

Sciences key to job market

By KAREN SMITH

No mathematics — say goodbye to 82 jobs.

That's what Grade 10 girls learned during a career awareness seminar at Milton's Bishop Reding Roman Catholic Secondary School Friday.

The importance of mathematics, science and technology relative to occupations for women prompted the Halton Roman Catholic School Board to organize the conference. As well as Bishop Reding students, girls from Assumption and Loyola secondary schools attended.

Women speakers representing 26 different professions discussed their success in business and industry. Their careers ranged from airline pilot to architect, engineer, geologist, medical doctor and politician.

Dr. Angelika Koeth, a chiropractor, financial analyst Jan Harrison and Dr. M. K. Rudyk, a physician, were the local guests.

Keynote speaker Wendy Vermeersch, director of the Equal Opportunity Centre at Sheridan College, explained the changing

roles of women in the work force.

"They used to say that boys could fix things and girls needed things fixed. That is not true anymore."

An advocate of affirmative action and equal opportunity for women, Mrs. Vermeersch said it's essential for young women to prepare themselves carefully and wisely for their futures.

She said six out of 10 women with preschool children now work outside the home. But for every dollar a man makes, a woman makes 62 cents.

"It makes sense to prepare yourself for a job with a good financial reward to lead a good lifestyle," she added.

The students learned about traditional and non-traditional careers available to women, and subject areas important to future career opportunities.

Mathematics, physics and chemistry credits are required for hundreds of professions.

Mrs. Vermeersch's last advice for the girls was to believe in themselves and be the best they can be.



Photo by STEPHEN UHRANEY

Groups cash in

These United Way beneficiaries represent 14 of 21 service groups which recently received quarterly allocations. This time around, the local United Way gave out a total of \$40,190 which will all stay in Milton. One in three Milton residents receive help from one or more of the service groups.

Play heritage hunt on Canada Day

A Heritage Hunt for visitors to Rotary Park will be held on Canada Day.

Offered by the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) in Milton, the game is open to teams with a minimum of two participants.

Free game sheets will be available at the LACAC booth between 1 and 4 p.m. Participants will search for architectural features on buildings all within a few minutes walk of the park.

No prior knowledge of the architecture or history of

Milton is required.

Once an architectural feature has been located, a question must be answered based on information available somewhere in the building. Completed game sheets will be entered in a draw.

A special junior sleuth category will be available for teams with all participants 17 years of age or less.

LACAC is a volunteer committee appointed by town council to advise on matters of architectural heritage in the community.





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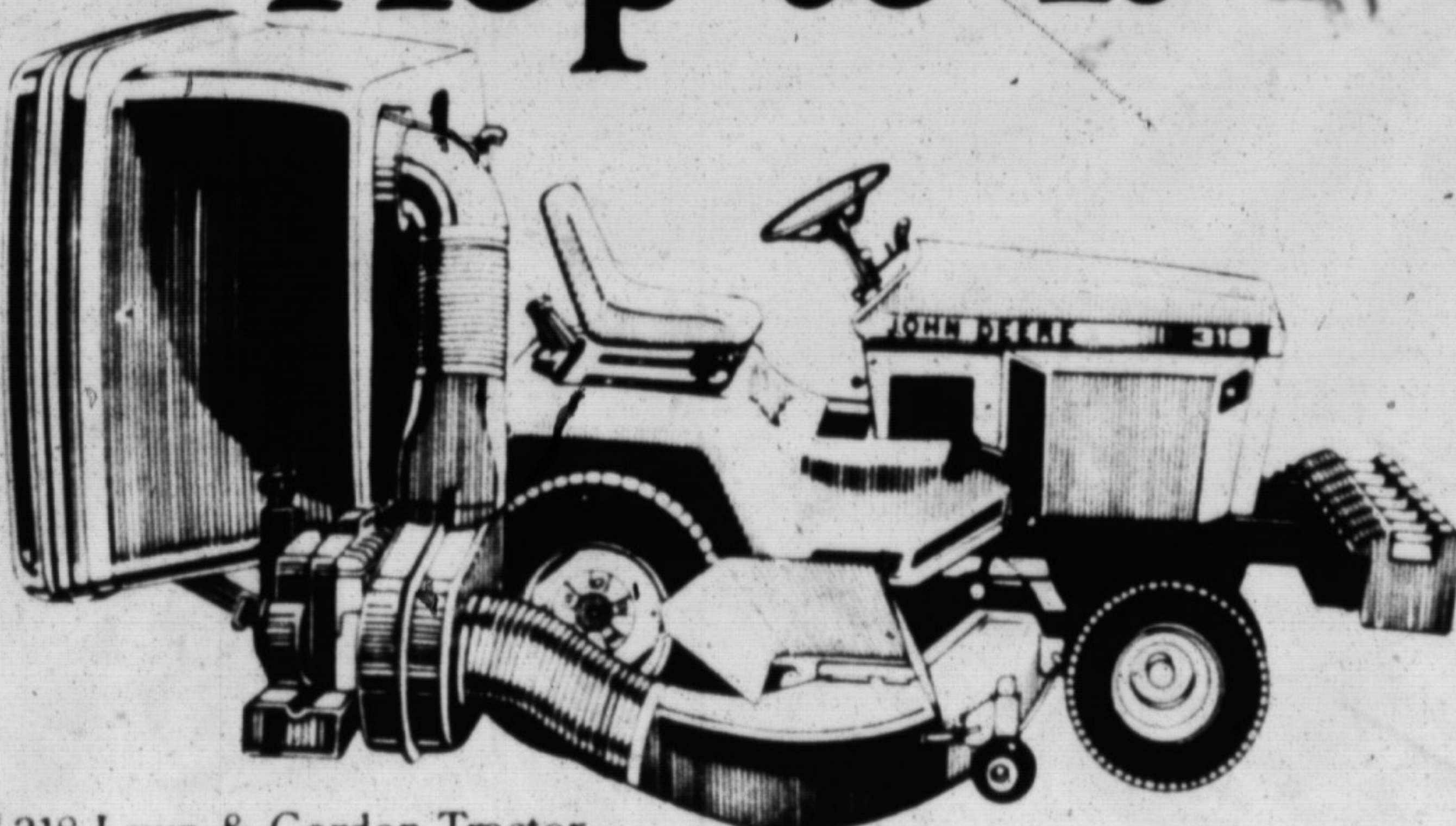
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