

# Board blesses parenting course

The face of Halton's parenting course is changed so much its father may have difficulty accepting it as his own.

"It does not come close to the original," Georgetown trustee Barry Shepherd observed before Thursday's 11 to four endorsement vote of a policy at Burlington Thursday.

If the man who started the board towards parenting, Georgetown principal Eric Balkind, recognizes his idea, he must be disappointed, said Shepherd. He went along with the proposed policy, however, "because it doesn't seem we will get anything better."

Program superintendent Robert Dixon was hazy on the specifics but in the main the course will encourage "respect for human life, discipline, and self discipline." He said he hoped it would "be congruent with what you're talking about." He was answering Oakville trustee Elsie Hilson who wondered if the course framework meant "Is it back to doing your own

thing?"

School board staff is starting to flesh-out the program under Dixon's direction.

Education director, Em Lavender confirmed Shepherd's observation and that of trustees that Balkind's parenting program has evolved. For one thing it is no longer called "Parenting" by the Board of Education.

Human Growth and Child Development is parenting because, as Dr. Dixon said at an earlier meeting, the staff discovered younger children are not interested in being parents.

Other changes from Balkind's proposal of six months ago were highlighted by Lavender: Halton's program will be voluntary; the ministry will not make it compulsory as Balkind asked; the request for a consultant fell through; the board did not take up the idea of teaching centres because it thought that service could be provided in other ways and the day care centres depend on who is paying for them.

The board does have a policy on day-care centres. The board supports towns operating such places beside schools, or in space in schools, but it is the town which shoulders the cost, not the board.

Some of the parenting topics are already incorporated within Halton courses, however, they will be pulled together into a program. High schools in the south—L.B. Pearson, Lord Elgin, M.M. Robinson and General Wolfe are running credit courses in parenting.

Some of the high school topics are: to study the human family and sexuality, to appreciate and understand the values of others and to teach students to explain their actions through an understanding of their own values.

The unusual step of having the drafted program return to the board for examination prior to handing it over to the schools was tried, but not taken. Such a step, according to Oakville trustee Len Crosier, would permit trustees to see what

they are getting. "It's a contentious issue." Normally a program is written up by a team and set in place.

Trustee Hilson observed that other school boards are opting out of parenting programs. "I believe it is up to the church and home."

Rev. Garry Morton, trustee for Burlington, said there are risks in the Human Growth and Child Development program. However, he went on to say: "I'd like us to try and stay with the concept. There are risks; the alternative is that we are ostriches."

Balkind proposed a parenting program to Halton trustees last October. In his nine-page brief, Balkind balanced the cost of starting a new program against the cost of ignoring juvenile delinquency, battered children and mental health statistics. He stated there are high costs to having battered children, ignoring incidence of delinquency and starting disadvantaged children at school.

# Thieves torch LCBO vault

Thieves labored with an acetylene torch one night last week cutting through the metal of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario store floor safe. They torched through the outer door but failed to penetrate a second door. They had to make do with scooping \$400 of petty cash, according to Halton Regional Police. No fingerprints were left.

The safe is a floor model measuring four feet by two and a half feet. The theft occurred sometime Friday night or early Saturday morning. The break-in was discovered at 7:30 Saturday morning.

No liquor was stolen. Police say thieves got inside the Queen St. building by prying open the front aluminum doors. Just empty tanks for acetylene and oxygen remained.

Sergeant Keith Robertson said that other than the use of cutting torches there do not seem to be similarities between the LCBO job and the \$1,000 safe cracking of the Georgetown Zellers store in late April. In that case thieves pounded out a wall separating the department store from an abutting hair stylist shop.

Halton Regional Police are investigating a male

suspect in connection with the theft of \$60 from a woman's purse while it was locked in her locker in the janitor's room at Acton High School.

Two-hundred dollars worth of school windows were smashed by vandals sometime last weekend. The 12 windows are at M.Z. Bennett School.

Police have a juvenile age male under investigation after he is believed to have taken pot shots at a spot light at

Speyside School. One light was smashed by an air gun pellet.

Police are also checking the breaking of a \$400 window at First Line TV and Sales on Mill St., Friday. The window measured eight by six feet.

One Ferguson-two-furrow plow valued at \$300 was reported stolen from an R.R. 1 residence last week. The plow was kept in a rear shed.

## Halton '78

### 54 bomb scares three real thing

Halton Regional Police responded to 54 bomb scare calls in 1978, but only three turned out to be actually explosive devices, Constable Tom Roduck told Halton Police Commission, Thursday, when for the first time they met in Halton Hills town offices.

Roduck emphasized each call is treated as the real thing, and pointed out materials for home made bombs are readily available.

He said bomb calls are most frequently hoaxes from disgruntled employees, students, strikers or the mentally ill, but said possible terrorist, or extortion activity cannot be over-ruled.

"No suspicious package should be handled unless by a trained technician" warned the constable. He pointed out equipment necessary to handle explosive related incidents. Roduck

emphasized he was not prepared to take the risk of cutting wires, and recommended a disrupter as the most essential piece of equipment. It literally does what it says, it disrupts the device so it cannot explode. Roduck went on to list other equipment necessary for use with the disrupter, even down to a shovel, and door wedges to prop open doors if an explosive device has to be taken from inside a building.

He explained large expensive equipment is not necessary since if a major situation developed, help would be available from the OPP, neighboring forces or the armed services.

Glenn Magnuson, of the police commission suggested the equipment be bought right away, but Chairman Harry Barrett suggested they wait for a report from the Deputy-Chief of Operations.



Oral Norton heard a loud crash just after dinner on Friday evening and when she went out to see what was going on she was greeted by a large Maple that had landed on the roof of her Church St. home. The tree split at the trunk during Friday's rain and wind storm.

## Hydro corridor

### Halton Hills backs off on injunction

The town has backed off an injunction proceedings against Ontario Hydro.

In July, 1978, Halton Hills and the Interested Citizens' Group fighting the building of a power line through Esqueving, started an action against Ontario Hydro to stop the utility from building gates and cutting trees on corridor land which wasn't in the Niagara Escarpment Commission planning area.

The injunction has no effect now so the town solicitor advised council to drop the action and last Tuesday night council agreed.

Mayor Peter Pomeroy said the town's move in no way prejudiced the

ICG's case, and John Minns of the ICG agreed. Pomeroy said council needs ICG input on future action to halt the tower line and invited them to come to general committee May 23.

Minns agreed the town's move doesn't hurt the ICG's cause. He said there are other legal matters of prime concern to both ICG and council. The "jurisdiction of the Ontario Municipal Board" and the "application to divisional court on the questions of law" continue.

Minns said the ICG was looking forward to meeting with council and having input in formulating the "lawyer's course of action."

## \$100 grant

Halton Hills has given the Ontario Livestock Protective Association a grant of \$100.

The Ontario Livestock Protective Association was formed in 1953 and financed through municipal grants collected that year only. It offers rewards to people to give information about livestock thefts. Informers must co-operate with police.

The organization's funds are running out so they are soliciting funds from municipalities.

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About \$3,000 in property damages resulted from Friday's two-car collision on Church St. The damage is shared between the auto driven by Bill McGiloway, Victoria St., right, and the one driven by Gerard Cornelisse, Kingham Rd., on the left. Both drivers were slightly hurt, police said.

### \$3,000 in damages from head-on crash

A head-on collision on Church St. resulted in a total property damage figure of \$3,000 last Friday evening.

The westbound auto driven by Bill McGiloway, 37 Victoria St., and the eastbound vehicle driven by Gerard Cornelisse, 4 Kingham Rd., were involved in the collision. Both drivers suffered slight injuries,

say police.

Police estimate \$1,500 damage on each auto.

About two hours earlier a two-vehicle collision on Mill at Frederick St. resulted in \$500 damage.

Police estimate most of the \$400 damage is on the auto driven by Kolanan Toth, of Guelph. The balance of the damage figure is on the auto driven by Walter Hug,

107 Church St. E.

Also Friday there was a two vehicle collision on Main St. S. at Cobblehill Rd. Police say the northbound auto, driven by Paul Bazzard, 31 Rosemary Rd., has about \$250 in damage while the southbound auto was driven by a Moffat area juvenile. Damage to the latter's auto is about \$500.

About \$1,000 in total property damage resulted from the collision Saturday on Main St.

Halton Regional Police estimate damage to the auto driven by Livio Ferrigno, Guelph, is \$200. Damage to the parked station wagon owned by Delores Sarah McGregor, 21 Main St., is about \$800 according to officers.

## Paving work to start today

Work is scheduled to commence today (Wednesday) on the resurfacing of dug up streets in Lakeview subdivision.

Ted Ballinger, deputy engineer for the town, told the Free Press Graham Bros Construction Limited, Brampton are to start excavating Elmore Dr. from Tidy Ave., to Fairy Lake, Tidy Ave. and Elizabeth Drive from Elmore to Tidy. These streets had storm sewers put in last year and when the work was completed, gravel was laid down.

Depending on a number of circumstances, the remainder of the subdivision could be done next year, according to Mr. Ballinger, with the resurfacing done the year later.

Councillor Ed Wood pointed out this is probably the last funding asked of Halton Hills, and said \$10,000 was a minimal amount when spread across the whole town.

Councillor John McDonald said he felt some injustice had been done.

Councillor Russ Miller, who was absent, sent a strongly worded letter to council, urging support for the farm area in fighting the location of the Hydro corridor.

## \$10,000 to fight hydro line

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erty," he demanded. He said the town has spent \$12,000 or \$13,000 in the hydro battle so far.

Booth predicted this step involving \$10,000 would simply lead to more steps. He claimed no one wins in this fight since eventually the consumer pays for all the costs involved. "We have had our kick at the cat, and should go no further."

Blehn agreed saying the town was simply spending more and more money with, in his view, no possibility of success.

Councillor George Maltby disputed Booth's statement, saying the bungling in hydro had far outstripped the costs of this fight.

"What is the price of democracy and fair play?" he demanded. He claimed the people had been stone-walled by hypocritical bungling, then by face-saving.

Councillor Russ Kenchtel said he would support the motion if there is a limit to the amount. At that point the \$10,000 had not been written into the

motion.

Asked by the mayor, town solicitor Ray Steete said the chances of success in seeking leave to appeal the OMB decision were not too good, but suggested the motion to quash the decision would have a better chance.

Julian Reed MPP said the passing of the Power Corporation Act in 1973 changed the status of Hydro to an autonomous crown corporation. He claimed Hydro board of directors feel they are responsible to the board not to the public. He said it was only last year the Ontario government acknowledged the line from Bradley to Milton was not covered in the Solandt study.

"To withdraw from the fight at this time is to accept the kind of injustice imposed by this system. We still say justice demands an independent study," Reed said.

A bit of sidelay developed when Booth said he didn't like Reed using council to get at Hydro.

Reed asked if he would prefer he refused to come. Reed said he did not think it was out of order to explain the provincial situation.

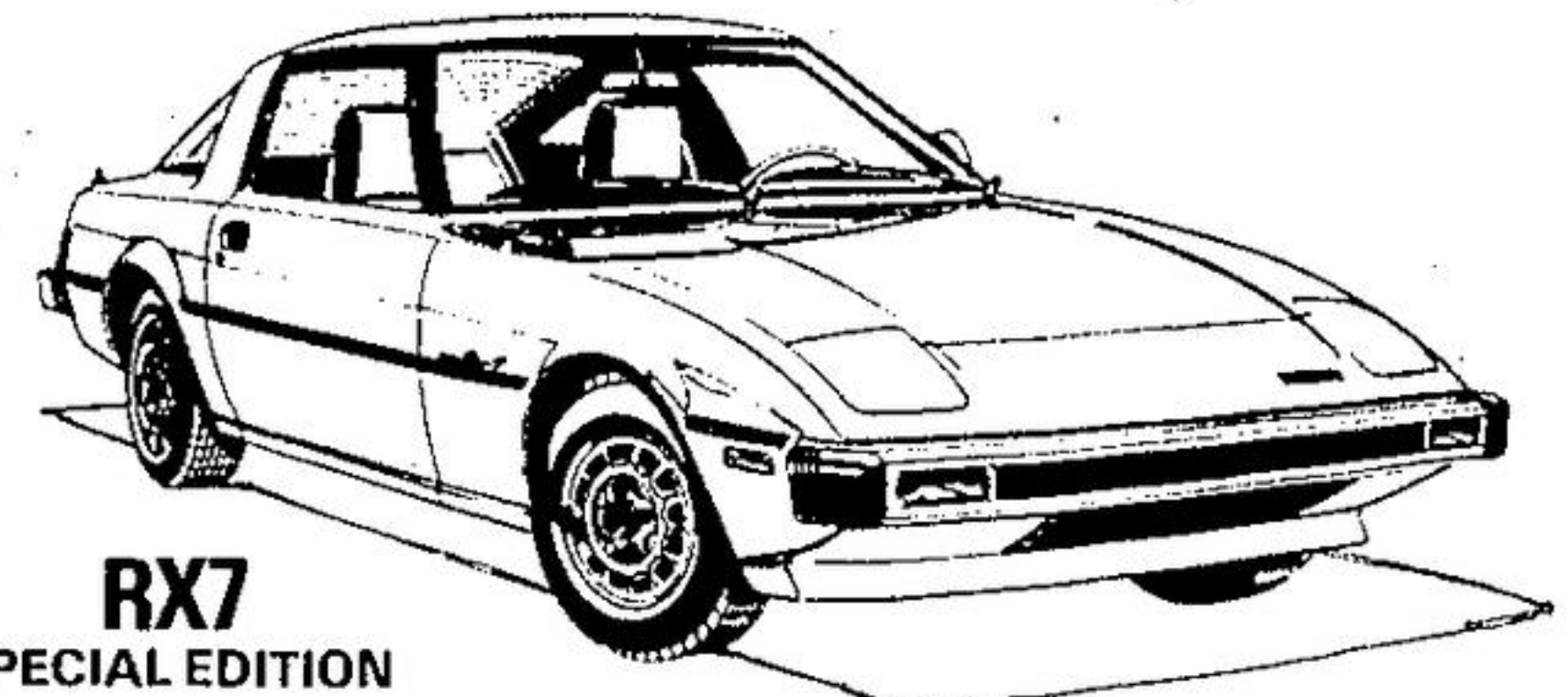
## Decoration Day set for Sunday

Sunday is Decoration Day, a time when members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 197 and the local IOOE tend to the graves of their late members.

Relatives also mark the day by decorating graves of loved ones.

In the past, a parade would march from the cenotaph to Fairview Cemetery, but lack of public interest has all but depleted this event.

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