



Taking a break from serving breakfast is Calvinist Cadet Corps member Tim DeBoer. He discovered his pals in the kitchen were doing a tasty job.



Pancake breakfast

Shane Feenstra, age six, RR 1 Acton, digs into his pancakes at Saturday's Acton Christian Reform Church Calvinist Cadet Corps pancake breakfast.

## Police bug eight phones

Eight wire taps were used by Halton Regional Police in the last two years, according to a police spokesman. "It's not a large part of the operation," Sgt. Norm Ryall said in a telephone interview. He went on to say he suspects a large proportion of the eight were in connection with drug investigations. Before police may hook up to anyone's telephone line, they must gain approval from a county court judge. "You have to establish in an affidavit that all other avenues of investigation will not reveal the

type of information sought," he said. After 30 days, when the permission runs out, and an investigation is not complete, police must submit a second affidavit which states additional grounds for the bug. "Permission from the courts is difficult to get," said the sergeant. Once they have court approval, police can tap a telephone to tape conversations, listen or a combination of the two activities. Thirty days after a tap has been completed, the person whose telephone was bugged must be notified of the police tap.

## Association's 25th dinner

On Saturday, April 26 the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded are celebrating their 25th anniversary at the Bayrischer Hof in Milton. MPP Julian Reed is Master of Ceremonies. Tickets are \$15 per person and include a five course dinner, wine and door prizes. For tickets call 877-5557, 877-2269, 853-2588.

## Education tax hike set at \$27 or 8.4%

Education taxes in Halton Hills will go up only \$27 for the average homeowner this year instead of over \$40 as originally expected. Halton Board of Education recently announced the apportionments had been adjusted downwards for North Halton and the tax hike wouldn't be as high as expected. Provincial assessment equalization factors were adjusted in Halton his year.

When originally set the tax hike in Acton was supposed to be \$43, \$40 in Esquesing and \$44 in Georgetown. In a report to Halton Hills general committee Monday night treasurer Ray King reported the education tax hike based on an average assessment of \$4,498 in Acton, \$4,638 in Esquesing and \$5,638 in Georgetown would only be \$27. Instead of a 13 per cent tax increase the jump is only 8.4 per cent.

# Board unwraps first part of plans to the mid-80s

A Halton Board of Education committee envisions high schools in 1985 specializing in certain courses which attract students, for part of the day, from other high schools. That's one proposal outlined to offset declining enrolment in Halton secondary schools. In North Halton, E. C. Drury High School could specialize in vocal or instrumental music, and students from Georgetown or Acton would go there to learn those subjects. Milton students, in turn, could learn senior business education in Acton.

Those courses, plus French, Spanish, German, Latin, and some technical courses are threatened with extinction because there are fewer students to make it worth the board's while to offer them in every school. The protection of these courses, which give Halton some breadth in education is seen as being important by the program sub-committee to the board's Long-Term Plan Steering Committee as being important. Program sub-committee, headed by Dr. Robert Dixon, presented

its 43-page report to the board Thursday. The program sub-committee's report is the first of six to contain recommendations, which, if approved by the board, will chart Halton's education voyage in the first half of the 1980s. Under one of the program sub-committee's recommendations, Halton would have some uniform tests for students, the results of which would help the staff to make more sophisticated decisions regarding program. Halton would also refine the Teacher Evaluation Task Force recommendations to increase the predictability of success in teaching, according to superintendent Dean Fink, one of the sub-committee members.

There may be an increase in the number of teachers in special education for the board to meet the expectations of provincial legislation regarding special education. If nothing is done regarding special education for exceptional students in Grades six to 13, the sub-committee warns the board runs "an increasing risk of legal action in the light of proposed responsibility legislation." In order for "equal and balanced curriculum opportunities be provided for all students in small, middle and senior schools in Grades six to eight" the sub-committee foresees the closing of some schools plus changes in attendance areas and student groupings.

There is a recommendation by the sub-committee that students' formal education be "more closely integrated with the society at large." "Community based programs are few but successful," observed Oakville Trustee Jackie Cutmore. One of the many recommended actions to ensure the integration is the designation, in schools offering advanced level business and technical courses, of a counsellor as a placement officer to develop work experience programs and help find jobs for students. A strengthening of the French language program into a sequential unit from Grades four to 13, is also foreseen by the committee. Five years from now the sub-committee wants

"the elementary program fully implemented, so that Halton's students will have an opportunity equal to or better than students in other parts of Ontario." The needs of the general level student will receive special attention, if these recommendations are adopted. So far many of the general level courses in Halton have been "watered down" versions of courses offered to the more academically inclined students, according to Ontario Secondary Teachers' Federation President Ron Ness. The cost of writing courses tailored to general level students

"are significant," but can't be ignored," according to sub-committee member Harold Brathwaite.

## Obituary

### Wes Wolfe

The developer of the Pers Pro Tan tanning process is dead at the age of 65. John Wesley Wolfe, a former Acton resident and leather industry executive died April 4, at St. Joseph Hospital, Guelph, after a short illness. Born October 8, 1914 in Streetsville, Mr. Wolfe resided in Acton from 1936 to 1961. He married Helen Lorraine Ostrander (deceased) in 1942 in Acton.

He attended O.A.C. in Guelph from 1932 to 1936, after graduating from Streetsville High School. He was the chairman of the Acton Public School Board, past member of the Masonic Lodge, a YMCA member, Intercollegiate Wrestling Champion of 1936, and an

active poultry and dairy farmer. For the past 19 years, Mr. Wolfe resided in Toronto at 233 Sorara Avenue. He is survived by five sons; Peter of Toronto; Paul of London, Ont.; Steven of Pickering; Michael of Calgary; Mark of Toronto; one grandchild, brother Emerson of Toronto; sisters Grace Jones of Brockville, and Louella Jones of Streetsville. Funeral services were held on April 8, 1980 at St. Alban's Anglican Church, Acton. Rev. Arthur Tribe officiated. Pallbearers were sons Peter, Paul, Steven, Michael, Mark and grandson Michael Wolfe. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery.

## Obituary

### Cassie Allan

Lifelong Acton resident and practical nurse Catherine (Cassie) Robina Allan died April 4, at Halton Centennial Manor at the age of 84. Born June 1, 1895, the daughter of Mary Robina Auld and John Allan, Miss Allan was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church. She is survived by brothers Chester of Acton, Ross of Guelph, Aubrey of Detroit, sister Jennie MacPherson of Acton and 15 nieces and nephews. Miss Allan was predeceased by brother John. Funeral services were held on April 8, at Shoemaker Funeral Home, Rev. John Robertson officiating. Pallbearers were Miss

Allan's five nephews Archie MacPherson, Kenneth, John, Gordon and Wayne Allan and cousin Harry Murray. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

### Trustee seeks gratuity cost

At least one Halton Board of Education trustee remains interested in the price of teacher retirement gratuity. Trustee Elaine Riehm achieved passage of a motion which asks the board staff to report on the present and future cost to the board of retirement gratuities. There is also a request for recommendations to pay for the obligation. Trustee Riehm said her question rose out of the board's recent budget.

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