

## HALTON HILLS ARTS COUNCIL

Intellectual values will replace consumerism during the 1980s, placing artists at the centre of some turbulent transformations, according to a provincial arts spokesman



whose comments have been endorsed locally. Halton Hills Arts Council president Gretchen Day cited the recent remarks of Walter Pitman, executive director of the Ontario Arts Council, in her own address for the local Council's latest quarterly calendar, now available at various locations.

As well as listing a full agenda of arts-related activities in Halton Hills extending into April, the latest calendar offers numerous contacts on the Arts Council and outlines the efforts of member-groups in helping other local groups build the new library-cultural centre.

In her address, Mrs. Day interprets Mr. Pitman's remarks to predict more social emphasis upon a "more basic, genuine, stable, less costly and less superficial existence". The trend will allow artists to directly enhance the quality of life, she said, by creating "beauty and entertainment in a variety of forms".

Joining Mr. Pitman recently in urging arts groups to take advantage of current trends was Brampton's commissioner of parks and recreation, Don Gordon, who noted that the cost of organizing sports is rising and support is thus dwindling. Now is the time, Mr. Gordon said, to reinforce community support of the arts.

Tonight (Wednesday) is registration for the Credit Valley Artisans' January courses. Visit the Cottage in Cedarvale Park from 7:30 to 9 p.m. to sign up for watercolors, pottery, weaving and many other sessions. A second registration takes place from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Nornic Studio for the Performing Arts begins its drama and jazz classes Jan. 3 and highland dancing Jan. 6 at Knox Church in Georgetown. For more information, call 877-8702.

The next general meeting of the Halton Hills Arts Council takes place Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Centennial School in Georgetown. An address by a guest speaker will follow the business session. For more information, phone Gretchen Day at 877-8680.



Howard Wrigglesworth Public School combined the official opening of its new gymnasium with the school's annual Christmas concert last Wednesday. Georgetown trustee Betty Fisher officially opened the gym, and the program continued with a performance by a choir made up of, and conducted by, students, as well as Christmas songs and skits from the various classes in the school.

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The increase would take trustees' salaries to the maximum allowed boards of its size under the Education Act. This is the first increase since 1975.

The increase will raise salaries to \$7,200 from the \$6,600 level set in 1975. The chairman of the board will receive \$10,800, up from the previous salary of \$9,900.

Former board chairman Bill Herd made the motion, saying it had been prompted by conversations with several trustees over the past few months. The Halton board is the last of the boards to go to the maximum salary.

"In 1975, the board decided on a salary of \$6,600 as a gesture symbolic of financial restraint, but over the years, the effect has been lost," Mr. Herd said.

Trustee Anne Fairchild said she was in favor of the increase but thought the timing was bad. Thursday's meeting was the first business meeting of the 1981 board. She said she wouldn't be supporting the motion for that reason.

The motion won with a strong majority.



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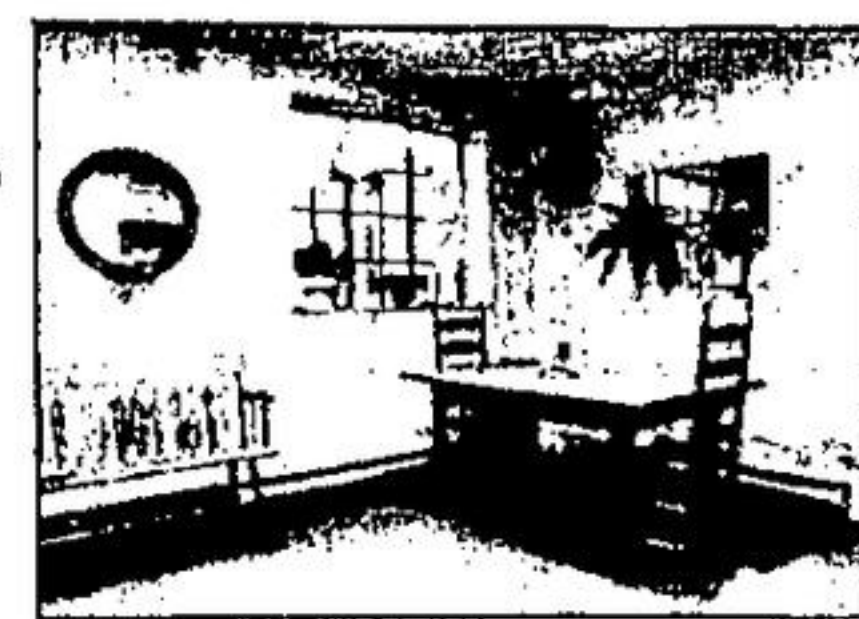
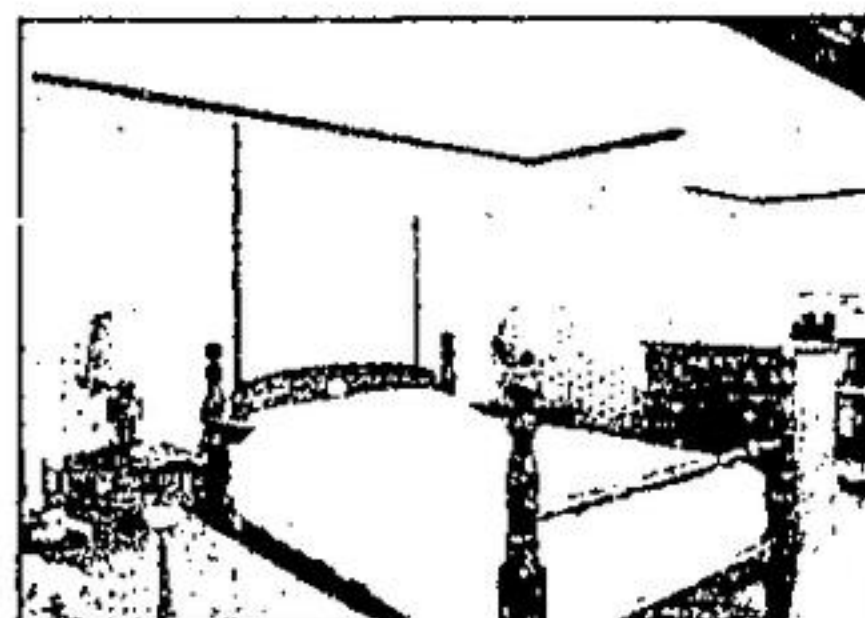
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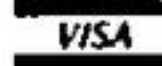
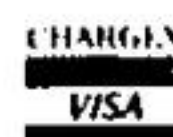
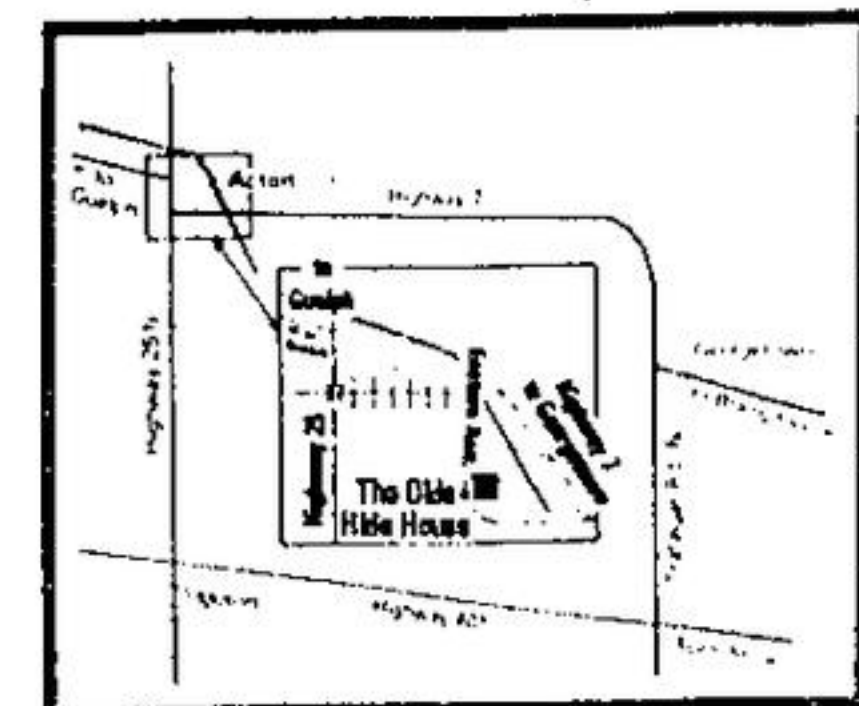
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