



LIVING ONE OF THOSE 'GREAT MOMENTS'

In honor of the Queen's visit and the return of the Constitution, students at Harrison School in Georgetown held their own Constitution Day Monday, featuring Canadiana displays in classrooms and school corridors. Grade 4 students

Michelle Hillis (left), Sarah Hobbs and Sherry Baker were among those making special "Great Moments in Canadian History" booklets to commemorate the country's historic weekend. (Herald photo by Chris Aagaard)

A graphic display of smoking's dangers

We'll never smoke, kids say

Most people don't realize the amount of damage smoking can do and say it can't happen to me, say two Centennial Public School students.

Cathy Lyons and Beth Gibbs, both 13 and Grade 8 students at Centennial, have spent a fair amount of time studying the effects of smoking on human health.

They won first place in the life science category at the school's science fair in February, and most recently won an award from the Cancer Society for a project relating to cancer at the Hamilton district science and engineering fair.

Their project began in November, was an extracurricular activity worked on weekends by the two girls who both live on Moultriey Crescent in Georgetown and are best friends.

"Lots of people we knew had cancer and three of my uncles have it," Beth said. "We wanted to know what smoking will do to you." Setting up an experiment in which a cigarette with its filter end attached to a thin plastic pipe is lit, the girls



Smoking is bad for you and these two girls ought to know. They just finished a lengthy study that confirmed the damage smoking does to lungs. Beth Gibbs (left) and Cathy Lyons are both 13 and both in Grade 8 at Centennial Public School. They began their project in November, working weekends together to have it completed for the Centennial Science Fair in February. They won first place for the life sciences category at that fair and first place at the recent Hamilton District Science and Engineering Fair for a project relating to cancer. (Herald photo)

had the smoke drawn through the pipe tubing with the help of an air mattress foot pump.

Drawn through the tubing, the smoke entered a glass jar with a Kleenex filter in the lid through which the smoke had to pass. Naturally, the girls found the filters blackened when they removed them from the jar lids.

Beth said the non-filtered plain cigarettes were the worst on the lungs. They blackened the Kleenex filters the most in the experiment.

One of Cathy's brothers quit smoking as a result of the study.

The girls read a multitude of pamphlets on smoking and cancer, gathered from doctors' offices, hospitals and the Cancer Society.

Fascinated by the links between smoking and cancer, Beth and Cathy veered slightly off-track and also studied other forms of cancer. They found that the largest percentage of cancer found in women is breast cancer, accounting for 25 per cent of female cancer patients. In men, 20 per cent of cases are skin cancer. As a result of their study, both girls have sworn to never take up smoking.



Nick Grillo heads the Acton High School cast which is putting together a production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" scheduled to open Thursday night at the high school's auditorium. It's a solid musical look at the funnies' favorite precocious youngsters and the audience will see all familiar characters like Snoopy (Sharon McBride), Schroeder (Chris Rosenquist), Linus (Scott Nolan) and Lucy (Josie DeVergilio). Directed by Sasie Beber, the production will run until Saturday night. (Herald photo)

Region may phase in its new staff members

By CHRIS AAGAARD
Herald Staff Writer

Halton's chief administrative officer (CAO) has come up with a scheme for phasing in new hiring needs within the region's administration over the next five years because of councillors' concerns over a proposal to recruit 43 new full and part-time employees at the region.

CAO Dennis Perlin suggested last week that 17 new people should join the administration, but the finance committee continued to pare away at hiring requests, rejecting a nutritionist for the health department and a property agent sought by the CAO's department.

A number of part-time and contracted clerical positions, as well as a temporary occupational nurse, were dropped from the 1982 hiring proposals. Including cuts suggested by the finance committee last

week, which will be voted on by council during its 1982 operating budget deliberations today (Wednesday), approximately \$100,000 has been saved from vetoing hiring requests.

But cutting requests doesn't mean the region will save as much money as it may think, Mr. Perlin warned in a report to the committee. "Certain cost-recoveries won't be seen and certain revenue projections not made as a result of the 1982 staffing request not being fully implemented," he noted.

Without the additional staff, some work will have to be done by outside consultants, an alternative which councillors have criticized at length in the past.

Council will have to decide whether to cut the treasury department's systems improvement program this year or add \$20,000 to the

department's budget to hire outside consultants. Hiring proposals which might have handled this work have been dropped by the committee.

Mr. Perlin stated in his report that if council is not prepared to staff programs sufficiently, the programs might as well be dropped until manpower is available.

"As I have said to councillors previously, it is much better for government to eliminate an entire program than to have (one) which is 'half-baked' and...therefore, cannot be truly efficient and effective," he said.

In preparing additional staff requests earlier this year, Mr. Perlin said he and his department directors based their decisions on efficiency, restraint and the ability to provide effective government to ensure through a well-distributed workload that no embarrassing "surprises" crop up for council.

Mr. Perlin asked committee members not to be so concerned about the "number" (43) of new staff requested this year; instead, they should acknowledge that Halton region is still playing "catch-up" ball with other regional municipalities.

CPR course returns

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Pharmacies coping

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Ashenurst asked. "It's because the province has underfunded hospitals for four to five years and there aren't enough beds to meet the demand."

If no agreement is reached with the province, he said, doctors may continue to opt out of the health insurance program. Dr. Ashenurst said that this would be an expensive alternative, not only for the patients, but for the government and the doctors themselves.

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'Peanuts' comes to life this week at AHS

By DIANE CREWE-READ
AHS Correspondent
All of the students and teachers have been extremely busy doing all sorts of activities. For example, last week, Acton High School held another spectacular "Spirit Week".

As everyone knows, the students had a well-deserved holiday Easter Monday but then they were all back and hard at work again Tuesday. On this particular day, some of the students set up a table in the bear pit where they sold chocolate bars for \$2 and the money was put to a good use.

Wednesday too was also a very interesting day. Acton High held its annual "Physical Day" where everyone had the chance to wear (what else?) their track suit.

Thursday brought yet another very fascinating and exciting day for everyone who attends Acton High. Thursday was "Button Day" where you were to wear as many buttons as you could possibly fit on yourself and, boy, there were sure some good ones.

Then, of course, Friday, there was the dance featuring the sound system of

Turntable.

This particular week brought the end of one thing and the beginning of another.

All this week, students and teachers are all working their hardest to get things ready for the Acton High School production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown", which will be held this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens. Tickets are on sale at various places around Acton.

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