

Whitchurch-Highlands helps to purchase wheelchair

Students help with wheelchair among a group of area schools collecting pop can tabs towards the purchase of a wheelchair for Dennis Patchell of Participation House. Last week, the enthusiasm of students, parents, staff and the community participating in the program paid off with the presentation of a wheelchair to Patchell. The collection of tabs for wheelchairs originated with World War Two veteran Raymond Pearse of Elora, who approached a scrap yard dealer and asked if he would

purchase of a wheelchair for Dennis Patchell of Participation House. Last week, the enthusiasm of students, parents, staff and the community participating in the program paid off with the presentation of a wheelchair to Patchell. The collection of tabs for wheelchairs originated with World War Two veteran Raymond Pearse of Elora, who approached a scrap yard dealer and asked if he would



be willing to buy the tabs. In 1989, Pearse and his supporters formed the Wheelchair Club to help buy the chairs for handicapped individuals.

When Whitchurch Highlands' French teacher Joan Miyata heard about the program, she suggested the school get involved and principal Sharon Sawkins was very supportive of the idea. Three weeks later, the wheelchair had been built to the correct specifications and the presentation was featured on a Global Television documentary about the pop can tab program, Miyata said. Patchell is delighted with his wheelchair, she noted.

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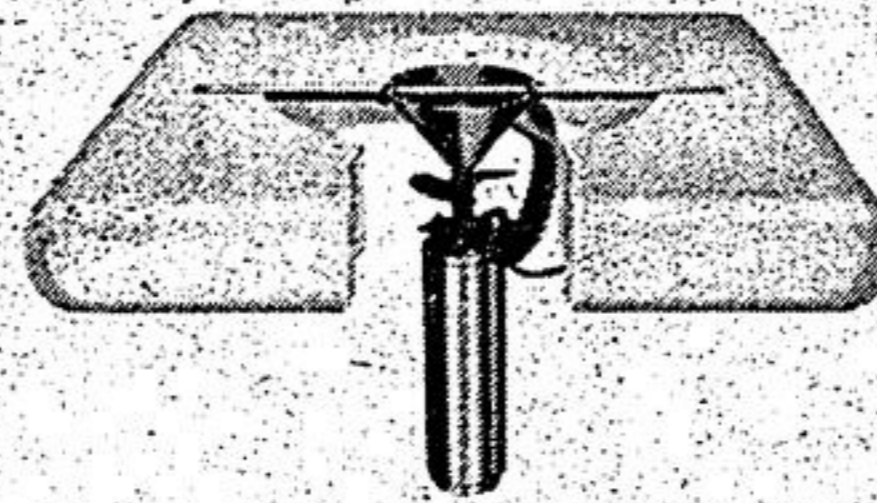
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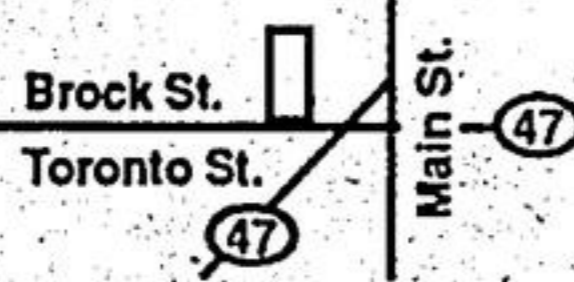
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