

New health services available . . .

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As well, she said most provincial CMHA chapters are set up on a regional basis and the provincial office was encouraging such a move in Halton.

The Halton branch, with six full time workers (including the executive director, office manager Oasis coordinator, public education manager and two mental health care workers) operates on a budget of about \$400,000, provided largely by the Ministry of Health (\$250,000), United Way (\$50,000), Fundraising (\$50,000) and Halton Region (\$30,000).

As with any community support organization, volunteers (they have about 150) and donations are the lifeblood.

"You don't golf-do you?" she asks, referring to the second annual CMHA Golf Classic August 24 at Deerfield.

The local CMHA's major fund-

Popular festival

Got an ear for corn?

Ontario's bountiful corn harvest will be celebrated Sunday, Aug. 19 at the Ontario Agricultural Museum.

The popular Family Corn Festival will be held at the museum from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The event has become a tradition for many. It offers activities and entertainment for corn lovers of all ages.

Thousands of cobs of corn will be prepared using an old-fashioned method. A 1920 Sawyer Massey steam engine will cook the corn while still in the husk.

While feasting on this seasonal treat, visitors can enjoy musical entertainment by the Wright Family Fiddlers, or kick up their heels with a local square dancing group.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to experience living history at the museum. A working shingle mill,

raiser, which has become an institution in the community, is a Burlington-initiated art auction in October at the Royal Botanical Gardens. Now in its infancy, the new regional chapter will certainly show more of a presence in Milton as it grows.

One service that will be immediately available is public education. Designed to promote emotional and mental well-being and the prevention of mental health problems, it includes speaking engagements, information displays, lectures and a newsletter.

And she hopes another program, Interlink, which pairs children with senior citizens, will soon be available locally.

It's already operating in Oakville between Eastview Public School and a seniors group at Bronte Legion. The two groups formed a choir that performs a couple of times a year. Between recitals individuals cor-

respond as pen pals.

The real heart of Interlink, said Ms Wolfe, is the relationship that develops between the young and old, combating the isolation often felt by both groups.

To get it off the ground in Milton, a volunteer is needed to direct the choir, ideally an elementary school teacher.

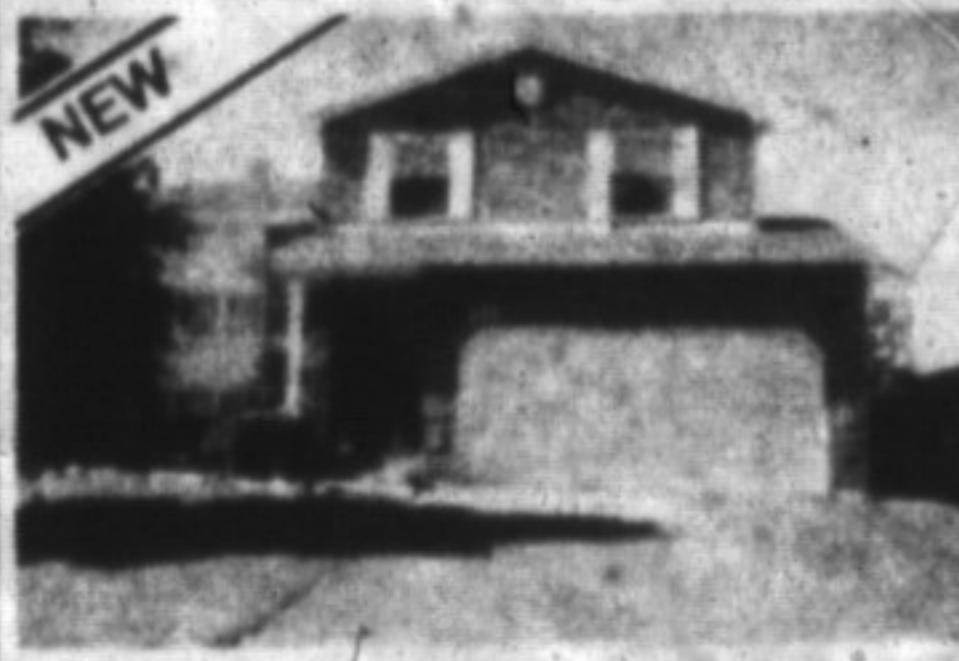
"I'd love to get a call," she said. For more information on the Halton branch of the CMHA, phone 845-5044.

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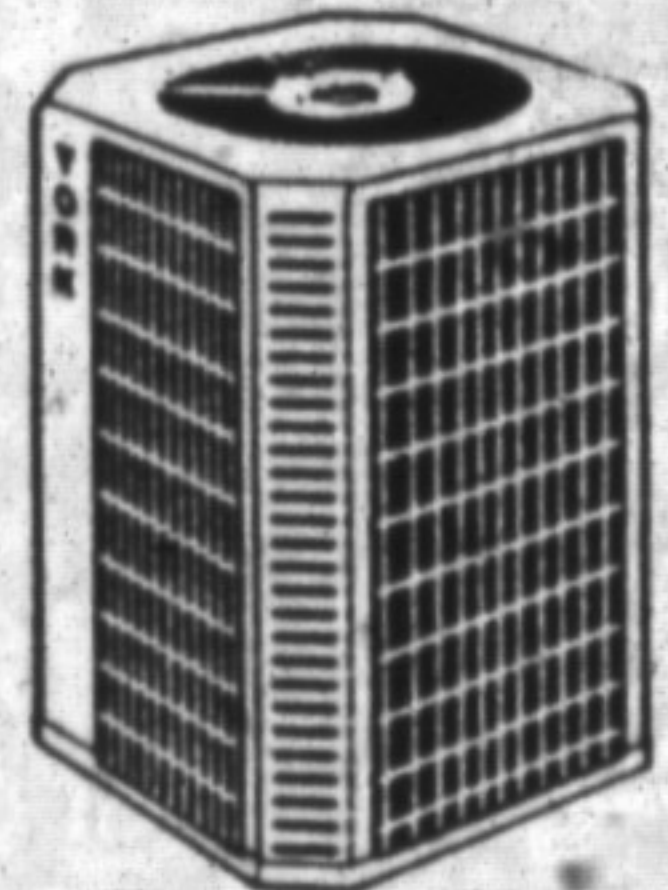
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