Civilians and officers with the Halton Regional Police Force ratified and signed two separate contracts at Thursday's Halton Regional Police Commission meeting.

The new contract will give the policemen a five per cent wage increase as allowed by the provincial wage controls and will be retroactive from January 1, 1984.

A first class constable will now make \$32,850, a sergeant will make \$35,680 and a staff sergeant's salary will be \$39,000. New police cadets will not receive an increase in the new contract.

Dental plan improvements and some vacation time improvements were also included in the agreement.

Civilian employees with the police department will also receive a five per cent increase and some improvements in their benefits.

According to negotiating chairman Ric Morrow the contract was signed after six months of negotiating on and bif. He said although there was a tentative agreement last year, it was turned down by the Halton Police Association.

Fitness fun fashion

The Georgetown District YMCA is sponsoring a fitness, fashlon and fun night Tuesday Dec. 4 at the St. Andrew's United Church Hall.

There will be a leisure wear fashion show by North Halton Sportswear, fitness demonstrations and fitness testing available.

If you're searching for gift ideas or a winter fitness program you might find the answer at the

It starts at 7:30 and admission is \$2.50. For more information call 877-6163.

Short of topics

Town politicians didn't have enough to talk about Monday night to make it worth getting together for their weekly meeting.

The town's committee meeting which is held on alternate Monday nights, was therefore cancelled.

Monday night, councillors are scheduled to hold a council meeting.

Chickens go free

You can see the musical "Wizard of Oz" for free Dec. 8 if you're a member of the Chicken

Sponsored by the Optimist Club's Drug Abuse Committee, the \$3 tickets for the children's musical will be refunded at the end of the 3:30 p.m. performance, and only for that performance. Chicken Club membership cards are avail-

able at elementary schools in town for 25 cents. For more information, call 877-5115. Tickets are available at Young's Pharmacy on Georgetown's Main Street.

Oakville group display

The Oakville Group, a name given to a bunch of Oakville artists, will be represented at a showing at the Halton Hills Library and Cultural

They will be displaying their works from Dec. 6-28. A preview is being planned Dec. 5 and the artists can be met then from 7-9 p.m.

The works shown will include ceramics, oils, tapestries, sculptures and paintings.

Three extra days

The Post Office will be open for three extra days during the 1984 Christmas season.

For three consecutive Saturdays, Dec. 1, 8, and 15 all post offices in the Toronto area, including Georgetown and Acton will offer full counter service. There will be no letter carrying service on these extra Saturdays.

Christmas deadlines for out-of-town mail in Canada, including the U.S. is Dec. 10. The local mailing deadline is Dec. 17.

First class rates apply for Canadian and U.S. and all envelopes must be sealed. The first class deadline for parcels in Canada and the U.S. is Dec. 3.

Gold medal winner



Deborah Eyre Tilson was awarded a gold medal for receiving the highest marks across Ontario in Associate Singing Teacher's Diploma.

She received the award from a recent convocation ceremony at the University of Western Ontario where she was enrolled in the Conservatory of Music.

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Pat Woode

Columnist works to help disabled

By KELLY WILSON Herald Special

Pat Woode believes the disabled are no longer sitting back.

Mrs. Woode isn't sitting back: not only is she a wife and mother but she is involved in numerous community organizations and writes a weekly column on the disabled for The Herald.

A Georgetown resident for 11 years, Mrs. Woode said she has always been interested in the disabled because she has been disabled since she had polio at the age of five.

After spending a year in the hospital it was expected by doctors that Mrs. Woode would never be able to feed herself or attend public schools.

Through the encouragment of her parents and brothers and sisters Mrs. Woode went to public schools. Mrs. Woode is a graduate of Ryerson's Social Service Program.

CHAIRMAN Mrs. Woode formed the Physically Handicapped Citizens Association of which she is the chairman, she is a board member of the North Halton Social Planning Council, and she sits on the board of the YMCA as a member at large.

Mrs. Woode first became interested in volunteer organizations while working at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Toronto. She was employed as a discharge coordinator for five years after graduating from Ryerson.

It was there that she realized that there were too many disabled people in the hospital, that didn't need to be there. Mrs. Woode cited the example of one woman who couldn't walk but was otherwise able. This woman had been in the hospital for 48 years. One of the strongest impressions that came

emphasis she placed on the disabled person's integration into the community. "It is so, so important for people to be accepted for who they are, not because of one

out of my interview with Pat Woode was the

thing they have," she said.

Not on board agenda



Pat woode is the perfect resource person in Halton Hills to go to for information on the handicapped. She has files of it, but the hard part

(Photo by Kelly Wilson)

is finding her at home!

The disabled have an extremely high unemployment rate and therefore must learn to compete with others to get a job, she said. CLINICS

The Physically Handicapped Citizens Association seeks to inform the disabled of the benefits and services which are available to them. Various programs the group has initiated include wheelchair clinics and the installation of a deaf telephone device for the distress centre.

Information is provided about benefits such as the gas tax rebate and the new car rebaté which are available to the disabled.

Mrs. Woode is also a board member of the North Halton Social Planning Council. The council's function is to facilitate social change in the community in areas where the community might be lacking.

Presently, the council is focusing on the problem of youth unemployment in the area. A feasability study is underway to determine whether there is a need for a Youth Unemployment Centre in North Halton, Mrs. Woode is on a committee which is helping with the study. Y MEMBER

As a member at large on the board of the YMCA Mrs. Woode is interested in starting an Assertiveness Training Program for the disabled. There must be adequate response to the idea for the program to start, she said.

Mrs. Woode believes that the disabled need to be more assertive. Because the disabled often depend on others for financial income and physical needs they tend to let others make decisions for them, she said.

Mrs. Woode's weekly column on the disabled came about as a result of a couple of letters she wrote to the editor. "It was about time people in the community became aware of people with disabilities," said Mrs. Woode,

The column is now about two years old. It provides information of interest to the disabled but is read by various people, she said.

Norval euchre

By KAY WILSON Herald Correspondent NORVAL - Norval Community Euchre had four tables out on Thursday. Winners were Isabel Landry, Ethel Webb,

Phil Landry, and Keith Webb. Lone hands winner was Del Wallace. Ila Switzer won the door

prize.

Recovering

By WINIFRED SMITH Herald Correspondent BALLINAFAD - SOTTY to hear Mrs. Lola Marshall is in hospital. We hope her condition will soon improve and she will be able to return home shortly.

Injured workers .

meeting North Halton Association for Injured Workers will be holding their regular monthly meeting at the Optimist Club at

All are welcome. winner

7:30 p.m. Nov. 28.

The winner of the draw for the comforter, pillow shams and dust ruffle at Knox Presbyterian Church (Georgetown) bazaar on Nov. 17 was Jo Anne Dexter, RR1 Terra



Teacher's contract delayed

By ROBIN BAKEWELL Herald Staff

The memorandum of settlement with the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation was taken off the agenda during Thursday's Halton Board of Education meeting.

Chairman Betty Fisher said she had been requested by the board to take the item off the agenda.

Superintendent of employee services, Rae Stoness, said there are two or three points in the agreement which need clarification with the board.

"It is a matter for the moment," he said.



STEVEN PEACE

Western grad.

Steven Peace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Peace, graduated at the fall convocation of University of Western Ontario with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Administrative and Commercial Studies. majoring in Financial Studies.

special board meeting called later this week and the agreement may come up for action at the Dec. 13 board meeting. The 1,500 high school

teachers had voted in favor of a settlement earlier this month. A fact finders report said the teachers were seeking a six per cent increase in salary, allowances and improved benefits. While the provincial

treasurer's guidelines have a five per cent

limit, the board had orlginally offered 5.6 per cent. Teachers received a

five per cent increase in salaries when the previous agreement was extended for the 1983-84 school year. This year's agreement is for the 1983-84 and 1984-85 school years.

Final board approval must first be given before details of the tentative settlement may become public.

Medical ethics discussed

Current problems in medical ethics surrounding the "right to life" will be discussed by Dr. A.W. Ashenhurst Friday.

Dr. Ashenhurst will be speaking at the Georgetown Public Library at 1 p.m., as a guest of the Achievement Group.

Such issues as the right of patients to control the decision over termination of treatment; the option of voluntary euthanasia; the problem of who will receive treatment when facilities are insufficient to meet demand and the determination of sustaining the life of severely damaged infants will be among the topics covered.



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