



WITH A sunny smile to match her blossoms, Mary Smith sets out to sell daffodils on Saturday. Volunteers were organized by Marg Oliver for the second annual sale.

800 dozen daffs sold

Daffodil day sales here saw 800 dozen of the fresh, bright blooms, sold and distributed in town. Many went via advance orders in plants and offices. Many were sold on the streets Saturday. Others were given out in church on Sunday.

4 a.m. Drug raid . . . but wrong home

An Acton family got "quite a shock" when police carried out a four-in-the-morning drug raid in their home last Wednesday. Police were surprised too, because, according to David Owen of 69 Church Hill Rd. N., officers knocked on the wrong door. Mr. Owen said in a telephone interview Monday, Halton Regional Police showed him the warrant but it had "not my name and not my address". He confirmed the warrant was for drugs. Mr. Owen said he was not going to lodge a complaint. Halton Regional Police District One Superintendent Floyd Schwartz said Tuesday: "I don't know anything about them going to the wrong address". Police later went to the correct address but Superintendent Schwartz said: "There was such a small quantity of drugs located that no one was charged". There was a knock at the door, Mr. Owen said, and when he opened it police "came crashing in". They pushed me down the hall and ran passed to the washroom, he said. A plainclothes detective and two uniformed officers were in on the investigation. They did not have revolvers drawn, Mr. Owen said. The two uniformed officers were polite enough, Mr. Owen said. However, described the detective as being "over anxious".

Tapes taken from auto

Police are continuing to investigate the theft and vandalizing of a car which was parked on Main Street North last week. Suspects forced open one of the auto's doors, then stole six tapes and broke a heater vent and some brackets as they tried to pry out the tape player. The rear tires of the vehicle were also flattened.

Main St. collision

Two southbound vehicles collided on Main Street North Friday afternoon. Damage to the pick-up truck driven by Jeffrey Wilson of RR2 Rockwood amounted to \$50, police state. Damage to the auto driven by Glen Beeton of Guelph is \$300, police estimate.

Separate schools may be closed by strike

Separate schools across Halton could be closed by next Wednesday (April 19) unless board-teacher negotiations click this week. Friday, 383 separate teachers in Halton voted on the strike question and 278 supported a strike. Last month only 74 per cent of the teachers supported a request for a strike vote. This time approximately 79 per cent backed a strike. Negotiations between teachers and the board have been limping along since last spring. Meetings between teachers and board negotiators are slated for tonight (Wednesday) and all day tomorrow (Thursday).

If talks break off Thursday when the teachers can give the board five days notice and close the schools next Wednesday. Five days notice is required by provincial legislation. There is reason for optimism for this week's round of talks, however. The Education Relations Commission appointed a new mediator last Tuesday. New mediator Martin Teplitsky is a teacher at Osgoode Hall Law School and was called to the bar in 1966. With 10 years experience in litigation, he has acted as an arbitrator and counsel in labor matters. He has been involved in teacher-board negotiations numerous times. Teplitsky, who has imposed a news blackout on spokesmen for both the board and teachers, replaces Toronto lawyer Jane Devlin as mediator.

Miss Devlin had come in for some criticism in recent weeks particularly from teachers. Just last week teacher provincial federation official Peter Murphy, had said he hoped a positive strike vote would help persuade the Education Relations Commission to appoint a new mediator. Murphy had charged that at some recent negotiation sessions Miss Devlin had been more interested in her personal business than in the bargaining process.

Talks between the teachers and board have broken down numerous times and following the last break-down teachers picketed the Halton Catholic Separate School Board's Burlington headquarters for half-an-hour.

Teacher spokesmen say teachers want a settlement and not a strike and have urged outstanding issues be sent to arbitration.

Separate school teachers aren't happy with the manner in which the board is negotiating and claim the board is trying to force their offer on them and won't improve it despite hours of bargaining.

The board is still offering teachers less than six per cent raise, plus an increment, while teachers say they want eight per cent plus their increments. They claim the AIB says they can have eight per cent and increment

doesn't have to be included. Increment wasn't included in the last two settlements.

Teachers say their demands aren't unreasonable since inflation is running at nine per cent, higher than their raise request and they still haven't reached parity with Halton public school teachers.

This is the closest teachers have come to a strike although negotiations were rocky in 1975.

Ironically while a strike could result from 1977-78 contract talks preliminary negotiations for a 1978-79 contract have already begun.

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Sticks to guns

No town money for legal fees

Halton Hills finance committee stuck to their original position and rejected any town money for legal fees incurred by the Interested Citizens Group in their battle with Ontario Hydro. The recommendation will go to council next week.

Councillor Roy Booth again pointed out the town is paying for solicitors at an OMB hearing that will support the I.C.G. stand. He said the hydro is trying to change the Official Plan and zoning by-law and the town is fighting that and paying lawyers.

Councillor Walter Blehn said he was opposed because he felt council had no business helping pay legal fees for private groups who may want to oppose anything.

Councillor Pat Patterson warned every person in Halton Hills would be affected by the hydro corridor, and said there are hazards. "Rural people don't get a bloody thing except higher taxes."

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Human awareness deals with mind, self

A unique new program is being offered at the Acton Y this spring. Human Awareness is an eight week course comprising several subjects, helping people become more aware of themselves and those around them.

Participants in the course will learn a bit about their own personality through astrology. Relaxation and meditation are also dealt with. Yoga and the state of consciousness are touched on. Self awareness of a person's own body, reincarnation, energy fields, foot massage, extra sensory perception, psychometry (the taking of a person's object and identifying that person's past), and birth without violence are other topics dealt with.

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Reject bid

Halton Land Division Committee turned down a bid for a separation off part of the Maple Rock Shooting Range near Crewsons Corners.

In its decision Tuesday the committee said the proposal contravenes the official plan. The application was made by Margaret Clow on part of the south-west half of Lot 31, Concession 1, on the Nassagaweya-Esqueving township line.

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