

## 'Ordinary soldier' tells his story

Roy Rudiger talks about his experiences in a POW camp during the Second World War. See page A3.



## How to react

### Courses can make children street-wise

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## The agony and ecstasy

Runners representing the top cross country schools in the province were in Georgetown Saturday. Our GDHS team were among the best there. See page B1, C1.



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## Closure study final date not until '86

By ROBIN BAKEWELL  
Herald Staff

Due mainly to low enrolment in the north Halton public school system, there is a possibility certain schools may be consolidated or closed by March 1986.

The Speyside School Support Group held a meeting at Speyside Public School on Thursday which was attended by Halton Hills trustee Dick Howitt, superintendent from schools Ron Chatton and concerned parents from both Speyside and Pineview public schools.

Parents seem to be worried that their children are going to be shifted about between schools which they feel could effect the quality of their education, especially the younger ones just entering the school system.

Enrolment at many schools in north Halton has been on the decrease for the past five years which effects the programs taught, the libraries (not being open on a full-time basis) and the split grade concept coming into effect.

As of September 1984 the percentage of actual student use at Speyside Public School was 42.3 per cent, Joseph Gibbons Public School was 30 per cent and Pineview Pub-

ic School was 39.2 per cent.

The purpose of Thursday's meeting was to bring the problem into perspective and keep area residents informed on what is happening with the schools on the Halton Board of Education level.

A consolidation committee is expected to be formed in the north Halton area which will be supplied with information about all aspects of the 14 schools in the area such as location, area population, enrolment, transportation, maintenance and facilities, to name a few.

After the committee has examined all the factors surrounding the different schools they will be asked to make recommendations to the Halton Board of Education's executive committee on school consolidations or closures.

The committee has not yet been set up but is expected to appear as information at a December board meeting.

It is expected the committee will consist of two ratepayers from each school (of which one will be a ratepayer parent), two trustees appointed by the board, the principal from each school as a resource

person, the superintendent of business (or designate) as a resource person and the superintendent from schools, Ron Chatton.

Trustee Dick Howitt said this format would create a huge committee and be a big undertaking. The study is expected to take the better part of 1985 to complete.

Mr. Howitt said one of the problems facing the committee will be the fact that all the schools in north Halton are interconnected and what ever decision is made on one school will effect the others.

One of the reasons for this effect is because of the feeder schools into Stewarttown Public School and McKenzie-Smith Middle School.

Future housing developments in the area also have to be looked at closely and the question of how far to bus students is too far.

Mr. Howitt feels the parents whose children are involved with any proposed changes feel it is a democratic process.

The parents affected may have the option to participate in the consolidation study and recommendations, submit briefs to the committee and attend meetings.

## NEC plan concerns

### Reed denied debate

By ANI PEDERIAN  
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A request, by Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed, to debate the Niagara Escarpment Plan in the provincial legislature was recently turned down by members of the provincial parliament.

The Plan is currently under final cabinet review, with a decision expected in December, or even into the new year.

Begun 10 years ago, the Plan developed from a Proposed Plan for the Niagara Escarpment published in 1979 by the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

It gives guidelines for maintaining the Niagara Escarpment, which stretches from Queenston to Tobermory over 725 kilometers, as a continuous natural environment. It is also intended to ensure that any development on escarpment lands would be compatible with that environment.

This summer, Provincial Secretary for Resources Development Norman Sterling made recommendations on the Proposed Plan of the Niagara Escarpment Commission, and public input was sought until Sept. 14.

His recommendations were published in a three volume publication, and suggested development control on escarpment lands be handed over from the Niagara Escarpment Commission to local municipalities.

MPP Julian Reed expressed concern last week that the Plan will be subservient to the government's aggregate policy, and that the unique natural environment may be disturbed by provincial government needs for gravel located on escarpment land.

Mr. Reed moved that ordinary business by the House be set aside and an emergency debate on the Niagara Escarpment Plan be held. He was voted down.

**POTENTIAL**  
In his presentation, Mr. Reed said the Plan held the potential to destroy up to 63,000 acres of Niagara Escarpment land, encourage the location of pits and quarries in the escarpment protection area, and encourage the circumvention of the licensing procedure for way-side pits.

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Poppy chairman Harry Brown with the Royal Canadian Legion in Georgetown, displays his medals from the Second World War and a poppy box which by this time should be a popular sight around town. Jennie Soper, 8, and Jay Johnson, 9, have already got their poppies in honor of the men who fought and died so we could enjoy a better world today.

## Sunday services will draw more crowds, say veterans

It isn't every year that Remembrance Day falls on a Sunday and because of that, memorial services had to be postponed, or held in advance of the Nov. 11 date.

This year in Halton Hills, members of the Acton and Georgetown Royal Canadian Legions (Branch 197 and 120 respectively) won't have to hold additional services.

In previous years, a small contingent laid a wreath on the cenotaph each Nov. 11 even though the larger ceremony was held on a different date.

In Acton Sunday, members of the Branch 197 Legion will begin their march to the cenotaph from the post office at 10:30 a.m. Following a ceremony at the site, the veterans, their families and citizens will file into Trinity United Church for a memorial service.

The Acton Legion members then will go on to a Remembrance Day dinner beginning at 1:15 p.m.

Meanwhile, some of the veterans are

planning to go to Brookville for a 3:15 p.m. service to lay a wreath.

A separate service is also arranged in Rockwood led by Max Storey who is a past-president of the Legion 197. It will be held at the Rockwood Community Centre beginning at 11 a.m.

In Acton the Lorne Scot band will march with the Legion members for the first time and the recently formed Squadron 197 air cadets will be participating.

In Glen Williams veterans will pay their respects to fallen comrades in an outdoor memorial service beginning at 12 noon. Members of Legion Branch 120 and special guests will march from Glen Williams Public School to the cenotaph.

Groups will gather at the Legion headquarters on Mill Street at 2 p.m. in preparation for the 2:30 p.m. service at Remembrance Park on James Street.

The veterans and their guests march from Market Street to Church Street, then on to Main Street, turning left to James Street and on to the park.

"It's better for us to celebrate on the actual day, because participation is better," says Branch 120 president Norm Ward.



## No Stewarttown store

The Southfield Holdings Limited application for a zoning change to allow the building of a restaurant and convenience food store across from Stewarttown Senior Public School came back to life again in the council chambers Monday night.

Town councillors made a recent decision against allowing the development final this week.

On the advice of town solicitor Fred Helson, Stewarttown residents objected to a restaurant and convenience store at that location, saying there had been no demonstrated need or desire for them.

They noted the application contravenes the draft Official Plan for the town which says that area should remain residential, and that the proposed structure was nearly five times the size permitted under the Planning Act.

Monday night, councillors received and filed the change.



## Opera highlights Bohemian lifestyle

By ROBIN BAKEWELL  
Herald Staff

Georgetown's Michael Burgoyne is the producer of the opera La Boheme (The Bohemian) which will be presented at the John Elliott Theatre in Georgetown, Nov. 9 and 10.

Performed by the City Centre Repertory Opera Company, which is based in Mississauga, their first production involves the lives of four men in Paris who are just trying to survive and live from day to day.

Sharing a room with little or no money, the men, a painter, poet, musician and philosopher, depict the Bohemian lifestyle in Paris.

A love story develops in the opera and from that situation arises a sub-plot story.

Mr. Burgoyne is also the president of the opera company with his wife, Maureen, as vice-president. Mrs. Burgoyne also sings soprano in the chorus section of the opera.

A member of the Hamilton Opera Company, David Trew, is a bass singer with the chorus in the opera, La Boheme. The City Centre Repertory Opera Company will present the production Nov. 9 and 10 at the John Elliott Theatre in Georgetown. (Herald photo by Robin Bakewell)

## McDermid promoted



Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid has been named parliamentary secretary to Energy Minister Pat Carney, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney announced Thursday.

Parliamentary secretaries answer questions and give speeches in the House of Commons when their minister is absent.

The appointment adds \$8,925 to Mr. McDermid's salary bringing his total pay and expense package as an MP to \$79,380.

## Rock-a-thon

Over 100 students at Centennial Public School in Georgetown will have the chance to practise for their retirement when they each try and rock in a rocking chair for 24 hours.

The Rock-A-Thon will take place in the school's gymnasium at mid-day on Friday, Nov. 23 and is scheduled to end the following day at noon.

## Job Hunters

The North Halton Job Hunter's Club will be holding two free seminars on "How to Find Work in North Halton" at the Trinity United Church on Mill Street in Acton, Nov. 15 at 10 and 11 a.m.

The seminar is free, as is a club membership which may be helpful for more intensive seminars in the future.

## Travelcrafts

The Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department and the Credit Valley Artisans extend an invitation to any adult, requiring physical assistance to do crafts, to attend their special afternoon of building pottery and coffee.

Come on out and learn how to make your own Christmas ornaments, Nov. 8, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Credit Valley Artisans Cottage, Cedarvale Park, Georgetown. Call 877-5185 ext. 269 for more details.

## Family teams up

A husband and wife team have pooled their talents for an interesting show at the Halton Hills Library Cultural Centre.

From Nov. 7 - Dec. 1 there will be oil paintings by Ruth and photography by Tom.

The official opening is Nov. 7 (today) between 1-5 p.m.

## Wintario winner

A Georgetown resident has become a \$10,000 winner in the October 18 Wintario draw. Shirley Baillie of Edward Street claimed one of the eight \$10,000 grand prizes offered in the draw.

The draw also offered a top prize of \$200,000 and thousands of other prizes ranging from five free tickets to \$100,000.