



CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BAKE SALE

Sharon Switzer and Lynne Morden package an order of cupcakes during a bake sale at the school Saturday. The funds raised will be used for a camping trip to Algonquin Park in June.

Quebec exchange pupils arrive at Centennial School

Excitement mounts for Centennial school pupils today as they await the arrival of French-speaking students from Quebec City.

Twenty-four youngsters from Campanon de Cartier in

Cap Rouge School will be staying with Grade 8 pupils for the next three days practising English and finding out how their Georgetown hosts live. The exchange is sponsored by the bilingual secretariat in Ottawa.

The youngsters face a busy schedule beginning with a buffet dinner at the school when they arrive this evening. Tomorrow morning they attend classes at Centennial with their hosts, visit the Halton Museum in the afternoon, and become the guests of honor at a school dance in the evening.

Centennial open house

Centennial middle school held open house last Thursday evening. Although the public is always welcome to these events a special invitation was extended to next year's students to come and see first hand what sort of things they will be doing in September.

The classrooms were open and the teachers present to discuss any questions on a particular course. In addition the French teachers gave demonstration lessons, the choir performed in short series in the gym, some violin students displayed their knowledge gained through the special instrumental lessons taught at the school, cheerleaders performed, athletic activities of many types were demonstrated, and home economics students passed out donuts to those who correctly answered questions on nutrition. Teachers also answered questions on approaching trips

which their students take in the near future. Approximately 65 Seventh Grade pupils leave for three days in Ottawa on May 13. Their itinerary includes a boat cruise through the Thousand Islands, a visit to Bellevue House in Kingston, and tours of the parliament buildings, the mint, the war museum, the National Art Centre, the Museum of Science and Technology and the Aeronautical Collection. The trip coincides with content in the Grade 7 social science course and the students pay their own way.

May 16 will see 70 Eighth Graders boarding a bus for four days in the United States. They will visit, Gettysburg, Williamsburg and Washington, places which were discussed in their social science course this year. Again the students bear the cost of their trip.

Town to hire planner at \$15,000 per year

The town planning department will hire an additional staff member to assist town planner Mario Venditti as a result of a 7-5 approving vote by council Monday night.

Alarmed at last week's planning board recommendation that the hiring be given the green light, Councillors Russ Miller, Pat Patterson, Peter Morris and Pat McKenzie and Mayor Tom Hill were quick to point out that no money has been allotted in the town's recently approved 1977 budget for the new planner's salary.

The job will carry an annual wage of approximately \$15,000.

Coun. Roy Booth, however, recounted Mr. Venditti's pleas

for additional assistance, stating that the new position is more badly needed and will be of more value to the town than that of the engineering department's soon to be hired development officer.

"We can't afford not to hire a new staff member," Coun. Booth contended. "He will save the town money in the long run."

Coun. Booth added that Mr. Venditti, already overburdened to the point of having to work weekends, has not even had the time to prepare a report the councillors requested on possible ways of reducing the department's workload.

Coun. McKenzie nevertheless maintained that certain planning responsibilities, such as the preparation of planning board agendas, could be transferred to other departments. He corrected Coun. Booth's assertion that Halton Hills has a smaller planning staff than Milton's saying that Milton Mayor Don Gordon had confirmed that the opposite is true.

Mayor Hill pointed out that the town planning department now employs two summer students and is advertising for a replacement for assistant planner Ron Burnett, who tendered his resignation two weeks ago.

"I just don't know how we're going to pay for it," he said.

Councillor Walter Biehn urged council to listen to its senior staff member who desperately needs assistance. His comment that the new staffer's salary would amount to only \$6,000 or \$7,000 for the remainder of the year, however, was challenged by Coun. Miller, who pointed out that the same staffer must be paid full salary next year.

Coun. Miller's statement that Mr. Venditti has agreed to delay the hiring until alternative funding of the position is assured also came under fire. That dispute, however, was not resolved.

YOU Walk Saturday through Halton-Peel

The Y.O.U. Walk (Y World Development Oxfam and Unicef) is scheduled for Saturday covering 25.3 miles. The route is the same as last year only reversed, and starts from Holy Cross Church and travels through Snelgrove Brampton, and Norval.

Vice-president for the YM-YWCA Tom Johnson said the response from school children for the walk has been excellent. "The children can relate to what their money will be used for," Mr. Johnson said.

Mr. Johnson has visited schools showing slides of under-privileged countries, particularly slides from the trip by Bruce Duff and himself to Peru.

"Peru is such a devastated country. The average income is \$80 to \$120 a month and with the rate of inflation the peasants are very poor," he said.

The money made from the "Y.O.U. Walk" will be handed by the International Development program of the "Y" and Mr. Johnson hopes a large portion will be sent to Peru.

"Within two years we hope to reach 45,000 people in Peru helping educate the people," he said. Oxfam and Unicef have separate programs for their share of the funds.

The "Y" staff will mainly work at the different check points along the route but they will participate in a relay system, walking portions of the route.

Washroom facilities and free drinks will be available at the check points. Police will patrol the route with aid of volunteers using radio-equipped cars, and St. John's Ambulance will be on call.

Pre-registration for the walk will be held at the "Y" on Thursday from 4-8 p.m. The

main checkpoint will close at 8 p.m. and two buses will be sent around the route after 4 p.m. to pick up any stragglers Saturday.

This year a follow up system will be handled by members of the "Y" if money is not turned in by May 14. "I won't say money has been lost in the past, but I think some children are embarrassed to collect the money if they did not complete the 25.3 miles," Mr. Johnson

said.

The first walker to complete the route will receive a trophy, the youngest walker will receive a prize and the largest sponsored walker will receive a tape cassette.

"It is not important how far you walk as long as you care enough to participate. The walk is fun, but it helps under-privileged children, which is the main reason for the walk," he said.

Garfield McGilvrays celebrate fortieth

To celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Garfield McGilvray of 8 Guelph St. entertained their family and close friends Saturday evening at a dinner party at Spot on Seven.

Those attending were Ross and Donna McGilvray, Peterborough; Dick and Carol Richmond of Chatham; Gail McGilvray, London; Douglas and Marie McGilvray of town;

a nephew and his wife, Don and Norma Jean Smith of town, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watts and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stockford of Thornhill.

The McGilvrays were married in Kitchener on April 17, 1937 and have lived in Georgetown since that date where Mr. McGilvray was a member of the Herald staff for almost fifty years, and who retired a year ago.

Acton Drama

'Look Who's Here'

By KAREN WARD Herald staff writer How does a couple survive financially when the husband does not work and the wife is a spendthrift?

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But what happens if the relative is a spinster dead set against marriage?

"Look Who's Here" is a play presented by the Acton Drama Club, and gives an insight picture of what happens when the rich aunt pays an unexpected visit.

The players performed at Georgetown and District Christian School Saturday to a responsive audience. All proceeds were donated to the school for necessary gym equipment.

The group has practised together since October every Thursday night helping each other with their lines, rounding up props and costumes for the play, without the need for a director.

The eight actors and actresses Thys Spilner, Willy DeJong, Henry Venema, Rita Cressman, Aly Kroezen, Wilma Barenis, Gerry Kroezen, Alice Schreiber, Thea Krul and make-up artist and prompter

Helen Van Derwal agreed practising was easy compared to the difficult decision of choosing a play.

The group usually chooses one of Charles George's comedies, but are limited in their selection because of the small group and the lack of male actors. They are always looking for new members.

"People don't join because they feel shy, but once you start acting the shyness fades," Henry Venema said.

Performers rarely get stage fright in front of a large audience, in fact, "the larger the audience the better we perform," he said. Mr. Venema plays the part of husband's best friend, and wife's ex-lover.

The extravagant wife portrayed by Willy DeJong said before each performance she can't eat, but as soon as she hears the audience laughing in the right places her nervousness fades, and hunder replaces it.

During intermission the performers socialized with the audience over coffee. A few remarks were made concerning a faint echo due to the large gym, but mostly the audience congratulated the group's talent, and wondered how the play would end.

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Halton police will be having a number of activities for the public during police week, May 15 to 21 in Halton Hills and Milton.

For the whole week police will have a ride-along program in which you can accompany a police officer in the cruiser. Persons who go along for a ride will be required to sign a release form absolving police of any liability in case of an accident.

And should there be an emergency while you are in the car, you may be left on a street corner," Superintendent Floyd Schwantz said.

In District 1, encompassing Halton Hills and Milton, there will be displays of police activities.

In Acton, the display will be on Monday, May 16 from 1:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the police station.

In Georgetown, the display will be Tuesday and Wednesday May 17 and 18 in District 1 headquarters from 1:30 to 8:30 p.m.

There will be a display at the Milton Mall from 1:30 to 8:30 on Thursday and Friday that week and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

The police will also have tours of their station and be offering a souvenir thumb print to all who come into the stations.

The theme of the week will be "Yes, Cops are Tops." Police commission chairman William Hourigan said Thursday that the police department is looking for participation in the program by the citizens at large. They want the public to get involved and learn what policing is all about in the municipality.

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The film, called "Giant's Rib" describes some of the problems which must be solved in drafting a land use plan for the 2,000 square mile area.

If you wish to make a formal presentation, please contact the Commission two days prior to session.

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