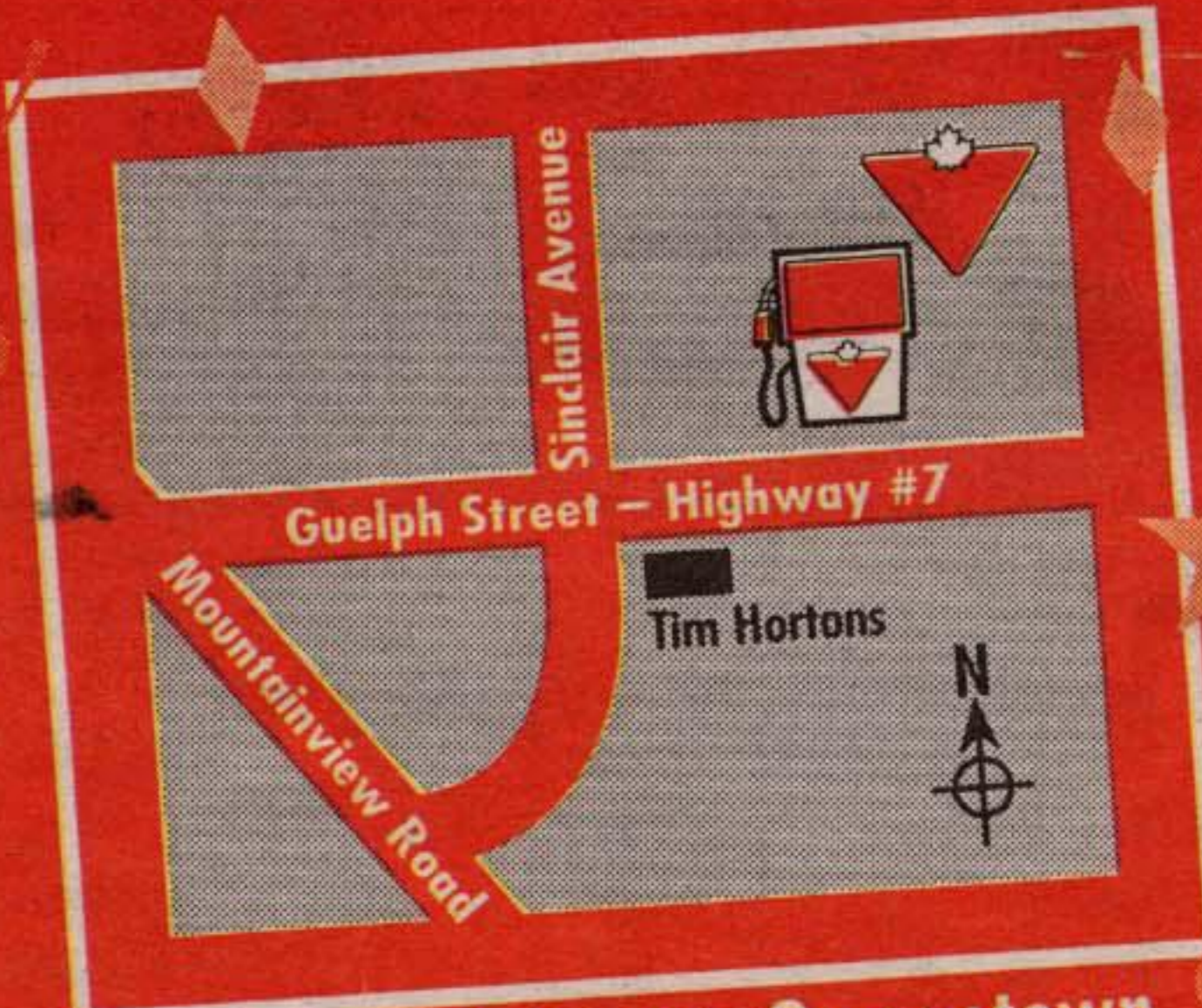


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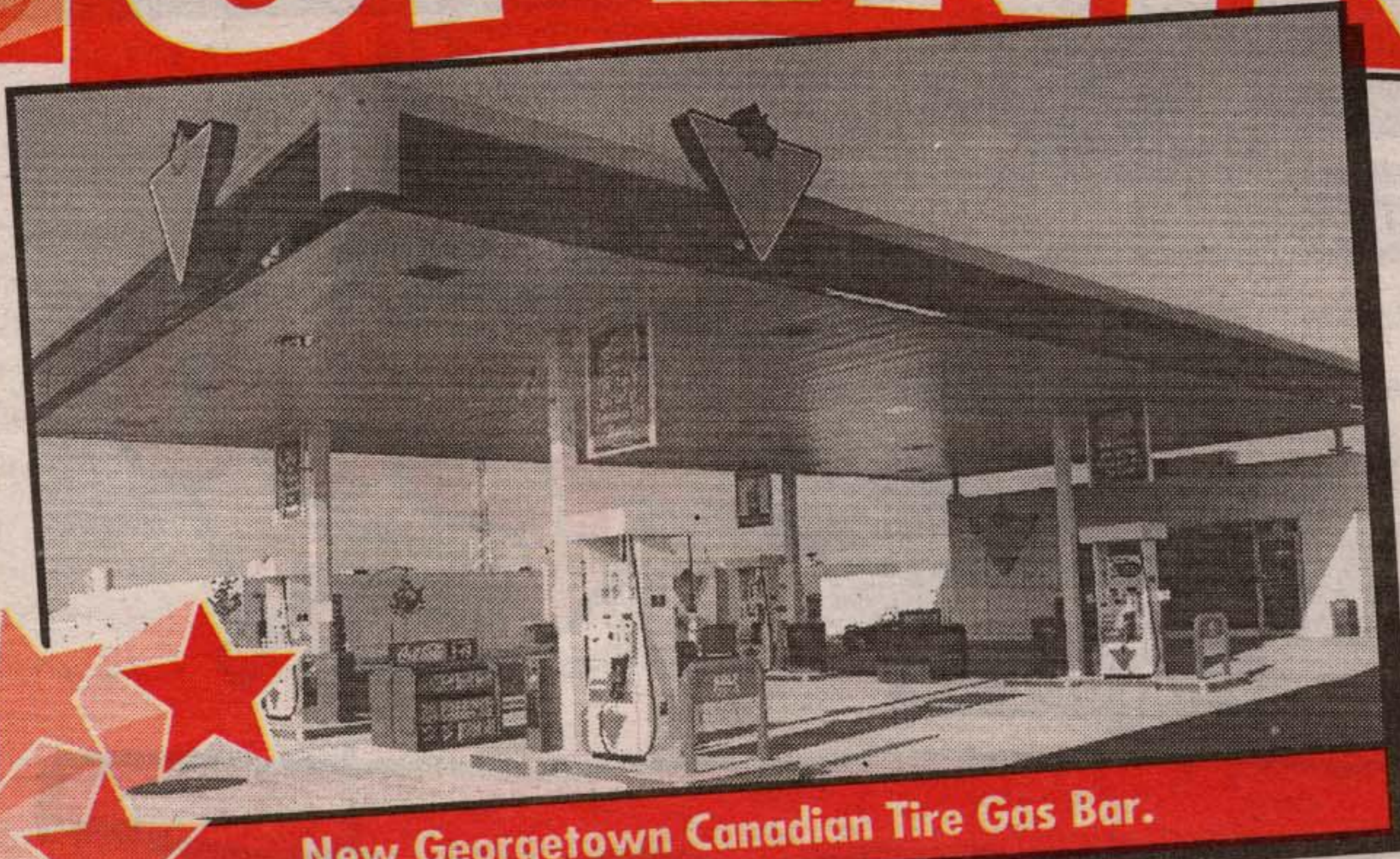


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