

## Region's medical officer resigns after three years

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Regional councillors will soon begin searching for a new medical officer of health.

Dr. Peter Cole announced last week that he is leaving the administration of Halton's health department at the end of the year to assume similar duties in neighboring Peel region.

He took over as the region's medical officer three years ago after a year long search to find a replacement for Dr. Ballinafad

Joseph Chamberlain. Council's choice as the new MOH was immediately attacked at that time by Halton Pro-Life, a group which opposes birth control and sex education programs. Before coming to the region, Dr. Cole was the director of family planning services for Toronto.

A strong proponent of health education, Dr. Cole's administration has seen family planning clinics established in Oakville and Burlington and another may be

established next year in North Halton. Earlier this year, he supported the health department's policy of counselling young teenagers about family planning at the clinics and maintained that birth control, after careful consultation, should be provided to sexually active teenagers, even if parents aren't informed.

Dr. Cole began his administration as new provincial regulations demanded more health care programs from municipalities.

The health department has increased staff over the last three years to meet provincial guidelines.

Halton's provision of health care was below standards when he started, but Dr. Cole now says the region is "up to and above provincial average".

Dr. Cole, 38, told The Herald that health care promotion remains an "important" task of the region, one he hopes his successor will continue.



### SELF-CONTAINED

Stewarttown school's Claudia Koller appears ready for anything if the Credit River floods its banks from recent heavy rainfalls. She tried on an old diving suit which commercial diver Vince Patcheson brought along for the school's careers day. Mr. Patcheson was a featured speaker.

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## Failure rate greatest for Grade 1

If your child is going to fail a grade, it'll likely be Grade 1 or 2.

According to statistics compiled in September by Halton board of education elementary school principals, 114 pupils failed Grade 1 and 81 failed Grade 2 in June, 1983.

Retention rates were lowest in Grades 5, 6 and 7 and highest in Grades 1 and 2.

Of the total 449 students held back in June for a second year of the same grade, 41 were kindergarten pupils. Only 19 pupils failed Grade 6, but the number was up to 52 in Grade 6.

Superintendent of curriculum services

George Heaver explained the low retention rates in the higher grades was due to primary teachers identifying students with unique needs early in their schooling years.

As for students skipping a grade, that still happens, although in much smaller numbers than those who failed a year.

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## Report on boat people

By WINIFRED SMITH  
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The Ballinafad U.C.W. hosted the Dufferin-Peel Presbyterian Wed. Nov. 23. Acton U.C.W. were in charge of registration. Kay Ford and Eileen McEnery started the day off with a lovely sing-a-long.

Each U.C.W. brought gifts for the Victor Mission in Toronto. The guest speaker was Mr.

Chi from Brampton. He came from Korea eight years ago. His topic was On Being a Canadian. He mentioned the different churches that had sponsored the Boat People and brought his listeners up to date on the progress of these people, most of them are doing exceptional well. His talk reminded us many times that we live in a very special country. Ballinafad Church Ser-

vice was cancelled Sunday due to it being the 25th anniversary of St. Andrew's United Church in Georgetown.

Many Ballinafad residents attended the service and reported it to be most enjoyable. The guest speaker, Mr. McKenzie, was a former missionary in India.

Congratulations to our Minister Dr. Bandy and his wife Lynne who became the proud parents of a baby girl

born Nov. 24. Rev. Kelvin Johnston and Mrs. Johnston spent the weekend with the Jamiesons.

Mary Lawr underwent surgery at the Georgetown Hospital last week and we are pleased to report that she is progressing favorably.

Ruth Shortliff is recovering at her home after surgery on her legs. We hope it won't be too long before she is up and going again.

### Underage drinking

Seven charges were laid for underage drinking, driving with open liquor, and consuming liquor in other than a licensed place over the weekend in Georgetown. There were four similar charges laid in Acton, Halton regional police report.

### Trailer robbed

A Waterfalls Park, Limehouse, trailer was broken into between 5 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. Saturday, and \$80 cash taken. There was no damage to the home and it's unknown how the trailer was entered.

Halton regional police said they have a suspect under investigation.

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## Acton girl to paddle voyageur style

Lynda Shadbolt of Tidesy Ave., Acton is a student in the outdoor recreation program at Lakehead University and will be a participant in the Rendezvous Fort William expedition sponsored by the 1984 Ontario Bicentennial Commission.

Lynda is a graduate of Acton High School and is in her fourth year of studies.

The Bicentennial project will be co-ordina-

ted jointly by the ministry of tourism and recreation, old Fort William and Lakehead University.

These modern-day voyageurs will re-enact the arduous canoe trip from Montreal to Thunder Bay via Ottawa Valley, Lake Nipissing, Georgian Bay and Lake Superior.

The trip will commence in early May and end at Old Fort William July 1, 1984 in order to coincide with

the traditional Rendezvous celebrations of the North West Company.

1984 is also the Bicentennial of the North West Company and this re-created expedition will provide communities and school children along the route with a better understanding of the early economic and cultural development of our province.

Approximately 25 to 30 formal and informal presentations will be

made along the way, as the group travels the 1,200 miles from Montreal to Thunder Bay in 60 days.

During the next six months the 40 participants will be paddling, sewing costumes, carving paddles, planning menus and preparing historical roles, as there is a great deal of work involved in the undertaking of a historical re-enactment of this magnitude.

### Letters to the editor

#### Feeling helpless?

To the editor of The Herald:

Feeling helpless? Would you personally like to take a positive step to ease world tensions? If so, send a Christmas card to Soviet Premier Andropov. Is this another crazy idea? Maybe not.

This is one positive, non-judgemental, step that says we care about the human race. Let's get the Soviets back to the bargaining table. Even a six year old can take part. UNICEF cards are excellent as they have Russian on them, but any card will do. Messages like, "Season's Greetings to the people of the Soviet Union", or "Wishing

you peace on earth", or "Let's talk", would do nicely.

Whether you send a card because the message of Christmas is Peace on Earth or because Jesus said, "Love your enemies", or because of selfish reasons like wanting to keep the Soviets from pushing the button, do make this one small effort.

Volume is important. The more cards the better. Spread the word to friends across North America or in Europe.

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To the editor of The Herald:

Having shared in another Rotary Club dinner I would like to express my sincere thanks and praise to all of its members for their efforts and kindness towards the seniors of Georgetown and Community.

It is much appreciated and something to look forward to from year to year.

So thanks again, keep up the good work.

Yours sincerely,  
George Graham

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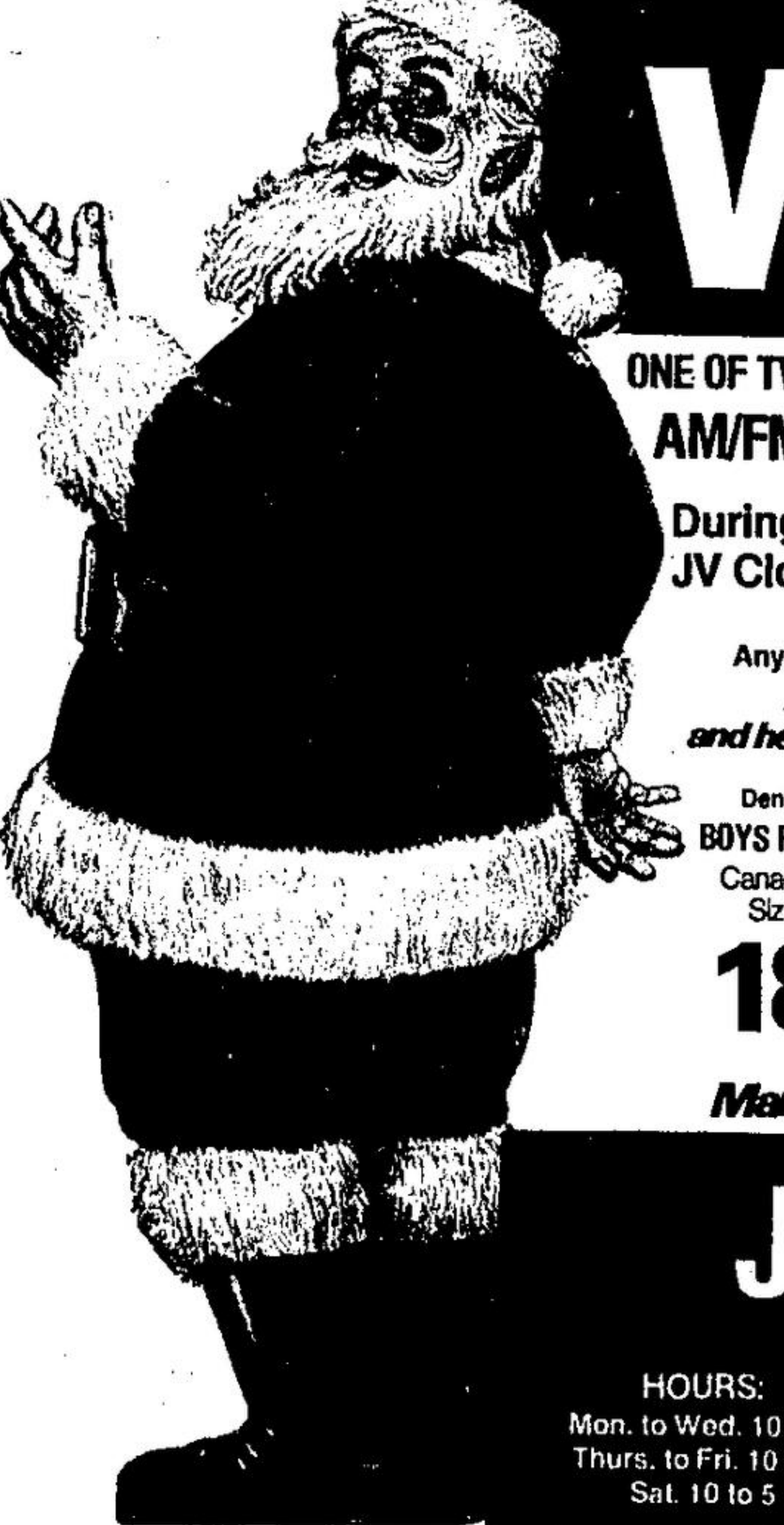
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