

# Ontario election likely this fall?

The Big Blue Machine, pride of Ontario's Progressive Conservative Party, is sidelined after playing its stunning role in the defeat of federal Liberals across the province.

But perhaps not for long. Clean, bright and slightly oiled it's still idling. And the buzz around Queen's Park suggests that it may be rumbling into action again this November, hopefully to repeat its recent federal performance and carry provincial Tories to another victory.

An election this year is unnecessary - the majority government of Premier William Davis has half a year to go before its traditional four-year term ends.

Speculation could go awry if Davis decides to retire from political life. This, by the premier's own admission is not in the cards, but there are hints that some choice plums may come his way when Conservative Leader Brian Mulroney becomes Prime Minister. And it would not be the first time a leading politician has had a change of mind.

For the time being, we feel, the odds are on a late fall election. The signs and portents visible after last Tuesday's smashing victories by the federal branch of the Conservative Party suggest it, and nothing denotes any weakening of popular support for a government which Davis has led for the past 14 years.

Latest opinion polls say that 48 per cent of Ontario voters would support the Conservatives, 35 per cent would vote Liberal and 17 per cent NDP. Those numbers point to an improvement in the government's already substantial majority. Present standings in the house are: Tories 71, Liberals 28 and NDP 21. There are five vacant seats.

With this reassuring knowledge, top cabinet ministers, according to reports, are pushing for a 1984 election. The feeling of one was that Tories were bound to win "so let's get it over with".

Opposition parties, the Liberals led by David Peterson and NDP by Bob Rae, may be hoping and praying that Davis will call it quits and seek his rewards elsewhere. After all, a battle joined with other than this doughty, wily and skilful leader might be preferable.

We shall all know better after Pope John Paul's impending tour of the province which way the political wind is blowing, but at this moment it would appear that Davis has much to gain, and little to lose by staying in office and going to the people one more time.

—Courtesy Guelph Mercury

# Open Door policy

The signs are shaping up for a fall season that is ripe with promise. Two programs coming to the area are meeting the needs of residents and addressing problems that we must face head-on.

At St. George's Anglican Church on Guelph Street there is a drop-in program called Open Door that begins Friday. Uniquely situated beside Georgetown District High School, the church basement provides an ideal place for teenagers to get together and rap.

Open Door will undoubtedly have a Christian flavor, but the two coordinators won't be pushing religion, they'll only be there to answer questions for their young guests. Night programs are planned for the weekend which may give teenagers another alternative in their search for fun.

Along with the Open Door are two drinking and driving forums planned for Oakville and Milton. The forums may help to further publicize the need for our community to take a greater interest in stopping impaired drivers of all ages.

Teenagers who drink and drive may be doing so because they have a lack of opportunity to have fun in other less dangerous ways. That's where programs like Georgetown's Open Door drop-in and Acton's Mug drop-in offer places for teenagers to go where they're welcome, and yet still away from their parents' watchful eyes.



By PAT WOODE  
Herald Columnist

The Ontario government has taken a step to "encourage - not penalize - families for their efforts to provide shelter and supportive care."

Effective May 1, 1984, homeowners who renovate to accommodate a disabled or elderly person, whether they be a friend, family, or for themselves are not required to pay extra property tax. Minor and major alterations included.

Exemptions apply only to that portion altered to meet the individual's needs and will be effective until the person dies or moves out. Non-profit group homes are eligible provided their accommodations do not exceed three residential units.

Affidavits will be delivered on request or can be picked up at Halton-Peel Regional Assessment Office, 2 Robert Spock Pkwy., Mississauga, 270-8050.

On a disability allowance or limited income and faced with a sudden

additional expense?

Under the General Welfare Assistance Act, special assistance is available to any person who by reason of financial hardship has budgetary needs which exceed his or her income.

Even those employed may be eligible as long as a needs assessment indicates their income is insufficient to pay for the requested item. Total or partial payment may be approved.

This may include drugs, surgical supplies, transportation to hospital, prosthetic appliances, wheelchairs, vocational training, dental services, oxygen equipment, moving costs, home repairs and security deposits or utilities.

Supplementary Aid is geared to those receiving government benefits including those in receipt of Vocational Rehabilitation Allowance and G.A.I.N.S. This provision allows "Assisting the recipient to meet the cost of fuel, shelter, or extraordinary needs. These needs are comparable to those approved by Special Assistance described above.

Applications can be made through the local welfare office and approval is made at the discretion of the administrator. If aid is denied, the administrator should be requested to state the reasons for refusal in writing.

# Ramps appreciated by Todd

Dear Sir,  
We are delighted with the new ramped sidewalks recently completed along Delrex and Duncan.

These ramps are a convenience to many people but especially a help for our disabled son. Todd is now able to

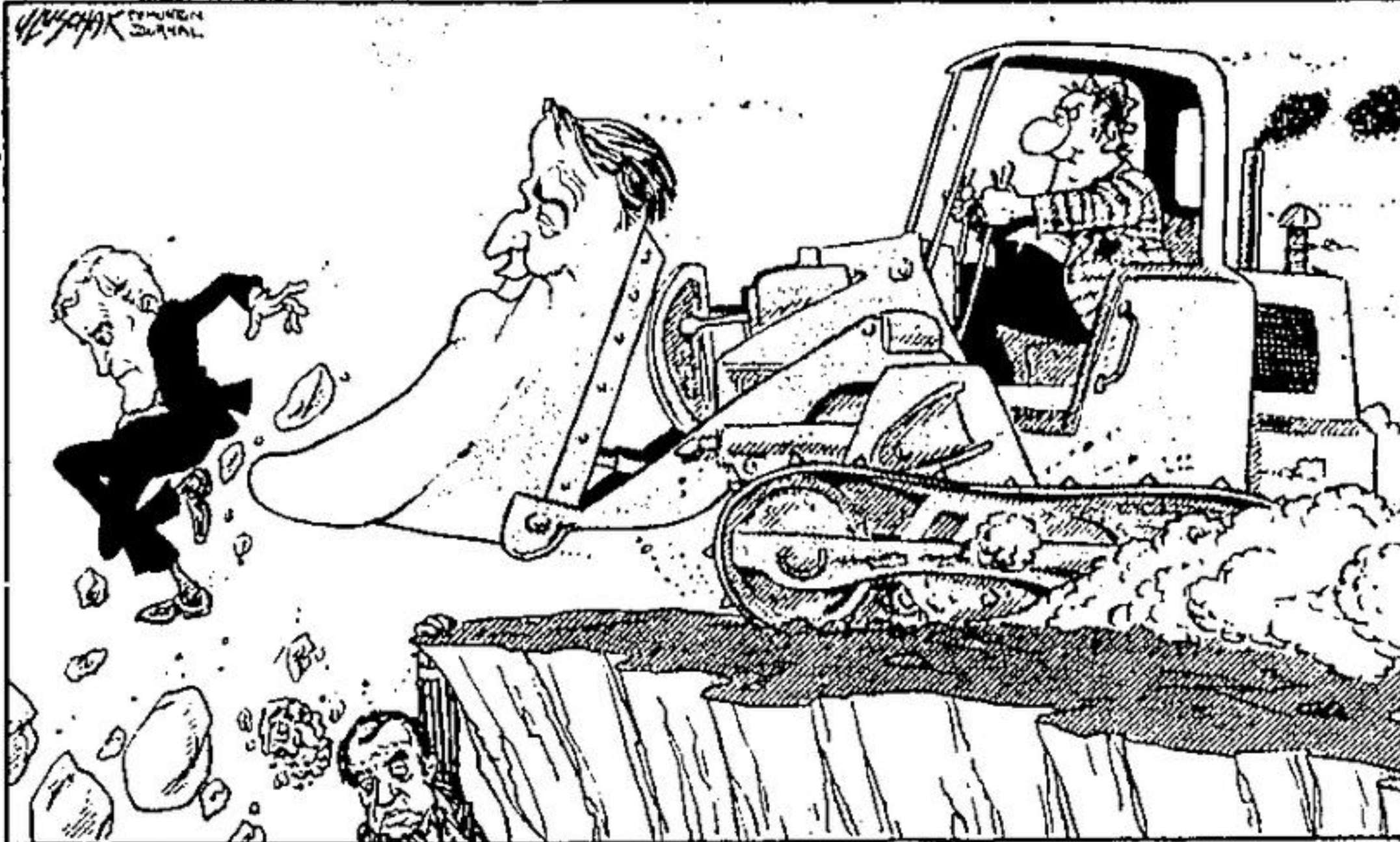
visit friends on his own and plans to go to school on his trike whenever he can.

With all the budgeting problems being faced before the town, we are pleased that the need for ramps in this area was made a priority. We thank all concerned for a job well

done.

It might also be noted that Beckers (Delrex and Mountainview) and Zellers have given their full co-operation in ramping their stores.

Sincerely,  
Harry and Eileen Ellis,  
Weber Drive,  
Georgetown



## How did they live?

# The Indians of Esquesing

By RICHARDE RUGGLE  
Herald Special

When the first white settlers arrived in Esquesing in 1819, they were newcomers. For centuries before, from about 1300 until the mid 17th century, Huron tribes had built their transitory villages among the pine forests north of the western tip of Lake Ontario.

These prehistoric Indians did not have a written language to record their story. Although the reports of Jesuit missionaries, whose shrine at Midland Pope John Paul II will visit on his Canadian visit, tell something of Huron life in general, it is the archaeologists who must place them on the local map and tell us something of how they lived here.

Only in the past twenty years have the archaeologists had Huron sites in this area to study. A site on the farm of Brigadier F.C. Wallace, near Ballinacott (lot 32, concession 10), was excavated in 1963 and 1965.

What was dug up showed something of how the Indians supported themselves by hunting and farming. There were over 100 bones and bone fragments, mostly from white-tailed deer, but also from elk, dog or coyote, beaver, black bear, woodchuck, gray fox, gray wolf, wood turtle and passenger pigeon.

And some charred remains - a handful of corn kernels and a piece of squash vine - were unearthed.

The artifacts told more about their way of life. Two polished stone tools were recovered: One was a celt, or chisel, that had been much used. There was also a sandstone abrader, used to smooth the stone.

Then there were some arrowheads and a double-edged scraping tool that had been made by chipping pieces of grey chert (flint).

Bone provided another source for tools and decorations. A beaver tooth was modified so it could be used to cut designs; there was a pottery marking tool, two awls, a flaking tool made from antler and ten bone beads.

From clay the Indians had made pipes and pottery. The rims of Indian pots were decorated in distinctive patterns, and though some of the patterns found here did not fit neatly into any existing classification, others followed the traditional simple designs used by the Huron-Neutral Indians.

In 1967 a Huron burial ground was uncovered on the Sheridan Nurseries property at Glen Williams, and excavated the following year. The Huron left their dead on raised platforms.

About every ten years they held the Feast of the Kettle, when the skeletons were gathered and buried in

a common pit. If the flesh had not completely decomposed, it was the task of the relatives to scrape what remained from the bones, and the marks on some of the bones in the Glen Williams pit suggest that this happened here.

The Huron taught that, as the bones of their ancestors were mixed together, so too they should live together in harmony. The absence of trade goods in the pit suggests that it dates from before the arrival of Europeans.

The coming of Europeans to North American shores brought dire effects to those who inhabited what was to become Esquesing township, almost two centuries before European settlement began there.

For the newcomers brought with them new diseases to which the Indians had no resistance, and fomented increased hostility between the tribes because of their rivalry for trade.

As the supply of beaver around the St. Lawrence became depleted, the Iroquois, traditional enemies of the Huron, began to strike into their territory.

By the middle of the 17th century, the Huron and their allies had been driven from their territory, and the lands lay unoccupied for about a century.

Otto Jellinek didn't mind taking a few pokes at his campaign rival Oriana Currie. He made it known he was upset by his sign vandalism and felt it had been some people in the Liberal camp.

Jellinek also chastised Currie for her brochure which noted her fight for small business, a point he disputed. Mrs. Currie defended her literature by saying she had changed a part of the Criminal Code of Canada and a section of the tariff act.

The 1,476 votes for Green Party candidate Chris Kowalchuk made him

# Halton's History

From our files

THIRTY YEARS AGO - Norfolk Elegance, a hackney horse which Ken McMillan purchased recently from Argyll Stables, Mt. Carroll, Ill. was grand champion harness mare at the CNE horse show.

Jack Holmes, Acton drover, has returned from a trip to Three Rivers, Quebec, where he delivered a shipment of grade and registered holsteins.

J.L. Graham and Co. and the Canadian Bank of Commerce have purchased a \$30,000 debenture issue of Esquesing Township for the new addition to Glen Williams school.

Visiting his native land for the first time since he came to this country, John Lenz will be reunited this week with his brother and sisters in Ostermark, Austria.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO - Over the violent objections of Cr. Ern Hyde and acting mayor W.F. Hunter, council Monday night voted to hire management consultants Stevenson and Kellogg to conduct a management audit at a cost of no more than \$3,800.

Out of a total of 46 applications the Georgetown Library Board, Tuesday night hired three part time staff members, Mrs. Myriam Kovacs, Mrs. Fenella Browne, and Mrs. Esme Ball.

Tony Powell, 4 Chipper Crescent, collected four gold medals at the Canadian Senior Championships in Victoria, B.C.

TEN YEARS AGO - Ontario Premier William Davis made a commitment to meet with Norval ratepayers in their dispute with the Halton board of education.

Janice McDonald became one of the first girls to join the Air Cadet Program in Georgetown after recent legislation changes. Stanley Eckstein delivered the first letter to Norman Price in Acton where mail delivery has begun.

FIVE YEARS AGO - The historic Georgetown train station has been granted a stay of execution for at least the next five years following the signing of a new lease.

Halton Hills recreation and parks director Glen Gray has submitted his resignation as he is moving.

Although ill at the time, Christian Book, who has just completed Grade 7 at Limehouse, competed in Grade 7, 8, 9 class at the CNE spelling match placing second.

one of the more successful Green candidates throughout Ontario. Just when you thought it was safe to go into the water...

Seems people in Halton Hills have been receiving calls about a telephone survey which might be a chance for a local candidate to test the waters.

Some of the questions were on what residents thought of the provincial PCs, the Liberal incumbent Julian Reed, the question of Catholic school funding and the candidacy of a Peter Pomeroy of Norval.

## Citizens Against Violent Pornography

# Clip and mail campaign update

Dear Sir,  
In June we sponsored a clip and mail coupon supporting passage of legislation bringing video tapes under the jurisdiction of the Ontario Film Review Board.

Those who sent in coupons received replies from both Dr. Elgie and Mr. Bob Rae.

Some people found Mr. Rae's letter to be intimidating. We would like to assure them that their stance was correct.

The attached is our reply to Mr. Rae's letter. Yours truly,  
Gail Rutherford,  
Chairman

Dear Mr. Rae:  
We are happy to be informed that you have received clip and mail coupons regarding legislation over video tapes, which our groups sponsored in two local newspapers. Your staff's forceful response has made us aware of just how effective such a campaign can be.

In your letter of July 5,

1984, you state that legislation proposed by a majority government cannot be prevented by the opposition. This is obvious. What you have done in threatening prolonged debate just before the House was scheduled to close and has other business to tend to, is to seriously delay the progress of this bill.

You have prevented the public debates you claim to want on this issue from taking place, this summer and have postponed the date that this legislation will become law by at least four months.

May we point out that second readings does not make legislation law. You could have used your delay tactics before third reading and allowed an all-party committee to study the bill and hold public forums on it this summer.

As you know, after Thanksgiving when the House re-convenes, committees which are

relatively free now will again be inundated with budget and other pressing matters.

The desensitization process the public will experience between now and the time Dr. Elgie's bill finally becomes law is only accelerated by the increasingly violent nature of current pornography.

You claim that in your opinion, civil libertarians number millions in Ontario. We would suggest that those most vocal against Dr. Elgie's bill are those who profit the most from pornography. Other, responsible citizens, parents, teachers, clergy are becoming more vocal in their support of legislative controls, as they are made aware of the issue.

We are encouraged that the Provincial NDP did approve a resolution supporting a system of film classification and licensing despite the "millions of Ontarians" you assume oppose such legislation.

You also state that no one including ourselves had prior knowledge as to the specifics of Bill 82. This is true. However, the intent and issues being addressed by the bill have been well known for some time. Anyone concerned should have had his arguments well prepared and thought out in time for debate of this most important piece of legislation.

Citizens Against Violent Pornography is a group of men and women who have been actively concerned for the past year and a half with video violence and child pornography. We are interested in any legislative initiatives made in this regard and appreciate hearing your views.

Yours truly,  
Gail Rutherford,  
Chairman



## Editor's notebook

By DAVE ROWNEY

By now the federal election results have given everyone a chance to sit back and reflect on the Tory landslide. For our own staff it was a long night, but we suspect PC victory parties lasted longer than our writing sprees.

In the aftermath, we'd like to add to a bit of the drama by including a few more tidbits about the election. I wish we could say this is the last election story you'll read in The Herald for a while, but with the provincial Tories playing coy, we'll have to wait and ponder what Mr. Davis has in mind for us before Christmas.

But anyhow, In Brampton-Georgetown, the

number of registered voters increased from 86,000 in 1980 to 111,576 in 1984.

Only 72 per cent of voters cast ballots in 1980 but this year 85,771 people or 76.4 per cent of voters, turned out at the polls.

In percentage terms, the Brampton-Georgetown PCs received 56 per cent, followed by the Liberals at 27.4 per cent and the NDP at 15.5 per cent. The Green Party captured 5 per cent while the Communist Party netted 1 per cent of the vote.

Liberal candidate Ross Milne won in east Brampton in a rural area called Castlemore by a 57 vote margin, but generally he was outgunned 2 to 1 except in Georgetown where the margin was 6,796 votes to Milne's 2,556.

In Halton, Otto Jellinek's convincing win over closest rival Liberal candidate Oriana Currie was by a 23,551 vote margin. In 1980 he beat Liberal Bill Perras by 5,367 votes and in 1979 he beat Liberal incumbent Dr. Frank Philbrook by almost 10,000 votes.

## Letters to the Editor

### Balance your records

Dear Sir,

As a member of the inter-county soccer league (more commonly known as The Three Ring Flying Circus) and after three years of passivity Brackens can no longer stomach the discrepancies of reporting and feel we must at this time take a stand in order to balance the

records. Continually Brackens have had to put up with recordings of facts in a biased and misleading manner. Without an opportunity to reply we are forced to take these unfortunate steps. The main object of this journalism, Brackens feel is to discredit our club and put us in an

embarrassing situation. This cannot and will not be tolerated any longer. Brackens feel that unless a more positive and constructive attitude is shown in the articles that they should either be discontinued or someone more sensitive to the needs of the soccer community be found. Bill-Barclay

### Pilot project

## 'Mission from Ydob' in schools

Dear Sir,

The Halton Task Force for the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children applauds the Boards of Education's progressive first step toward the development of a prevention education program for our elementary school children.

At the August 23 Board Meeting, the trustees readily accepted staff recommendations to pilot the program in west and north Halton. The task force was encouraged by the receptivity of the board, as we had been earlier this spring, with the separate school board.

Our task force of volunteer professionals and parents, under the auspices of the Child Abuse Council, has worked diligently since May of 1982, to raise public awareness of child sexual abuse, to promote development of preventive measures as well as treatment, and to prepare a proposal for a joint community school sponsored program. It was the commu-

nity-endorsed proposal, that prompted the boards of education to address the problem and its educational implications. Not only is the task force cheered by this positive first step, but feel it is an indication to the community that the school boards are prepared to shoulder their responsibility in Halton's comprehensive response to child sexual abuse - specifically their role in prevention.

Prevention is the most critical component of that response, if we are serious about stopping abuse. And we are! Given favorable evaluation of the pilot, we are optimistic that a prevention education program will commence in the schools by the fall of 1983. Such a program complements the newly

developed treatment and support services presently operating in our community. Sincerely,  
Carole Holmes,  
Chairperson

## Education to prevent sexual abuse

By ROBIN BAKEWELL  
Herald Staff

Both the Halton Board of Education and the Separate School Board have endorsed a pilot project in Halton which will see a presentation of a play entitled 'Mission from Ydob'.

The play, to be presented in late November, is a preventative educational program for children on sexual abuse.

The John Elliott Theatre in Georgetown is the proposed site for the north presentation of the play and at the same time a southern showing is expected.

Parents, teachers and interested members of the community are invited to watch the play which centres on Personla, an imaginary

Letters to the editor are welcome