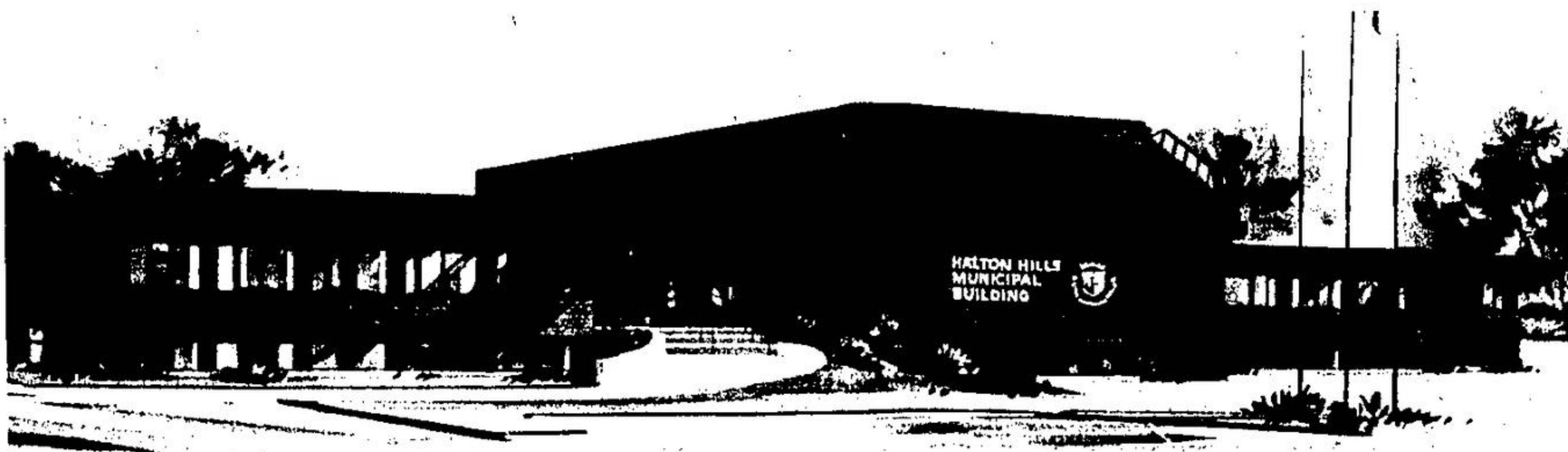


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Board protests sex teaching at Health Education meeting

Halton Board of Education trustees are disgusted with the methods used at a recent Health Education Conference near Orillia to supposedly better prepare teachers to teach sex education in the classroom.

Director of Education Emmerson Lavender has written a strong letter of protest to Dean John Ricker of the University of Toronto's Faculty of Education, which sponsored the conference.

According to a report in a Toronto daily, about 180 Ontario health education teachers spent two days touching each other, meditating, watching pornographic movies and thinking up dirty words. The report said that Peter Robertson of the U of T, organizer of the conference, explained the reasoning for such a program. He said that if teachers don't understand their own

feelings about sex, how can they be expected to teach properly in the classroom?

The report said that Barbara Silverberg, who conducts marriage enrichment workshops, along with her husband Cy at Nemaya Farm Growth Centre and helps direct the education and growth opportunities program at York University, explained that "desensitization and talking about sex do the work."

Lavender said that the program, as reported in the newspaper, was objectionable to him and that he could see no value in it.

Trustee Len Auger, a separate school representative on the board, said he strongly objects to the program and asked the board to protest to the people responsible.

"This type of program just undermines

the credibility of our family life programs," said Auger. "Teachers don't have to use that kind of language."

Auger went on to say that he'd like some assurance that the six Halton teachers, who were among the group of 180 at the conference, won't put into practice what they heard there.

"That assurance is gladly, readily and enthusiastically given," Lavender replied.

Emphasizing that he was basing his comments on the press report, Lavender went on to say "I understand the purpose was to desensitize teachers to the language they might hear. I can assure you that that kind of method will have no place here."

Trustee Ernie Bodnar suggested the board find out exactly what the conference was all about, before "they go blasting off."

"Checking with our co-ordinating staff, the report is not far from being accurate," Chairman Judy Alexander interjected.

Trustee Irene Goobie said she had called the board's physical education and health co-ordinator Jack Richardson and questioned Halton staff members, who were there. "We need more valid facts on it," she said "but I find it very distasteful, if we can go on the premise of reporting."

Halton Renaissance Committee founder Rev. Ken Campbell sparked the discussion with a letter and questions during the regular question period of the meeting. He asked if the board intended a protest of the program to the Ministry of Education, if any Halton teachers were involved and if Program Superintendent John Boich still assured the board that values education must meet the requirements of the Ontario Education Act.

Charged in theft

Tools have been reported stolen from the construction site at the new high school, and a man has been arrested and charged with the offense. Taken were a chain saw, a shovel, a wrench, and cycle oil.

The same man was also charged during the past week with obtaining tools under false pretenses. He has no fixed address.

Convicted of break-ins

An Acton youth who was convicted on May 5 for three break-ins was sentenced to 45 days in jail and two years' probation.

The youth committed the offences last December and February at the high school, Robert Little and arena.

Urban students gathering stats

Several high school urban geography students took to the town's streets this morning to start a three-day transportation study.

Thirty-one students from Harold Mahatoo and Keith Black's classes are attempting to apply classroom lessons in a practical study.

They will be counting parking spots in use, pedestrians crossing streets, and perhaps baby buggies and bikes using the sidewalks, Mr. Mahatoo said.

The school course originally called for a study of a shopping plaza, Mr. Mahatoo said. However, the rebuilding of Mill Street East, plus an invitation from Halton Hills Parking authority member Paul Nielsen prompted a shift in the choice of a field study.

"Regional government also would like us to update the Dillon Study," Mr. Mahatoo said.

The students are supervised by the two geography teachers, Mr. Nielsen and assistant town planner Ron Burnett. The supervisors also set guidelines for students to use.

In the study, the town is divided into 15 blocks. A pair of students is assigned to each block.

Copies of the statistics gathered from the students' efforts will be forwarded to the governments. The work will, however, not then be finished for the students.

The course, which stresses practical urban geography, requires that the classes use the field information to make predictions, Mr. Mahatoo said.

The students' predictions will be kept within the school, Mr. Mahatoo added.

Duby questions dump charges

Councillor Les Duby suggested to Halton Hills council that residents willing to take their own garbage to the dump should not have to pay a charge for dumping. He said many people find it frustrating to get into the dump and find they have to pay.

Mayor Tom Hill claimed it is unfair to let people hauling garbage in trailers, dump for free while people with small trucks, holding no more than trailers have to pay. Councillor Ernie Sykes maintained there is no charge on trucks carrying less than a ton.

Councillor Roy Booth disagreed, saying charges had been made for garbage in a half ton pick-up. Just last week Halton Region, now operating all landfill sites, upped the charge from \$3 to \$4 a ton, effective January 1, 1977.

People hauling in small trailers or in the trunks of cars will continue to dump without charge.

Regional council contended the increase is necessary to offset the cost of operating landfill sites.

Two cars in collision

A car driven by Gail Stuckey, R. R. 2, Acton, received \$25 in damages, Halton Regional Police estimate, when her car was in collision with a car driven by Patricia Idle, 42 Division St., on May 26 on Acton Blvd at 1.10 p.m. The Idle vehicle sustained \$150 in damages, police say.

Theft at club

Entry was gained through a window at the curling club May 20. Reported missing are cigarettes, a case of beer, two bottles of wine, potato chips, and a carton of gum. Police are investigating.

Hyde declared.

He said council delays concerning the municipal complex have had a demoralizing effect on the town's staff and reminded council the present situation of having departments spread all over the town just wasn't satisfactory. Hyde added everyone must remember it is going to cost the taxpayers a lot of money anyway just to keep operating the municipality in the present situation.

Duby said it was more valid now to build a municipal complex than at any other time before and suggested the town proceed with the project.

Hyde said all indications from councillors were that they agreed the Seventh Line offices were the best site for the expansion and that it would best serve all the residents in wards one, two, three and four.

"This is the site which should be developed and it is practical to have all the departments

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Grant Motors is GO bus agency

Barring any unforeseen and unlikely circumstances, Acton will have a GO transit bus depot by next week.

Brian Stewart, superintendent of marketing for Gray Coach, said he had secured an agency in town for

ticket sales, and B.P.X. (Bus Parced Express).

Grant's Motors, the Esso station on highway No. 7 in the east part of town, has agreed to be the local agency. The business is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week, which offers travellers abundant time to purchase tickets and catch buses at the depot.

Mr. Stewart, who along with other colleagues had canvassed the town in search of someone to take over the agency, spoke to Mr. and Mrs. Grant Punccheon yesterday (Tuesday). Clearance from the local police and other authorities still has to be acquired, but Mr. Stewart

said he did not see any reasons why everything could not be finalized by the end of the month.

The proposed depot offers little seating space for passengers waiting for buses, but does, offer a place to get in out of the rain or snow.

The Punccheons had been approached by Gray Coach in Toronto and asked to consider the possibility of selling tickets. After a week to think about it and make a decision, the couple decided to accept the offer.

The Victoria Day holiday weekend was quiet and cool in Acton and district.

Boy, 3, has broken leg when struck by car

Three-year-old Derek Dawkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dawkins, 95 Agnes St. sustained a broken left leg and cuts and bruises after being struck by a car driven by Marcel Fryters, 145 Mill St. E.

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The incident occurred May



NURSE PRACTITIONER Shirley McKay checks heartbeat of appealing, long-haired Michelle Pilgrim, five weeks.

"Coming thing" is here — now

The only public health nurse practitioner in Halton is one of the people using the new Acton Community Services Centre in the Y.

Shirley McKay's expanded training enables her to do some things which were formerly in the role of medical doctors. (Nurses in England, for instance, have always had more responsibilities than nurses in Canada.)

Mrs. McKay works in all three Acton schools, at the senior citizens' clinics and in homes in Acton and Esquesing. She and Val Walters are the local public health nurses.

Now the new centre provides her with another place to see people, and co-ordinator Judy McLin makes appointments for her there.

Swing back

Mrs. McKay explains that the Halton County Health Unit used to hold well baby clinics here which were very successful. Then, with the introduction of OHIP coverage, people began to go to their doctors instead of the clinic, and the clinics ceased operating.

Now, she says, the swing is starting to go back the other way.

She offers a service which is different from the doctor's. One main point is that she has more time to talk to mothers about their problems or concerns, however large or small. She looks after immunization, does complete physical assessments and developmental tests.

Reputation spreading

Her well baby clinic at the centre in the Y has only been in operation a short while and so far is limited to one afternoon a month. But her reputation is spreading.

All the local doctors have been informed of her clinic and of course ill babies would be referred to the family doctor

right away. Mrs. McKay is hoping to get referrals from doctors as the concept of her service becomes better known.

Her clinic customers range in age from newborns to late pre-school months.

"It's for anybody", Mrs. McKay points out.

There's no charge

She is engaged by the Halton county Health Unit and has worked here since December. There is no charge for this health service.

Parents tell Mrs. McKay they sometimes think doctors are so busy, they feel they shouldn't take up their time with small concerns. For Mrs. McKay, this personal time for chatting is an integral part of her job.

Some kids are real problems, she knows. Sometimes they aren't—but the mothers derive satisfaction from talking with a nurse anyway.

The coming thing

Mrs. McKay is enthusiastic about her job. "It's the coming thing!"

Mrs. McKay took her B. Sc. in Nursing degree at the University of Toronto; worked in paediatrics at Humber Memorial hospital and then in public health in Toronto. She took the popular new nurse practitioner course at McMaster University and then came to Halton. She and her husband live at R. R. 1, Limehouse.

The nurse practitioner course she took at Hamilton is the only one still funded by the government, she admits. Others have disappeared in budget cutbacks.

Anyone interested in asking about the well baby clinics may call Community Services Centre co-ordinator Judy McLin at 853-3310.



HOLDING THE STEMS ever so gently is 8-year old Kelly Bogart to show her friend Louise Jordan, 10, the three red tulip blooms on the single shoot. The three-headed tulip and another of the same color grow in the Bogart family's front garden on McDonald Blvd. "It's the first time the bulbs have bloomed," said Kelly's father Peter. When Mr. Bogart bought the bulbs they looked like any other kind of tulip. Other bulbs which Mr. Bogart bought at the same time, have single flowers.