



Seaside school student Heather Johnson presents Phyllis McKimm of Canada Save the Children Fund (Cansave) with a cheque for \$77.01.



Kelli Budway and Marcela Avila of Robert Little School with the cheque for \$241.60 for Cansave pupils at the school raised recently. The girls pose in front of the Valentine Tree. Instead of buying valentines pupils at Robert Little donated money to Cansave and then had a valentine placed on the tree to open February 14.

## Library looseleaf

by Esther Taylor

Do spies outnumber detectives in current fiction? According to some local whodunit readers, public and library staff, admittedly prejudiced, the answer is Yes. And more's the pity, because many of these espionage non-heroes do not endear themselves to critical bookworms who like to identify with the main characters of a book. Their own mothers would find it hard to even like them—let alone love them.

Therefore, it's refreshing to meet Israeli agent, Nat Dickstein in Ken Follett's Triple. Follett, author of Eye of the Needle which won the Mystery Writers of America Edgar Allan Poe Award as best novel of 1978 offers a high voltage solution to the riddle of the disappearance from the "high seas of a uranium shipment large enough to build 30 nuclear weapons." According to a London Daily Telegraph paragraph of May 7, 1977, "although intelligence agencies in four countries investigated the mystery, it was never determined what actually happened to the 200 tons of uranium ore that vanished."

Working alone against the Russian KGB, the Arab extremist Fedayeen and Egyptian intelligence, Dickstein, a Cockney Jew who survived a Nazi prison camp, masterminds a coup that projects Israel into the atomic age.

Dickstein as a person, lover (he's a one-woman man, thank goodness) and spy should appeal to even the most jaded reader. One rejoices when he outfoxes Israel's enemies and in the same move saves the life of his future wife, half-English, half-Arab whose loyalty is suspected until Nat learns all the facts.

From Triple's cover blurb: "a riveting story of the most successful espionage coup—and best-kept secret of our century."

Described as "the three most infamous traitors in modern British history," H.A.R. "Kim" Philby, Guy Burgess, and Donald Maclean are the real-life non-heroes of Andrew Boyle's The Fourth Man. The unlovely trio embraced communism while still university students. After that, Soviet controllers shaped the careers of the three agents who never looked back until they were forced to defect to Russia, the country

which instead of Britain claimed many years of their allegiance. Why traitors? They were not disadvantaged, poor or persecuted. They came from good families, and were well-educated.

The Fourth Man is the story of the building of an entire network, a cancer that spread through the British establishment virtually from the founding of the Communist party in Great Britain in 1920. Boyle's portrait of three traitors and their twilight existence is the fullest account ever published of how these three Trojan horses were inserted by their fellow traitors—in the academic community and others—into positions of power, trust and responsibility. "From the cover review of The Fourth Man. Fascinating and disturbing. One wonders if Canada could be or has been a breeding place for North-American prototypes of Philby, Burgess and Maclean."

On the coldest day of winter, a beaming library patron walked to the desk with an armful of books. "I'm going to spend the whole weekend reading in front of a fire. It's too expensive to do anything else."

For Actonites who view winter as something to endure—inside—staffers recommend two new novels: The Lamb's War, by Jan De Hartog, and Cannibals and Missionaries by Mary McCarthy. In view of the sustained Iranian hostage crisis, the latter is more timely. It's the story of a group of small letter liberals flying to Iran to investigate torture and illegality under the Shah in 1975. The plane is hijacked by a former KLM hostess, Arabs, Germans, a Tupamaro, and their leader, a Dutch giant from the fens.

Hartog's novel portrays two Quakers, a Dutch girl, Laura Martens and American Boniface Baker who meet in a Nazi concentration camp after liberating forces arrive. To save the girl, the mistress for three years of a camp doctor, Baker marries Laura not for love but to give her American citizenship. They return to the States, where their relationship deteriorates as the Dutch girl strives to find her real identity—innocent school girl who sees her father killed by a dog after he witnessed what he thought was the rape of his daughter; or experienced mistress of the only man she ever loved.

## Golden Agers

# Scrapbook of club's early years compiled

The afternoon meeting of Acton Golden Age Club was held last week at St. Alban's Hall. The president presided and the meeting opened with the singing of O Canada and the Theme Song.

Laura Dennis spoke about a scrapbook compiled of the group's early years by Pearl Kennedy, a chartered member of the club. This is being passed around.

An invitation to the 60th anniversary of Max and Mary Milne on Monday at Rockwood was read. Happy anniversary, folks and we hope to have you as members of our club for many more years.

Emily McIntyre and Irene Davidson received Birthday Greetings.

A moment's silence was observed in memory of a faithful member, Mary Graham.

The meeting adjourned to play euchre and crokinole. Euchre winners were Irene Davidson and Laura Jordan, the Berry brothers Tom and Joe. Crokinole winners were R. Mitchell and Mrs. Watson.

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### TOWN OF HALTON HILLS PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council for the Town of Halton Hills will be considering the enactment of a By-law on April 14th, 1980 to repeal existing By-laws regulating the closing of shops throughout the Municipality.

Interested parties are invited to submit comments in writing to the Clerk Administrator, 36 Main Street South, Halton Hills (Georgetown), Ontario L7G 4X1 no later than March 24th, 1980.

Inquiries can be made to the Clerk's Office at 877-5185, Extension 34.

K.R. Richardson, A.M.C.T.  
Clerk Administrator  
Town of Halton Hills

### COURSES IN SOCIAL WORK PROPOSED FOR HALTON HILLS

The University of Waterloo is proposing to offer in Halton Hills, starting this fall, a series of university credit courses in social work.

You could take these courses separately or as components of special Certificate Programmes in General Social Work or Child Abuse. You could also attend certain of the courses free of charge just for personal interest.

### INFORMATION SESSIONS TUESDAY, MARCH 25

For details on this proposal, you are invited to attend one of the information sessions scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 1980. The afternoon session (3:30-5 p.m.) will be held at the Acton Public Library (519-853-0301). The evening session (7-9 p.m.) will be held at the Georgetown Public Library (416-877-2681).

For advance information, call Renison College, University of Waterloo (519) 884-4400.

**University of Waterloo**

## Nursery parents get insight into Fr. Immersion

Parents received an insight into Halton Board of Education's French Immersion program from the board's co-ordinator of communication arts.

Helen Mitchell, the co-ordinator, introduced the 21 people at the Acton Co-operative Nursery School meeting Monday to Halton's early immersion program.

The program, which is taught in Georgetown's Joseph Gibbons's school, has been going for two years.

Pupils start in Grade 1. Under the program a pupil's day is divided into subjects taught in French and other subjects taught in English.

One of the subjects taught in French is environmental studies, which includes geography and science. "We like to use environmental

studies because there is a great deal of language involved," said Mrs. Mitchell.

Mrs. Mitchell used a recent video tape recording of a French immersion class in action. In addition, Mrs. Mitchell said visits to classes can be arranged for parents wanting more information about French Immersion.



Helen Mitchell

## What is the best age to start at Bishop's?

Bishop's is an independent boarding school for boys and girls with a balanced program designed to benefit any student from Grade 7 to Grade 12. However, those who enter at Grade 7 and remain with us for their entire high school education gain the greatest possible benefit and far from being "too young", react extremely positively to our stimulating environment.

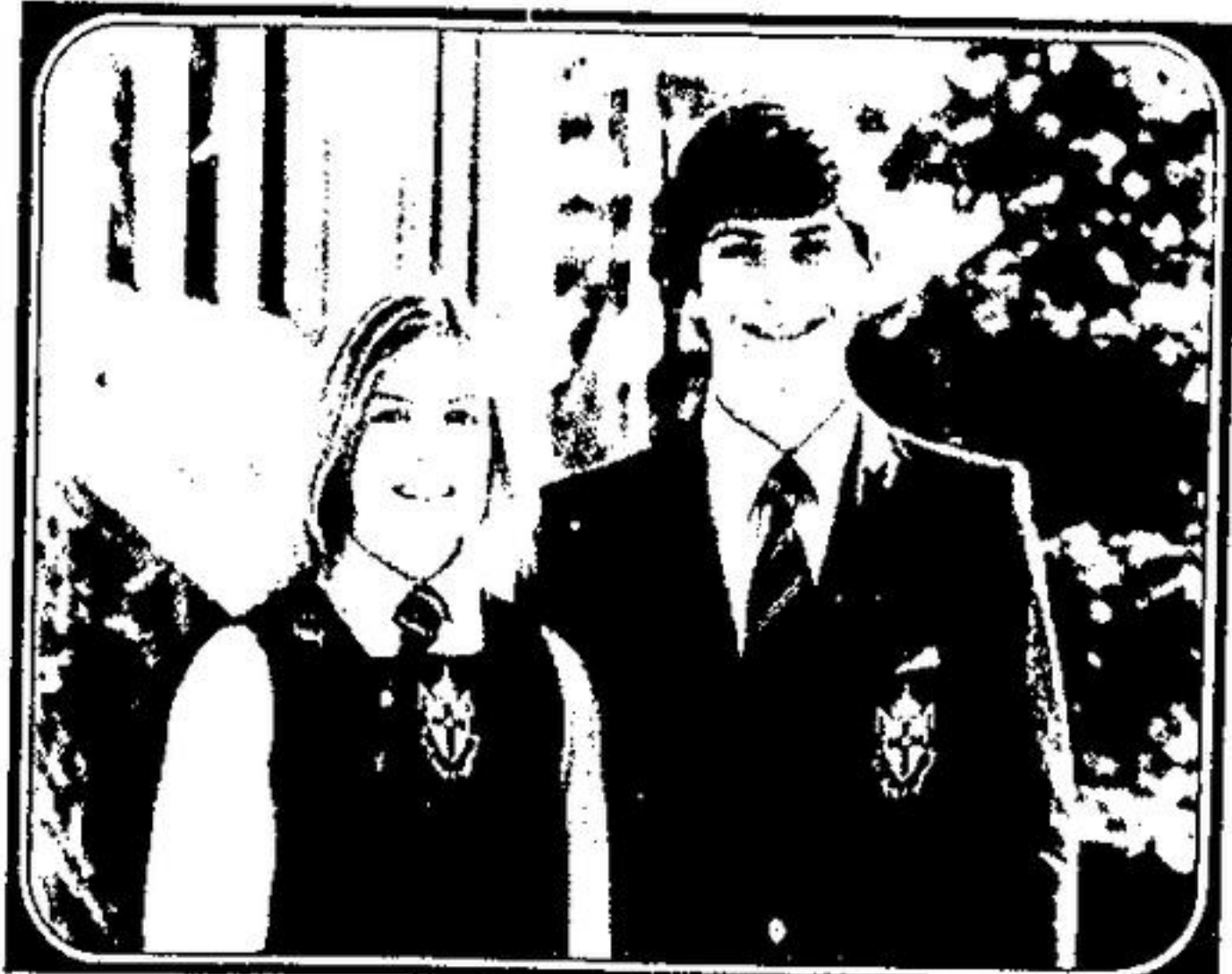
### Our academic program

is designed to make learning and discovering an exciting, stimulating process. Boys and girls, studying together, work in small classes, where questioning and constant teacher-student dialogue is encouraged. The result is that we have an outstanding record of senior class students accepted by the university of their choice.

Another advantage is that our compulsory French program is of a calibre enabling a child with initiative to leave BCS bilingual.

### Our athletic program

In some schools, students are denied the chance to enjoy sports unless they are very good. At Bishop's, our compulsory sports program, that



includes soccer, football, hockey, skiing, tennis, track and field and rugby, gives every student the opportunity to develop leadership potential and a sense of responsibility.

### Our activities program

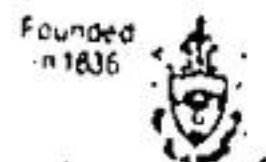
Choir, drama, photography, debating, astronomy, and cadet courses like Hunter safety, driver education and outdoor survival, all help develop the student's awareness of doing, discovering and participating. Attendance

at special productions in local theatres and regular social gatherings are additional features of our program.

Our 450-acre campus, in the town of Lennoxville, is about 90 minutes drive from Montreal. If you would like more information write to John D. Cowans, M.A., Headmaster, Bishop's College School, Lennoxville, Québec J1M 1Z8. Or better still, call our Admissions Office at (819) 562-7683 and arrange to come and see us.

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# Reports of child abuse have more than doubled over the past five years.

The new Ontario Child Welfare Act requires that professional persons who work with or who treat children must report suspected cases of child abuse to a Children's Aid Society.

That's the law.

Reporting suspicions of child abuse is one of the best ways to help prevent child abuse happening again.

Child abuse is everyone's concern. Teachers, doctors, nurses, social workers—all persons who work with or who treat children—need your active support if they are to keep children from being abused. The professionals need your assistance. You're part of the solution.

To find out more about child abuse write for our free booklet, "YOU AND THE ABUSED CHILD".

Write to: Child Abuse Information  
Ministry of Community and Social Services  
7th Floor, Hepburn Building  
Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 1E9

## Ignoring it won't make it go away.



Keith Norton,  
Minister of Community and Social Services  
William Davis, Premier.

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