



John Trumpler is greeted at the door by one of his students, Anne Kitley. Mr. Trumpler is one of the instructors for The Travelling Musician, the name of a group of instructors who teach music lessons in the home of the student.

## Travelling musician makes house calls

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"People get pizza and Chinese food delivered to their homes—why not their music lessons?" Paul Harman asks.

Why not, indeed. Paul Harman is the owner of The Travelling Musicians, a music school with a difference. Instead of the students going to the teachers, the teachers go to the students.

"Going into people's houses isn't a new concept," Mr. Harman said. "But it's working well for us. We don't have the overhead of a store, and all the things that go with it."

Mr. Harman is a former teacher from the borough of North York in Toronto.

"I enjoy teaching—it's my particular forte—and perhaps I'm a bit of an entrepreneur as well," he said.

One of the things Mr. Harman insists on for The Travelling Musicians is quality of instruction. In addition to being good musicians, his instructors must also be able to teach what they know.

"You can be the world's best guitarist or pianist, but if you can't teach, forget it," he said. "I've encountered various people in the past who just aren't qualified to teach."

In addition to Mr. Harman, there are two other full-time teachers, and one part-time, Ken Doucette is connected with the Youth Division of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. John Trumpler is especially gifted with children. Mr. Harman said. Armin Schmittat, the part-time instructor, is involved with the music program at York University.

The people in Georgetown have been very helpful, Mr. Harman said.

"It's a little different when you go into people's houses," he said. The Travelling Musician has been taking students in the Georgetown area since last October, and has about 60 students in the area. There are

200 students altogether with the four teachers, which adds up to a major job, just scheduling the lessons.

"There are a few major difficulties in scheduling, getting the right teacher in the right place at the right time," Mr. Harman said. "It takes a lot more organization than it would if I were operating out of a store. But it's proven to be a manageable arrangement. I find it interesting, particularly since there's no prototype to copy."

Teachers hired by The Travelling Musicians have to meet Mr. Harman's high standards. He expressed his amazement at people who apply for a job as a teacher, when they can't read music. Once a teacher is hired, he or she must undergo a three or four week training course before they actually begin to teach. The teachers are also expected to dress well for lessons, because "I think it shows regard and concern for the clients."

During the major snow storm in January of this year, all the teachers were giving lessons.

"That's the kind of dedication I insist on," Mr. Harman said. Each week, he gets together with the teachers to discuss each of the students, their progress and any problems the student may be having. The whole process is "ruthlessly efficient," Mr. Harman said. The high standards he sets for his teachers are compensated by their salaries, he said, since his instructors are paid "generally twice as much as in a store."

The most valuable asset any student can have is the drive to learn, Mr. Harman said. For talented children, music may come too easily, and they tend to lose interest. One of Mr. Harman's was mentally handicapped.

"It took seven years, but he had the desire to learn," Mr. Harman said. One of the disadvantages of the teacher com-

ing to the students is that it lessens the parents' sense of involvement in their child's lessons.

"There's something psychological about taking the child to the music teacher and waiting for the lesson to finish, that gives the parent a sense of involvement. The way we do it, the parents don't seem to put as much pressure on the child to practice or to keep up the lessons," Mr. Harman said.

Television creates a problem, in that it makes music look interesting, without showing the work behind being a good musician, Mr. Harman said.

"The kids look at Rock Concert, and see some guy playing a guitar, and say 'Oh, I'm going to take a lesson and play like him,'" Mr. Harman said. "They don't see the work behind it."

The first lesson on any instrument is a novelty, he said. By the third lesson, the novelty is wearing off.

"By the fourth lesson, they are asking, 'Why can't I plug into an amplifier and wail away?'" Mr. Harman said.

Students learning the guitar are constantly asking to learn songs. The most requested song for guitar is "Stairway to Heaven" by the rock group Led Zeppelin. For piano, the song everyone wants to learn right now is "You Light Up My Life," which is performed by Debby Boone. The theme from the movie Star Wars is also a popular piece. Mr. Harman has developed a system to solve the problem of students who want to learn a song.

"I tell the students if they learn the notes they're supposed to learn, I'll teach them a couple of chords," Mr. Harman said. There are periods of the year when the students get discouraged, and he has them charted out in highs and lows "like biographies." There are contests to encourage students to keep up the good work.

Not all of the students are young children. Doctors, lawyers and other professionals prefer to have the teacher come into their home, since it's usually easier to fit into their schedule. The students are "a cross-section," Mr. Harman said, with a good representation of many different people.

One of Mr. Harman's own students is a man in his early 60's, who works a printing machine. About twelve years ago, he had an accident to his hands, and he also suffered from an illness which caused pain in his hands. Mr. Harman had taught the man's son, and he asked if he could learn the piano.

"His hands were shaking so much at first that he couldn't keep them on the keys, and they were so painful that he could only practise for five minutes at a time," Mr. Harman said. "But I told him, 'Sure, we can give it a try.'"

"He's been at it over two years now," Mr. Harman continued. "He told me he'd been to the doctor recently and the doctor was amazed at the fantastic progress he had made. That was a real accomplishment, something I'm really proud of."

# Dump limit on industry, not homes

Recent restrictions on dumping at regional landfill sites apply to industrial and commercial haulers but not private homeowners, Halton's public works committee was told last Wednesday.

Robert Moore, public works director, said there has been some "misinterpretation about restricting the public."

The region prohibited the dumping of liquids, April 26, inert building materials and tires at its landfill sites in an effort to extend the life of the sites.

The restrictions were imposed because of setbacks the region has suffered in its struggle with Milton council and property owners in the vicinity of Tremaine Road and

Britannia Road over a proposed landfill site.

Milton council has refused to rezone 256 acres farmland to permit the dump or to amend its official plan, a decision which has been upheld by the Ontario Supreme Court. The issue is now before Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

Mr. Moore has warned that the situation is likely to get more severe in the future. "The problem is worse now than two years ago," he said. Regional council has to put more pressure on the province to relieve the situation, he added.

At a special meeting of council today (Wednesday) councillors will receive some more recommendations on how to increase the life of the

sites, including a recommendation to spend about \$45,000 to take drilling tests at two other sites.

Mr. Moore said consideration is also being given to requiring all tree trimmings to go through a chipper and the refusal of logs or stumps.

Mayor Tom Hill said he wants to know how much it would cost to clean up the

roadsides where people would be dumping their garbage.

Burlington Coun. Vern Conell said he has been receiving calls but doesn't know what to tell people. He suggested that inert building materials be stored on the sites.

Burlington Coun. Tom Sutherland said landfills are the most serious of all the issues

before regional council. "We've got to move quicker," he said, "but where do we go from here?" The region would still need landfill sites even if resource recovery "came in tomorrow."

Public works chairman Jack Hafis said in reply to a question from Coun. Garnet (Pat) McKenzie that industrial users of the sites will

have to find other sites. He predicted that soon the region will pick up only wet garbage while the other materials will have to go elsewhere.

Coun. Hafis said if the public have any complaints about the landfill site, they should phone MPP Julian Reed, who he said has "magic in his hands and can turn garbage into energy."

## NEAR SPEYSIDE

# Gravel company seeks 600 acres

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Halton Hills planning board has received a request to designate about 600 acres on Highway 25 about four miles north of Highway 401 as a mineral resource and extractive area.

Leo Gergon, property manager for Standard Aggregates, told the board last week that when the site is mined out, it will be rehabilitated and donated to Halton Region Conservation Authority.

The site will have two lakes, a camping area and be landscaped, Mr. Gergon said. One lake will be about 200 acres in size and 25 feet or more in depth. The other lake will be about 100 acres and 10 to 25 feet in depth. The smaller lake will be completed in about 15 years, he said.

The lakes can also serve as a reservoir for the watershed, he said.

Mr. Gergon said the site was purchased in 1960. In 1961, 30,000 tons of aggregate were removed. In 1962 council approved the project but a processing plant was not built because of planning restric-

tions, he said. The site is not designated on the official plan as a mineral resource and extractive area. It contains about 120 million tons of high grade dolomite.

The Niagara Escarpment passes through part of the site but quarrying operations will be at least 1,000 feet from the escarp, he said. The Bruce Trail also passes through the site but it too will not be disturbed.

Mr. Gergon showed slides of the rehabilitation of a number of quarry sites operated by Standard Aggregates across Ontario.

"We really believe our proposal is imaginative and would be beneficial to the community," he said.

He asked the board for a resolution supporting the proposal which would be sent to the NEC and Halton region. Work on the site could begin immediately if the approvals are granted. Initially there will be 10 to 15 jobs; and this would rise to about 50 or 60 jobs, he said.

Planning board discussed various methods of handling the request and finally decided to turn it over to the planning director for a report.

## Unity prayer gets board nod

A prayer for Canadian unity to be used in Halton schools received approval Thursday of Halton board of education, but three trustees opposed the measure.

The prayer was proposed by trustee H.H. (Herb) Hinton and will be included in an anthology of opening exercises approved for use in schools. Saying of the prayer is not compulsory.

"It is very difficult to speak against prayer," said trustee Elaine Rhiem "but there are other more practical ways of promoting unity."

Trustee Barry Shepherd said he was in favor of schools promoting Canadian unity but he had some trouble understanding the last paragraph of the prayer and faced difficulty explaining it to his eight-year-old.

Also voting against the prayer was trustee Dr. Helen Howard-Loock.

The prayer was written in 1977 by Father Dennis Murphy who was chaplain of the Ontario Secondary School Trustees Association at the

time.

It reads:

"Our Father, as Canadians you have blessed us with a country rich in its people, its beauty and its material wealth."

"We pray that our country will ever be a truly human community and a country of peace, that we will respect each other's differences and become greater for having shared life with people different than ourselves."

"Make us as Canadians not hard and unrelenting to one another, but help us to be peaceful and accepting. And from our differences make us a people reflecting to the world not discord and division but the gracefulness and goodness of a people who know their God."

Trustee Hinton told the board that he could get 100 per cent agreement in any Royal Canadian Legion Hall in Halton for the prayer. And as for trustee Shepherd's difficulties, "he would have to explain that paragraph to his eight-year-old as he would the Lord's prayer."

## Wildwood plan for 13 lots OK'd

Halton's public works committee has recommended approval of a 13-lot development on a regional road in Georgetown despite objections from the director of public works.

Public works director Robert Moore objected to the proposed development by 280307 Ontario Ltd. on Regional Road 32, also known as Wildwood Road, because regional policy is not to have private driveway access onto regional roads.

Under regional policy the developer, Phil Carney, would have to build an access road with only one entrance onto the regional road.

Committee chairman Jack Hafis said Wednesday that Wildwood Road eventually will be a local road, "but Halton Hills may be scared to take it."

Regional chairman the Morrow said not everything has been put before committee.

"If the policy of the region and staff is always to prevail," Mr. Morrow said, "there's no need for elected representatives."

Halton Hills council is not objecting to the development, the chairman said. One re-

quirement for the developer is to install water pipes which would serve the homes and possibly link up with Glen Williams.

"To force the developer with that extra cost plus the road will add a tremendous cost to the homes and to Halton Hills and is just short of insane," Mr. Morrow said.

Coun. Roy Booth told committee that the proposal has progressed through Halton Hills council and even has the approval of surrounding residents.

"If we insist on an internal road and then decide at the region to turn the regional road back to Halton Hills, we'll have two roads there," said councillor Russell Miller.

Mayor Tom Hill moved the development be allowed to go ahead with the entrances onto the regional road 32 and that the region negotiate with the developer on road costs.

An amendment proposed by Milton Coun. Jim Kerr that the approval be subject to Regional Road 32 being turned back to Halton Hills failed to pass on a tie vote. Mayor Hill indicated the town will take the road back when there is a regional policy and not before.

# Co-ordination, communication goal of college, school boards

Better co-ordination, communication and understanding between high schools in Halton and Peel regions and Sheridan College is the main thrust for a new educational committee.

The decision to form the Halton-Peel Educational Liaison Committee was prompted by publication of the findings of the Secondary-Post Secondary Interface Study, released by the provincial government last spring.

"When representatives from the two boards and the college met to discuss the implications of the study, we soon came to the conclusion that there was a need to establish a process for an on-going dialogue between

the college and the secondary schools," said Don Hamilton, Dean of Community Services for Sheridan and Chairman of the Committee.

The Educational Liaison Committee comprises three representatives from each board and the college. Chairmanship of the committee rotates on a yearly basis among the three groups. The goals of the committee are: to improve communication and understanding among the three groups by looking at education as a continuing process; to identify problems which affect the whole educational system; and to promote better understanding of the goals of the various educational levels.

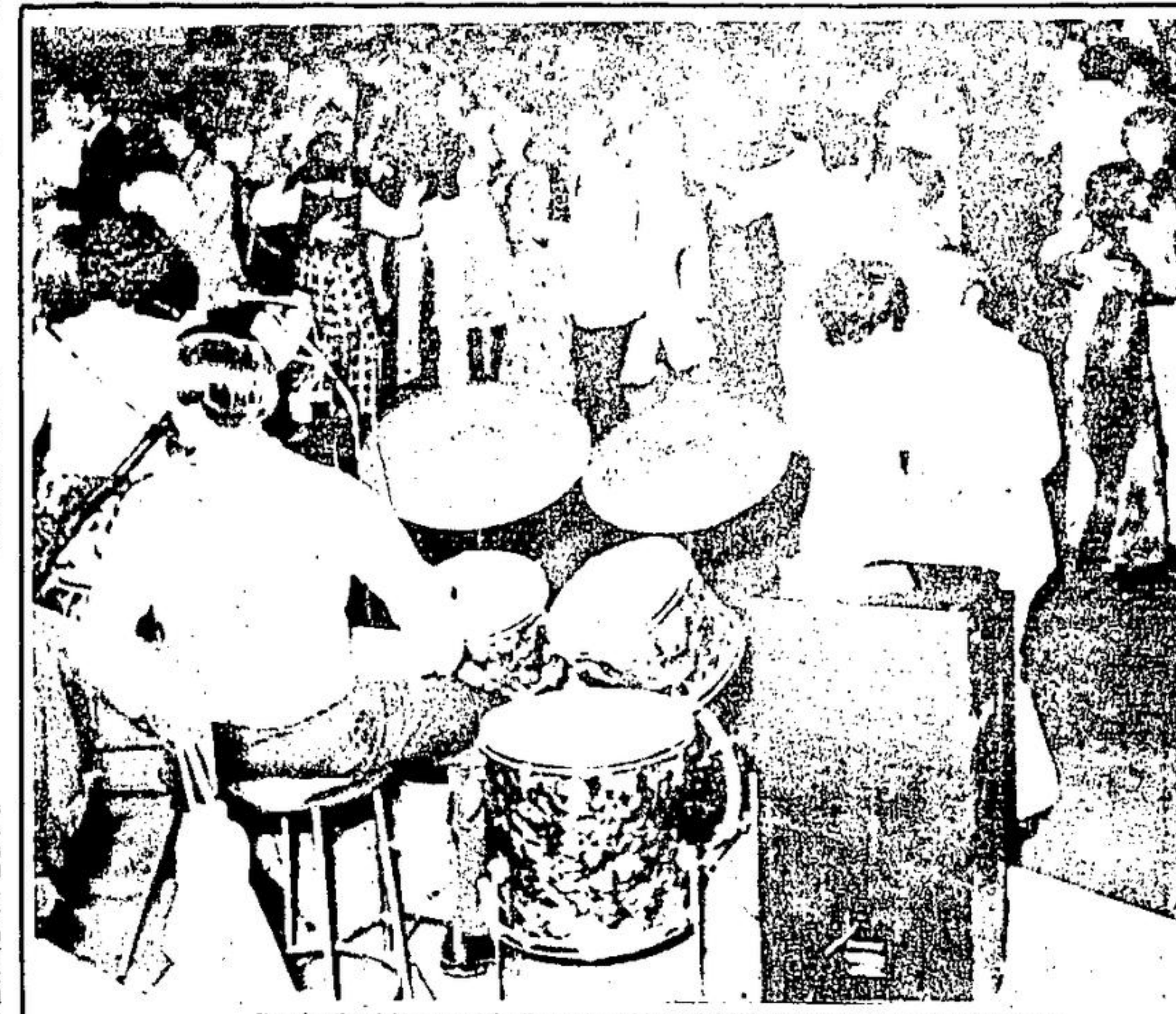
The committee is seen as an action-oriented catalyst. Using task forces and sub-committees to provide input on identified problems, it will make recommendations for action to senior officials of the board and the college.

Among the concerns which the committee has already identified are: the relationship between secondary school leaving standards and college admission requirements; the varying expectations of secondary school teacher and college instructors; the different perceptions of the roles of secondary and post-secondary education that are held by the public, the college and the secondary schools; the responsibility for "remedial" ed-

ucation; and problems related to shifting demographic and enrolment patterns.

Since early meetings of the committee revealed that some of the most pressing problems revolved around college admission policies, three task forces were set up to study them and report back to the committee.

Another result was a recommendation that permanent sub-committees be established in a number of subject areas. The committee is moving on this recommendation and, by the end of May, the sub-committees will be established for mathematics and science, technology, English and visual arts.



Dancing the night away at the Georgetown Lions Club Windfall Saturday at the Georgetown Memorial Arena.

## LIONS WINDFALL PROVES A SUCCESS

More than 370 people filled the Georgetown Memorial Arena Saturday for the second annual Georgetown Lions Club Windfall dance.

From 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. (Sunday) music and cheer filled the air as more than 30 prizes valued at about \$3,000 were awarded to lucky winners.

Among the prizes were color and black and white televisions, a bicycle, a motorbike, camping equipment and even a lawn seed and fertilizer spreader.

Windfall '78 is the major source of funding by the Lions for local activities during the year.

Photos By Bob Rutter



A neighborly welcome is being extended by Lion Fred Zorge to Maureen Pollock of Filtwick, England, an airline hostess, who attended the Windfall dance Saturday during a short visit with relatives in Georgetown.



"Just what I was hoping for!" said Mary Ward with obvious delight. So she rode off into the shadows of the Lions Club Windfall dance with her prize. More than \$3,000 in prizes were awarded in the second annual event.



## WASHING IN THE RAIN

Rain didn't deter Jackie Van Goch, 18, or her friend Saturday as they held a car wash for the Knox Church Georgetown Young People at the Galn Gas Bar on Guelph Street. In the photo Jackie pauses to give the photographer a pleasing smile and a chance to illustrate her hard work.