



First cancer sale

Mayor Gord Krantz bought the first daffodil as Beta Sigma Phi sorority takes to the streets this month to sell daffodils to raise money for cancer research. From left are Anne Eadie, Xi Zeta Beta; Mayor Krantz; Shirley Steeves; Theta Tau; and Alice Fetter, Eta Phi.

Finest pheasant . . .

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"It seemed so easy with 25," Sophie comments.

When two pens of 750 birds were planned, the problems started.

First, the cost seemed high—\$4,000 per pen for special nets, heated brooder houses and heavy duty chain link frost fence.

Then a freak cold spell killed 400 of the 1,500 day-old pheasant chicks delivered in June. For three days the Laiters nursed more than 1,000 peeping chicks in their basement until brooder heating and circulation problems could be solved and the weather became more June-like.

Later losses cut down the pheasant population that season and John decided to work with only one pen and half the planned number of birds.

Pheasant mortality can be high with predators such as owls, weasels, and neighborhood dogs out to get the flighty birds.

When day-old pheasants are ordered from the hatchery an even mixture of males and females are sent. Males are noted for their elegant and colorful plumage which is often used for making feather jewelry and decorations. Females look like coconuts, small, brown, and round.

All pheasants suffer from unpredictable bouts of hysteria making them difficult to control and handle.

The Laiters have to handle their birds several times during the 20-week growing period. They are de-beaked twice as chicks and young birds

so they don't cannibalize each other.

According to the Laiters the odor of de-beaking and cauterizing several hundred pheasant beaks on a 95 degree day would kill a strong man.

Birds are caught for de-beaking and any medication necessary with a fish net. John tells of the surprised looks of Acton Canadian Tire store staff when his son went looking for a fish net in late November.

Birds are harvested for market a month before Christmas when females weigh 2 1/4 pounds and males weigh nearly three pounds.

A processor takes care of preparing and packaging the live birds for table which John does the marketing. Owner and manager of Erin Country Inn, John originally planned to serve pheasant in a fine dining room. However, the Erin Country Inn is doing well as a tavern John says, so he switched plans and now serves gourmet burgers.

Other restaurants as far away as Halifax and as close as Millcroft Inn, Orton, and Mohawk Inn, Campbellville, serve Pine Hill Pheasants. Many are sold gift-boxed as Christmas presents and to supermarkets. Some are sold live as breeding pairs or trios and others are purchased for their feathers.

John has even had empty-handed pheasant hunters come in off the road to buy a brace.

Getting into the pheasant business is not easy. There's licensing to be obtained through the Ministry of Natural Resources. Information

Beats leukemia . . .

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terized by a proliferation of white blood cells that don't provide the protection from the disease given by normal white cells.

Leukemia can destroy bone marrow, where two types of protective cells develop.

Glen's case was termed as a chronic granular leukid leukemia, a variety that usually turns acute and kills within a short time.

Of the past 17 leukemia patients given a bone-marrow transplant and discharged from Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto, 14 are alive.

Included in that number is Glen Hassall. In order to have the operation, Glen was told a compatible bone marrow donor must be found. The chances of finding a suitable relative were one in 15.

If a family donor was not found, the odds were reduced to one in 10,000 of finding the right match.

His 31-year-old brother Rick Hassall from Mississauga proved to be the answer and plans were made for the operation.

His chances of making it were 50-50, he was told. Glen admits he thought about death. He even considered suicide. It would be an easy way out, he remembered.

"But I didn't get too depressed. I was surprised but I kept my head."

The transplant was the ray of hope he needed. In March 1980, he had his spleen removed and one month later he entered Princess Margaret Hospital.

For the next six weeks, he would remain in an airtight isolation room, guarded from any possible infection.

For five days he underwent intensive chemotherapy treatment, designed to lower the resistance to foreign graft.

His hair fell out and he lost weight, and lived on intravenous-fed foods.

He remembers being violently ill from the treatment, the night his temperature rose to 108 degrees and he nearly lapsed into a coma.

In addition to the chemotherapy he was given 12 minutes of radiation to destroy his bone marrow before the transplant would take place.

On Tuesday, April 15 the operation took place.

The procedure for removing the bone marrow is considered more painful for the donor than the recipient.

For donor Rick Hassall, it meant a total of 220 needles to remove the necessary bone marrow.

Then, like a blood transfusion, the marrow was fed to Glen intravenously.

He remembers he sat with his mother and watched the popular television soap opera "General Hospital" as the transplant took place.

The waiting period to

determine the success of the operation is seven days.

They were the longest days, but six days later Glen celebrated his 28th birthday with the knowledge he was going to make it.

Two weeks later he was released from hospital. He had spent a total of eight weeks there.

"The day I got out of hospital, I almost kissed the ground," he said.

Like many who face the prospect of death, he had done a lot of thinking. "You think a bit about life and how much more you've got," said Glen.

"I feel just lucky, almost too lucky," he said of his own survival.

But if it was hard for him, the ordeal was harder on those around him, said Glen.

For wife Linda, it was a rigorous schedule. She had a full-time job and a young son to care for, but she never missed a daily visit to the hospital.

Glen admits the couple—married for eight years—grew closer.

"If it wasn't for the support of my wife and knowing I still had my job; that kept me going. . . ."

Although he was sup-

posed to take things easy and regain the 35 pounds he had lost, Glen was hard at work transplanting trees in the backyard within a week of leaving the hospital.

Now back at work, he remains optimistic about the future.

"Dr. King feels I am cured of leukemia, but they just don't know what else can happen."

As his 29th birthday approaches, he feels this will be the best celebration.

"I know for sure I don't have leukemia any more."

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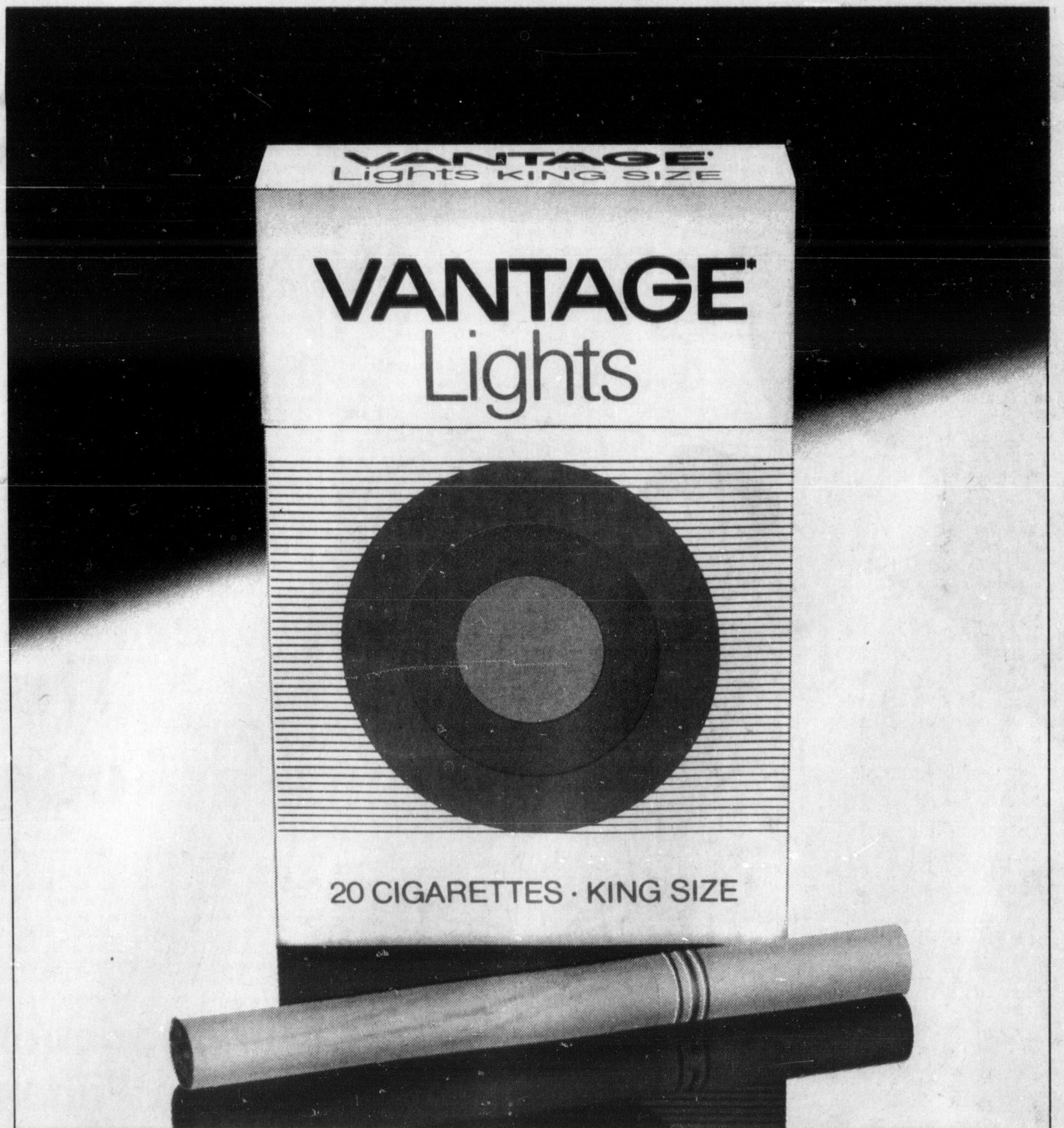
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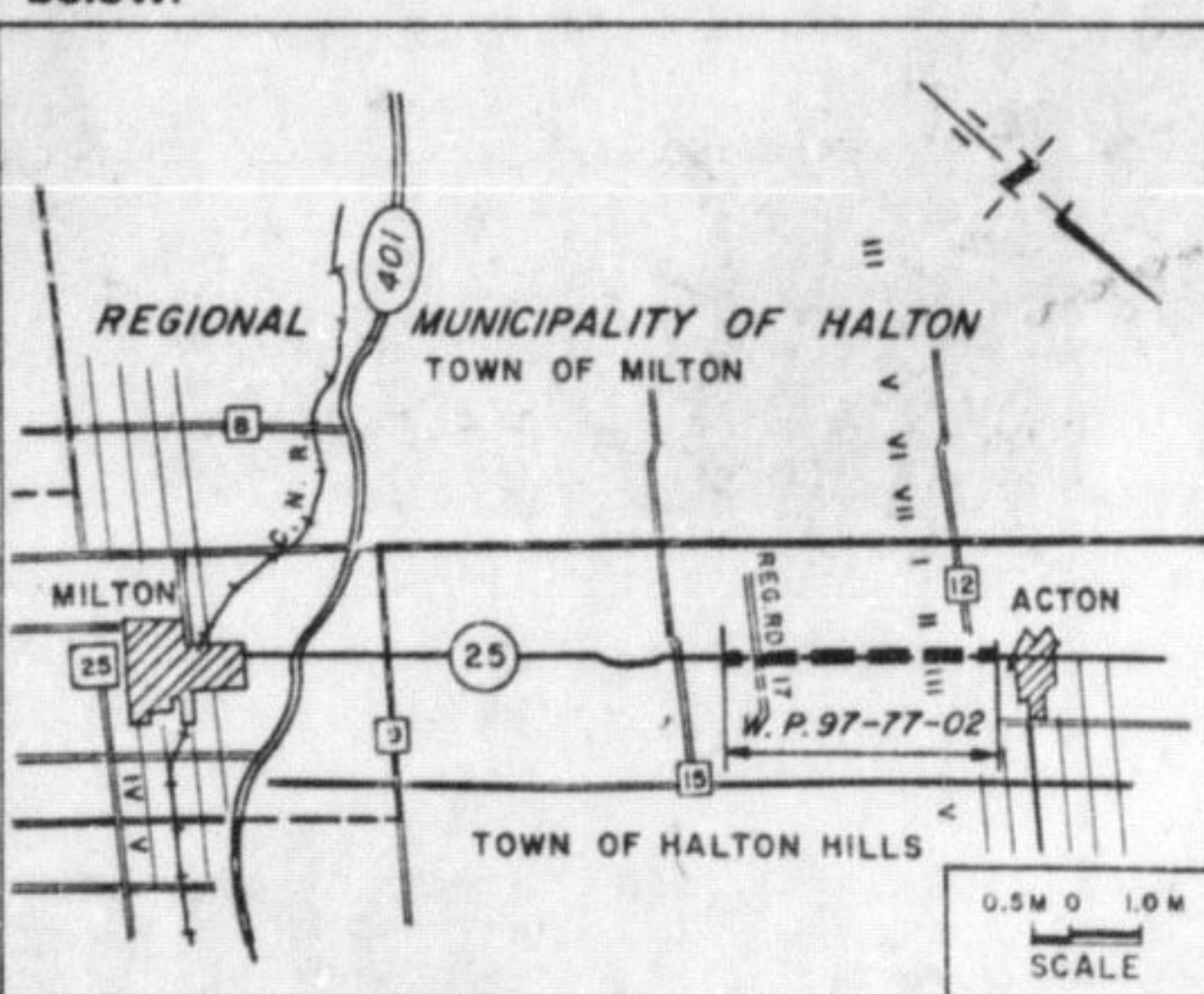
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NOTICE OF INFORMATION CENTRE Construction Details - Highway 25

The Ministry of Transportation and Communications is presently preparing contract drawings for improvements to Highway 25 in the Regional Municipality of Halton. The project extends from just south of Regional Road 17 northerly to the south limit of Acton. A plan of the area is shown below.



General Information

The Ministry is proposing the following improvements:

- 1) Reconstruction and widening of driving lanes from 6.1 metres to 7.5 metres.
- 2) Construction of partial paved shoulders (0.5 metres).
- 3) Improvement of intersections.
- 4) Improvement of drainage.

Interested residents or other members of the public are welcome to discuss these proposals with the representatives of the Ministry who will be in attendance at the Information Centre at the time and date indicated in the schedule below. The proposed highway improvements scheme will be on display at the Information Centre.

For those residents who were unable to attend the presentation regarding improvements to Highway 25 from Regional Road 9 to Speyside due to inclement weather on February 19th, a repeat presentation will be held at the Information Centre. Questions related to this particular phase of reconstruction only should be directed to Mr. Allan Sulavella, Senior Project Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Planning and Design Section, Central Region, 5000 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario, M2N 6E9. Telephone No: (416) 224-7569.

Schedule

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 1981
Time: 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Place: Speyside Public School (Hwy. 25 and Esquesing Road 17)

If you are unable to attend and have any enquiries you may direct these to the undersigned by telephone or in writing.

Mr. Gedas J. Smolskis, Project Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Planning and Design Section, Central Region, 5000 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 6E9 Telephone No: (416) 224-7567



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