

# Peel players here Sunday

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Peel pantomime players moved into the John Elliott Theatre on Sunday and will be busy all week putting up the set and rehearsing for

Aladdin in new surroundings. They come to us after a very successful run at the Lester B. Pearson Theatre in Bramalea and we hope that the run here in Georgetown will

be equally successful for them.

In the days of Shakespeare all parts in theatrical productions were played by males, with the younger members of troupes playing the female roles. Not so in pantomime.

In fact it's quite the reverse; the leading male role, in this case Aladdin, is played by a female. However when it comes to the role of the dame, Aladdin's mother, we revert back to the days of Shakespeare and the role is played by a male.

My spies tell me that this particular male has made an enormous sacrifice for this particular show. Not wishing to appear as the bearded widow Twanky he shaved. The things thespians are willing to do for their public.

Georgetown Little Theatre is responsible for ticket sales. If you wish to order tickets please call the GLT box office at 877-3700. The box office at the John Elliott Theatre will be open Dec. 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. and for one hour before each show.

The pantomime debuts in Georgetown on Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. and continues on the 10th and 11th with two shows each day, at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.



Jayne Buchan, Ankara Farms, and Mia Lane (right) Forget Me Not Farms, both of Halton Hills take time out from competition at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair to feed one of Buchan's Angora goats an apple. The pair are competing at the Royal which runs until Nov. 19.  
(Photo by Bob Boxall - Toronto Bureau)

## Ron Chapman says

# Increased enrollment could prevent closures

By ANI PEDERIAN  
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With marriage and having children becoming popular again, Halton board of education superintendent Ron Chapman anticipates a return to increasing enrollments after 1985.

"We may start to fall up in enrollments after 1985," Mr. Chapman, 50, said. "It looks like it. It's encouraging to have the kindergarten numbers starting to climb again."

No new schools are currently projected for the north but if any were, they would be for Milton, he said.

"It's much easier and far less costly to bus children rather than to keep on building facilities," Mr. Chapman said. "We're past the point where we can put up schools to facilitate the neighborhood."

The anticipated growth is encouraging for the board, after experiencing declining elementary enrollments since 1972 and secondary enrollments since 1977.

**TURNABOUT**  
Until the turnabout comes however the board is working on a consolidation study for the north, based on projections that show that by 1987, elementary schools in Halton Hills will be operating at less than 59 per cent effective capacity.

Talk of consolidating schools has parents worried that their neighborhood school, with its small classrooms, will close and children will be bussed to other schools.

"Parents are concerned that we're going to start school closures, but the consolidation study isn't intended as a school closure study," Mr. Chapman reassured. "The odds are it will

lead to school closures, but you can't tell. The population might be upshifting, for example."

Consolidation is not the same thing as closure, and for now, concern about losing schools in the north is premature, Mr. Chapman said.

**GROWTH**  
Superintendent of Milton and Halton Hills schools for more than seven years, he believes there will be much growth over the next 15 years in the north.

"There's no sense in getting rid of schools



when you will have a need for them seven or eight years down the road," Mr. Chapman said. "Any building that's going to go on is going to be in the north."

The board rejected studying closure for Glen Williams, Limehouse and Speyside public schools early in the year, voting instead for a consolidation study of the entire north to look at all the schools and assess how they can best be utilized. These three schools currently have the smallest pupil populations.

"We're not sure yet what schools are in jeopardy. We haven't any idea. There are a number of factors," Mr. Chapman repeated, stressing it wasn't true the board had certain

schools in mind for closure.

"I can understand the concern about losing schools, because in many cases, the school is the focus of the community," he noted. Right now, Mr. Chap-

man is studying school boundaries in the north to assess where the populations are and why. Boundary changes to balance school populations may be in line to avoid school closures. By the end of the

school year, he estimates he will have recommendations to make on the boundaries that have traditionally been in place.

These recommendations will be followed by a two year study by the

board, of current and projected populations to 1993. The consolidation study will look at future housing in the north before proceeding on the closing, renovating or building of schools, Mr. Chapman said.

## North Halton location creates school spirit superintendent says

By ANI PEDERIAN  
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For all their problems, the people in the region's north have a very positive attitude. So says Halton board of education superintendent of schools Ron Chapman.

"The thing I find the most unique about the north is the very positive attitude I find up here," Mr. Chapman waxed during an interview with The Herald. "That's not to say there isn't that attitude in the south, but it's far more general here."

Mr. Chapman works out of the Milton-located North Education Centre, visiting schools in Halton Hills and Milton as his job requires.

"Everybody I deal with up here has a very positive attitude and it makes people's jobs more pleasant and the learning process far more exciting and satisfying for the children," he said. "They capitalize on problems here, and turn them into something extremely positive."

### FRIENDLINESS

In the schools, you find a friendliness and warmth not usually found in schools in the south, Mr. Chapman remarked.

"I think the parents, the people up here are extremely supportive in general. They're willing to work in the schools and with school personnel. They do a lot for the kids," he said.

The geographic isolation relative to the rest of the region has been taken advantage of to create a strong community spirit, Mr. Chapman said. He

commented on choir festivals and the Terry Fox project every year.

"Through no fault of their own, there's cultural deprivation here. They don't have as many chances to get out and see things other urban people do, but that's diminishing for the children now," Mr. Chapman said.

Another disadvantage schools in the north cope with is the lack of services or resources outside the school.

"We don't have places like Woodview Children's Centre in Burlington. That's for children with severe behavior problems," he said. "We need that kind of thing in the north. Our kids have the same needs as everybody else's, but the north part of Halton seems to fall between the cracks for these sorts of services."

Gradually this is improving, with now an Acton Youth Drop-in and a branch of the Burlington Youth Residence established in Acton. The problem is money, Mr. Chapman noted.

With 60 to 80 volunteers in the large schools doing a variety of jobs to help out, community spirit is strong within the school system. Mr. Chapman pointed out parents are working with the board to develop a community playground at Harrison Public School on Georgetown's Rexway Drive.

"I think our geography dictates that volunteerism is pretty well a reality and we've adapted very well," Mr. Chapman said.

## Motorcycle driver 23, faces trial

A 23-year old Bramalea man has been summoned to Milton provincial court Dec. 12 on the charges of dangerous driving under the Criminal Code and careless driving under the Highway Traffic Act.

Daniel Matwey has been charged in connection with an accident Aug. 7 in which 18-year

old Bruce Paterson, of Moore Park Crescent, Georgetown, died.

Mr. Paterson died after he was thrown off the black 1979 Honda bike on Highway 7, half a kilometer west of Winston Churchill Boulevard.

According to a post-mortem at the time, cause of death was

massive bleeding caused by lacerations to the aorta and aspiration of blood, Halton regional police Const. Brian Crosby reported.

Mr. Matwey sustained serious injury to his leg, which had been cut below the knee. Microsurgery reattached arteries and ligaments successfully.

## Post office drop off

The Georgetown post office at Maple and Guelph, will be serving as a drop off point for the Good Neighbor Service.

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## Acton women sentenced

An Acton woman received a 90-day sentence when she pleaded guilty to five charges of false pretenses involving cheques totalling more than \$1,200.

Rose MacDonald of RRI, Acton, was given the sentence by provincial court Judge William Sharpe last week to run concurrent with a sentence for an unrelated conviction against her for dangerous driving.

Guelph provincial court wants a presentence report on Ms. MacDonald, the Milton court was told, because she has been convicted of dangerous driving in connection with an accident that killed an 18-year old Acton woman in Guelph in 1982.

Ms. MacDonald pleaded guilty to purchasing items valued at \$238 from an Acton jewellery store on Aug. 26 and asking the clerk to deduct that total from a personal cheque for \$400, the balance of which she received in cash.

She was arrested for that matter on Sept. 1 and released Sept. 8, the court was told. Ms. MacDonald opened an account for a friend to cash an \$80 cheque for her on the Guelph bank account that same day at the Speyside General store. The friend also cashed a \$150 cheque on the Guelph account for Ms. MacDonald at the Speyside store on Oct. 3.

Ms. MacDonald in the company of her friend, bought a \$59 pellet gun at a Milton store Oct. 4 and offered a \$300 personal cheque for the purchase again receiving the balance in cash. The same day she purchased

chased a ticket to Newfoundland valued at \$300 from Acton Travel.

Ms. MacDonald's lawyer, J.R. Nicholson, told

the court his client has been in custody since Oct. 24 on the charges.

## Car flipped

A 47-year old Ballinacraig woman sustained minor injuries when her Volkswagen Rabbit flipped on Wildwood Road, Glen Williams, Nov. 30 at 8:40 a.m.

Marilyn Hastings was treated and released from Georgetown Memorial Hospital, where she was taken by ambulance.

The woman was driving on the S-turn on Wildwood Road when her car spun on a patch of ice. She lost control and the vehicle rolled over into a ditch.

No charges were laid due to the snowy road conditions.

## Sale formalized

Town council Monday night formalized the sale of land between Baz Motors and the Halton Region Police station on Guelph Street. Anscot Developments Ltd. has bought the land in trust for an as yet unformed company. The land was sold for \$216,000. A commercial retail use of the land is planned.

Registration for all Recreation Programs will be on Monday Dec. 12 at the Rose Room (Memorial Arena) from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

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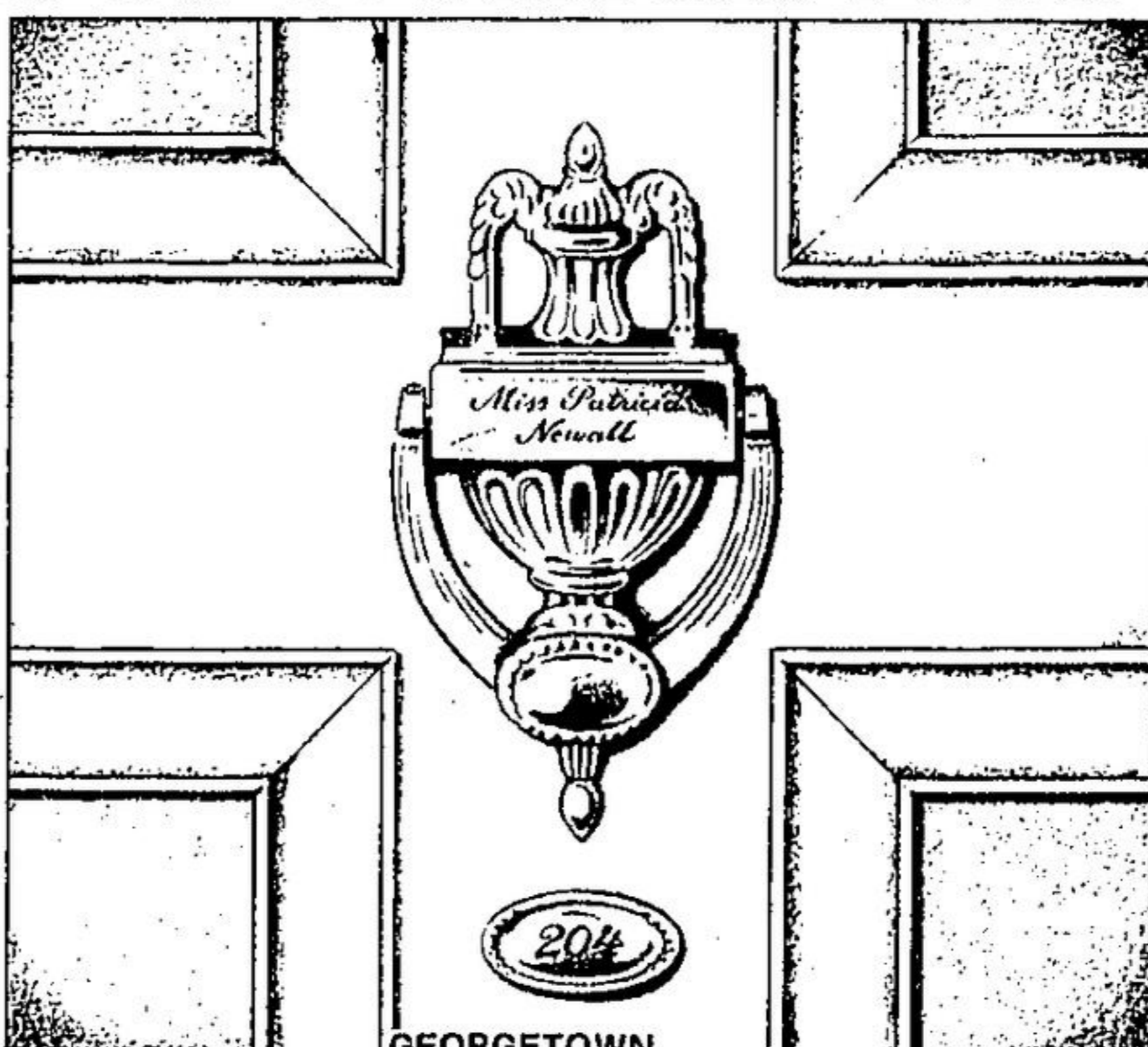
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