

#### THREE'S COMPANY

The Bennett Health Care Centre opened the nursing home section of their building Monday, Mrs. Edith Smith, 84 or RR2 Acton and Miss Elsle Weaver, 85 (10th) of Georgetown are seen here with Miss Fanny Weaver, 82 (centre). Fanny will be able to visit her sister Elsie because she will be moving into the self-care wing when it opens shortly. To lessen the shock of new surroundings ) and to simplify the moving procedures, residents will be admitted on a gradual hasis, says Mary Anne Marling, director of nursing for the Bennett Centre, (Herald photo)

# Guest speaker on Georgetown churches

By J.M. ROWE Herald Special The churches of Georgetown reflect the people and culture of the town throughout its bestory. The history of these institutions will be the topic of presentation by the Rev. Richard Ruggle, rector of St. Paul's, Norval at the Annual General Meeting of the Esquesing Histori-

cal Society. The Rev. Ruggle, a member of the Society himself, will speak on the churches of Georgetown Wednesday, Feb. 13 at the Knox Presbyterion Church, Main Street, Georgetown.



REV. RUGGLE

The meeting will convene at 7:30 with the dissolution of the 1984 executive and the election of the 1985 execut-

#### \$10 million loan

The region is looking for a \$10 million loan these

Regional treasurer Joe Rinaldo was granted permission to place a debenture issue of \$10 million in Canadian or U.S. dollars.

During the first half of 1985, the region anticipated the need for long term capital financing, of which \$3,600 is for the region's projects and \$6,400 for its area municipalities,

The \$3,600 the region needs is primarily for sewer and water work. Oakville needs \$400,000 for makville Hydro and Burlington needs the remainmg \$6 million.

A second debenture issue is expected in the fall to meet school board and area municipalities

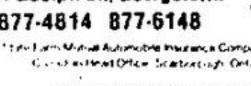
Borrowing in U.S. dollars would only be considered in circumstances where there is significant protection against a dropping in the Canadian dollar over the repayment period of the

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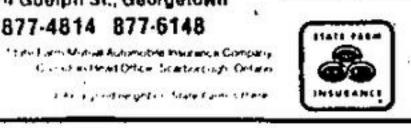
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## Does social afternoon count as conflict?

Herald Staff

Is an invitation to an afternoon social held by land developers considered a "conflict of interest" for regional and town staff and councill-

ors? officer Dennis Perlin isn't sure.

The regional purchasing by-law provides that regional staff are not to accept gifts and the attendance of a function such as a social is open to interpretation as to whether same is in fact a gift or not," he reported last week to members of the

region's finance and administration commit-

Thirteen regional employees including Chairman Peter Pomeroy, treasurer Joe Rinaldo, director of Chief administrative 40lanning and developrment Raj Mohammed, solicitor Ken Anderson. business development officer Brent Kearse and Mr. Perlin have received invitation's to attend this

> social. Ten guests from Halton Hills were invited: Mayor Russ Miller, Couns. Mike Armstrong, Jake Kuiken, John Me-Donald and Dave Whit-

Richardson, treasurer Ray King, planning director Ian Keith, parks and recreation director

Tom Shepard and town engineer Bob Austin. The guest list from Burlington was for 21 and from Oakville 20. Millon guests only numbered nine. The social is being held

> by the Halton chapter of the Urban Development Institute of Ontario, to improve working relations with officials involved in land development and building construc-

"A first step toward this objective is to get to

ing; town clerk Ken know each other better. and to this end we are holding a 'January Social' Jan. 31," the invitation from the Instilute's chairman Bill Robertson såid.

The social was held in the Country Squire Restaurant in Oakville, Frances MacCusworth

of the Institute said "a good 70" people had indicated they were to attend the cocktailparty, including many Halton Hills guests. Mr. Perlin said he

wasn't going to be at the

they attend any such

functions. Knowing the

social because he had other regional matters to aftend to. "Regional staff are not concerned one way or the other as to whether

personal integrity of each of those invited, I doubt whether the social will influence any of them one little bit in their approach to developers' requests and proposals and or in their professional advice to council," Mr. Perlin

indicated in his report. "On the other hand, I understand how those in the community who are not as familiar with regional staff as regional councillors are, could perceive regional staff being 'wined and dined' to obtain influence in the

affairs," he added. Mr. Perlin said he plans to do a research paper on conflict of interest guidelines for Halton staff for a

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Special programs for gifted children

By SUZANNE BROWN Herald Special

Special education in Halton was the topic of Monday night's meeting of the Association for Bright Children (ABC), Under Ontario's Education Act school boards must provide appropriate special education programs for exceptional children.

Principal Ron Chatten of Robert Little School in Acton explained to the group of parents how Halton's schools go about identifying exceptional children.

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Exceptional children are those with special education needs that can't be met in the regular classroom. Some of these needs may be the result of behavioral problems, physical handicaps, learning disabilities and intellectual differences (including

giftedness). Mr. Chatten said Halton children are given a series of tests in grade four. These tests determine a child's IQ. cogmtive skills and level of creativity. Based on your child's performance, he or she may be referred to an Identification Placement and Review Committee

The committee then identifies the special needs of your child so that he can be placed in an appropriate special education program.

(IPRC).

Approximately 12 per cent of Grade 4s are identified as having special needs, said Ann Geh, a teacher for the gifted children's program (two or three) per cent of these are

gitted children). About one-third of the - referred to IPRC.

board's education budget is spent on special education, she said. "As a parent," Ms.

Geh said, "you are most aware of your child's strengths and needs." It is important that the teacher and parents have good communica-

Parents should be made aware of the special education procedures and need to be informed of their rights, agreed the speakers.

For example, parents feel their child would benefit from special education, they may request (in writing) their child be

### **Budget for March**

It's still under wraps, but not for long. The town's busily working on both capital and operating budgets for Halton Hills.

Feb. 20, the details of the capital budget will be worked out, in a meeting closed to the press and public.

Budget recommendations are to come to council in March.







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