

"Abused women"

Area shelter is required

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Recently, I took part in a panel discussion related to facilities for abused women in our community. I'm sure you've all heard the horrible statistics that one in every ten Canadian women, involved in a live-in male/female relationship, is abused. There is no facility in Pickering but the Emily Stowe Shelter in Scarborough provides temporary emergency accommodation for 26 assaulted women with or without children for up to six weeks. The shelter meets the primary needs of food and shelter and provides counselling, legal, medical and educational services, also self-help programs to assist in regaining confidence, assertiveness and self-sufficiency. The Emily Stowe Shelter has a 24-hour emergency phone line at 264-HELP.

In Durham, a similar shelter is the dream of the people involved in Project Auberge. The Committee to Establish a Hostel for Abused Women, is part of the Social Planning Council of Oshawa-Whitby. "Auberge" will offer long and short-term accommodation for abused women and their children including meals and emergency clothing. The shelter will be located in Oshawa, close to family counselling, social ser-

VICES. Manpower, legal aid, the courts, retraining centres and public transit. There is a desperate need for a facility of this kind in our area but a great deal needs to be done in publicizing and funding the project. Speakers are available to visit clubs and organizations. If you wish to become involved in making the Auberge Shelter a reality, call the Social Planning Council of Oshawa-Whitby at 725-4774.

Editor's Mail

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Dear Mr Thomas:
Tannis Topping's personal story in last week's Tribune, touched my heart. One can only imagine the anguish and frustration both she and her parents have gone through. No wonder the joy today. To you Tannis, your parents and brothers, my respect and admiration. You've given many a new sense of hope. Sincerely,
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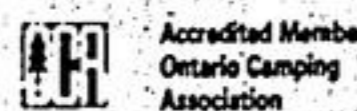
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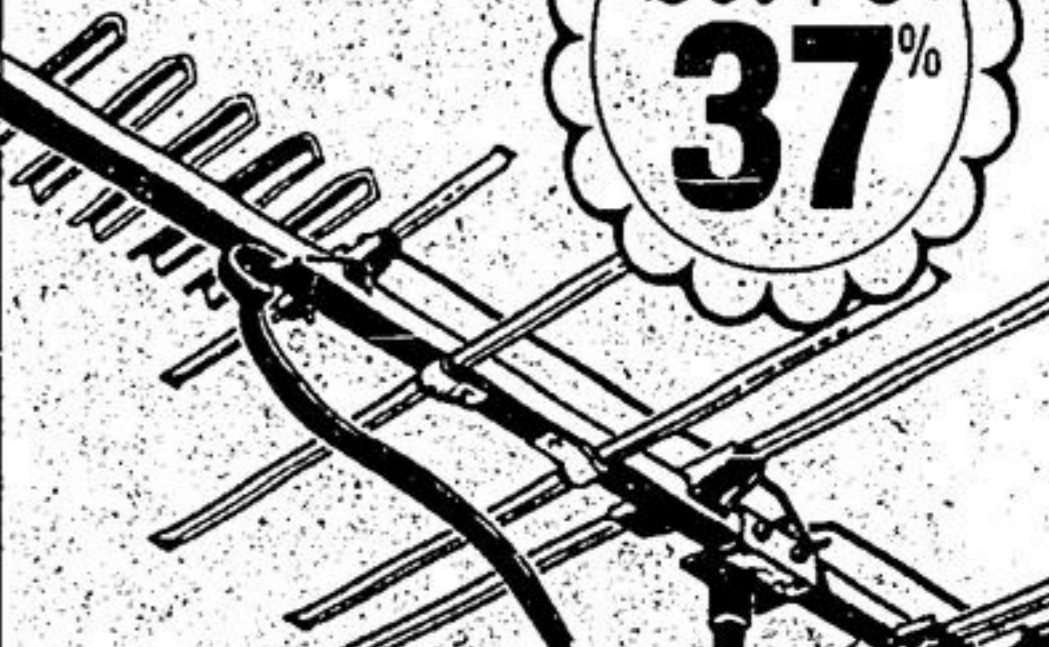
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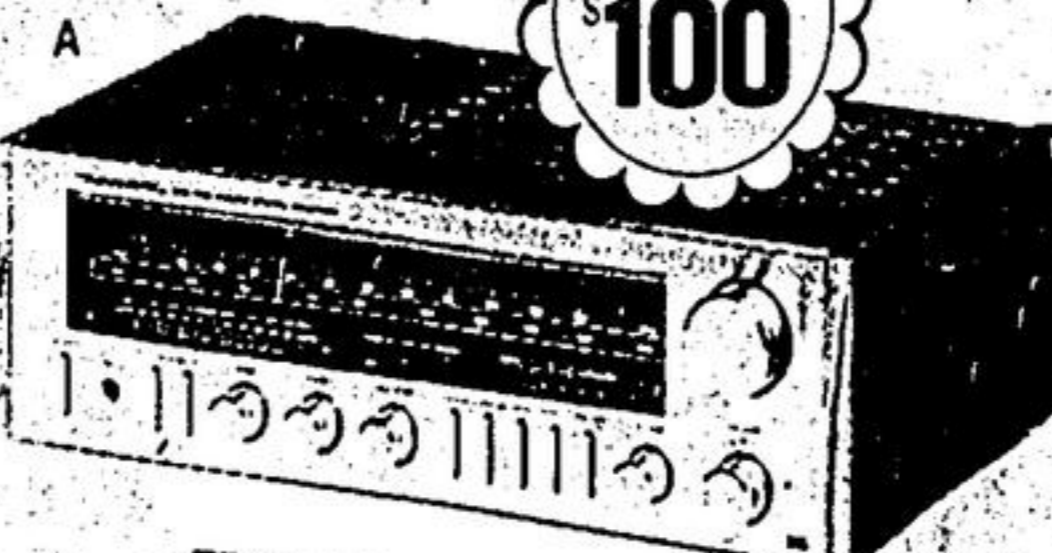
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