



Grade Four and Five students of Robert Little School are putting on the play *The Swinging Piper* tonight (Wednesday) and tomorrow night (Thursday). A different cast each evening assures student participation to the fullest. The play starts at 7:30 each evening.



Debra Finegan, second from right, and Student Manpower associate take names of eligible student workers for this summer, at Acton High School last week. Students were registered with the recently opened Georgetown employment office.

Volunteers needed for Hospice care

North Halton Hospice will be conducting a Volunteer Training Program commencing the week of June 6th for all successful applicants to their volunteer program.

Due to the increased demand for Hospice services by those facing a terminal illness and their families the North Halton Hospice requires more volunteers to meet these demands.

This will be the initial four week training program which is conducted by the Mississauga Hospital's Palliative Care Coordinator, L. Bennett. Volunteers must then attend once monthly on-going education programs conducted by the Hospice's Volunteer Coordinator. A time commitment of four hours a week for one year is requested of volunteers.

The aim and philosophy of Hospice care is to provide an optimum environment of care to enhance the quality of life of the person with a terminal illness and to support their families during this difficult time. This can only be achieved if there is time to listen, to understand, and to provide caring. This potential can be met by the additional help from Volunteers.

The Hospice volunteer not only assists with the practical needs and concerns of the patient but the time spent visiting and listening can help fulfill a fundamental need of the terminally ill—someone to talk to.

Hospice is unique among volunteers because he/she has to be flexible, independent, and self-reliant to be able to work in different settings, the patient's home or in the hospital, with a team whose size and composition often varies. This may include: family physician, nurses from private agencies, Public Health, V.O.N., hospital staff, Occupational and Physiotherapists, Red Cross Home-makers, Clergy, Social Workers, Cancer Society etc.

For further information regarding this volunteer training program and/or information regarding North Halton Hospice and its services contact: Volunteer Coordinator—Karen Ferguson, 877-3431 or President—Margarite Knechtel, 878-5933.

Ebenezer

by Mrs. R. McLean
This Sunday night at 7:30, there will be a special treat when Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hart of Acton show slides of their trip to the Holy Land. Everyone is welcome.

The spaghetti supper sponsored by the Youth Group was enjoyed by a good crowd.

The choir honored their organist and choir leader with a little surprise party to mark their 25th anniversary.

The junior choir sang, "This is my Father's world." Mr. Finley spoke on "The Return of Reverence."

The volunteer in North Halton

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May is Red Shield Month and the Salvation Army asked Mayor Pete Pomeroy to sign a proclamation to that effect. Here Captain Wilson Perrin and Dr. David van der Bent, campaign chairman, watch as the mayor signs the proclamation.

Number of Writs up

by Lisa Jakobsen

Last year Mac Sprowl took somebody's Rolls Royce away from him.

During his 12-years as sheriff of Halton Mr. Sprowl has also seized a variety of vehicles including a Model A Ford, some Datsuns, bulldozers, a number of small boats and a yacht.

Far from the oily mustachioed villain of foreclosure fantasy, the Halton sheriff is a clean shaven soft-spoken man with kind blue eyes.

Although the sheriff's office has the power to bring debtors' seized goods, chatties and land to public auction, such extreme measures are rarely used, he says, noting seizure of personal goods like furniture and household possessions are infrequent in Halton.

However, the number of writs issued continues to rise.

The summons allows the sheriff to demand money owed to creditors or seize property.

Goods and chatties may be offered at public auction after eight days and land after 12 months.

The number of writs filed in 1982 (11,318) in Halton was over three times the number recorded in 1971 (3,970) a period which saw only a 33 per cent increase in population.

The current economic downturn has not increased the number of scenes involving the sheriff and a large moving van at the front of Halton homes. But the recession manifests itself in more subtle ways, he says, indicating there has been an increase in the number of bank seizures (money in bank accounts), mortgage seizures and rent seizures over the last five years.

Rent seizure is a process where renters are instructed to make rents payable to the sheriff's office in the case of a claim against the owner of rental property.

The sharp increase in mortgage rates may account for the increased incidents of landlords who find themselves "caught short," he says.

Most of the defendants who make up Sprowl's caseload are individuals or sole



Sheriff Robert M. Sprowl proprietor businessmen who have over-extended themselves financially or have fallen on hard times due to layoffs or illness.

"As an officer of the court, I'm supposed to be evenhanded," he says of his role in aiding both defendant (debtor) and plaintiff (creditor).

"I'm to collect money for the creditor but at the same time, not destroy anybody."

The sheriff's job also calls on Sprowl to meet with defendant, to assure them of their rights and reasonable options.

Often acting as liaison between lawyers and defendant, Sheriff Sprowl helps those in financial crisis discuss assets and liabilities and to help them make the "right move."

Sometimes those in debt fall into a nightmare cycle of borrowing from Peter to pay Paul, borrowing from financial agencies other than banks and winding up in the same position six months later with a new creditor.

NDP delegates are selected

The Halton Federal New Democratic Party riding association will send five delegates to the party's biannual convention in Regina, Saskatchewan, from June 30-July 3.

The Regina convention is being held in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Regina Manifesto which gave birth to the NDP party, the forerunner of the NDP.

The delegates selected at last Thursday's riding association annual meeting were former provincial Halton NDP candidate Zona Hollingsworth, former council candidate Kevin Flynn, Duncan Robertson, Ron Bobber and Krystyna Zadowska.

Sulphur pile on fire

A call to wash down some spilled gas in front of 24 Ransom St. got firefighters out of bed at 2:27 a.m. Saturday.

Later that same day, at 5:27 p.m. the volunteers were called to Holly Industries, Eastern Ave., where a pile of sulphur was burning outside a box car, and a half hour later at 6:03 the men were called to the Village Manor Rest Home, 15 Main St. N. for a resuscitator call.

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