

Villa fire drill

Mock evacuation goes off without a hitch

by

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With the fire alarm ringing, and the loudspeakers announcing, "Code Red!, Code Red!, third floor lounge," 30 Grade 8 students from Monsignor Castex School were successfully evacuated during a mock fire drill at the Villa Community Care Centre last Friday.

Friday was the fifth time students have taken the place of Villa residents during a mock evacuation.

Student participation allows staff to practice and improve their procedures without unnecessary risk to patients.

Assistant Administrator David Jarlette was pleased with the performance of his staff, who matched their record of previous years and evacuated the entire third floor with no injuries in 22 minutes.

Each of the 30 students from

teacher Jim McGregor's class adopted the name of an actual Villa resident.

Multi-coloured coded medical tags around their necks described the physical condition of each. The realism of the drill, and its benefit to the staff, was greatly enhanced as pupils acted out their conditions ranging from being confused and suffering from smoke inhalation to an amputee confined to a wheelchair.

"It's their imaginations that make young people our first choice for this exercise," says Jarlette.

McGregor explains how the annual fire drill evacuation is part of an ongoing relationship between his school and the accredited nursing home.

The Grade 8 pupils sometimes visit with patients seven or eight times each year and join them for mass and social activities.

Simcoe Centre NDP chooses executive

The Simcoe Centre New Democratic Party held its annual meeting in Codrington Street Public School last Thursday.

The following people were acclaimed or elected to the executive: president, Noel St. Laurent; vice-president, Paul Wessinger, Richard Austin, Gaye Lamb; secretary, Karen Gordon; treasurer, Don Lynn; membership secretary,

Susan Leonard; provincial delegate, Bob Edwards; members at large, Alice Carlson, Tim Tynan, Don Arkell, Joy Canning, Peggy Perry, George Spencer, Stan Little, Jim Paul, Jim Hunter, Tom Cooke, John Kenwell, Mary Lou Wessinger, Frank Berry.

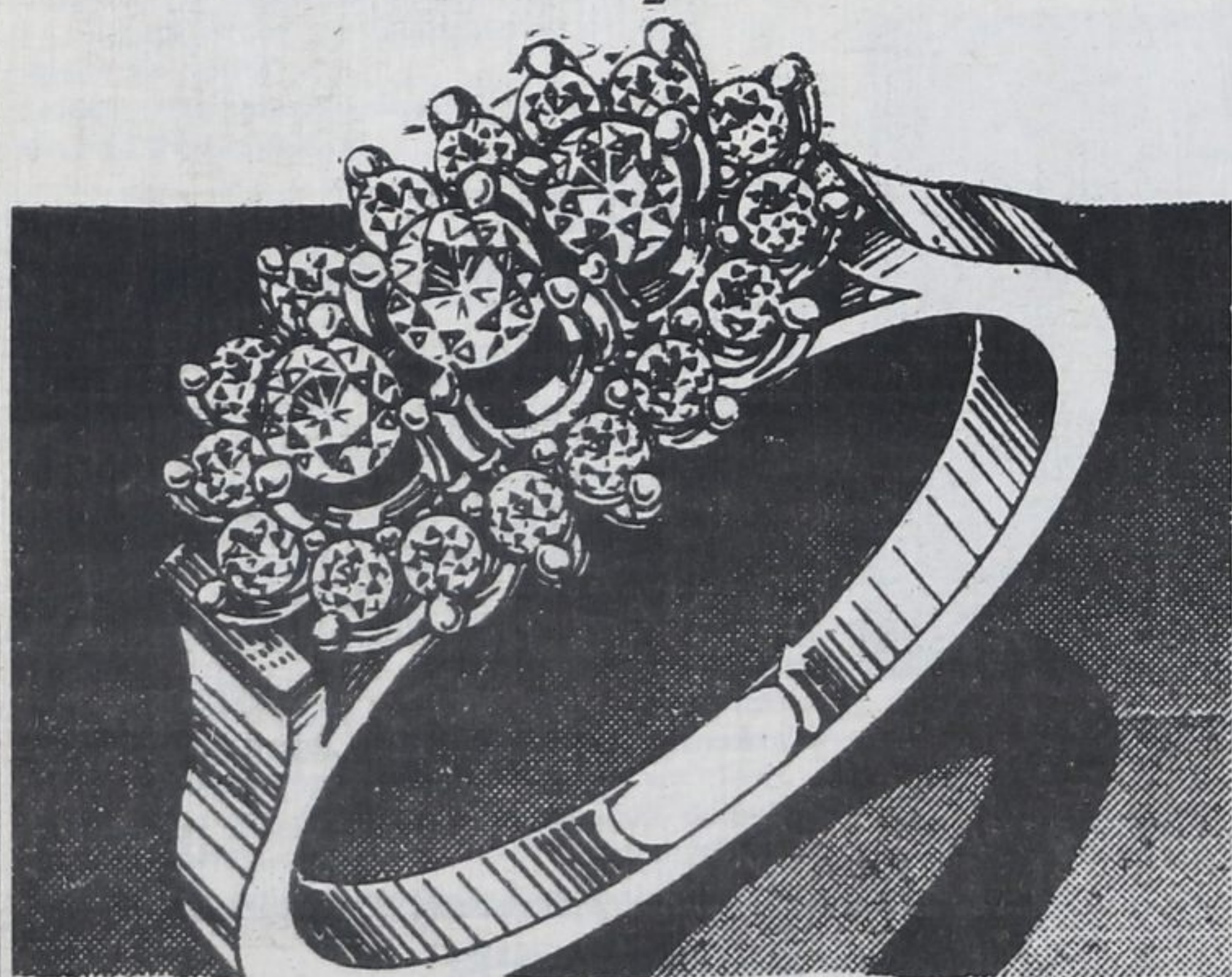
There was a discussion before the elections of high unemployment and possible solutions, such

as reduced work weeks, retraining for technological change, early retirement, and a fairer taxation system so that large corporations stop deferring taxes, Richard Austin reports.

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