

Crazy Credit River rats raising funds for M.S.

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If it floats, it's eligible, but rumors have it even the underwater river rats want to join in the fun.

Saturday is Crazy Boat Day in Glen Williams, an annual spring calling sponsored by the Georgetown Jaycees.

Homemade crafts of every zany type - including a submarine entry by CFNY's Pete and Geetz - will be winding their way to the finish line near Preston's store in Glen Williams.

Do-it-yourself backyard boatbuilders with dreams of glory as swashbuckling pirates or fierce Norsemen have less than a week to prepare their craft and collect sponsors.

As in other years, the Jaycees are asking entrants to gather up sponsors to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis.

The major aim of the race is to help collect funds to fight MS, says Crazy Boat Chairman Al Stutard.

Last year the race raised \$8,000, but the organizers are hoping to reach a goal of \$10,000 for 1985.

The fun gets underway at 12 p.m. in Cheltenham when two man canoes are unleashed from the shores.

Their arrival in Glen Williams is timed with the launching of the crazy boats from the 10th Line bridge just outside of Glen Williams at 1 p.m.

The crazy boats are divided in three different categories: comic, boats of all types and community or commercial entries.

Prizes are awarded to the first boat over the finish line in their category and the best presented float in their category.

An awards presentation and victory dance is being held at the Acton Legion beginning at 8:30 p.m.

An entry fee of \$10 per boat is required, but that money will be returned if boaters raise more than \$50 in sponsorships.

There are very few rules required for the 200 expected participants. All crafts must be manually powered and a life jacket is required. Head protection and the use of a wet suit is advised.

Registration forms and sponsor sheets are available at several retail outlets in Georgetown and also by contacting Al Stutard at 877-1813.

To make sure the troops stay in line, boaters will be automatically disqualified if they try deliberate dunking or rough housing while on the river.

A shore safety patrol is in operation to help in emergency cases.

"As long as the river is running the right way we'll be fine," laughs publicity chairman Jack Wallinga.

He was happy to hear that mention of the Crazy Boat Race was made at the Wintario draw night at Georgetown District High School Thursday.

Traffic tie-ups are always heavy during the race times. Mr. Wallinga asks that spectators do their best to park their cars well away from the road to allow for two lanes to be open.



If it floats, it's eligible. The annual Jaycees Crazy Boat Race will be going on this weekend on the Credit River in Glen Williams. The race for the home-made boats starts at 1 p.m. at the Tenth Line bridge.

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Child abuse doubles

Although the child population in Halton has been going down since 1981, the number of child abuse investigations by Halton Children's Aid Society have doubled.

According to Society statistics, there were 281 child abuse investigations in 1984 and 140 in 1981.

The average number of children in care has increased substantially as well, during the same time period. In 1981, there were 187 children in care and last year, the figure was 234.

The region's child population was 75,450 in 1981 and has steadily declined to 71,571 in 1984. Forecasting shows a decline to 70,200 children in 1986.

Roads for half price

As in past years, the Ministry of Transportation and Communications is paying 50 per cent of Halton region's road construction and maintenance bills in 1985.

That means a cheque of \$4,363,000 is coming Halton's way. As well, the region is getting a supplementary allocation of \$600,000 to improve road systems.

This year, the region intends to spend \$4,728,000 on roads and bridges.

Region green belt

Most of the planting to be done in the region will be on Steeles Avenue from the Tenth Line north to Winston Churchill Boulevard.

Under a contract with Green Survival Landscaping Ltd. of Brampton, 120 trees will be planted on this section of Steeles.

Last year, this portion of the road was reconstructed by Ferpar Paving Limited.

Green Survival beat out five other companies for the tender, including Andrew C. Timar Ltd. of Norval.

Their tender of \$2,158 will cover tree planting in Burlington, Milton and Halton Hills. The trees are intended to enhance the region, especially on newly constructed roads.

Shimmer those nails

Would you like to know the secret to keeping your fingernails looking beautiful? Wednesday April 3 from 7-9 p.m., Georgetown resident, Doris Zilio will be at the Library to give one-on-one demonstrations of the techniques of manicuring.

All you have to do is phone the Georgetown Library at 877-2681 to make an appointment.

Take advantage of this free program, but hurry and phone. The number of appointments is limited.

Volunteers' reception

If you're a volunteer, chances are this is the year you won't be forgotten.

The Town of Halton Hills and the North Halton Volunteer Bureau will be hosting a reception for volunteers April 17 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Certificates will be presented to each agency in attendance at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

Those who volunteer with one of the many Halton Hills social service agencies, sports groups, health service agencies or other community group utilizing volunteers are welcome to attend.

RSVP's are required by April 12 if you plan to attend.



The latest in evening wear was shown to ladies who attended a fashion show Wednesday at Knox Presbyterian Church. The dinner and modelling show was hosted by the Knox Presbyterian Church ladies. The dresses and outfits were from local downtown stores in Georgetown.



Dressed for summer in a short-sleeved blouse, this woman looks ready for a stroll along the beach. She was modelling for a fashion show Wednesday at Knox Presbyterian Church. (Herald photo)

Spring wardrobe fashions will be stylish, colorful

For some, there's no better way to think spring than to think of spring and summer fashions.

The Knox Presbyterian Ladies gave about 150 people a chance to glance at what's new in fashion for the warmer months ahead.

Five downtown shops got together to provide

an evening of showcasing the latest styles last Wednesday night at Knox Presbyterian Church Hall.

Cameron's Fashions were represented at the show, bringing stylish and colorful outfits to display. The shop has clothes in a wide range of large sizes from 5 to 24 and 12 1/2 to 24 1/2.

Christlane's, a boutique, took their turn showing their wares. They are a full fashion salon, providing a wide selection of hair and beauty aides as well as fashions and manicures.

North Halton Sportswear on Main Street in Georgetown gave the audience a look at what's available this year in swimwear and outfits for the sports-minded lady.

Elizabeth Fashions, owned by Liz McNelly is one of the newest shops to open in downtown Georgetown. The shop offers a wide range of fashions in sizes 8-18 and a petite line in sizes 6-14.

The Village Shoppe has been open since 1980 on Main Street. Their slogan is "quality is still the best investment".

Separate school teachers settle for 4% increase

By ROBIN BAKEWELL
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Halton Separate School teachers have come to terms with their employers.

After 15 months of "intense negotiations" Halton separate school board accepted a one year agreement.

Trustees with the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board (HRCSSB) voted unanimously to ratify the contract, according to Bill Hawken, who called the settlement fair.

The salary negotiation committee chairman said discussions with the teachers, which began at the beginning of last year, were aided by a fact finder and mediator.

Both groups were appointed by the education relations commission, a provincial body.

The new agreement represents a 2.5 per cent increase in teachers' salaries retroactive from September, 1984. In January, 1985 an additional 2.5 per cent was added thus the total wage increase is 4 per cent for the school year 1984-85.

Minimum starting salary for a separate school teacher is now \$21,583 with a maximum salary, for 12 years experience, of \$43,493.

Effective January 1985 the average salary for a Halton separate school teacher will be \$33,150.

Principals, who are paid on a qualification and experience basis, will have a salary range of \$43,466 to \$52,345.

Special allowances for principals, vice-principals, consultants, special educators and high school chairmanships are also increased by 4 per cent.

Sick leave credits paid to the teachers' estate upon death in service have risen to 100 per cent and board costs for OHIP, dental and extended health benefits have been updated to 95 per cent.

Mr. Hawken said when a formal demand was submitted by the mediator, the board presented their final offer to the teachers.

The 560 separate school teachers turned down the offer by a large margin in early February.

Mr. Hawken said there were 53 concerns at that point with about five main issues causing problems.

He said further negotiations were able to iron

out major issues like benefits, just cause for discipline, supervision time, preparation time and teacher salary grids.

Mr. Hawken said negotiation talks for the 1985-86 contract began the same evening (March 26) trustees accepted the 1984-85 contract.

He said he is expecting just as many problems with the current contract negotiations but would not put a date on an agreement saying, "it's just too early."

"HORRIBLE...VIOLENT" Talk of porn at local library

Calling censorship a "hot issue", Betty Fisher gave her personal point of view as a mother, wife and citizen on publication restraints for books, magazines, movies, videos and music.

Mrs. Fisher, who chairs Halton Board of Education meetings, was at the Georgetown Library for a discussion with about a dozen residents, Friday.

Mrs. Fisher said that few people present could watch the video clips presented in their entirety at the Ontario Censor Board.

"I have never seen such horrible, violent, disgusting material in all my life," she said.

Giving graphic detail of sexual violence on film from censor board out-takes, Mrs. Fisher said a person would have to be sick to watch that type of thing.

She said it was frightening to think that, by some accident, children might be exposed to graphic, porn material.

One lady interjected with two incidents she had heard about.

On one occasion, a group of children had been watching a Beatrix Potter video tape which had been recorded over

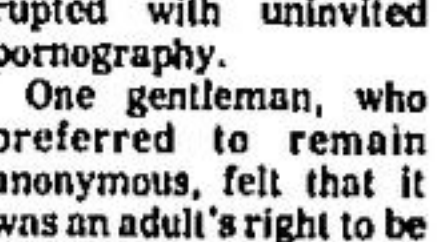
pornographic material. Not running the full length of the tape, a startled mother was shocked to see the kids viewing hard core porn after the Beatrix Potter segment had finished.

One gentleman, who preferred to remain anonymous, felt that it was an adult's right to be his own censor board.

"I look at material and make up my own mind. That's one thing that annoys me about the censor board. I don't want to be protected from myself," he said.

"I will go to my grave believing six-million Jews went to their graves."

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