



A KARPOV IN THE CROWD?

Boards in hand, about a dozen chess fans turned up Saturday afternoon at the Georgetown library for a special instructive session on the "game of kings" given by Glen Williams resident Herman Cano. Following a theory discussion using a large felt board with cloth pieces, Mr. Cano skirted from table to table to play several games at the same time, including a match with these youngsters. (left to right) Allan Laracque and David and Andre Payne.

(Herald photo)



CHOW DOWN

Prowling around steam exhibits, rope making and palmistry demonstrations, radio workshops, camping talks and dickering with a home computer can work up an appetite as clubs show by diving into a counterfull of food at the Resource Day held for Halton Hills clubs at the Ballinac Community Hall Saturday. John Chappell of the Toronto Society of Model Engineers joined the clubs that afternoon for a model boat building demonstration and a slide show discussion about small-scale engine construction.

(Herald photo)

Don't drop Grade 13, trustees say

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\$300,000 in the design of the advanced level curriculum, which doesn't include the salaries of co-ordinators or paper costs," Mr. Dixon said at an earlier meeting. "We are now going to have to do that all over

again." "I don't know where we are going to get the money, staff and time to juggle all three balls simultaneously," he said. Halton Hills trustee Betty Fisher doesn't want Grade 13 done away with. She says it gives young people another

year to mature and fears Ontario universities may tack on an extra year for their degree programs, although they don't currently do so for students coming from other Canadian provinces with a Grade 12 diploma. Burlington separate school

trustee Bill Priestner says the ministry's proposals are "deceptive." "It's hidden expense. It looks like it's going to cost less, but it ends up in more time and more credits," Mr. Priestner said.

"We are not, generally speaking, making high enough demands on them," she said, pointing out that many students take on part-time jobs to keep busy. Mrs. Bruce said free time creates problems and that young people have too much free time now.

"Some of our better students challenge themselves by taking on a very full program. Many of them just don't. Some don't have the confidence in themselves in being able to handle it. Maybe parents don't strongly encourage their kids to take on a full course load," she said. Etobicoke, Wentworth and Hamilton school boards also support the retention of Grade 13.

Grade 9 liberal arts worry school board

A return to a heavier emphasis on the liberal arts for Grade 9 students has Halton trustees concerned. Trustees fear it will result in a high drop-out rate among general level students.

At the Halton board of education meeting Feb. 25, trustees passed a motion opposing the Secondary Education Review Project (SERP) recommendation that there be six compulsory credits demanded of Grade 9 students.

The SERP report was commissioned by the ministry of education. Out of the eight periods available, SERP proposes making English, mathematics, science, history or geography, physical education, and arts, music or theatre arts compulsory. In addition, French is highly recommended.

Urban review forum

Continued from Page 1 endorsed a recommendation from the region allowing Halton planners to incorporate the findings of the Acton urban boundary study into the region's official plan.

Acton's study was released to the public Dec. 8, and showed that Acton's sewage plant can handle effluent from a population of 10,000. It determined that the community could develop an additional 57 acres of land for industrial purposes and add 2,000 residents without seriously compromising safe bacteria levels in the plant's outflow into Black Creek.

The board's advisory vocational committee feels the move depletes career education, leaving students with only one or two periods for business and technical credits.

"We're not going to be able to do double credits in the Link program if this goes through," committee chairman Ivan Armstrong said. Link is a program by which

high school students can take technical courses at school and receive credit for what they learn from future employers. It acknowledges the skills they've acquired and can cut down on apprenticeship time for some trades.

The board's rejection of the SERP recommendation is being forwarded to education minister Bette Stephenson.

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Liberals' energy bill threat to all - MP

The future of Parliament is at stake, says Progressive Conservative MP John McDermid in defence of the current impasse on Parliament Hill.

In a press release to the media Tuesday, Mr. McDermid stated that the Energy Bill, which the Liberal government attempted to pass through the House of Commons March 2 creates a precedent that is permanently destructive of the idea of parliamentary debate and of the principle of parliamentary democracy.

The Conservatives moved a motion to adjourn the Commons Tuesday when Speaker Jeanne Sauve refused to order the government to split its massive and controversial Energy Security bill into small

er parts which could be sent to committee for more detailed review.

Because the Conservatives have been refusing to show up in the Commons to allow a vote to be held on the adjournment motion, the Commons to allow a vote to be held on the adjournment motion, the Commons has been locked into Tuesday's sitting.


The bell to summon MPs to the Commons has been ringing ever since, and Liberal MPs took turns sitting in the Speaker's chair over the weekend, which, by tradition, cannot be left vacant while the Commons is sitting.

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