

# Teacher accused of indecent assault

A Georgetown teacher at Howard Wrigglesworth Public School has been charged with indecent assault in connection with complaints from five juvenile students of the school.

Halton regional police said the complaints were registered from September to December of this year by four male and one female student. School principal Tom Gibson said he hadn't received any complaints from parents during that time.

The male teacher was hired by the Halton board of education in January, 1982, and taught at McKenzie-Smith Middle School in Acton before beginning the new school year this September at Howard Wrigglesworth.

The Port Credit man, 47, taught special education and was in charge of the school library before being suspended with pay Monday afternoon following police arrest.

Superintendent of instruction Ray Stoness said the board has asked for the man's resignation although the man has yet to be convicted.

He said it was essential the board's obligations to students be protected.

The man has indicated his willingness to submit his resignation, Mr. Stoness said. Under the Education Act, if the teacher is found guilty, his contract with the board terminates.

The teacher will be appearing in Milton provincial court Jan. 10.

Mr. Stoness said this is the first indecent assault case ever facing a Halton teacher.

## Georgetown urban boundary proposals not circulated?

# 'Region ignored us' - HAAC

By MAGGIE HANNAH Herald Special

Halton agricultural advisers are questioning their role after they discovered last week they were bypassed by regional council on an important north Halton development proposal.

Halton agricultural advisory committee, a body appointed to provide input to regional planning decisions, discovered that while the region asked for review of an urban boundary study on the expansion of Acton, it bypassed the committee with a similar study aimed at expanding Georgetown.

The Georgetown study has been passed on to the ministry of municipal affairs and housing for approval.

The region asked the committee to comment on a proposed expansion of Acton's boundaries which will give the town 310 acres for development, most located east of Churchill Road. The boundary study was made public late in 1981 and was just recently given to the committee for comment.

A similar boundary study which proposes to add 1,380 acres to Georgetown was revealed in March, 1982, but regional council, which has not adopted the Acton study, adopted the Georgetown study without any outside comment and forwarded it to the ministry for approval.

Peter Langdon, a regional planner, said staff was instructed to prepare the amendment to the regional official plan which would authorize the new urban boundary for Georgetown "without any circulation to anyone."

"We're being used when it suits their purposes," committee member Peter Branch complained.

Although ministry of agriculture and food representative Henry Stanley refused to make a motion censuring regional action in the matter, he said it made committee members think seriously about serving on the committee for another year.

Committee vice-chairman Jim Reid asked how many committee members were really satisfied with the results of the committee's efforts during the past year but received no answers.

Russ Miller, a regional councillor for Halton Hills, who acts as liaison between regional council and the committee, said he "just assumed" the Georgetown study had

been circulated when council passed it.

He said he attended every regional council meeting last year and missed only one agricultural advisory meeting. Coun. Miller agreed with a reporter that the Acton study was released several months before the Georgetown study was presented. He could offer no comment on why the Acton study was not yet approved when the later Georgetown study was in final approval stages.

Coun. Miller said that while he personally sees the committee's work as worthwhile there are times when he shares the frustrations of other committee members and he knows previous committee members have quit because of such situations as the boundary study shuffle.

Mr. Stanley said he might not be on the committee next year but the committee is too important to the agricultural community for it to be shelved.

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Guelph Mercury

# Acton's eastward growth concerns farm advisors

Herald Special

Acton shouldn't be expanded into the good agricultural land east of Churchill Road, the Halton agricultural advisory committee (HAAC) decided last week.

The committee found that portions of the proposed new area near the pollution control plant and west of town near

Fairy Lake have little or no agricultural value, committee chairman Peter Branch said, and the committee has no objection to their inclusion in the urban area.

However, the committee felt future housing would be better north of the town's industrial park in rocky, poor agricultural land rather than to the

east along Churchill Road.

The committee felt 100 to 120 acres of the proposed 310-acre expansion involved good agricultural land and should be opposed.

Bill Allison, another member of the review committee, said that while he believes the land is good for agriculture the

realities of the situation indicate the committee will be ignored.

The land could go for agricultural, urban development or aggregate development since the site is also part of the area proposed to be designated for aggregate extraction, he said. With the alternatives, he believes agriculture doesn't stand much of a chance.

Russ Miller, regional council representative on HAAC, agreed with the committee's findings that the area was good agricultural land and expressed the opinion it was "some of the best agricultural land in the Acton area."

Coun. Miller supported the motion not to expand the town into good farmland although he had voted in favor of the proposed changes in Acton's urban boundary when the study was released earlier this year.

# Winter cutbacks

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town business downtown cores. Often, Mr. Austin said, this work is done at night to minimize inconvenience to shoppers.

Other areas where the snow will be carted away include a portion of Maple Avenue, bridges and near intersections where piles of snow block visibility.

— town council has no plans to embark on a full-scale sidewalk clearing program because of costs and possible liability problems. The town's general committee recommended that Mr. Austin also clear sidewalks from the Sargent Road senior citizens' residence to the Georgetown Marketplace and from Acton's Elizabeth Drive senior citizens' apartments to Highway 25.

— having cut back since 1978, the public works department will spread 5,000 tonnes of treated sand and 1,100 tonnes of salt this season. The sanding-salting program is done at intersections, grades and curves as required and an entire road network is not done unless there is a heavy ice storm.

— the town will continue to place about 12.5 kilometers of snow fencing in the rural area to reduce drifting.

— steam thawing of frozen water culverts will also continue as needed, the report states.

In addition, the works department has cut costs by asking the town's fire department and the Georgetown Volunteer

Ambulance Service to clear their own properties of snow.

Staff has been cut back in the works department from 37 unionized workers to 34. Twenty-six employees are available for winter services and two men are kept on night duty from Dec. 1 until March doing spot sanding, salting and plowing. Two workers are also available on weekends.



SPECIAL VISITOR

Santa Claus has his Christmas wish list for the Bottomley household near Acton already: Jennifer, 8, Jaime, 5, and Julie, 3, put a few good words in his ear Saturday when they visited the Georgetown public library's children's section. Invited to town by an old friend Gary Kirkpatrick of the Georgetown Racquet Club, St. Nick also dropped The Herald to answer some of the many letters he's received from local children. The first big batch appears in today's Section "C" along with Santa's personal replies, but there's lots more to go. Keep watching The Herald for more news from the North Pole. (Herald photo)

## Norval

# Christmas dinner!

By KAY WILSON Herald correspondent

Unit one of Norval United Church met for their Christmas meeting at the home of Catherine Laidlaw last Thursday. A pot luck dinner was enjoyed by 13 members.

Marion Laird opened with a Christmas poem, and called on Marg Ridley for the devotional.

The carol "Away in a Manger" was sung, followed by the scripture on the "Birth of Jesus". Marg concluded the devotional with a prepared paper, followed by prayer.

Minutes were read by Catherine Laidlaw, with thanks received from the Grahams, Grace church ladies, and a Christmas card from Evelyn Forgraves.

Flowers were arranged for the sick and shut-ins.

Roll call was a Christmas verse, followed by the exchange of gifts from the members' unknown friend.

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

Pinegrove community club enjoyed dinner at Bracken's Restaurant in Georgetown for their Christmas Party last week.

Following dinner 28 members went back to the home of Spencer and Kay Wilson, where Santa came and gave everyone a gift from the Christmas tree.

Progressive euchre was played with Ethel Webb, Grace May, Gord Early, and Francis Thompson prize winners.

Dessert and coffee was served by the hostess assisted by Gertrude McGee.

President Chester Early thanked all those responsible for the enjoyable evening.

Pinegrove community club had six tables of euchre Monday night.

Pink Card - 1. Muriel Miller, 2. Hille Feikema; white card - 1. George Burt, 2. Spencer Wilson; lucky draw - Verna Wil-

son, courtesy of Webb's Lunch committee - Irene Hunter, Ruth and Francis Thompson.

Norval Community Association had five tables on Thursday night.

Pink card - 1. Vivian

Shaw, 2. Eileen Jackson; white card - 1. Dunc McMillan, 2. Keith Webb; lone hands - Doug McMillan; lucky draw - Em McGilvray, courtesy of Webb's Lunch committee - Vivian Shaw, Ila Switzer, Edith Ditchfield.

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