M.Z. Bennett Grade Four teacher Penny Carlos was elected vice-president of the Halton Elementary Teachers Association last week. Mrs. Carlos, who has been at the school for three years, has been a long time association representative. Mrs. Carlos also has some 19 years teaching experience in Halton and Toronto. HETA president Jerry Dunn was returned for another term. Mrs. Carlos' term is one

Must be positive with potentially terminally ill

potentially terminally ill and visitors must be pospatient it is crucial to be lillye with the patient bepositive because the person can easily give up and die without a fight. That was one of the

registered nurse Karen Bojin when she spoke to the North Halton Pallia-Interest Group's meeting last Wednesday night at Acton High School. About

in February, 1977, at the age of 23, Mrs. Boiln was diagnosed as having leukemia. Over four years later, months in the hospital, many, many painful bone marrow lests, hundreds of blood tests, chemotherapy and other treatments, she is in remission and could soon wind up her treatment and testing.

Mrs. Bojin told the

audience in the first while after learning they have a terminal lilness shock and a state of fear ment, but is crucial to they don't really want to never give up hope. hear what any visitors say. She said relatives, friends and hospital staff fear the potentially terminal or dying patient, and the disease victim feels the uncasiness but the patient's fear is much greater.

Hospital staff, doctors cause those who have diseases which might kill them can seal their fate just by their attitude. Family going mourning with word of diagnosis often speeds death. A patient must decide he or she

wants to live and those around them can influence that decision. It takes a time for the 20 people attended the reality of the situation to sink into the patient, and when it does it helps tremendously if there is someone, close to cry

> People must mix sympathy with support when dealing with someone who has a disease which can kill. Mrs. Bojin noted a little tact in dealing with the patient, especially those who suffer treatment side effects like baldness, goes a long way. It is also important to remember a person may not make visible progress during treat-

Sometimes a patient will go into remission then lapse back. The second and subsequent battles with a disease are tougher to handle and it is easy for a patient to become frustrated and fed up with treatment, she

It is important to set dates for progress and treatment goals, it helps bolster the crucial positive attitude, paramount

in the healing process. Patients should be careful about what they read about their potential killer, though this is a tough order to fill, because often what is printed will be out of date by

the time patients see it.

Visitors and medical
people should first gauge the patient's knowledge of their problem and acceptance of it before deciding how to deal with the patient. A person who has had a

potentially terminal ill-

ness always lives with

the fear they can lose their remission, Mrs. Bojin said. Patients should never just lie there and walt for doctors and nurses to volunteer information about their condition, because

they rarely do. Each case is unique and how best to deal with the person is different. It is important for patients not to give up, not view themselves as just a stat-

Patients must have the help of others. It is detrimental if the people around you are negative. You draw strength from everyone around you.



Eva Sansom discusses terminal illness with guest speaker Karen Bojin.

Livestock killing claims over budget

The year isn't half over but already the town has spent more on compensation payments for the killing of livestock than was budgeted.

Halton Hills general committee learned Monday \$1,700 was budgted for claims and already \$1,873 has been paid out of town revenues. Over \$1,400 was paid last month. Deputy clerk Delmar French said \$110 of the \$173 the town is over budget may be recovered because the municipality knows the owner of the dog which killed 22 rabbits and hopes to get the

When an animal is killed by wolves the town is subsidized on the claim

money back from that

by the province, but when it is killed by a dog running at large the town foots the whole bill.

Councillors were informed regardless if the money is budgeted or not, the town must pay the claims. Councillor

Sheldon said the rising claims cost points to the fact dog control must be improved in the rural area. She also thought there should be more of a push to make people buy dog tags to bring in more revenue to cover livestock claims. It was decided council

will receive updates on how much money is being paid in claims every three months the rest of this year.

Resident tells councillors

Crucial save town hall important to identity

important to Acton's building has been made aren't feasible because community identity to be and the town hall only municipal recreatorn down a resident told restoration committee is tion and cultural uses are councillors at Friday's expected to come to

Paul Brunelle said the idea of restoring the exterior of the building and fixing up the inside over a period of years has a lot of merit. He suggested with efforts underway to turn Acton into Leathertown saving the town hall is crucial. The historical building, focus of the community, gested the Community could be a stop on the Leathertown tour and

Councillor Grubbe observed no deci-

The town hall is too sion to demolish the but unfortunately most council early next month to discuss fixing up the it is possible.

restoration committee will suggest a structural engineering study carried out, she added. Public washrooms are needed downtown, but would be vandalised if the building wasn't used, Brunelle noted. He sug-

Services Centre or Chamber of Commerce could locate in the hall. There were lots of good wind up as an asphalt ideas for town hall uses parking lot.

eligible for provincial

Mayor Peter Pomeroy outside of the building if and Brunelle agreed whatever use is made of the interior then it must compliment the exterior

> restoration. If the exterior is restored then one room at a time could be fixed up, Grubbe noted, by service clubs and with Actarlo

Brunelle said he and don't want to see the hall come down and the site

Resident backs mayor against Section 86

Mayor Peter Pomeroy, person representing Acton at Halton Hills council who supported Section 86 doesn't support property tax assessment reform through Section 86, has at least one ally in town. Yvonne Rosenquist,

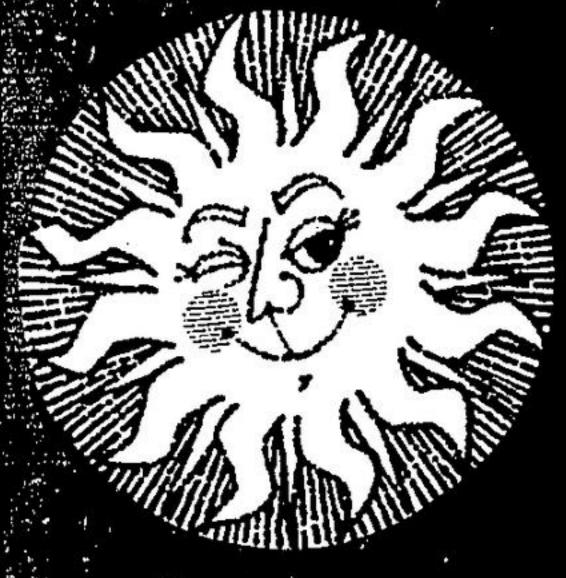
Church St., attended Friday's ward one couneil drop in to discuss the Section 86 issue.

Grubbe, Ross Knechtel and Dave Whiting all voted against it. The proposal was killed because the vote ended in known.

"I agree with Pomeroy Rosenquist declared. developments in the issue

ment reforms Section 88 shouldn't be adopted until all the facts ere

She said she went to the drop-in to find out if there

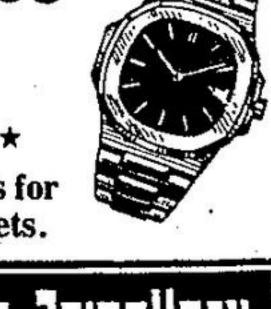


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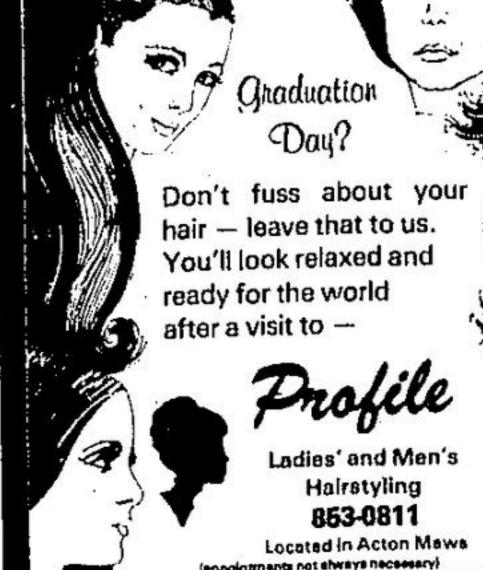
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