

Business aims to bring comfort to mastectomy patients

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The Champion

Carol Girard is hoping to make women who have had a mastectomy feel satisfied and beautiful by starting a business which specializes in private fittings for breast forms.

"It's a really important service that we should be offering," said the Willow Avenue resident. "It's something I'm really excited about."

A registered nurse, Mrs. Girard decided to open Natural Fit Mastectomy Wear after taking notice of a comment made by a relative who lost a breast to cancer.

Her aunt felt uncomfortable being fitted for a breast form in public surroundings with little privacy. She said the fitting also lacked personal attention.

Mrs. Girard is hoping to change that. She runs the business out of her home in a private, upstairs room decorated attractively.

The certified prostheses fitter and licensed Assistive Devices Program vendor offers private consultations and fittings which take about an hour.

"What makes me happy is when a lady goes out feeling satisfied and looking beautiful," she said. Breast form technology, she added, has come a long way in the past few decades.

The forms are now long lasting, comfortable, life like and trouble free.

They range in price from \$250 to \$450, but in most cases, part of the cost is covered through the Ministry of Health or private insurance.

The only private vendor of breast forms in north Halton, she also sells a selection of breast form



Carol Girard of Milton has opened a business called Natural Fit Mastectomy Wear, which offers breast form fittings to women in a private atmosphere.

bras in soft satins and elegant laces.

Mrs. Girard said she believes her background in nursing will help her deal with women who are struggling with the trauma of losing a breast. She said she realizes some women may break down and cry during their consultations.

"It's certainly not going to be new to me."

More than 90 per cent of women who have had breast surgery are living active lives five years later thanks to early detection and ongoing advances in cancer therapy.

Breast cancer affects an estimated one out of every nine

women.

A pleasant, friendly woman, Mrs. Girard wants to become a friend to her clients as well. "I want them to be able to call me just to talk and tell me how they're doing," she said.

For an appointment, contact Mrs. Girard at 876-3402.

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CP Rail trying to sell town Lions Hall property in Campbellville

Negotiations are underway for the Town of Milton to buy the Campbellville Lions Hall property from CP Rail.

That will probably add at least \$150,000 to Milton's \$3.7 million capital budget in 1993.

Money for the acquisition wasn't set aside by municipal council when the capital budget was approved last week, indeed the matter wasn't even discussed publicly, because negotiations are ongoing with the railroad.

Lease ends soon

But the lease with CP Rail ends on February 28, and Milton Mayor Gord Krantz said Tuesday the railroad is liquidating such properties across the country.

That means that if Milton doesn't buy it, the railway will probably sell it to someone else.

The Town owns the Lions Club building itself, on the west side of Guelph Line next to the railway tracks through the centre of Campbellville. But the railroad owns the land around the building.

Budgeted \$155,000

Milton has budgeted \$155,000 to purchase the property, and hopes to raise a portion of that from both the community at large and the Campbellville Lions Club, Mr. Krantz said.

While there are "no assurances right at this moment" the deal will be struck, Mr. Krantz said he "would bet" negotiations will conclude successfully.

The hall is a centre for various social activities in Campbellville. In the capital budget brief, it is referred to as "the only social-recreational facility in Campbellville" and "a central focus for the residents."

If the sale does go through, municipal council plans to finance it entirely from reserve funds, not current year taxes, Mr. Krantz said.

Ban on whistles will cost taxpayers \$4,000 per year

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Under the agreement CP Rail signs, once all the safety hurdles have been overcome, the cost for additional insurance needed because of the no-whistling policy is shared

equally between the railway and the municipality asking for the ban. It's \$1,000 per year per crossing, or \$4,000 a year to Milton taxpayers

for the eight crossings in question.

For \$1,000 a year, the railway and Milton, in this case, obtain \$5 million worth of insurance on each

crossing.

Milton has a further \$10 million in liability protection from its own municipal insurance policy.

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Quietly, almost unnoticed the first Oriental restaurant whose food rates 'excellent' has appeared in Town. Its cuisine rates with the best of Toronto. Vegetables are fresh and crisp, meats and seafood are generous and the sauces are simply in a class above anything Milton has tasted before.

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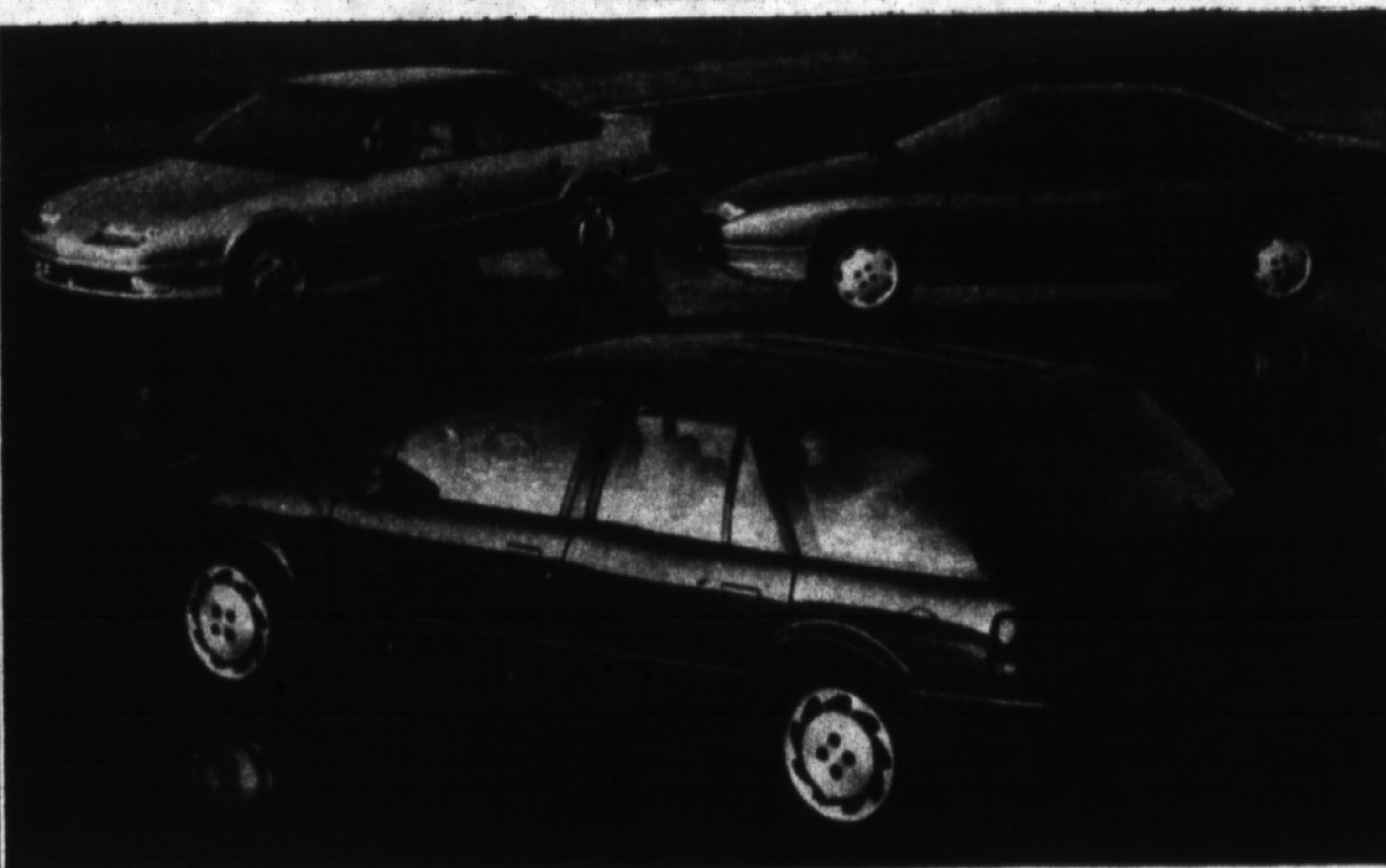
Mr. Kwok simply won't drop his standards (he's the quiet, unassuming Chef/Owner in the background). Oh, and no MSG, Ever.

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