



Honda Dezeew, left, Lisa Brownlee and Sharon Barton work at getting the bed ready for another patient at Georgetown Hospital. The candystripers will be holding an art auction tonight at McDonald's restaurant to raise money for new uniforms. These will be almost the first new uniforms in 10 years.

## Candystripers art auction for replacement uniforms

Most of the candystriper uniforms at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital have been in use for ten years and program co-ordinator Pat Johnson would like to get some new ones.

Mrs. Johnson said most of the uniforms were purchased when the program started about ten years ago. Since then a few have been donated, but the program hasn't bought many more.

Mrs. Johnson said Marion Booth, former co-ordinator of the program and now president of the women's auxiliary, left the program so well organized that there is very little for her to do, and so she decided to go about raising money for new uniforms.

One of the program's major fundraising efforts will be tonight's art auction at McDonald's restaurant, Guelph Street. After the recent rede-

corating at McDonald's the restaurant had a number of framed graphic prints which were no longer needed.

Community affairs manager for McDonald's Jo Lister, asked Mrs. Johnson if she knew of any organization which could use the prints, "and I certainly did," Mrs. Johnson said.

While the prints may not appeal to everyone, Mrs. Johnson said, the frames alone are worth buying a print or two. They would be suitable for framing any prints, photographs or paintings, she said.

The candystripers have also been selling caramel corn to raise money for their uniforms. They had a booth at the Highland Games, and will also operate a booth at Pioneer Days this weekend.

Mrs. Johnson said she has about five framed candystripers who can't go to work because they don't have uniforms for them. She expects

this problem to resolve itself shortly when some of the girls leave for the summer months for a vacation or for a job. There are 38 candystripers at work on the wards now.

"Their uniforms are pink and white, and they look fresh, but most of them have had the zipper replaced and the seams repaired more than once," Mrs. Johnson said. She calculated that the program would need about 45 uniforms, but would probably have to order 50, and she estimated the cost at \$25 each.

Mrs. Johnson said they don't want to ask anyone for all the money necessary to buy the uniforms, but they intend to raise as much money as they can on their own, and then approach the women's auxiliary and ask them to make up the difference.

The art auction will be tonight at 7:30 p.m. at McDonald's.

## First Georgetown ratepayers meeting tonight

A plan of action is expected to come out at the founding meeting tonight (Wednesday) of the Georgetown Area Ratepayers Association, says a spokesman on the steering committee.

Heimen Donker said in a telephone interview Monday that 100 members are needed in the association just for it to break even on printing costs. Memberships will be for sale at \$3 for one year and \$5 for two years. The meeting is to begin at 8 p.m. at Howard Wrigglesworth school.

The association has four main objectives, he said. They are to promote interest in municipal affairs and future development; to contribute in every way possible to the creation and maintenance of a community geared to the satisfaction of all ratepayers; to maintain a non-political, non-partisan attitude and provide effective representation; and finally, "the key one" to influence and guide council in building a town which will embody the most practical and progressive ideas.

"We're not out to keep Georgetown like it is for the next 100 years," Mr. Donker said. "We realize the community has to expand." But the association wants to make sure "that growth plans are analyzed from various points of view." "We want to support the point of view that is reasonable and represents the majority point of view."

He said the association hasn't any short term objectives but once a board of directors is appointed, they will come out with a plan of action and work on it for the next six months. "We're open minded right now."

He anticipated that the association's first project "probably" will be the Silver Creek development proposed by Focal Properties Ltd. which wants to build 1,840 homes south of Silver Creek and on both sides of Mountainview Road South.

Halton Hills is opposed to the development on the grounds that there is insufficient sewage capacity, and infilling in Georgetown and industrial development are of greater priority.

Mr. Donkers said that besides the Focal Property Ltd. issue, the association is also interested in learning the facts on Paramount Developments which has tabled recently with town staff a comprehensive report claiming more growth is possible on its land near Focal Properties' land. As well the association is interested in a detailed study tabled with the town in 1976 that said existing sewage capacity would be inadequate to handle growth for development.

"Urban sprawl, taxes and quality of life - there is consensus in the steering committee that this is what we're all about," Mr. Donkers, a computer specialist said.

The 12 members of the steering committee delivered 5,000 copies of a flyer advertising the meeting to Georgetown homes on Sunday, he said.



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## Trustee seeks answers on special classes shift

Parents of students attending a special education class in Harrison public school have found an ally in their battle to retain the class and its teacher in the school for another year.

School trustee Barry Shepherd has arranged a meeting with area superintendent George Heaver on Thursday to discuss reasons for closing out a primary general learning disability (GLD) class at Harrison and transferring pupils to a class at Park school or a junior class at Wrigglesworth school in September.

"Mr. Heaver is going to have to really prove his reasons for moving the class," Mr. Shepherd says. "If it were a board policy to put such a class in a school and leave it there permanently then he would have a pretty good reason for the move. But I don't think that is the case. Mr. Heaver says that the move will inconvenience the least number of youngsters and if I had my right then I'll accept it. You don't want to displace more students than necessary."

Mr. Shepherd feels it is likely that there are enough students in each area of the town to require a special education class of some type in each school but he wants time to dig more deeply into the funding of special education classes before he suggests expansion of the present system.

"I think that the grant system is set up so that if the

number of special education classes was increased most of the funds for the increase would come from the ministry but I'm now at this and I want to check out more facts on it," he says.

Special education classes are divided into two types, general learning disability classes for slow learners and special learning disability (SLD) classes for average or bright students with a specific problem which hinders their learning process.

Both types of classes are divided into primary, junior and intermediate classes for students aged 5 to 8, 9 to 12 and 13 to 17 respectively, to ensure sufficient help to these students the pupil-teacher ratio is set at 1:6 for a G.L.D. class and 1:12 in an S.L.D. class.

This year Georgetown has had nine special education classes in operation, a primary G.L.D. class at Harrison, a junior G.L.D. class at Park and an intermediate G.L.D. class at Central. There were also one primary and two junior S.L.D. classes in Wrigglesworth school and two other special education classes in Park and Kennedy schools.

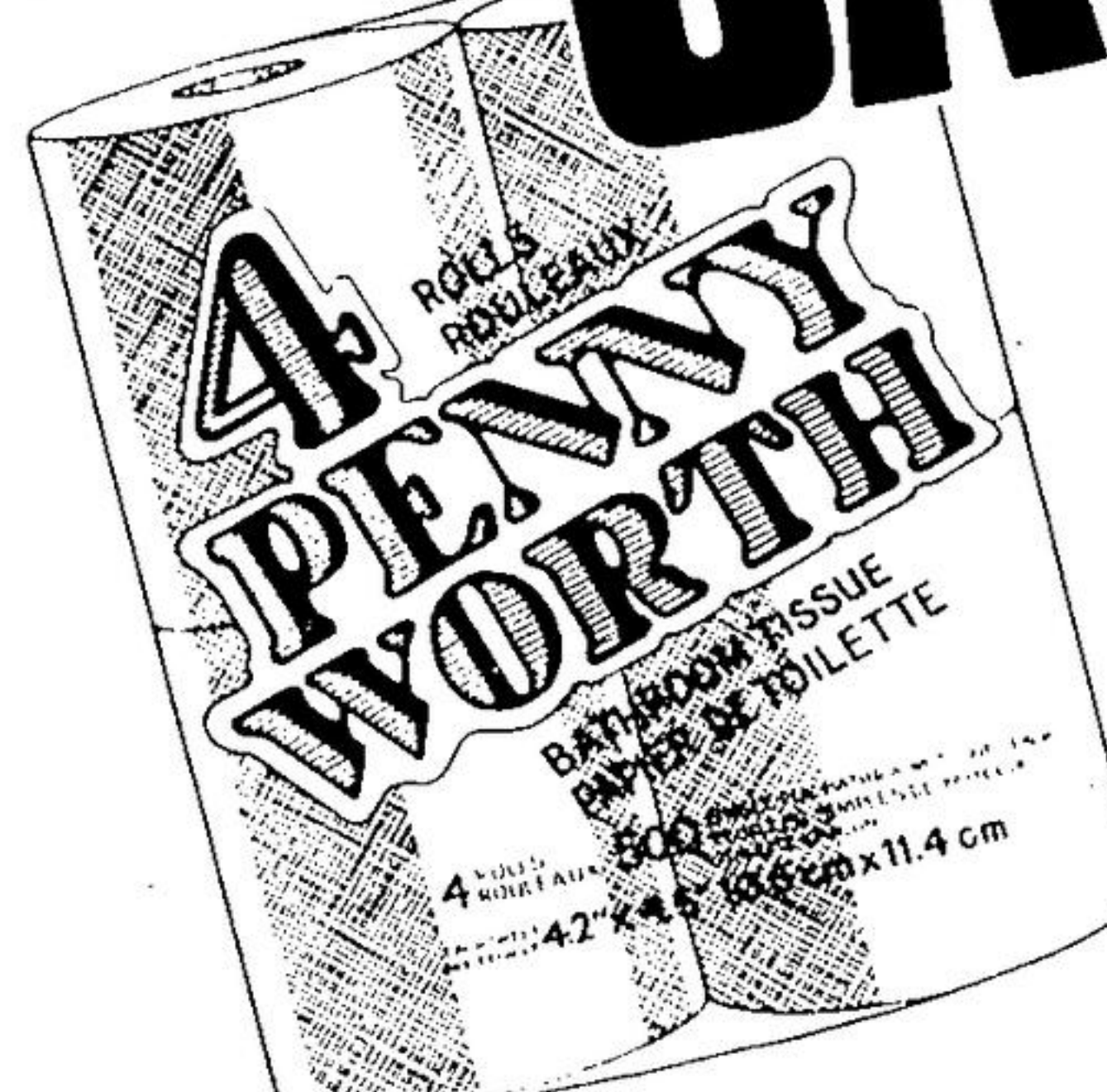
Plans for the upcoming year call for the closing of the primary G.L.D. class in Harrison and a junior S.L.D. in Wrigglesworth. Park's junior G.L.D. class would be changed to a primary G.L.D. and Wrigglesworth would have a junior G.L.D. and a combined primary and junior S.L.D. Other classes would not change.

Parents of the Harrison G.L.D. class students are upset over yet another move for their youngsters and point out that many of the students have been shifted from school to school as the G.L.D. class was moved. These are the students who most need stability of surroundings and classmates and adapt to change least easily and yet at least one of the group has attended four schools in four years because special education classes were shifted from year to year, they say.

Parents also point out that having a special education class of some type in a school enables students with slight handicaps to get special help from the teachers in these classes and still remain in a regular classroom most of the time. If the class is removed from the school this help is cut off. Nor is it wise to concentrate several special classes in one school since it tends to give the school a poor scholastic reputation, they say.

The Harrison parents say that a good number of the students in that class can now walk to the school but will have to be bused if the class is shifted to Park.

They also challenge the common sense in shifting a Georgetown teacher to begin a new special education class in Milton while a Burlington teacher is reported to be expected to commute to Georgetown to take over a class here.



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