



Jodi Ball performs a head stand.



Jillian O'Neill learns about the parallel bars from Chris Schirk.



Ann Duncan does a head stand.



Larissa Hretchka performs a routine on the balance beam.

### Halton Hills gymnastics

This week thru the lens

### Piano teacher

## Nancy Cook shares her talents with others

Musical talent runs in Nancy Cook's family, and she is doing her best at keeping up the family name. Acton's newest piano teacher credits her abilities, inherited from her parents, with her own success on the piano.

Taking her first piano lesson when only six-years-old, Nancy was one of her mother's best students. By grade eight, in Cooksville she was at the grade eight level in piano. Meanwhile, while her mother taught piano, her father played the guitar and sang. It was almost inevitable that she should follow in their footsteps.

It was while teaching grades one, two, three and four, in Clarkson that Nancy decided to teach piano. For four years she worked out of a music studio. Eventually she was forced to give it up when two jobs became too much. Not long after that, Nancy and husband Randy started their family. When Melanie (now six) was four-months-old, the young couple moved to Acton. A few years later Anna-Michelle, now three was born.

Last January, Nancy took up teaching again. This time, in her Cobblehill Rd. home, on a piano given to her by her husband (on the condition she teach him how to play).

So far, she has 13 students, not all of them



Nancy Cook has been playing the piano since she was six years old. She is now sharing her talents and teaching 13 students.

children. She has five adults coming for weekly lessons, two of them with their two children. One of her adult students is an elementary teacher who wants to be able to read music and play the piano for her pupils.

Most of the adults, she says, are those who always wanted to know how to play, but just kept putting it off. Now Nancy offers them a chance to learn.

Her highest level of student is grade five. Helen Robertson, daughter of the former minister at Knox Presbyterian Church, Rev. John Robertson, was "an exceptional student." In just one year, Helen advanced several grades, and was very dedicated to the instrument. Nancy is anxious that Helen continue her musical education in Toronto.

Lessons are only a half-hour a week, so practicing is very important. The beginners should be prepared to dedicate at least a half-hour a day to the piano.

Students of Nancy's can apply to the Royal Ontario Conservatory of music for examinations, and she feels two of her students will be ready this year.

With her music specialist certificate, Nancy is qualified to teach up to grade nine piano. She feels her elementary school training is a great asset in her ability to teach music.

Daughter Melanie has started to show an interest in the keyboard, and will begin her lessons next year. Even Anna-Michelle likes to bang away on the keys, too young to understand, but old enough to give hints of potential talent.

But teaching music is not the only contribution Nancy has made to Acton. She is press reporter for the Ladies' Fair Board, and teaches Sunday school at St. Alban's Church. She is one of the founding mothers of the Acton Co-op Nursery school and was one of the parents pushing for the French Immersion program at Robert Little School. Melanie is a student in this course.

Despite her busy schedule, Nancy still finds time to sew and do crewel work.

For Nancy Cook, music is her life. Now that she is teaching it in her family's living room, music has now become her family's life.

## Halton police to have vests

Halton's police officers may not be stepping into spring this year with new Easter bonnets, but they will be wearing quite un-

noticed, newly-purchased protective vests.

Planning and research officer, Dave Richards, said the Halton Police Department has ordered 309 soft body armor vests for its policemen at a price of \$245 apiece. The vests are expected to ar-

rive and be ready for wear sometime in March.

The Province will be splitting the cost on a 50-50 basis.

The vests were allowed for in last year's regional budget, said Mr. Richards. The police department decided to buy additional police vests, he said, because they were getting the vests at 10 per cent off the regular price, buying a bulk

quantity.

But from here on, Halton will have to dole out \$300 from its own pocket for each new vest, minus any grants from the provincial government.

The vests are made out of the woven

material kevlar. The degree of the vests' protection depends upon the number of layers of kevlar that is worn.

The Ontario Police Commission has asked the Halton Police Department not to have the vests photographed

## No to park (Continued from Page 1)

that was their attitude then the park would be approved by now. He said he was trying to answer concerns by holding the meeting.

Whiting said the Beardmore land will be zoned industrial so there was an advantage to having a park there because 10 years from now it could be developed.

Residents suggested the town locate a ball diamond at the new St. Joseph's School and Shepard countered the site wasn't big enough, though they are negotiating with the Legion to put a ball field partly on both parcels of land. Shepard said none of the Poplar residents commented on the master parks plan when it was approved two years ago. The plan called for two diamonds at the end of Poplar, though he doesn't think two will fit. Shepard said the Beardmore property can accommodate one diamond, parking and a playground area.

The neighbours suggested if the town wants to develop their area for recreation purposes then their homes should be bought by the municipality. Shepard said the Beardmore land was selected for a park because it is flat and the town doesn't have to buy it, just lease it for 10 years. Residents said they expect someday there will be development at the end of their street, maybe houses, but development would be preferable to a ball field.

Shepard's report will go to general committee on February 22 and the neighbours will be in attendance.

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