

New policy a milestone

Halton's new teacher evaluation policy is thought to be another milestone for the Halton Board of Education. George Kennedy, Georgetown, Limehouse and M.Z. Bennett school, Acton are the schools in the north chosen for a special teacher evaluation policy pilot project.

Halton Board of Education announced the selection of pilot schools for the two year field testing of the new policy Thursday. A north area high school will be included in the field testing of the new policy next year.

The establishment of the policy was part of the 1976-77 teacher contract.

Superintendent of Instruction John Boich said the policy is another education milestone for Halton and he thinks the board and teachers are creating something which will be widely copied. He noted interest in the new policy exists beyond Ontario.

Boich said the task force developed policy isn't designed to get at incompe-

ent teachers but added it will help weed out those teachers who don't meet Halton's standards.

"We have expectations of our staff and if they don't achieve them they won't be with us," Boich declared.

Trustee Don Long said he hoped the area superintendent would still do spot checking of teachers' work even though the bulk of the job of evaluating staff's work will rest with principals, vice principals and department heads.

Boich said area superintendents will still look in on classrooms from time to time but their main responsibility will be to make sure the new evaluation policy is properly implemented.

Help!

Guide and Brownie leaders are urgently needed for the Acton groups. See the advertisement in today's paper.



THIS IMPRESSIVE 23½ pound, 37-inch salmon was caught in Lake Ontario by John Arnold, Tyler Ave. He was fishing in a boat off Bronte Friday when he caught the huge fish. His net

broke and a swift grab into the water by one of his companions, Dave Papillon, saved the fish. John McNabb and John Goy Jr. were also in the boat at the time.

27 arrested at corn roast

A corn roast which apparently turned into a noisy and volatile disturbance near Acton late Saturday night resulted in the charging and arrests of 27 youths between 18 and 20 years old.

According to police the corn roast took place spontaneously in a farmer's field north of 25 Sideroad on Sixth Line, west of Highway 25. It was attended by 35 to 40 people, who Halton Regional Police report were drinking heavily.

The police had originally arrived at the scene to investigate neighbors' complaints of noise and disturbances.

"Two Halton Hills precinct officers went to investigate the origin of the noise," said Staff Sergeant Barrett, of Georgetown division. "When they tried to advise the group that they were making too much noise, the officers were subjected to verbal abuse and

beer bottles were thrown in their direction."

One beer reportedly broke the windshield of one of the cruisers while the other cruiser received damage to its rooftop.

The two officers backed away from the scene and waited for reinforcements. When it was finally over, 15 Halton Regional Police officers from the precincts of Acton, Georgetown, Milton, Oakville and Burlington had arrived in approximately 14 cruisers.

In addition two paddy wagons, one from Georgetown and one from Oakville, were called in to help transport groups of rowdy youths from the area.

The 27 people, 18 men and nine women, were detained overnight at Regional Police Headquarters in Georgetown and released Sunday morning.

The charged group consisted of young people from Thunder Bay, Guelph, Rockwood and Acton.

The majority of those arrested are due to appear in Provincial Court in Milton on Sept. 29 to face various charges of disturbing the peace, liquor out of residence and narcotics charges.

No one was injured during the arrests. Police waited until all the support had arrived from throughout the region before converging on the field en masse.

There was a claim that the group had asked permission to hold the corn roast but Staff Sergeant Barrett said the party was possibly not planned. He doubted that there was permission given for the group to hold the roast in the field.

Halton Regional Police are investigating.

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ST. JOSEPH'S Catholic School registration was held yesterday (Tuesday). Although exact figures are not yet known, secretary Helen Lenizky, left, kept busy. Mrs. Myrtle Anderson registered her son Edward Lehovich. The new school opens soon in the old stone school by the Robert Little building.

Hinton asks:

Are any teachers gay?

No one on the Halton Board of Education knows if any of Halton's 89 newly hired teachers are homosexuals. Acton-Esqueing Trustee Bert Hinton asked Superintendent of Instruction John Boich if any of the new teachers starting work next month in Halton are "gay."

Boich said he didn't know, and in light of comments in the past by Hinton, has given the subject some consideration.

He said he has no way of knowing if any Halton teachers are "gay" and added he has no idea what he would or could do about the

problem if he found out a teacher was "gay."

Boich said he intends to talk to the Ontario Human Rights Commission regarding employment of "gays." He added he is following cases of "gays" who are fighting work dismissal on the grounds of their sexual preference closely.

Hinton reiterated his stand that he doesn't mind "gays" living their chosen lifestyle and being allowed to work and have homes as long as they keep their views and action private but is very concerned about them being able to teach young children. He

questions their ability to give normal moral guidance.

Boich also reported 89 new teachers have been hired for next year and 39 are from Halton. The other 50 come from other parts of Ontario.

He noted 48 are beginning teachers and the new elementary teachers have an average of 2.2 years of experience and the secondary school teachers 2.7.

Boich said there may be more hiring next month since hiring has been cautious this year after Halton ended up with more teachers than needed.

Local police solve 49% of July crime

District One police officers are keeping about 10 per cent ahead of the entire Halton Region in terms of solving crimes last month, according to police statistics.

District One, including Halton Hills and Milton, cleared 49 per cent of crimes occurring last month, according to district superintendent Floyd Schwantz.

To date, 50 per cent of the district's crimes have been cleared since January, indicated the superintendent.

In the following figures on Break and Entries, the first number represents what happened throughout the entire region in July, and the second

District One. Break and Enter, of houses 81, (12); in shops 78 to 15 and other 24 to 5.

There were 42 thefts of motor vehicles in Halton Region, including nine in District One.

Thefts valued over \$200 numbered 70 in Halton, 10 of them in District One.

There were 513 thefts valued at less than \$200 in Halton, with 96 in District One.

Seven of the 34 drug occurrences in the region happened in District One.

And 68 of the 165 liquor charges originated in this district.

Resignation, appointment

Eva Sansom won't be back at Acton High School when school resumes next month. Halton Board of Education announced Thursday she has resigned.

At the same time it was revealed Wally Rowley has been appointed associate chairman of pure sciences at Acton High

Kelly Hisaki has top mark

Kelly Hisaki received the highest mark of all pupils trying the initial grade of piano examination at Trinity College of Music in May, she is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Hisaki of R.R. 2, Acton, and pupil of Dorothy Richardson Scull of Georgetown.

Initial grade: Kelly Hisaki 88 per cent, Jana Clipham 86 per cent, John Seilar 80 per cent.

Grade I: Diana Collett 85 per cent, Joanne McArthur 85 per cent, Georgina Norman 79 per cent.

Grade II: Carolyn Gibson 83 per cent, David Griffiths 81 per cent, Ricky Allen 80 per cent.

Grade III: Laura Lee Schreiber 80 per cent.

Grade IV: Irene Watt 72 per cent, Kim MacMillan 70 per cent.

Examiner for Trinity



Kelly Hisaki

Lions Club ups pool's safety with purchase of resuscitator

Swimmers in Lions Club Pool will soon have an extra measure of safety.

A resuscitator has been ordered for permanent and exclusive use of the Acton pool, Lions Club president Ray Evelan said last week.

The resuscitator, expected to be delivered almost any day, is the second piece of equipment donation by the club to the pool this year.

A resuscitator forces air into the lungs of a person who is not breathing or who is having a breathing problem, pool supervisor Liz Binsfeld said. The device is similar to ones used by firefighters.

Presence of the device at the pool by no means indicates it will replace artificial respiration, the pool supervisor assured.

In case of a mishap, artificial respiration would be started immediately, Miss Binsfeld said. The resuscitator would also be brought on deck.

Purchase of the resuscitator was under consideration by the Pool Advisory Committee, Mr. Evelan said. We discovered there wasn't one at the pool, and with many people swimming, we thought a resuscitator would be needed he said.

The unit, which costs \$330 complete, was ordered from a Mississauga manufacturer.

Fire chief Mick Holmes will instruct the pool staff in the proper method of using the resuscitator, Mr. Evelan said.

Commenting on when the device will be used, Miss Binsfeld said since there's no ambulance in town, we have to wait for firefighters or an ambulance from either Guelph or Georgetown. "There may be times when they can't get here fast and the machine can be used to take over from the manual method until help arrives," she said.

Previously Lions Club moved to replace the pool's saunas with new ones. However, the two-month long electricians' strike in Toronto has delayed installation.

Blueberry patch

Market garden, office planned south of Acton

Twenty-eight acres of weeds on Highway 25 south of Acton could become a productive market garden greenhouse, fruit and vegetable stand and implement showroom if a proposal by M. Martin is accepted by the town.

The land, across from Ridley's Cartage, would also be used to grow blueberries. Mr. Martin said few blueberries are grown locally, but on the advice of University of Guelph, who said the ground and the climate are suitable, he wants to try it. He said it would be five years before they could be brought into full production.

He said eventually he would like to erect a solar heated home on part of the property.

The 40 by 60 foot implement showroom, to be built of glass and stone, would be used for equipment for small acreages, rather than full fledged farms.

Mr. Martin said he had been told there are 29 acres in the parcel of land, but he said

he felt it was closer to 40. He explained a pond would be dug and the area around it landscaped to make the fruit and vegetable stand and implement showroom attractive. "We don't plan to throw up a shack."

He said he wanted a commercial zoning at least on part of the property for the implement salesroom and office.

The proposal was turned over to the planner for a report.

675 students travel by bus

Halton Board of Education will send 675 students to Acton and area schools this year by bus.

The students will travel 641 miles daily and it will cost \$689.85 to run the bus operation each day. There are 19 bus routes.

There will be 220 students bused to Acton High School each day along with 133 going by bus to M.Z. Bennett and Robert Little schools.

Limehouse school bus has 134 bus students and Speyside 138.

Ex, Barrie awards

Hugh MacPherson of Eden Mills brought home plenty of awards from both the C.N.E. and Barrie Exhibition the past couple of weeks.

At the Ex his prize birds won 10 first, nine seconds, 11 thirds, two fourths and two special prizes.

At the big Barrie fair he won 22 first, nine seconds and four thirds. He also had the grand champion standard on a silver-spangled Hanburg cock.

Mr. MacPherson shows his birds regularly and is very pleased with the results of his latest entries.

Champs at CNE

Fred Kentner had another very successful year at the C.N.E. He entered about 50 birds and received all firsts in his divisions.

He also had the champion trio, champion pullet and champion bantam.

He enters the C.N.E. each year and is a consistent winner.



PAUL BRAY, 13, won the Junior Woodwind award for the age 15-years and under at the C.N.E. Music Festival. Paul also took the bronze award in the 18-years and under class. Friday at 2:30 p.m. all woodwind champions will give a concert in the C.N.E.'s Music Hall.

Upheaval

Construction continues along the length of sliced up Main St. N. this week, all the way from Mill to the tracks.

There was considerable concern shown Friday when traffic delays lasted as long as an hour. The long, hot waits were reported to police.

Cruisers collide officers charged

Two Halton Police cruisers racing to the scene of the raided corn roast near Acton late Saturday night were damaged when they collided on Highway 25 near 25 Sideroad.

The cruisers, one from Oakville and the other from Burlington, were part of the crew of 15 officers and 10 cruisers which were required

to break up the near riot and transport the charged to Georgetown, police said.

"One officer was slightly injured in the mishap. The cruisers, both 1977 Plymouths, were damaged to the tune of \$1,000 and \$1,500

Both officers were charged in the incident. Ontario Provincial Police, Burlington detachment, are investigating.

Blue ribbon to Free Press

The Free Press has been awarded the Blue Ribbon Award in the Canadian Community Newspapers Association competition. The Blue Ribbon Award means the paper scored 80 per cent or more of the score awarded the first place newspaper in the competition class entered.

The Blue Ribbon Award symbol will appear in the Free Press masthead on the editorial page.

The Free Press placed seventh of 36 papers entered in the category. Competition results were announced at the annual convention in Winnipeg in July.



NOW WHAT'S SHE DONE? Sue Mellor, left, seems to be the centre of attention as Ellen Barkman, Karen Glenn and Colleen DeBruyn, (right) point her out. The girls were leaders at the day camp and were building a barn structure for the day camp parents' night Thursday evening.