



**HOT DOGS**, and lots of them were on the menu for the Sunday school picnic as students and teachers from the Acton Evangelical Pentecostal Tabernacle Church got together for a picnic at Rockwood Conservation Park. Serving up the hot dogs is Karen Stewart from Acton.

## L.I.T.s start their practical training

Participants in the Recreation Department's leader in training program have completed two weeks of theoretical training and have now started work on Recreation and community sites.

On July 4, eight Acton students began the two week theoretical training in preparation for on site training. Included in the training session were visits from many community resource people for instruction in first aid, story telling, camp crafts, outdoor archery, canoeing, games, crafts, songs and drama. Also mixed in with their busy schedule was an overnight camp at Terra Cotta where they studied outdoor education. Program planning, barbecues and special events planned by the students were also crammed into the two week period.

The students began work yesterday and must log 100 hours of practical working time during the next six weeks.

Acton students will rotate throughout the summer between the Recreation day camp, pre-school, playground, adventure and pools programs.

Acton students taking part in the program are Frank McGrath, Jock Garton, Tony Saxon, Angela Brlecs, Kathy Tost, Sandra Mason, Renata Brillinger and Linda Paton. Linda is a graduate from last year's program and is an advanced leader in training.

*Lavender says:*

## No great exodus from schools

A large exodus from Halton public schools to other schools which some claim is taking place just isn't happening, according to statistics.

Thursday, Halton Board of Education reviewed figures presented by Director of Education Em Lavender which he says show "there is no great exodus."

His figures showed the pattern of movement between Halton's public and separate schools between 1973 and 1976.

While the number of students coming to public schools from separate schools dropped from 253 in 1973 to 139 in 1976 the number going from public schools to separate schools jumped from 183 in 1973 to 321 three years later.

He said the increase in recent years in the number of public school students going to separate schools in Halton is due to an increase in separate school facilities including the development of a separate high school in Burlington and a separate elementary school in Acton.

Lavender said he knows there are a number of Roman Catholic pupils still going to public schools but they can't by law be identified by the board.

He said he thought there is no great exodus one way or the other but instead an "annual movement" of pupils between the two systems.

His report was in response to a letter from Rev. Ken Campbell, of Renaissance, who claims there are "tens of thousands" of parents throughout the province who have been forced to pull their children out of the free public school system and place them in other school systems such as Catholic Separate schools.

Campbell said parents are taking their children out of the public school system because they reject the school's secularist religious views.

Mrs. Alexander said she would be curious to see what "lies behind" Campbell's philosophical arguments.

### DECISION

Ottawa, July 11, 1978

Following a Public Hearing commencing April 4, 1978 in Ottawa, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission announces the following decision effective forthwith.

#### Decision CRTC 78-467

Georgetown, Acton and Milton, Ontario and Surrounding Area - 78039760

#### Halton Cable Systems Limited

Application for authority to change the subscriber fees from those presently authorized by the Commission for Georgetown, Acton and Milton, Ontario and surrounding area as follows:

Fees/Tariffs	Present Maximum Fees	Proposed Maximum Fees
Installation fee	\$15.00	\$25.00
Monthly fee	\$6.00	\$7.00

#### Decision: APPROVED

The Commission considers an installation fee of \$25.00 and an increase in the monthly fee from \$6.00 to a maximum of \$7.00 to be justified on financial grounds and in consideration of the high costs incurred by the licensee in rebuilding its Georgetown system, wiring the communities of Acton and Milton and developing its community channel.

The Commission has noted the steps taken by the licensee to upgrade its programming equipment, renovate its studio and acquire a mobile-production van for improved community access, and will expect the licensee to continue its efforts towards development of a meaningful community programming service.

Lise Oulmet  
Secretary General

Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission / Conseil de la radiodiffusion et des télécommunications canadiennes

## Teacher-board talks longest ever

Contract negotiations between Halton Board of Education and its over 2,300 teachers have now lasted longer than at any other time in the regional board's 10 year history.

Board negotiator Trustee Bill Priestner, Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation district nine negotiator Rupert Pappin and Halton Elementary Teachers' Association spokesman Bill Watt, met with the press Thursday evening. They announced talks will continue through the summer.

Both the teachers' representatives and Priestner said the "tone" of negotiations have been "amicable" and everyone is satisfied with the progress made so far.

They said until a settlement is reached issues are contentious. They wouldn't specify what issues are causing problems. All issues

are on the table now. Some have been tentatively settled.

The three negotiators admitted they are far apart on some issues but they are "moving towards an agreement."

"A negotiated agreement is still possible without sanctions or binding arbitration being needed," Priestner declared.

Use of auxiliary personnel or para-professionals in schools and classrooms is an issue in negotiations they confirmed.

Both sides acknowledge the great use which can be made of para-professionals but the teachers have maintained they shouldn't be substitutes for teachers but add-on staff.

The board has long said that where it is feasible and desirable several para-professionals can be hired in place of a teacher at the same cost. Para-professionals or teaching assistants shouldn't be hired in addition to a

school's full teaching complement.

The teaching assistant issue is just one of several staffing issues.

With declining enrolment on Halton's horizon, redundancy and surplus teachers are negotiating items.

Pappin said the teachers are keeping a close eye on the cost of living, labor agreements and other board-teacher settlements in wage talks with the board.

It was noted this has been a slow year for contract negotiations with only five Ontario boards—Peel, Metro Toronto, Waterloo, Wentworth and Sudbury having settled so far.

Neither side would reveal teachers' wage demands.

Priestner observed Halton teachers are in the top quarter for salaries for teachers in Ontario and their wages are about average for large boards in the province.

He admitted the Halton board has never been without

a contract with its teachers for the following school year during the preceding summer. Settlements have always been reached for the next school year by the end of the current school year. Talks have never taken place during the summer. The current teacher-board post ends August 31.

Priestner said talks are moving slower this year than in the past and predicted this will be a trend for some time since contract talks become more difficult and complex each year.

He observed this is only Halton's third collective agreement since the province brought in Bill 100, legislation governing board-teacher negotiations. He feels the Ontario laws make talks more complex. Priestner and the two teacher negotiators said they thought talks were getting better each year, though.

Neither side expect a

settlement before school resumes in September and not just because teachers aren't around to ratify a new pact.

Talks began as always in March and teachers brought in their positions on April 24 and May 1 with the board offering its counter proposal May 8.

With teaching salaries taking 65 per cent of the board's annual budget and the teachers no longer being covered by A.I.B. controls, talks in that area are taking a lot of time.

Before Bill 100 only wages and fringe benefits were negotiated. Now all conditions of employment are negotiable.

Teacher currently organize and run one of the nine professional development days each year in Halton and want to run two next year.

The number of teachers employed by the board is another issue

## Board—janitors reach agreement

Halton school caretakers will receive a 44 cent an hour pay boost.

Thursday, Halton Board of Education ratified new contracts with its full and part-time caretakers.

The 6.89 per cent pay increase for the 217 janitors will cost the board \$203,000.

In addition, the new contract with full time members of Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1011 provides for four weeks vacation after 12 years employment and five weeks after 20 years.

Leave without pay educa-

tion courses was also approved.

The part-time janitors' old agreement expired in February and the new pact is subject to A.I.B. controls.

Board negotiator Trustee Bill Priestner warned the 8.57 per cent raise in the new contract is likely 3 per cent over A.I.B. guidelines. The workers receive a 33 cent an hour pay boost in the contract as well as six per cent vacation pay after eight years employment. Clauses for death in the family and education leave were also revamped in the new contract.



BUD Webster of Eden Mills tried the bike rodeo course at Back to Acton Days on a unicycle.

## Mather resigns

Halton Board of Education is looking for a new senior administrator.

Thursday, trustees accepted the resignation of the Superintendent of Program Bruce Mather who joined the board in 1976.

Mather will leave Halton October 15 for the post of Director of Education in Hastings County.

In his letter of resignation, Mather noted he came to Halton for a learning experience and it was. He praised trustees, administration and staff of the Halton Board of Education and wished everyone continued success with "an excellent school system."

Acton-Esqueing Trustee Bert Hinton has suggested Mather not be replaced.

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## Frank Danna dies suddenly

Frank Anthony Danna, 44, area superintendent of finance for Halton Board of Education since its inception in 1969 died suddenly Sunday.

A chartered accountant, Mr. Danna was seconded to the Ministry of Education from 1971 to 1973 where he worked on a special committee reviewing the cost of education in Ontario.

He was president of the School Business Officials of Ontario Association in 1975.

Married with four children ranging in age from eight to 18, Mr. Danna will be cremated Thursday following a private service.

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