

Library grants up slightly: Cornwell

The granting system that fuels the \$750,000 budget for the Halton Hills Library is being changed by the province. Instead of receiving grants per person, the library will henceforth be getting grants per

household.

Last year, the conditional grant was \$2.25 per capita (per person). With the change, the library is receiving a grant of \$5.90 per household this year.

So far, it gives the library a little bit more money. Chief Librarian Betsy Cornwell told The Herald. She said it means a three per cent increase over last year's conditional grant.



A DIP WILL DO

Lynn Hayes gets some help painting from her mother Nancy while visiting the Maple Nursery School to observe the morning session on Tuesday April 16. The school run cooperatively by parents was open to the interested public for three days.

(Photo by Kelly Wilson)

Nursing bite marks

Voters aren't the only one's who can be unfriendly or unwelcoming to politicians. Halton Burlington Liberal candidate Don Knight ran into a canine with a worse bite than bark recently.

Mr. Knight is still nursing bite marks just below his left knee. Strangely enough, Mr. Knight's nine-year old son also got bit by a dog on the same day, while canvassing in another area of the riding with his mom.

Courts affected more by Youth Offenders Act: Sgt.

Sergeant Roy Smith said he doesn't see any startling changes in the mechanics of the police department with the implementation of the federal Young Offenders Act.

A staff sergeant with the Halton regional police detachment in Georgetown, Sgt. Smith said the act would have a greater impact on the courts rather than police.

The Young Offenders Act, dealing with 16 and 17-year-olds, came into effect April 1 and now distinguishes that age group from adult criminal offenders.

The 12 to 16-year-old age bracket were included in the Young Offenders Act last year during the first stage of the change-over from the old Juvenile Delinquents Act.

Sgt. Smith said police are now required to transport and hold young offenders separately

from the adult offenders.

He said if police have to jail a young offender they would have to do so in a separate area. With three holding areas at the Georgetown detachment Sgt. Smith said he doesn't foresee any problems.

"The problem with young offenders is not as significant as some people think," Sgt. Smith said.

As an example he cited there had only been one 16-year-old impaired driver so far this year.

The Young Offenders Act only takes federal offences under the criminal code into account and provincial offences such as trespassing and most driving infractions will remain under the same system.

Sgt. Smith said when young offenders are given their rights the police must make sure there is no question concerning the youth's understanding of them.



GEORGETOWN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' INTERVIEW NIGHT

Thursday, April 25, 1985

To make the best use of the times available on the interview night parents are asked to arrange for interviews in advance.

Parents wishing an interview with teachers or counsellors should phone the school between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (877-6966).

Some interviews have already been requested by the teachers. The appointment times are indicated on the students' report cards which were distributed Thursday, April 18, 1985.

D. Baker
Principal

Police talk prepares Canada Trust workers

By KELLY WILSON
Herald Special

robbery prevention for Canada Trust employees from across the region in Oakville on April 22 and in Burlington on May 6 and 7.

The training seminars are a form of updating security measures for the trust company. The topics studied will include fraud, forgery, counterfeit money and armed robbery.

The seminars are occurring at an opportune time, because with the expanding hours of Canada Trust in Halton Hills, it will be open later, said Bob Ustrycki, crime prevention officer for the Halton regional police.

Canada Trust sent a letter to the Halton police requesting the force to help give some training.

Ontario gives \$2.5 million to protect escarpment

Herald Special

The Ontario Government has approved a \$2.5 million contribution to the Ontario Heritage Foundation for the protection of natural heritage resources along the Niagara Escarpment.

In announcing the donation, Ernie Eves, Secretary for Resources Development, said:

"The \$2.5 million donation is the first step in the Government's firm commitment to protect the Niagara Escarpment as a resource of provincial significance."

The \$2.5 million will be the first of several government contributions over the next 10 years to a special fund soon to be created by the Ontario Heritage Foundation as part of a program to implement the Niagara Escarpment Plan. The Foundation will use the funds to acquire land to complete the existing system of public parks, and to protect other significant natural heritage areas.

The fund will also serve as a vehicle to receive donations of monies and lands from individuals and groups who are interested in protecting the Escarpment environment.

A recommended Niagara Escarpment Plan was announced last summer by the Provincial Secretary for Resources Development. At the same time, written submissions were solicited from anyone concerned. By the deadline date of September

14, 1984, over 340 written submissions were received from individuals, groups and local authorities.

Although Cabinet is considering the written submissions in relation to the recommendations of the Provincial Secretary for Resources Development, Mr. Eves said that several actions are already being taken by the government to fulfill its commitment to the spirit of the 1984 proposals.

The Niagara Escarpment Plan will be announced after Cabinet has approved all policies and land use designations on a set of nine maps covering Escarpment lands.

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2. WHERE WILL THE MONEY COME FROM?
3. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO PUBLIC EDUCATION?
4. HOW WILL THIS AFFECT OUR COMMUNITY?
5. WHO WILL MAKE THE MANY DECISIONS ARISING FROM THIS ACTION?
6. WILL HUMAN RIGHTS BE IGNORED?

WHAT DO YOUR CANDIDATES FEEL ABOUT SOME OF THESE ISSUES?

Below you will find some responses taken from a questionnaire answered by your local candidates for provincial office.

QUESTION	DOUG HAMILTON NDP	DON KNIGHT LIBERAL	PETER POMEROY PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE
1. Would you support a debate in the Legislature before the extension of funding is implemented.	"We believe there should be a full discussion and debate in the legislature, and a healthy exchange of ideas and views, as soon as possible. The people affected have a right to be heard by their legislature."	"Most Certainly!"	"Yes!"
2. In 1975 the Province funded 58.94% of the cost of Public Secondary Education. By 1984 this had eroded to 38.46%, imposing an increased burden on the local taxpayer. There are many who believe that the Province should return funding to the 60% level. Do you agree?	New Democrats have long said that money spent on education is an investment in the future. Conservatives have been on a campaign of underfunding the education system and shifting the burden on to local taxpayers. New Democrats are committed to increasing the funding for all levels of education."	"Emphatically yes!"	"I believe that there should be a new funding mechanism for education, taking into account programme, system responsibility, geographical location etc. To fund on a 60% basis could be artificial and will not necessarily solve the problem. I believe we must find new ways of retrieving tax dollars for the purpose of funding education without placing undue burden on the local taxpayer."
3. At present there is no Catholic secondary school in North Halton. There are four public secondary schools. Studies have been initiated to look at facilities. Would you, as a member, endorse taking over an existing facility.	"It is not really possible at this time to say what facilities should or would change hands. Certainly wherever facilities are shifted from one Board to another, this must only be done with the agreement of the entire affected community."	Did not respond specifically to this question.	"At present, all North Halton secondary schools are at capacity and there is no room to consolidate and close a secondary school."
4. Globally religious issues have been divisive. Comment on the effects of separating our education system in Ontario.	"New Democrats propose that there should be as much co-operation between the boards as is possible. Co-operation between equals where neither system is disadvantaged, neither system having a greater claim on resources."	Did not respond specifically to this question.	"I believe that we can accommodate religious differences without being divisive. If non-discriminatory practices prevail where teachers and students can have equal access and equal opportunity divisiveness should be minimized."
5. Would you support the concept of a Unified School Board - a representative board proposed as a vehicle to prevent costly duplication of services, fragmentation of program and to facilitate the transfer of personnel.	"The most genuine and effective co-operation is co-operation between equals. We believe that boards must co-operate to make the best possible use of public money, and to not duplicate expensive facilities. That has to be a major consideration during implementation."	This concept certainly has merit as a discussion point. It is only through constructive suggestions such as this that the concerns of many will be resolved. It clearly illustrates that a delay in implementation is necessary so that this and other suggestions may be studied.	"Yes!"

ASK YOUR CANDIDATE ABOUT THESE AND OTHER ISSUES THAT CONCERN YOU!!

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