



Sheila Hooton eyes jumbo shrimp.



Left to right, Ken Cripps, Lillian Ng and Russ White serve spring rolls.



Ann Ingles, top, Daphne Knappman, left and Sandra Denny, right, share scrumptious shrimp.

This week thru the lens

What's cooking at Acton's night school?

Photos by Lynda Hill



Instructor Lillian Ng prepares Woi Ton soup.



Chopsticks can be fun as left to right, Rina O'Brien, Grace Graham, Delta Goodings and Linda Webster discover.



Russ White tests his skill with wok cookery.

Bruce against lunch policy

More pupils than ever will remain for lunch if Halton hires \$100,000 worth of meal time supervision, Acton trustee Arlene Bruce predicts.

Halton Board of Education will likely vote tomorrow whether to spend \$100,000 to hire supervisors for the board's lunch rooms.

Trustee Bruce said Monday she is against spending the money. The sum would cover four months of supervision. A full year's supervision would cost \$250,000, according to the trustee. "I can see an explosion

of lunch children and I don't think the schools want that," said trustee Bruce.

Teachers, indicated the trustee, need a break from the kids and the pupils need a break from the teachers. Mainly principals supervise the lunch hour activities of children and sometimes teachers are involved.

If the board leaves lunches in the lap of schools, the schools have a choice of letting parents run the lunches—for a fee.

For bussed pupils, trustee Bruce said she

thought it would be unfair, however, for children who eat lunch at school because their parents have jobs, it could work. "It might be a nominal cost of say 25 cents per day," said Bruce.

"The provincial ministry of education said you cannot have a school run lunch program and the school charge for it. But parents can run a program and charge," according to the trustee.

Other solutions could include prefects helping principals and teachers keep tabs on the goings on of the lunches. "There's also the choice

of having parent volunteers."

If the board agrees to hire \$100,000 worth of supervision help for four months, then the trustee could see parents who normally have their children home for lunch, change their attitude. If, after all, tax money is paying for supervision, why not permit the child to eat at school.

"Sure it's nice to have these things. I think this is something we can't put a priority on. I think money has to go to education priorities."

Yes for French at Robert Little

French Immersion will for the first time be offered at an Acton school.

Halton Board of Education staff will recommend French immersion classes begin this fall at Robert Little Public School, confirmed board language co-ordinator Helen Mitchell.

Acton pupils will no longer have to be transported by parents to the nearest school offering the program in Georgetown.

The course will start with Grade 1s. They will learn their lessons in French for a half day.

The balance of their instruction will be in English.

French Immersion is also offered in North Halton at George Kennedy school in Georgetown and Martin St. in Milton.

Earlier this year staff was not going to recommend the course because there were not enough pupils.

"In order to start a French Immersion class, the board likes a registration of 32 plus, it's preferable if there's a waiting list. They picked up a couple from Robert Little and four or five

from M.Z. Bennett school," Robert Little Public School Principal Ron Chatten said.

Core French also starts in Acton schools at the Grade 4 level in the fall.

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Freedom of choice in education should be addressed by the candidates in this election. Eight provinces in Canada provide funding for independent and alternative schools. Ontario does not. Parents of the 75,000 children attending independent schools in this province wonder when the government will give them their share of the tax dollar. How your candidates view this issue is a good barometer of their intent to serve the people of Ontario with fairness and sensitivity.

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How about it Ontario? CONSTITUENCY MEETING

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Auditorium of the Georgetown District Christian School
Trafalgar Road (across from Municipal Bldgs.)

Reed...
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Reed, in his third election campaign, reminded his listeners that he was first elected because Halton-Burlington people found that the provincial government had not kept its promises.
The Liberal characterised the PC style as government by crises. In Acton, he said, the example is the battle local citizens had to go through in order to secure a new separate school building.
"You said women get 58 per cent of a man's wage for the same work," a questioner told Cutler. "What would the NDP do?"
Cutler told of the private member's bill his party has presented at Queen's Park. One, for example, would give equal pay for equal value. "I believe it is an economic right of all women in Ontario. If she is doing the same job as a man, she's entitled to the same pay."
"I don't think the NDP has as much faith in young women as I have," Baines said. "Women are doing it for themselves." They are concerned about themselves in our society... they are going to be in management."
Baines went on to say that if government carried out all that Cutler would have it do the "cost would be horrendous."
Reed in his turn chastised the Tories for allowing a private member's bill to die on the order paper. He also confirmed that the Liberal Party supports the principle of equal pay for equal work.

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