

Birth control pamphlet banned

The banning from schools in Halton of a federal government pamphlet on birth control and abortion is not a "cause celebre" nor a means of having a debate on the pros and cons of abortion, says Milton separate school trustee John Bradley.

"But it is a request to withdraw erroneous literature," he told Halton Board of Education Thursday.

The board withdrew the pamphlet from use in schools after trustee Bradley pointed out that it incorrectly referred to the Criminal Code's relationship to abortion—none, he said—and the use of outdated statistics, which in a three-year period, from 1972 to 75, indicated "startling changes."

Mr. Bradley also mentioned that all the resource and research material for teachers is pro-abortion but there is

none pro-life. However, any one of the two reasons cited was enough for the board to withdraw the pamphlet, he said.

"Birth Control and Abortion" is the fourth in a series of six pamphlets on Sex Education produced and developed by the Federal Department of Health and Welfare. Mr. Bradley said he understood the department was rewriting the pamphlet.

The pamphlet was brought to the attention of the board by the Alliance for Life, "an educational body promoting respect for all human life, from the unborn to the aged and including the handicapped and the retarded," according to its president, Gwen Landolt.

Trustee Elaine Rhems called for a medical opinion on the contents of the pamphlet. "The errors are those of Alliance for Life."

"All we need to know," said trustee H.H. (Bert) Hinton, "is if we want this stuff in our schools." Noting that the press has reported an increasing number of children who are having abortion, he said, "we're propagandizing abortion."

Mr. Hinton said the family and doctors are more qualified than teachers to discuss birth control. He suggested that the medical officer of health be asked for an opinion.

Trustee Don Long said the issue involves values education. The bias of the curriculum requires a lot of discretion, he added.

Trustee Dr. Helen Howard-Lock said the board should be focusing on the needs of the students. Those needs are basically for information and an opportunity for open discussion so that the students themselves are able to work

out where they stand on the issue and where to go for more information, she said.

Trustee Elsie Hillson said that as long as there are any questions about the pamphlet, "it should be withdrawn until we have the facts."

An investigation as to the actual use of the pamphlet in Halton schools turned up only one teacher in north Halton, who, according to board officials, used it only for his or her own reference and did not make it available to students.

...value judgment, MP Philbrook says

A federal government pamphlet on birth control and abortion, which was banned last week by Halton board of education, has been defended by MP Dr. Frank Philbrook.

The board banned use of the pamphlet in schools because it contained factual errors, outdated statistics and a pro-abortion bias.

Dr. Philbrook, vice-chairman of the federal department of health and welfare, said everyone at the department, which produced a series of six pamphlets on sex education, tries to produce the most correct information. The point that the pamphlet got wrong about abortion in reference to the Criminal code can be corrected, he said.

And as for the claim that the figures used in the pamphlet are outdated, Dr. Philbrook said that might be a value judgment and a call to the department of health and wel-

fare would provide the information.

Saying that the pamphlet has a pro-abortion bias is a "value judgment," as well, he said. Neither in intent nor in fact, is the pamphlet pro-abortion, but the topic has got to be mentioned, he said.

He said he unaware if the pamphlets are being rewritten, adding that "these things are reviewed to bring them up to date." He said he read the pamphlets "a few months ago."

The whole subject of abortion cannot be fixed in a simple formula, he said. As well, a great deal of the responsibility lies with the medical profession, he said.

The role of the federal government in the pamphlets is to co-ordinate distribution to the provinces. It is then up to the provinces and the municipalities to decide if they want to use them, Dr. Philbrook said.



Mr. Phelan and Mr. Keleher managed to convince a friend, who refused to give his name, to donate his beard to the cause of crippled children. He took quite a bit of convincing before he would sit in the barber's chair without a baseball cap to protect his hair.

Gray remains optimistic economy will surge ahead

Agriculture will provide an economic recovery for the Canadian economy this year, George Gray believes.

Mr. Gray, speaking at a dinner meeting of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce Wednesday said the recent slide of the Canadian dollar on exchange markets may be a year to 18 months late.

Canada for its pessimism about the state of the economy. Mr. Gray, who is also secretary-manager of the Ontario Turkey Producers Marketing Board said the reduced Canadian dollar has opened up markets for Canadian agricultural products in Europe, the Caribbean and Japan which might not have been realized this year.

Canadian grain, farmers had a bumper crop this year with yields as much as 30 per cent higher than last year and pork, tobacco and beef producers are also optimistic about export possibilities.

Mr. Gray said the downward pressure on the Canadian dollar has made Smith and Stone Ltd., a Georgetown electrical parts manufacturer, more competitive on the U.S. market.

Smith and Stone has been actively exporting to the U.S. and expects sales of \$2 million annually by 1980. Mr. Gray said sales are increasing and the plant may be in a position to start hiring shortly.



Mike Ashley, on the left, and Glen Van Rijk, two Acton residents, decided to try for a world's record in crawling. They planned to crawl from Acton to Georgetown and back, with five minute breaks every hour. The boys wore heavy gloves to protect their hands and extra patches on their knees, but all in vain. The boys crawled, but not enough to set a new record.

YOUTHS CRAWL 10 MILES Almost a record!

Two Acton boys failed in a valiant attempt to make their claim to fame in the Guinness Book of World Records last Saturday.

Mike Ashley and Glen Van

Rijk tried to crawl their way from Acton to Georgetown, and on into the Guinness Book of World Records for crawling over 10 miles. But serious knee blisters after seven miles of

the "crawl-athon", had been completed led the boys to call off the attempt.

The boys left Acton at 7 a.m. on Saturday morning, and crawled for 10 hours before calling it quits at the Halton Road 3 bypass.

Mike's father, Gerald Ashley said the boys are both physically in good shape, other than the blisters, and in good spirits. He said the boys have no plans at the moment to try for the world record a second time.



Melanie Reemes, 5, examined the toys with a careful eye to value at the rummage sale at St. John's United Church in Georgetown last Saturday. The sale was run by the Mother's Auxiliary of the First Georgetown Scouting Troop.

Acton teens work to build coffeehouse

A group of Acton teenagers are trying to raise money for a coffeehouse.

The idea for the coffeehouse originated with the Youth Group at Trinity United Church. The teenagers concluded that there is no place in Acton for teenagers to go in the evening.

"There isn't really any place to go except the Dominion Hotel and the Station Hotel," said Kathryn Beaton, a member of the project executive.

"We thought we'd try to provide an alternative."

The youths took the proposal to the high school and gained support for their plan. They now have an executive committee, which includes three members of the Youth Group and representatives from each grade. They also have advisors from the school staff and other adults.

The students, who call their plan the Coffeehouse Project, have been given permission to use the Y basement in Acton. They plan to redecorate it in the style of an old English pub, but there will be no liquor served.

The students are hoping to be able to provide inexpensive refreshments such as doughnuts, soft drinks and coffee, sold at near cost.

The Coffeehouse Project executive says they need approximately \$600 to get the project started. Town council has already agreed to make some funds available from the 1977 budget. Other fundraising activities such as the car rally have already been drawn up or acted on.

The Acton Legion Auxiliary will be providing furniture. Other people will be helping by providing free supplies or possibly discounts.

The rules at the coffeehouse will be stringent. Use of illegal drugs on the premises will be prohibited. People who have been drinking will not be admitted. Adults will be present, but student members will enforce internal security.

Admission will be restricted to students of high school age and their guests. Students can become members after a probation period of three attendances. It is hoped the coffeehouse will be able to provide live entertainment.

The students have plans for a number of fundraising events in the future to help with the costs of the redecorating and the cost of supplies. Proposals include a dance-a-thon, a car wash, tricycle races, and possibly a Wintario grant.

Federal Grits elect executive

A new executive has been elected to head the Halton Federal Liberal Association.

President is David Butler of Oakville, who replaces Slim Streak. The executive vice-president is William Perras, an Oakville lawyer. Vice-presidents are Steve Ormsby, a general manager of a printing

plant in Acton and John Stroud Drinkwater, an Oakville lawyer. The treasurer is Rowel Via, a system analyst with Ford Motor Co. of Oakville and the Secretary is Larry Carr of Oakville, who works for the Ontario government.

Mr. Butler said in a telephone interview Tuesday that in the next week he will appoint six to eight regional representatives, thus bringing the committee up to about 14 persons.

He said the Liberal association anticipates a federal election in late spring or early summer and that the executive are going into campaign readiness. He said there would be a campaign college for Liberal party supporters as well as fundraising campaigns.

"Generally, we'll be getting ready for the next election."

Rape seminar held

What every woman should know about rape will be discussed at two seminars sponsored by the Sheridan College Centre for Women.

The first rape seminar will be at the Oakville campus, Nov. 9 in room B125; the second at the Brampton campus, Nov. 15 in room B213. Both are from 12 noon to 2 p.m. For more information, call the Centre for Women at Sheridan's Oakville campus at 845-9430, ext. 349.

Following the rape seminar at the Oakville campus there will be a two-hour free lecture on sexuality.

Shaving it off for crippled children

Larry Phelan and Jim Keleher were in Acton Friday afternoon at the Dominion Hotel when they decided that not enough was being done to aid crippled children.

The solution they came up with was to have their heads shaved to raise money. The deeds were done at a barber shop on Mill Street as a crowd gathered outside. Mr. Phelan and Mr. Keleher took turns shaving each other's head with an electric razor, taking pauses to demand contributions from the crowd watching through the window. Once the preliminary shaving was done, the barber used a straight razor to remove the stubble.

The donations were slow to trickle in, so slow that Mr. Keleher and Mr. Phelan both threatened some of the onlookers with having their own heads shaved if they didn't contribute for crippled children.

The two men managed to convince a friend, who refused to give his name, into having his beard shaved off, although they allowed him to retain his moustache and his hair.

The Herald found out the next day the amount of money raised. "Twelve dollars and seventy cents," the barber said. It will be sent to the Ontario Society for Crippled Children.



Larry Phelan and Jim Keleher lost quite a bit of hair between them when they decided to shave their heads to raise money for crippled children. Here Mr. Keleher removes as much hair as possible before turning Mr. Phelan over to barber Peter Humenluk for shaving.



Barber Peter Humenluk used a straight razor to shave Mr. Phelan's scalp. The two men raised \$12.70 for crippled children.

Herald photofeature By Lori J. Taylor

Community Calendar

New office
The Red Cross Society has moved its offices. The offices are now located upstairs in the Cedarvale Community Centre Building. The new phone number is 877-5233.

Runners needed
The North Halton Meals on Wheels Program needs runners to take the meals from the delivery vehicle to the door of the senior citizens' residences. These people do not need to drive but they are the ones who will make the actual contact with the recipients. They are the ones who see the gratitude from the people the service helps and have the chance to make new friends. Anyone with some spare time during the week or the month should call Ruth Foulous at 451-1993.

Man's touch required
Helping Hands, a volunteer organization geared towards helping senior citizens and disabled persons, needs "a man's touch," co-ordinator Barb Stevens says. Men with knowledge of carpentry skills and gardening skills are required to assist senior citizens. Anyone interested should call Barb Stevens at 877-5920.

ARC workshop
Volunteers are needed to help in the ARC workshop in Hornby and to help in recreational activities. Anyone interested should call Mrs. Winifred Isham at 878-3369.

Block parents needed
Georgetown Block Parents are looking for volunteers to join the program. The executive committee is also looking for new faces. Their meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Elk's Hall. Anyone interested in befriending youngsters with potential problems can call Bob or Linda Anderson at 877-8978.

Nursery volunteers
Timberbell Nursery in Hornby needs volunteers to help during nursery school hours between 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Anyone interested should call Carol Robertson at 877-1284, or 878-7656 between 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.