

Social Services and Information Centre to receive grant of \$20,000 from region

The Acton Social Service and Information Centre, located in the Murray Memorial YMCA, will probably receive \$20,500 to help with operations this year from Halton Region.

Health and social services committee met last week to review grants requests and almost approved the Centre's total request. Grants must still be approved by regional council.

The Social Services and Information Centre requested \$21,000, but committee approved \$20,500. Halton Helping Hands suffered a similar small grant request cut. Helping Hands was after \$58,991, but will receive \$58,000.

Councillor Dave Whiting explained in both cases their budgets showed increases, but they requested a little more than their increase justified. Both agencies received a hike in line with the percentage increase in their budgets.

The region had set a grant ceiling of \$422,870, but committee approved a total of \$453,870 in grants. However that figure is still below the total in grants given last year. In 1981 the region budgetted \$467,000 in grants and spent \$455,000.

Whiting says he'd like to see grants lowered, at least to the level of the ceiling, but can't see how it can be done "responsibly." He adds it just isn't "reasonable" to trim grants further.

He urged groups receive the same grant they got last year, or in some cases no grant, except for

Halton's Women's Place, Acton Social Services and Information Centre, and Halton Helping Hands. He supported giving these three agencies more money because they are "cost effective" and it would cost the region a lot more money than is involved in the grants to provide this service itself.

"You can't cut agencies cold turkey, you have to ease them out," Whiting declared.

He also supported giving a grant of \$4,000 in "seed money" to get a North Halton United Way going. He noted there are some agencies receiving money in north Halton from their United Ways and their counterparts in north Halton are funded by tax dollars. Whiting sees a north Halton United Way as a way to ease the tax burden.

Halton Women's Place asked for \$15,000, and while that was approved the region decided the money will be held in a reserve fund and given to the women's hostel as it needs the money. In the meantime staff will be exploring the chances of changing policy which would allow the region to purchase services from Halton Women's Place in much the same way as the region now purchases services from rest homes. If the region could purchase services from Halton Women's Place the province would foot 80 per cent of the bill. If this plan works out the Halton Women's Place grant will be cut.

The Burlington Association for the Mentally Retarded asked for \$42,000 and will receive \$25,400, but their money is in a reserve fund too, pending the completion of a province audit.

The North Halton Hospice Group, which requested \$6,415, and the Elizabeth Fry Society, were among 13 groups asking for a total of \$92,095 and all

were denied.

The Youth Services Network, which has four Acton clients, sought \$13,000 last year and received \$10,900. Whiting's efforts to have it cut completely failed, and this agency received \$10,900 again.

The Oakville, North Halton, Burlington, and Halton Social Planning Councils asked for a total of \$81,592. The North Halton body was after \$16,419 and the Halton group \$13,150. The region decided to just give money to the Halton Social Planning Council in a bid to force the four groups to merge into one, region wide, agency. The Halton Social Planning Council will receive \$64,850.

The North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded will receive \$13,000, \$2,000 less than the group requested. Last year they sought \$22,362 and received \$12,000.

Skate-a-thon on April 4

Acton Rotary Club's annual skate-a-thon is set for Acton Community Centre from 1 to 5 p.m. on April 4.

Pledge forms are out to all local elementary schools.

Funds raised are split between the schools and the Rotary Club.

The prize structure hasn't been nailed down yet, but organizers say there will be lots of prizes for children bringing in lots of pledges. J & T Sports is assisting with prizes.



Bend and stretch... Kim Scott, Jill Whelan, Beth Munday and Shannon Burrell do a lot of exercises in their Halton Hills Recreation Jazz for Juniors on Wednesday nights.



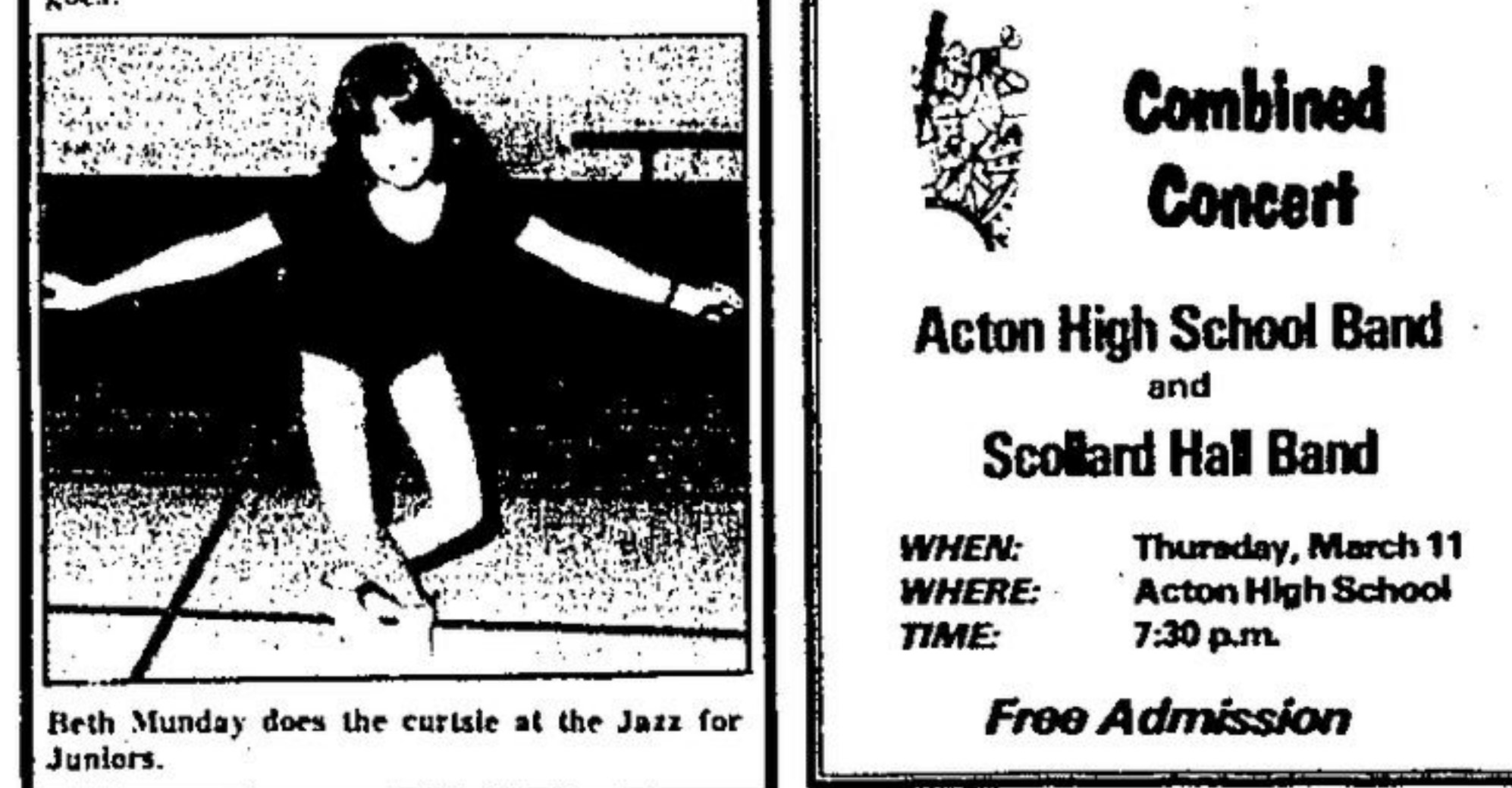
Instructor Jill Morris shows student Kim Scott one of the dance steps in Jazz for Juniors Wednesday evenings.



Jill Whelan is learning all sorts of various exercises to limber up her muscles.



Shannon Burrell shows how a stretching exercise goes.



Beth Munday does the curtsy at the Jazz for Juniors.

Fun at Halton Hill Jazz for Juniors

Nab burglars

A 16-year-old Acton youth has been apprehended as a result of a house burglary at 42 Storey Dr. The owners of the house were away in California at the time of the robbery, which took place sometime between last September and February 26 when they returned.

The accused was arrested by Halton Regional Police last week, charged with break, enter and theft of about \$1,700 in jewelry. He appeared in court Monday for a bail hearing.

Police have also charged another 16-year-old Acton youth with break and enter in connection with the theft of approximately \$1,700 in jewelry. The theft occurred Saturday, Feb. 2 at 170 Tyler Ave.

Euchre night

The Nassagaweya Women's Institute will hold its annual euchre night on March 31 at the Brookville Hall on the Guelph Line. Admission is \$2 and a draw for a handmade applique quilt will be held.



Katie O'Meara was welcomed into the Second Acton Brownie Pack recently.

High-speed chase

A police chase through rural Halton ended with a vehicle in a snowbank on 15 Sideroad, west of Speyside Saturday afternoon.

According to Halton Police reports, two police officers observed a minor traffic violation in Limehouse. The vehicle sped away when they attempted to have the driver pull over, and led them a merry chase through rural Halton Hills for about 16 kilometres before the driver lost control and struck a snowbank on 15 Sideroad.

An 18-year-old Georgetown youth has been charged with failure to stop, when requested, continuing to avoid police, dangerous driving and an improper passing violation.

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Notice of Drop-In Information Centre

Ontario Hydro is planning to improve its communication system by erecting a new microwave tower in the Acton area (see map). A one-acre site is required.

The proposed new tower will establish a more direct communications route from the Milton Transformer Station to the Bruce Nuclear Power Development.

As of December 1980, projects of this type are subject to the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) approved under the Environmental Assessment Act, 1975.

Local elected and appointed officials and the public are invited to drop in and discuss the project with Hydro representatives at the following information centre:

Thursday, March 18, 1982

Ospringle Public School Ospringle, Ontario

Open to the public from:

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

If you have any questions on the proposed project, please call Mrs. Brenda Harris, Senior Community Relations Officer at (416) 592-2048 (collect).

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