

### AT YOUR SERVICE: NEW BABYSITTERS

Youngsters received their certificates recently as they graduated from the babysitting course sponsored by the Georgetown Y. Graduates are front row from the left: Bethan Robin, Ann Hunt, Susan Black. Second row: Vickl Champ. Patrick Hipp, Debble McConnell. Third row: Sandy Yach, Lisa

Philpott, Carolyn McConnell, Lisa Pleace, Back row: Cludy Kemper, Gillian Bhagwanden, Crystal Frenette, Christine Moore, and Janet Banton. Instructors for the course this time wee Karen Morris and Cathy Comen.

(Herald photo)

# Narrow vote rejects school despite concerns over GLT

By PAUL DORSEY Herald staff writer

Concern expressed Monday night over the fate of the Georgetown Little Theatre (GLT) almost saw town council overturn a previous decision to abandon its interest in Howard Wrigglesworth Public School as a possible site for the proposed multi-use cultural centre.

Council, however, endorsed last week's general committee recommendation by a 6-5 vote. As a result, the Halton Board of Education will be advised that the town is no longer interested in a cost-sharing project that would have seen a planned expansion at Wrigglesworth school extended further to accommodate a theatre facility, primarily for use by the GLT.

By LORI TAYLOR

Herald staff writer

ion has decided that the

boards' superintendent of pro-

gram will annually submit a

list of textbooks which haven't

been approved by the board or

the ministry of education prev-

lously, before these textbooks

are placed on any school's

The list of textbooks will be

available for members of the

public and trustees to study for

four weeks prior to the list

being brought forward to the

board for approval. This

year's list will be presented to

the board for approval by April

The ministry of education

circulates a list of approved

textbooks, known as Circular

14. According to the circular,

"in all subject areas for which

books are listed in Circular 14.

textbooks must be selected

from those listed in Circular

14, unless permission for anol-

curriculum.

The Halton board of educat-

Siding with Coun, Roy Booth, John McDonald, Marilyn Serjeantson, Harry Levy, George Maltby, Ed Wood and Mike

School board plans

textbook scrutiny

(Arts Plus committee) comes in at the last minute with plans to review the whole situation. That's probably a good idea, but I think the GLT's been lost in the shuffle somehwere. We're talking now about building one big, fancy dreamhouse

Derek Joynes had urged the general committee the week before to reject Wrigglesworth in its search for a cultural centre site. Speaking on behalf of the GLT, Mr. Joynes had informed the committee that his group has found a temporary; alternate site for its 1979-80 season elsewhere in town after years of staging its productions in the school's auditorium, soon to be convert-

.ed into a resource centre. The GLT, Coun, Levy said, is "not kicking about this", and

ersial issues must show just

consideration for the feelings

of all his or her students . . . If

the issue clashes with some

community customs and attit-

udes, the teacher must be

doubly sure that the issue is

studied and discussed reason-

ably," the circular continues.

PARENTS OBJECT

"Content or material consi-

dered by some to be controver-

sial, should not be considered

mandatory for any students

whose parents object, and . . .

appropriate and immediate

steps should be taken to establ

ish an alternate program for

students which will not offend

either them or their parents . .

. controversial content or ma-

terial should not be banished

from use in the schools as

removing the controversial

content or material could depr-

ive other students; and that

individual tastes should not

dictate standards for the entire

community," the policy concl-

willingly joined in the efforts of the Arts Plus committee which is representing the interests of many local art and crafts-oriented groups in the matter.

> Coun. Booth responded that he believes the GLT "may have been misled" into abandoning its interest in Wrigglesworth. He conceded that his opinion might be "pessimistic," but contended that council will be unable to finalize plans for a \$1 million theatre arts centre by the time the GLT is again looking for a home.

a dream". Coun. Booth added that he would like to see a meeting convened immediately between council and officials of the GLT to further discuss the possible use of Wrigglesworth or some other school board facility. To reject Wriggles worth now, he said, would cut

"It seems a tremendous amount to pay for what we'd be getting," he complained. "Surely we could get something better. I'd hate to see the GLT left out in the middle of nowhere".

Coun. Armstrong expressed willingness to meet with the GLT despite council's decision

to reject Wrigglesworth. reported that Bob Bailey, head son stressed the urgency of the

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who warned that the GLT could find itself without a theatre in which to stage its plays by 1980, were councillors Russ Miller, Les Duby, Walter Biehn and Pat Patterson, Voting to uphold the committee recommendation and reject Wrigglesworth as a possible theatre site were councillors

Armstrong. POMEROY ABSENT Mayor Pete Pomeroy was absent and Coun. Ross Knechtel, who was chairing the meeting as acting mayor, did

"The Little Theatre's been years to work something out with the school board," Coun.

that may never appear". Coun. Levy pointed out that

not cast a vote.

trying for the past couple of Booth noted, "but then the

Textbooks for English litera-

ture, French literature, "the

authors' in modern languages

and classics", shorthand and

special education, are not cov-

ered in Circular 14, and the

ministry policy says the text-

books are to be selected by the

principal "In consultation with

the teachers, and the selection

approved by board resolu-

The board's policy on text-

books requiring the boards'

approval has been to say that

"the board believes that decis-

ions on which school learning

experiences will develop a

students' talents best are

made by a teacher who knows

"The teacher has responsible

lities both to his or her

students, and to the communi-

ty in the handling of controver-

sial issues. A topic should be of

enough significance or so rela-

ted to a persistent problem

that information acquired

about it will be of continuing

usefulness. The teacher in

the learner."

FINALIZE PLANS

"I just don't see how we can afford any kind of centre if we don't want to work with the school board," Coun. Miller agreed. "I can't support spending taxpayer's money for something that's probably just

the GLT off altogether.

WASALARMED Coun. Biehn expressed reservations about rejecting the Wrigglesworth option, although he was alarmed at the estimated \$600,000 cost of adding a limited theatre facility onto the school, as suggested by the town's consultants last week.

In response to a question from Coun. Serjeantson, clerkadministrator Ken Richardson of the town's consulting firm on the project, will likely be making a detailed report on alternative sites for the cultural centre around the beginning of May. Coun. Serjeant-

### her selection has been granted guiding discussion of controvby the Minister". Mr. Donut gets his sign

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these never hurt Las Vegas". Coun. Biehn told council that he had changed his mind about the sign application after viewing the Mr. Donut site. Although he had sided with a majority of councillors in rejecting a similar application last term, he said, "two wrongs don't make a right".

COUNCIL WAFFLING Coun. Levy acknowledged the "waffling" taking place around the table but steadfastly stood by his previous decision. Council must continue its practice of considering sign applications on their own individual merits, he said, in order to prevent its portion of Highway 7 from turning into eventually resembling Brampton's portion sometimes referred to as the "golden mile" where commercial signs proliferate.

There should be no signs approved at all until the town's sign bylaw is completed and approved, he said.

Georgetown's main thoroughfare is already beginning to resemble the golden mile, Coun. Serjeantson said, adding that it is difficult to vote against an application when the pole for the sign has already been installed. She nevertheless maintained her opposition to the sign, warning that more applications will be forthcoming.

Coun. Booth called Coun. Levy's suggestion that all sign application should be turned down "ludicrous". He reiterated his argument that council must stup "paying lip service" to its promises to encourage new industry and commerce and take positive steps.

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WARP BOYCOTT

### describe problems, solutions Critics of the Canadian food and large, well-served" by the Bousfield of Milton, who remfood chain, able to select from inded listeners that the farmer a wide variety of products. The is also a consumer. She cited consumer's ability to afford inflation and marketing obstfood products, he added, is acles as the major problems evidenced by the fact that facing farmers today. more Canadians are spending Production costs have risen more money on meals outside three times in recent years. the home.

Commission hears speakers

production and distribution system who blame corporate profiteering for the high cost of groceries are under estimating far more serious problems involving the system's inefficiency and lack of competition, the Halton-Peel People's Food Commission was told yesterday (Friday).

Addressing commissioners and guests during the first of two days of hearings being held in Norval, Ric Symmes of Terra Cotta compared the "profit-bashers" to cats waiting in vain "at the wrong mouse-hole". Average profits gleaned from investments in the food system, he said, are in fact "pathetie" when compared to returns on investments in other corporate activities.

Mr. Symmes, chairman of the environmentally-concerned Sierra Club, is one of about 20 speakers who addressed People's Food Commissioners Jim Sheldon of London and Catherine Morisset of Ottawa at the special two-day conference held in St. Paul's Anglican Parish Hall.

LAYMANS ANSWER

The People's Food Commission, now a nation-wide movement, is a kind of layman's answer to the federal government's Royal Commission inquiries. Problems involved in the production and marketing of food in Canada, and possible solutions, were examined and discussed in detail.

The nearly 20 submissions heard Friday and Saturday will be incorporated into a commission report expected this fall, to be compiled after hearings have been held in some 65 municipalities across Canada, The individual sessions in Norval attracted between 15 and 30 interested listeners.

Rising food prices repeatedly emerge as the major concern shared by most individuals involved in the food system as well as consumers. Others include the low financial returns gleaned from farming, the government's failure to act on problems, food imports, marketing boards, the role of big corporations, food quality and the future economle viability of full-time farm-

Mr. Symmes prefaced his remarks Friday by expressing some reservation over addressing "yet another costly inqui-ry into the high cost of food". Citing his life-long involvement in almost all aspects of food production and distribution, however, he conceded that the commission hearings may produce some worthwhile re-

"Profits are a phony issue," Mr. Symmes said, "one that you hear a lot of speakers talking about, especially the ones with a socialist bent".

Except for governmentcontrolled operations where competition is stifled, he said, high profits constitute a "selfcontrolling system" and represent "legitimate rent" on any investments made.

Mr. Symmes pointed out that the Canadian consumer is "by

REAL PROBLEMS The real problems, he contended, are the inefficiency of the food system, and the

shortage of competition. Instead of faunching more inquiries in order to appear to be doing something about the problem, the Canadian politician must reduce inefficiency so that producers can enjoy better returns on their investments and consumers can pay lower prices, Mr. Symmes

To curb the inefficiency that is driving corporate expenses, and this food prices, higher, he said, the government must relax its production and distribution regulations. The very rigidity of existing government policy, he said, creates loopholes so that the major distributors need not be "efficient, aggressive and creative'

Mr. Symmes said the recent "de-regulation" of North American airlines restrictions has created lower air fares and attracted more customers largely by stimulating competit-

The speaker suggested several areas in need of attention from politicians themselves or from public movements like the People's Food Commission. He advised the commissioners at the hearings to challenge the practice of having federal, provincial and local officials inspect, in turn, the same produce or processing system. The duplication of services, he complained, increases costs for the producer and consumer alike.

Among Saturday's presentations was one by Eleanor

Mrs.Bousfield said, while food prices have doubled and the cost of farm equipment is up as much as ten times. Evaluating modern farming

as a "gamble" she urged all who are concerned to start asking some "hard questions" of the government. Why, she ... wondered, are the supermark -- : ets and distributions guaran-2; teed at least minhnum profit; while farmers must take. risks? Probably because the farming community only represents five per cent of the vote to the government, Mrs. Bousfield speculated.

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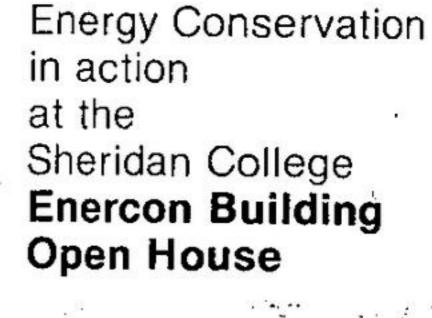
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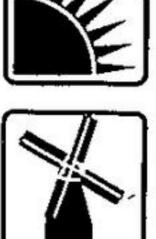
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