



These youngsters, from Acton and area schools, participated in the Acton-Milton family of schools public speaking competition Monday at Speyside School. They are, left to right, Michael Vranic, M.Z. Bennett; Victoria Muspratt, St. Joseph's; Laura Leslie, McKenzie-Smith; Karenelle Mahatoo, Brookville; Donna Schrader, Speyside; and Amy Barkosky, Robert Little.

## Ten speakers compete

Speeches about Professional Development Days, Daydreaming, The English Language and a lad's sister Heather, advanced four students from Acton and Milton schools to the junior North Halton public speaking competition today (Wednesday) in

Georgetown. Ten children from schools in the two towns competed in the junior public speaking preliminary round Monday at Speyside school. Brookville student Karenelle Mahatoo's topic was the fun of P.D. Days, Daydreaming was

McKenzie-Smith's Laura Leslie's topic, Robert Baldwin pupil Brent Currie spoke about his sister Heather and Dan Nolan of St. Peter's talked about the English Language. Judges picked those topics as the best. M.Z. Bennett's Michael Vranic spoke about Rais-

ing Pigeons while Speyside student Donna Schrader's speech was about Bees. A Great Event was the topic chosen by Victoria Muspratt of St. Joseph's and Children With Separated Parents was the subject of Robert Little's Amy Barkosky's speech.

## Heart fund winds up Friday

The Heart Fund campaign winds up in Acton this Friday and campaign chairman Vic Bristow reports donations are coming in at about the same rate as last year. Last year the Acton campaign raised around

\$4,200 and Mr. Bristow said at the start of the campaign he was hoping to see that figure boosted by \$300 this year. Tuesday he said he couldn't say if the target of \$4,500 would be reached. Mr. Bristow reported the industrial and commercial canvass yielded about the same amount of money as last year and combined with the 10 of 90 residential canvass kits returned so far approximately \$1,000 has been raised. Sales of

roses in downtown stores will bring in another \$100 to \$200 Mr. Bristow expects. He concluded the campaign has moved along at the normal pace this year.

## Women's Place future on the line

All the plans for Halton Women's Place could prove to be stillborn if a request for \$20,233.49 is rejected tomorrow by Halton Regional Council. Halton Women's Place

is one of 56 health and social service agencies whose requests for grants will be reviewed in a two-day marathon meeting starting Thursday.

In its request for the grant Peggie Balkind, vice-president and chairman of HWP finance committee, said the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation will not support HWP unless the home for women can show it is on a firm financial footing.

"We have met with Mrs. Nancy Laver, manager at CMHC, several times and are now in the final stages of the application for approval of mortgage insurance from them. "The CMHC will only approve HWP if there is no operating deficit. "We cannot guarantee this stipulation unless we have the Region of Halton's support by means of a grant," she said.

## Town wants lease for Limehouse park

The town is going to ask the Credit Valley Conservation Authority for a 10 year lease for the Limehouse ball diamond. Halton Hills council decided to ask for the lease agreement for the ball park, used by the municipality for some time, because without a long term lease the town won't be eligible for provincial grants to help pay the \$5,000 to \$7,000 tab for lighting the diamond. The diamond is a part of the Limehouse Conservation area.

The only way CVCA can enter into a 10 year lease with the town is to obtain an order in council from the Ontario cabinet. If the order in council is given the town will need to pass a by-law designating the ball park as a community recreation area.

Councillor George Maltby said council should proceed with asking the CVCA for a lease agreement but doubted the CVCA would go along with the plan since it is a difficult, complicated process to obtain an order in council from the cabinet.

## Insulation library topic

There will be a number of special activities at the Acton Library over the next few months.

On Thursday, February 28, there will be a presentation on "Insulation Materials" with Brian Coulson of the Rural Development Outreach program, starting at 7:30 p.m.

A week later, on Thursday March 6, Arnold Rose will discuss The Canadian Home Insulation Program and its applications. The session starts at 7:30 p.m.

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## Halton supports educational TV

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hority, is going from Halton's Board of Education to other school boards and Minister of Education Bette Stephenson. The show of support

comes on the heels of an indication from the ministry that if no appreciation is shown, OECA may disappear, according to Halton superintendent of

program Dr. Robert Dixon. "OECA has been the only significant source of Canadian videotape materials for schools

during the 1970's," according to Dixon's letter to the minister. And the cost for videotape is, in some cases, about a tenth the average cost of film from private industry.

OECA produces and acquires video materials which states Dixon, "have become of increasingly important support for the Ontario curriculum."

## Councillor's 1979 attendance records

Attendance figures provided by the clerk's office of Halton Hills and Halton Region show Acton and Esquesing voters were fairly well represented at both council and committee meetings last year.

In the public interest this newspaper publishes the following councillor's attendance records: Mayor Peter Pomeroy missed two of 29 Halton Hills council meetings in 1979. Pomeroy was also absent for two general committee meetings out of a total of 24 and attended 19 of 21 planning board meetings. At the region Pomeroy was absent for five of 26 council meetings. He also sits on administration committee and missed four of 26 meetings of that com-

mittee. In addition he attended four regional planning meetings, two public works meetings, one health and social services committee meeting and the single regional audit meeting last year.

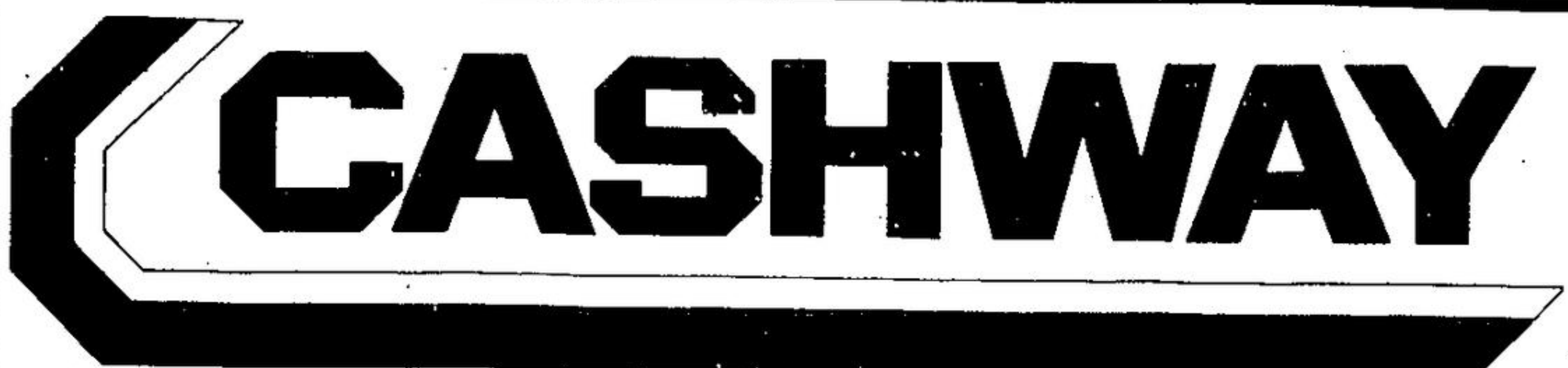
Ward one town and region representative, Ed Wood, missed two Halton Hills council meetings, three general committee meetings and one planning board meeting. Wood was absent from four regional council meetings and missed five of 29 health and social services committee meetings. In addition, Wood attended five administration committee meetings, three meetings of the public works committee, six planning meetings and one meeting

of the solid waste management committee. Acton Councillor Ross Knechtel missed just one council meeting, one general committee meeting and two planning board meetings.

Terry Grubbe attended all meetings after her election to fill the seat of the late Les Duby in October. She was present for six council meetings, as well as five meetings of general committee and planning board. Esquesing regional councillor Russ Miller missed two council meetings, two general committee meetings and one planning board session. Miller had perfect attendance at regional council meet-

ings, and was present for all 32 public works committee meetings. He was absent for five health and social services meetings and nine planning meetings. Miller also was present for one solid waste committee meeting and nine administration committee sessions.

Councillor George Maltby Esquesing, missed one council meeting, two general committee meetings and four planning board sessions. Esquesing representative Pat Patterson was absent for six council meetings, eight general committee sessions and 10 planning board meetings.



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