

### Brian Skerrett takes special analysis course

Last week, Brian Skerrett, chairman of Student Services at Acton High, took a course in Transactional Analysis in Paris, Ontario.

T.A. is a tool used by people in the human relations field and popularized by Thomas Harris in his book 'I'm OK! You're OK!'. Mr. Skerrett sees the ideas and skills of T.A. as being extremely useful to him, both in his work as a high school counsellor and in his other non-professional roles of husband, father, and citizen. He said that T.A. is like so many other things in that the more you learn, the more you realize there is to learn.

Mr. Skerrett is considering becoming qualified as a special member of the International Transactional Analysis Association.

### Acton high notes

By Jennifer Rowe

Field trips seem to be an important part of today's education. Teachers have been arranging these outings for their classes and the students seem to be learning from what they see and do.

Last Wednesday Mr. Wayne Bridle's year three geography class went on a bus trip just outside of Acton to observe different glacial features. Since I was on this trip I can honestly say that I learned a lot by looking at the actual structure rather than reading about it in a book. Next week's test will reveal the truth!

Grade 12 Urban Geography students went on a field trip to the University of Guelph to explore the library facilities for use on their projects. Wednesday is a day for

activities at the high school. The staff is having a Teacher's Development Program after school and classes will end at 2:30 instead of 3:20. Student Council has planned a Sock Hop after school until 4:00.

No one could possibly say that they have nothing to do, because a group of students, at 3:30, on Wednesday, are going to the Royal Winter Fair, and if you are that picky that nothing at the Royal suits you then the Outer's have a sundown hike planned. So get involved!

The Student Council has begun plans for their Christmas dance on Dec. 11. This dance is a semi-formal, and with the band "Charly Brown", everything is sure to be done "with a touch of class."

### M.Z. Bennett weekly news

By Sherry Halladay and Denise Paton

Congratulations to the vice-principal of our school for the new baby.

The boys led their team in victory when they played

volleyball against Brookville. The girls' volleyball team had a tournament at E. C. Drury school for volleyball. They played seven games in the afternoon on Tuesday.

### School Board rejects idea

Halton Separate School Board doesn't think boards in Ontario should lock-out their teachers when teachers at other boards go out on strike.

In a letter to Halton Board of Education the Halton Separate School Board said it didn't agree with Trustee Ernie Bodnar's suggestion that when there are strikes in other parts of the province Halton should lock-out its teachers.

Last month Dodnar and the Halton Board of Education asked Queen's Park to change Bill 100, dealing with teacher-board negotiations, so that Halton teachers could be locked-out when there are

strikes elsewhere because the contract settlements in other parts of the province are used as precedents by Halton teachers in contract negotiations.

After several teacher strikes throughout Ontario last year, Halton teachers settled for an average 33 per cent raise without striking.

Halton Separate School Board told the Halton Board of Education they don't support Bodnar's idea because if boards could then lock-out teachers in sympathy with other boards, the teachers could also strike in sympathy with striking teachers in other parts of the province.

### Board had answers ready for Mrs. Fisher

Halton Board of Education was ready with all the answers about funds for the \$900,000 addition to the headquarters building in Burlington when Betty Fisher, Georgetown, came once again armed with questions.

Mrs. Fisher's first four questions dealt with the board's reserve fund.

Board chairman Judy Alexander told Mrs. Fisher the reserve fund has been in existence since 1970 and was gathered from monies left over from the 1971, 1972 and 1973 annual budgets.

Mrs. Alexander said the extension to the administrative offices was being paid for from the reserve fund and that there is \$1 million in an elementary school reserve

fund and another \$1 million in the secondary school reserve fund.

The board chairman said the addition to the headquarters will cost exactly \$885,000 and the contract was signed with the contractor for the building on September 4 of this year.

In addition Mrs. Alexander said construction began four days later and offered to let Mrs. Fisher see the tender documents for the addition.

Mrs. Alexander said the tenders submitted for the job ranged from \$803,000 to \$932,000.

### John McDonald

John McDonald, the historical writer, has been chosen by District 707 Rotary Clubs to travel to Israel on a six week group study exchange program.

He will leave April 25, 1976 and return around June 6. He lives in Georgetown and is personnel manager at Gage Stationery.

The last time a Georgetown man was chosen for this honor was eight years ago when Paul Armstrong was one of a five man team who toured Australia.



NORTH HALTON GIRLS prepared this 'holiday breads' exhibit for the achievement day held Saturday in Milton by the Halton 4-H Home-

making Club. Among those who worked on the project were from left, Sharon Kirkwood of Erin, Doris Ella of Campbellville and Bev Leitch of Acton.



CATRIONA WILSON, 13, R. R. 2, Acton, was presented with the silver medal for highest marks in Ontario for Grade 6 speech arts and drama in the 1975 practical examinations of the Royal Conservatory of Music, University of Toronto at a recent ceremony in Toronto. Dr. David Ouchterlony, principal, made the presentation to Catriona who is a pupil of Mrs. Florence Aymong of the Royal Conservatory. Last year she also received the silver medal for highest provincial marks in the Grade 5 examinations.

### Board gives teacher time

Halton Board of Education did an about face Thursday by granting half-time off for the president of the Halton Elementary Teacher's Association (HETA).

Last September, in obvious reaction to the 33 per cent wage hike Halton teachers won in contract negotiations, the board turned down HETA's request for half days off for its president so she could conduct federation business. At the same time they didn't revoke the same privilege which is enjoyed by the Halton president of the Ontario Secondary School Teacher's Federation (OSSTF) or the research officer who works for both teacher groups.

HETA's request was rejected when board chairman Judy Alexander cast the tie breaking vote.

Thursday, only Trustees Ernie Bodnar, Richard Goodin and Tony Goodyear voted against Trustee Doug Wood's motion to allow the HETA president half time off from January until June next year.

"Teacher association business is going to be carried out regardless of whether it is one of our own teachers or an outsider. This way we get to deal with someone we know and that person will still be in the classroom half time and won't lose their effectiveness in the classroom. The replacement for half days the teacher isn't there is paid for by HETA. There is no cost to the board," Wood explained.

A report prepared by administration personnel said it was an advantage to the board to have the HETA president taking time off because it afforded two way communication between the board and teachers. The report also indicated the HETA president who isn't completely tied up with teaching, can be an advisor or witness for the board.

Thursday the board decided to hear Mrs. Hansford's complaint about another book this Thursday because they were already committed to listen to her but it was suggested by several trustees that this will be the last time, Vice-Chairman Rev. Garry Morton had already put the item on the next agenda.

The board noted that Mrs. Hansford is well aware of the board's policy that she can find out the rationale behind the use of books in Halton and that her children can study any book she decides is suitable.

It was pointed out that the principal of the Oakville school where Mrs. Hansford's children attend said he would allow her children to study any book they wish. The principal even offered to go out and buy the books if they aren't already in stock.

Most of the trustees thought it would be a waste of valuable board time if they constantly listened to briefs about every book Halton Renaissance Committee found offensive, especially since they already know the board's firm policy on the subject of controversial material. Most trustees thought there would be no reason to go into the subject again in the future. The newest book Mrs. Hansford is bringing to the board is called "I Never Loved Your Mind."



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### Aitken top scorer on tour

Two young farmers from Halton were among 85 young people across Ontario taking part in the 1975 Livestock Management Tour. Representing Halton were Keith Aitken, R.R. 3, Acton and Lyle Stokes, R.R. 2, Campbellville.

The tour began Sunday, Nov. 9 and ended with the horse show at the Royal Winter Fair on Friday, Nov. 14th. The delegates toured farms and places of agricultural interest in the counties of Huron, Oxford, Perth, Waterloo and Wellington. Marketing facilities in Toronto were also visited.

A feature of the tour which was of special interest was the Inter-County Livestock Evaluation Competition held on Thursday. Classes were

judged in Wellington County with all participants moving to the new Ontario Agricultural Museum in Halton for lunch and reasons.

Wins trophy

Halton delegates excelled in this part of the program with Keith Aitken placing first in the individual scoring and winner of the F. A. Summers Memorial Trophy. As well Keith receives a gold medal for being the highest ranking contestant in the beef cattle judging.

Lyle Stokes ranked 15th in the competition out of 85. Unfortunately, Halton lacked one contestant and was unable to compete in the county team competition.

The two contestants from Halton did quite well. Congratulations.

### Robt. Little weekly news

By Merle McNabb

The girls' volleyball team was chosen on Friday. The team members are Merle McNabb, Laurie Goulas, Jamie O'Connor, Lori Vermueler, Sharon Vos, Colleen Grimless, Laurie Moreau, Gwyneth Gibb, Tammy Gould, Debbie Geberlein, Kim Crooks, Janet Roach, Lisa Thomas, Connie McCristall, Nancy Wong, Michelle Jones, and our coaches, Miss Preston, and Mrs. Disler. Also on Tuesday our team played in a tournament in Milton. Next week our results will be published.

Volleyball is over in house league play and we will start

European Handball next week. The standings for Volleyball house leagues are Stampellers 87, Congars 98, Panthers 116, and Jaguars 96.

Report cards will be given out on Thursday. Good Luck!

Monday, Nov. 24 is Interview Day at our school, and we are hoping many parents will come for a talk and interview.

### Busy day

Several bazaars are planned for this weekend.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 4 - 7:30 p.m.

### M.Z. BENNETT AUDITORIUM

7.30 - 8.00: Organization of Parent Study Group.

8.00 - 9.30: Session on Values Classification—involves Parents' Activity in exercise designed to discover their values and what they communicate to their children.