

# Family problems cost \$30 million, prevention gets only \$1.6 million

The cost of dealing with family problems involving children in Halton was more than \$30 million last year—but only about \$1.6 million was spent on the support programs which might have prevented those later problems.

Betts Engell, co-ordinator of the Sheridan College Family Day Care program, presented her comparisons of the funding for children's programs in Halton at the first annual meeting of the Children's Services Steering Group of Halton, held at the Oakville

campus. Engell, a member of the steering group, compiled a summary of the types of services in Halton, and the amount of money spent on each. Support services, available to all families, received about \$1.6 million in funding in 1979. Intervention and rehabilitation programs—which result from some family problem involving children—cost about \$11.8 million.

Control services, which provide for children removed from the family setting for any reason,

cost about \$19.7 million. A report, "Suburbs in Crisis" was discussed with the group by its author Rev. Ellert Frerichs. The study

## Halton handing back \$90,000 to homeowners

Halton intends to give up to \$90,000 back to homeowners who have been paying sewer surcharge bills even though they are not hooked up to municipal sewers.

indicates that spending cutbacks by the provincial government have delayed the introduction of support systems such as pre-

school care, school programs for children with special needs, multi-service centres for families, and community services for troubled youths.

Regional Council made the decision Wednesday on advice from Halton's sewer rate committee which also recommended the policy of "forgiveness" should extend into 1981 "pending resolution of the financing of the sewer surcharge system."



Nina Legate and Byron Timbers were recently married in Eden Mills. The couple are living in Rockwood. Photo by BOB DYC

## Legate-Timbers vows

Janine (Nina) Legate, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Legate of Guelph and Byron Robert Timbers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Timbers of Acton exchanged vows recently in a double-ring ceremony, at Eden Mills United Church.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of Alencon lace, styled with a wedding ring neckline, sheer yoke, full bishop sleeves, natural waistline and a full skirt of Alencon lace with flounces on the bottom of the gown forming a chapel train. She also wore a finger tip veil, double tiered with Alencon trim. Mrs. Debbie Parsons of Acton, sister of the bride, was matron of honor while Lori Legate, another sister of the

bride and Mrs. Pearl Roadknight of Guelph were bridesmaids. They wore formal gowns of cranberry colored jersey, with a fitted bodice and shoe string straps, empire waist with detachable full-sleeved jackets and white gloves. They carried pale pink parasols trimmed with cranberry and dusty rose orchids and stephanotis.

Bill McGiloway served as the best man, while Scott Timbers, brother of the groom and Jim Stevenson, both of Acton, were ushers. The groom wore tails in silver grey, trimmed in burgundy. The best man and ushers also wore silver grey suits with darker grey ties and vests. Guests from as far

away as Jasper, Alberta, Queensville, Clarendon, and Guelph were received at the Victoria Golf Course, in Guelph. Brother of the bride, Terry Legate, served as master of ceremonies at the dinner while Jim Alexander, Paul Timbers and Bill McGiloway gave speeches.

The couple spent a few days honeymooning in Bracebridge before moving to their new home in Rockwood. Several showers were held for the bride before the wedding. Deb Parsons and attendants, Mrs. Norton and Donna Krapek of Guelph St., and Mrs. Fuller of Eden Mills gave miscellaneous showers. The couple attended Acton High School together.

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## New Region faces

There will be several new faces on the 1981 Halton Regional Council—and most of them will be coming from Oakville.

The three Milton representatives are also changed significantly. In Milton the representatives are Mayor Gord Krantz and Councillors Bill Johnson and Brad Clements. Krantz and Clements are new this term.

In Burlington, even though there were some election races, all nine incumbents were returned.

The Burlington representatives will be Mayor Roly Bird and Councillors Joan Allingham, Ted MacDonald, Dave LaCombe, Vern Connell, Steve Toth, Jim Grieve, Pat McLaughlin and Walter Mulkewich.

The Halton Hills representation will be Mayor Peter Pomeroy and Councillors Whiting, Russ Miller, Roy Booth and Mike Armstrong.

The big changes were in Oakville where incumbent regional councillors Laurie Mannell, Ron Planché and Bonnie Brown were all unseated.

The Oakville representation will be Mayor Harry Barrett and Councillors Fred Oliver, Anne Mulvale, Carol Gooding, Keith Bird, Terry Mannell and Gord Reade.

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by Esther Taylor  
Richard Gordon's candidate for Jack the Ripper is a London doctor, with expensive taste, who supplemented his medical income by pimping for the madam of a high-class brothel. The mysterious and attractive Mrs. Floyd has a past, which is not revealed until the last chapters of The Private Life of Jack The Ripper. Under another name Dr. Bertie Randolph's friend and accomplice was acquitted of her husband's murder. She was in fact, guilty having done in her mate with an overdose of chloroform. Bertie, aware of her guilt, helped Mrs. Floyd to establish her brothel. Dr. Randolph travelled regularly across the Channel to procure innocent and attractive young girls for the Floyd establishment. It was a profitable arrangement for both partners.

Closer to home, Bertie lured slum patients, the younger and comelier ones into lives of degradation. He hand-picked the victims of his knife, in order as he finally confessed to Mrs. Floyd, to acquire their reproductive organs. The actual killing aided by his useful bottle of chloroform meant as little to the doctor as the revelations. Realizing he was in danger of being unmasked Jack and Mrs. Floyd made plans to "see England."

Gordon (Doctor in the House) makes a good case for his choice of the Ripper in a novel that recreates the squalor and brutality of Victorian England. The same compelling description engrossed readers of an earlier book The Private Life of Florence Nightingale. When Richard Gordon turns his pen to drama, it's hard to recognize his as the light-hearted author of the Doctor books.

Ken Follett won the Edgar Award for the best novel of 1978. That was his best-seller Eye of the Needle. Triple followed in the same thriller tradition, and now The Key to Rebecca is Follett's third suspenseful novel which some critics claim "is the most stunning novel of his career."

He belongs to that rare breed of contemporary writers like Jack Higgins and Wilbur Smith who seem inspired by the credo that the story is the thing. Let other word craftsmen anguish over the psychological quirks of their characters. Follett picks his plot and follows through, carrying his readers with him to the final page.

The Key to Rebecca pits master spy, Alex Wolff against British officer Major Vandam, who is sworn to destroy him. The setting is North Africa in 1942, when Field Marshal Rommel could do no wrong, thanks to Wolff, with his code keyed in the pages of Daphne Du Maurier's Rebecca. Hamstrung by the bungling of his superior officer, the Brit Intelligence office al-

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most lost the duel with Wolff. He prevailed in the end thanks in part to the help of Elene, a beautiful Egyptian Jew, whose mission was to lure Wolff into Vandam's net. The Key to Rebecca is a first-class thriller, which should if possible, be read at one sitting.

Another writer, who authors unique thrillers with racing backgrounds, concentrates on plot and action instead of psychological digressions. Dick Francis, once the Queen's jockey can be relied upon to grip the reader's attention. His latest, story Reflex matches any other novels he has written. As one fan put it: "What I like about Francis is the matter-of-fact way he handles his rare bedroom scenes. A couple of lines, and back to the serious business of outwitting villains."

As proof that reading like art is a matter of taste, consider the exchange between two local patrons, both lifetime bookworms. Margaret Atwood's novels figured in the argument, notably her latest bestseller Life Before Man. The anti-Atwood speaker confessed she read the novel out of a sense of duty, because the author is Canadian and widely acclaimed. Her reaction: "Yuk. I wasted my time on a couple of characters whose own mothers would find offensive. Nobody to like—and the darnedest ending. Bang. With no problems resolved."

The Atwood fan, horrified, marched to the defence of Life Before Man with lavish praise of Atwood's characterization. "She gets right under the skin of her main characters. Gives you a lot to think about."

The verbal duel ended in a draw, each reader just as convinced the other was wrong. Meanwhile, a library clerk audience remained neutral, while chuckling inwardly.

Among October arrivals in the library are: Richard Rohmer's Red Periscope; The Covenant, James Michener; Lon Lake, E.L. Doctorow; The Master Mariner, Book 2, Nicholas Monsarrat; Entwining, Richard Condon.

## Obituary

### Gordon Bilton

Former Acton resident Gordon Wilfred Bilton died October 22 at Toronto General Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was in his 61st year.

A resident of 58, 10th Street, New Toronto, Mr. Bilton is survived by sisters Mrs. Alf Duby of Acton and Mrs. A. Tennant of Georgetown.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bilton he was born on March 29, 1920. Mr. Bilton attended Acton Public and Continuation Schools. He was very active in scouting and was a member of Acton's first Rover troop under the leadership of the late Dr. Frank Oakes.

During his 30 years residing in Acton Mr. Bilton worked at Beardmore Tannery. More recently he was employed by Goodyear Rubber and enjoyed his leisure time at his cottage in Keswick.

Funeral service was held at Shoemaker Funeral Home on October 25, Rev. Lawrence Duby officiating. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

Survivors were nephews David Shannon of Acton, Robert Duby and Ralph Vincent of Georgetown, cousin Clarence Dunbar of Waterloo and friends Henry Wedge of Acton and Howard Bruton of Mississauga.

## Obituary

### Mary Jacobson

Mary Evelyn Jacobson, wife of former interim pastor of Acton Baptist Church, passed away October 25 at the University Hospital, London, Ontario.

Howard Jacobson served for a year in the early 1960's as Acton pastor and has been a frequent visitor to his former church, last preaching in August. He is currently pastor of the Drumbo Baptist Church.

Born in Dufferin County, Mrs. Jacobson was the former Mary Evelyn Marshall. She resided with her husband at RR 2, Drumbo prior to her death.

Besides her husband she is survived by daughter Elizabeth Ann of London and son Paul Marshall of Ottawa—sisters Mrs. Charles (Rhoda) Ernst of Waterloo and Mrs. Vernon (Marjorie) Dynes of Richmond Hill.

Mrs. Jacobson rested at the William Hipp Funeral Home in Paris. Funeral service was held October 30 at the Paris Baptist Church with Rev. Robert Hamilton officiating.

Many members of the Acton Baptist Church congregation attended.

## La Leche League meets

Interested in information about breast feeding? The La Leche League of Acton are offering meetings for women with questions on the subject and the next meeting is November 17. Those interested are asked to call Marilyn Cox 878-4803 or Karen Gregory 878-3884 for information concerning place and time.

Ann McGeragie gets some help from instructor Lisa Regner at the Credit Valley Artisans pioneer craft program at Cedarvale Cottage. Cornhusk dolls were one of the many crafts covered during the series.

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