

## Public school teacher dies at her home

A Centennial Public School teacher died suddenly at home early Thursday morning.

Juanita Sears, 45, was pronounced dead on arrival at Georgetown Memorial Hospital. An autopsy was held on the weekend but the hospital will not disclose the results.

A Tidey Avenue, Acton, resident, Mrs. Sears was a special education teacher for Grade 7 students at Centennial School in Georgetown.

Prior to teaching at Centennial this September she had taught at Acton's Robert Little Public School, Stewarttown Senior Public School and Speyside Public School.

Children from her teaching career turned up Monday afternoon for her funeral and burial in Acton.

"She was a very dedicated teacher, extremely

interested in primary and junior students," Centennial principal Len Kay said.

He recalled a conversation with Mrs. Sears in which she had expressed her teaching philosophy. She had said if problems were identified early, in the primary grades, they could be corrected much more easily.

"She was very sincere and a professional," Mr. Kay said. "A lot of children from the different schools she'd been in were at her funeral, which tells a lot about the relationship she had with the kids."

Mrs. Sears is survived by her husband and three children in Grades 3, 7 and 10.

Halton Hills fire chief Bill Cunningham said firefighters were called to the home at 2:38 a.m. Thursday but could not revive the woman.

## Chamber bid runs afoul of council

A bid by the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce to squeeze a \$1,000 grant out of the region doesn't have much support from local councillors.

Council Monday declined to plead on behalf of the Chamber when the grant request already rejected by Halton's administration and finance committee is reviewed by regional council.

The money is being sought for the Chamber's BIG Celebration, an exhibition of local businesses to be held in June as a provincial bicentennial salute and tribute to the 120th anniversary of the village of Georgetown.

"The Chamber is a business group," Coun. Mike Armstrong said.

**Peace topic for UCW**

Unit 1 of Norval United Church met at the home of Marion Laird for a dessert luncheon Thursday last.

The writer opened the meeting with a Prayer For Peace, followed by the devotional prepared by Dorothy McLean and read by Laila Smith.

Roll call was on Friendship and the minutes were read and adopted. Mac Cleave thanked the UCW for the fruit basket at Christmas.

Mary Crawford showed a film on Ventures in Missions.

Funds raised will go to support the building of churches in new subdivisions, and will aid the handicapped, youth, elderly, ethnic, and native people.

Muriel Hey had several short humorous readings, and also told about the life of a mission family in Colombia.

The meeting closed with the benediction.

## 'TIS THE SEASON FOR COLDS AND AND FLU BUGS



Guess who was feeling miserably Friday afternoon? Box of Kleenex and bottle of Vicks Vaporub in hand, Georgetown District High School student Karen Ivany, 18, battled a cold. Sleeping all day helps because you get tired, Karen said. She's drinking lots of tea and soup to help clear up her runny nose. Karen is president of the GDIS drama club and stars as Portia in the club's spring performance of The Merchant of Venice.

(Herald photo)

## Your pets can't get your cold

By ANI PEDIERIAN Staff Writer

You can sneeze all over your pet cat, dog or horse and he won't catch your miserable cold.

That's the news from Georgetown Animal Clinic veterinarian Dr. Ross Pezzack.

Viruses which give us the blabs and runny noses have adapted to survive just within us. Transferred to cat, horse, or dog cells, these viruses don't last.

More prepared than humans, animals are given vaccines to protect them against viruses that can attack their cells.

"When weather changes, like this time of year, we get a lot of farm animals with colds," Dr. Pezzack said. "The damp weather, standing around in the mud and the temperature fluctuations make them sick."

### BAD TIME

The change from cold to warm days seems to give the animals more trouble breathing and

greater chance of getting infections, he said.

"We used to find the worst times of the year were fall and spring," Dr. Pezzack said. "If one gets an infection the others get it as well."

Depending on the bug affecting them, cats get runny noses, eyes and ulcers in their mouths. Most cats are protected by vaccines, he said.

Dogs usually don't get colds unless they're in confined conditions where there are a lot of dogs in a small area. It's similar to whooping cough in people. Rarely is there a nasal discharge or runny eyes, Dr. Pezzack said.

### COUGHS

Dogs can get kennel cough, caused by bacteria. Even dogs in the cleanest kennel get it. It just takes one carrier in a confined area, he said.

If horses are isolated, they aren't usually vaccinated. But if they're going to the track or going to be with other horses which could be carriers, then vaccination is advised, Dr. Pezzack said.

## Crown withdraws assault charges

**SPECIAL TO The Herald**  
MILTON - Sexual assault charges against Acton hairdresser Francesco Coda were dropped this week by the Crown.

Terry O'Connor, acting Crown attorney, told provincial court Judge William Sharpe he doubted the Crown could get a conviction in the light of evidence from the accused's wife.

Sexual assault was formerly called rape until changes to the criminal code reclassified the charges.

## Police beat

### Booze charge

GEORGETOWN - Saturday at 11:40 p.m. a 16-year old Georgetown man was charged with being intoxicated on Lynden Circle.

### Door smashed

ACTON - A plate glass door worth \$300 was smashed at the Diplomat Apartments on Church Street Thursday at 2:20 a.m. Halton regional police said the window was damaged during a disturbance in the building.

### Stereo swiped

NORVAL - An AM-FM cassette stereo deck and amplifier worth \$110 was stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in a Queen Street driveway Friday.

### More slashings

GEORGETOWN - Four tires on a 1977 Pontiac Grand Prix had been slashed Thursday when the owner returned to his parked car.

Halton regional police said the car had been parked in front of a Guelph Street store and the slashing occurred between 2 and 10 p.m. Damage is estimated at \$360.

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## Euchre results

Huttonville Good Neighbors held their monthly euchre at the school with eight tables in play.

Winners were Buck Burton, Margaret Grainger, Jack Rohrer, Gord McMurchy.

Travelling prize - Isabel Fraser, Ken Adcock.

Next euchre will be

### Scoop

Do you have a news tip? Our writers would like to talk to you about events in the community.

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March 16.  
Norval euchre had six tables on Thursday last. Winners were Eva Presswood, Mary Workman, Marie Murray, Fred Workman.

Lone Hands - Hazel Preston.

Lucky Draw - Elsie Jarvie.

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