

4-H Quilters show work

The handwork of the young women who studied quilting through 4-H Clubs in Halton this fall were displayed at E.C. Drury School last week.

The achievement program allowed program participants to display their skills and the quilts which resulted from them. Exhibits represented groups including Acton-Dublin, Ashgrove, Ballinafad, Campbellville, Dublin, Hornby North, Hornby South, Nassagaweya and Palermo. The special evening allowed for the presentation of awards to 11 4-H members. County honours were earned by Kelly Cote, Hornby North; Anne Curry, Ashgrove; Jackie Lloyd, Dublin; Janet Mitchell, Campbellville.

Provincial honours were earned by Lori Alexander, Hornby North; Joy Bousfield, Palermo; Hellen Schwarz, Ballinafad.

Advanced honours were earned by Marilyn Bird, Ashgrove; Kathy Galbraith, Hornby North; Debbie Rayner, Hornby South; Barbara Treviranus, Ashgrove.



It was an evening of recognition for those involved in the 4-H quilting club. A display and demonstrations were part of the achievement night at E.C. Drury School recently. These four club participants received advanced honors certificates. Posing in front of the Canada Packers Quilt Collection are from left, Kathy Galbraith, Barbara Treviranus, Marilyn Bird and Debbie Rayner.

Hazardous time for cat

There are many potential dangers for your curious cat during the Christmas season. How many cats will have to visit the veterinarian for upset stomach (just like their owners...) and how many cats will have undigested turkey bones, Christmas ribbons or icicles, lodged inside somewhere.

How many cats will have taken advantage of a door left open by a guest to run away? How many cats will have nibbled on the poinsettia, amaryllis, Jerusalem plant or the mistletoe, all potentially poisonous plants?

Christmas time is as hard for the cat as it is for the pet owner. Its lifestyle changes, and unused to holiday celebrations, it might have difficulty to withstanding shortened nights and heavier meals.

Here are a few hints from the Canadian Cat Association, that will help protect your pet.

Make sure your Christmas tree is well

anchored. It would be surprising if cats remained indifferent in the presence of all those ornaments, and not try to climb the tree at least once.

Try to avoid too many decorations on the lower branches, too easily accessible to the cat. Avoid garlands or icicles, old fashioned type or plastic. Cats find them intriguing and besides their possible toxicity, they can cause intestinal irritation and severe intestinal obstruction.

If you organise a family feast, make sure the cat does not stay around the table and do not allow guests to give him the leftovers.

Serving turkey, chicken, rabbit or other meat? Make sure all leftovers are disposed of. Too easy to reach, the cat will discover them and might eat bones that can be highly dangerous for his stomach causing diarrhoea, vomiting and even severe intestinal disorders that only very delicate surgery will solve.

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The official Ontario Bicentennial flag was raised in town in May with the help of Councillors Peter Norton, Rick Bonnette, Mayor Russ Miller and RCMP Constable Rejean Collard.



Amanda Delorest of Acton brought sparkle to the special Halton Hills day at the CNE musical show in the bandstand.

New health officer eyes bigger role in EFW

By Carmela Fragomeni

Halton's new Medical Officer of Health (MOH) comes to the Region at a time when several issues with medical overtones are being debated.

Dr. Graham Pollett's first order of business will be dealing with his department's budget, along with catching up on energy from waste and seniors' planning.

But the quiet, yet energetic and youthful-looking doctor seems to have everything in hand as he completes his first month on the job here, after serving as Assistant Medical Officer of Health in Peel Region.

New directions

Despite a hectic initiation period since Oct. 1 to familiarize himself with Halton's programs and method of operation, the 36-year-old Pollett has already considered new directions for his department to take in the more controversial issues the region has to grapple with.

Pollett says he expects his department to get more involved in the energy from waste debate, which until now has had no input from the regional health departments.

Halton residents, especially those in Oakville who have had energy-from-waste garbage incinerator plants proposed in their neighborhoods, have been extremely vocal about their concern on the health effects of dioxin emissions from such plants. Dioxins result from the burning of plastics.

"It is appropriate that the health department be involved," Pollett said in a recent interview, "because there is a public health concern on this issue."

Liquid waste

And that sentiment applies to health concerns over landfill sites, and a toxic liquid waste disposal facility which the province, through the Ontario Waste Management Corporation, is considering possibly locating in Milton.

As for the elderly report recently dealt with by regional council and the social services director Debbie Oakley, the health department will get involved in the co-ordination service being planned because of the chronic care facilities in the region.

The elderly report was hotly debated at regional council when it recommended \$43,000 computerized data base to help plan for the future as well as co-ordinate services

now for the elderly.

Burlington Mayor Roly Bird finally succeeded in getting council to turn that part of the recommendations down until a newly-formed citizens' advisory committee on the elderly is in operation.

"I think it's very important that we plan services for the elderly for the year 2000," Pollett said. "But we mustn't lose sight of the fact Halton now has a good population."

Good habits

And it is with this young population, 40 years and under, that Pollett believes his department, through its prevention programs promoting better health, can have the most impact.

By developing good health habits in the younger age groups, there may be some spillover benefits as the group ages and reaches retirement age, he said.

During the nine months that the Medical Officer of Health's position was vacant at the region, Pollett worked under Dr. Peter Cole, Halton's former Medical Officer of Health who left Halton to take the top post in Peel.

Pollett said it was helpful for him to have worked with Cole.

Pollett has come to Halton in a very round-about way. He grew up in Sydney, Nova Scotia, graduating from Dalhousie University in Halifax in 1973 and then heading to the opposite side of the country to set up a medical practice in Port Alberni, on Vancouver Island and later at Ladner, just outside Vancouver.

During the seven years he was in private practice, Pollett said he became associated with the public health department by helping with prenatal classes and teaching in schools. As time went on, he became more and more interested in the area of public health.

"The preventative aspect of public health was very attractive to me," he said.

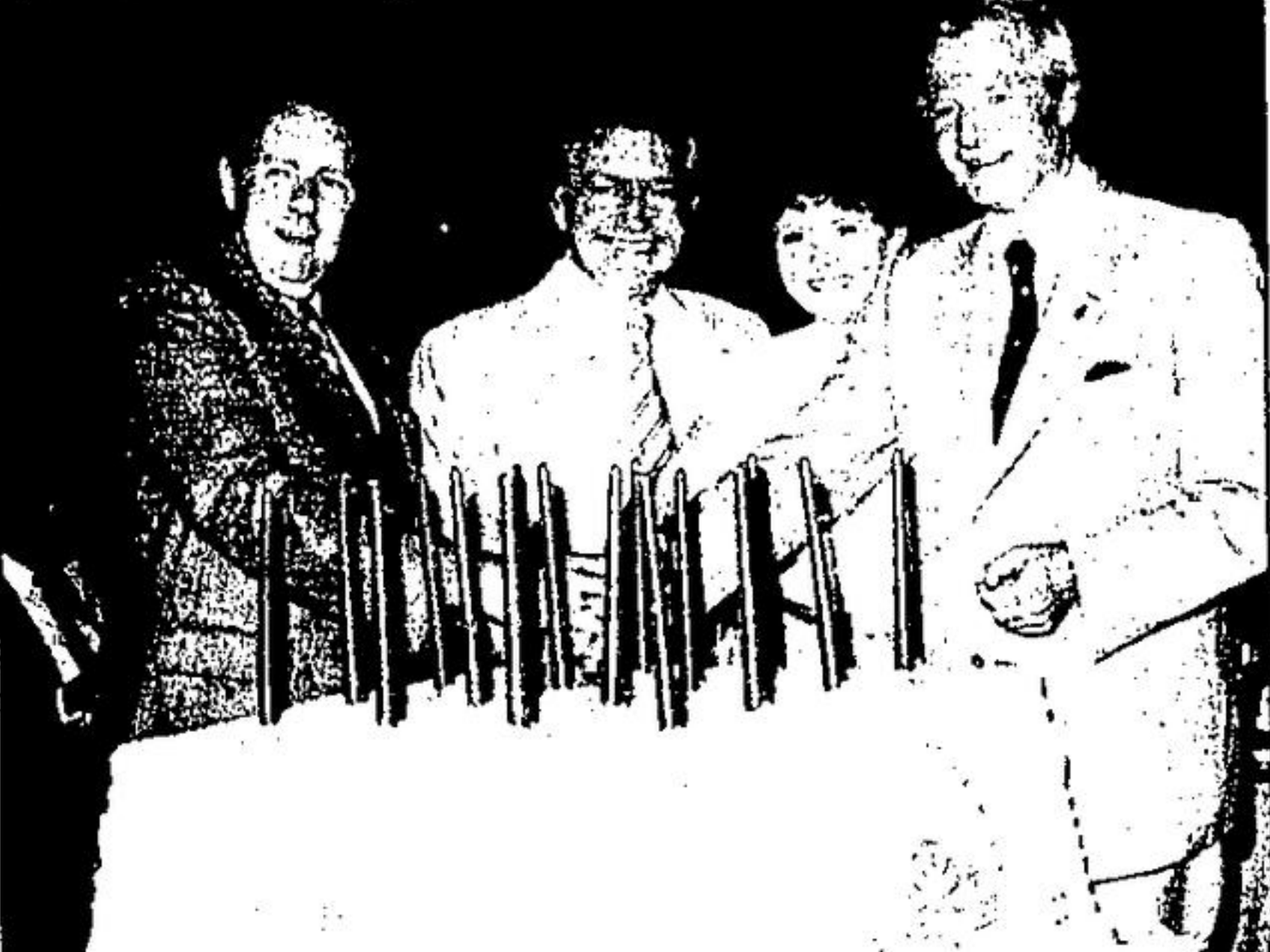
Finally, Pollett joined the residency program in community medicine in 1980 at the University of Toronto, taking a degree in Masters of Health Science in 1982, and completing his residency last June.

He joined Peel Region last year in April as an associate officer of health, and then was acting director for six months until Cole filled the vacant MOH position in Peel.

Bicentennial in Halton Hills



Marlon Lookman, who thinks she is the only Williams descendant still living in Glen Williams, looks over the family genealogical list at the Glen Bicentennial reunion.



Premier Bill Davis cut the giant birthday cake at the BIG celebration dinner. The Chamber of Commerce celebration was one of the highlights of Bicentennial Year. With the Premier are Mayor Russ Miller, Regional Chairman Pete Pomeroy and BIG project manager Lynn Barnard.



Lieutenant Governor John Aird was the guest of honor at the Bicentennial Highland Ball in March. Here he chats with Dr. Alistair Macintosh, MP John McDermid and his wife Elaine.



The Mounties in their spectacular musical ride were a big hit at the special Bicentennial Bang-O-Rama celebration in May.

Bicentennial events in '84

Review of Bicentennial events during 1984:

December 31—New Year's Eve Gathering—Acton and Georgetown.

February 22—Georgetown YMCA International Celebration.

March 23—Bicentennial Highland Ball.

April 11—Christopher Moore speaks to United Empire Loyalists.

May 11—Town of Halton Hills tree presented at Royal Botanical Gardens.

May 21—Bang-O-Rama with RCMP Musical Ride and Georgetown Kentucky Marching Band.

June 7—Bicentennial Fitness Project—jogging and walking clinic and historical slides.

June 9—Bicentennial Dance with Optimist's Club.

June 9—Speyside Bicentennial Highland Games.

June 14—Georgetown's Birthday Dinner with Premier Davis.

June 15-17—Georgetown Chamber of Commerce Business in Georgetown Celebration.

June 21-23—Pioneer Days celebrating Georgetown's 120th Anniversary.

June 30—Bicentennial Bicycle Tour with Esquering Cycle Club.

July 1—Limehouse Celebrating Together with Outdoor church service.

August 16—Halton Hills Day at the CNE.

August 25—Acton's Ciderfest with Bicentennial theme.

August 26—Bicentennial Trail Ride at Bennet Farm.

October 9-13—Special Bicentennial Celebrations at Cultural Centre.

October 13—Glen Williams Town Hall Bicentennial Reunion.



Members of Mrs. Eaton's kindergarten class danced to the music "March of the Toy Soldiers" dressed up as different toys at Limehouse school concert last Thursday.

OPP want info about '74 Merc

Milton OPP want information about a 1974 blue Mercury involved in a four car accident on December 1, 1984.

The 1974 blue Mercury was driven from the Tac Man Car Club on the eighth line in Halton Hills westbound on Highway 7 towards Acton.

At approximately 12:05 a.m., the blue Mercury was involved in a collision with three other vehicles, which resulted in injuries and hospitalization to the occupants of one of the vehicles involved.

The Mercury did not stop, left the scene and continued northbound on Halton Road 3 with extensive damage to the rear. The vehicle was found abandoned on the C.P. railway tracks in Hillsburgh.

The OPP in Milton request anyone with information regarding this blue Mercury: the Tac Man Car Club, or observed driving along Highway 7 or Hillsburgh, to contact Milton O.P.P. at 878-2397.



Wendy Dixon took part in the grade two, three and four presentation dressed as a pioneer girl. The group illustrated three eras of Christmas: Ancient, Pioneer and Modern, through various songs and verse.