



Members of the Halton Hills Fire Department make sure this flame is out. The firefighters were called to the blaze last Wednesday morning at 4:48 a.m. involving unfurnished homes located behind the Georgetown Plaza on Guelph Street. Four houses costing about \$20,000 were burned in the fire. (Herald photo)



All that remains of this house is the charred frame. Four unfurnished homes located behind the Georgetown Plaza were burned in a blaze that began at 4:48 a.m. last Wednesday. The Halton Hills Fire Department is listing the blaze as a suspicious fire. (Herald photo)

### Four burning houses cause \$80,000 damage

Four houses under construction on Calvert Drive burned down last Wednesday in what is being officially called a suspicious fire by the Georgetown Fire Department. The fire started in one of the unfinished homes and spread to the other three. It was reported at 4:48 a.m., and when firefighters arrived, shortly afterward, all four homes were in flames. The cost of damage done to the houses is estimated at \$20,000 each. Deputy Chief Bob Hyde said, "The whole street could have gone up and maybe more." The fire burned quickly. By setting up water curtains fire fighters were able to contain the blaze. Two pumps and a rescue truck were on hand as well as standby units. "There were no difficulties putting out the fire, but the potential of the fire spreading was serious," said Bob Hyde.

### Halton teacher fired for theft

A CBC reporter uncovered a story the Halton Board of Education would rather have kept quiet, about a Lester B. Pearson teacher caught stealing \$6,000 from the Halton board. When the teacher was caught with the funds in November no police were contacted. Instead the teacher's association and the board's legal council took charge. The Halton board's decision was to allow the teacher to remain until the end of January when she was fired, and to have her pay back the stolen money. The first payment check bounced, but restitution was finally made in full, said Director of Education Wally Beevor. "It was the best way to deal with the situation... with sensitivity as well as compassion," Mr. Beevor said. "CBC reports that the teacher was 'paid-off' are untrue and ridiculous," he said. The costs of a possible trial was another consideration, said the Director of Education. "There was no guarantee the board would win," he said. When Halton Board of Education Chairman Betty Fisher was asked about the board's decision she agreed with it completely. When asked the reasons why the teacher stole the money she said "no comment".

## Region can pay for centre's move says councillor

**Herald Staff**  
If the right deal can be struck, the town can realize a saving of \$90,000 on repairs and a consultant's study. That's what Coun. Rick Bonnette is hoping for, now that the region is looking into the Old Stone School in Acton as a home for the Acton Social Services and Information Centre. Coun. Bonnette is hoping the region will pick up the tab to upgrade the Stone school. Owned by the town, the building needs about \$75,000 worth of repairs to make its five classrooms, one office and two washrooms meet modern standards. The town set aside \$15,000 in its capital forecast for 1986 for a consultant's study on the building near Robert Little Public School. Coun. Bonnette said the Stone School would be an excellent location for a future day care centre and senior centre. Criticism of the building for use by the Information Centre was that the Stone school was off the beaten track. "I don't believe Acton's that big of a town that you can't find the Social Services and Information Centre," Coun. Bonnette said. Town staff are to meet with regional staff about the use of the building by the Information Centre and report back to town councillors. Moving the Acton Social Services and Information Centre away from downtown Acton isn't a good idea, Halton Hills Coun. David Whiting argued last week. The regional council-

or said the suggestion the Centre move into the Old Stone School near the Acton Public Library wasn't being met with cheers by the Centre's board of directors and staff. "Certainly, if they have no other place to go and it's their only alternative, well, it's there. But if they can stay on Mill Street, that's preferred," Coun. Whiting told regional councillors. He pointed out problems with having the Centre at the Stone School, like the lack of parking, the nearness of Robert Little Public School and the location atop a steep hill which could cause problems for the elderly. The two storey Mill Street home the Centre is now operating from is listed for sale \$109,900.

### Traffic safety concerns parents

Town councillors heard about heavy traffic and concerns for the safety of children from six different speakers addressing what they considered problems in their various neighborhoods Monday night. A petition signed by Sideroad 17 residents was presented by area resident Deborah Scott opposing the reconstruction of the road from Trafalgar Road to approximately 350 meters west of Sixth Line. Sideroad 17 is used by trucks hauling gravel from a nearby quarry. Mrs. Scott said she was concerned over what was the real reason for the reconstruction of Sideroad 17. "Are we on a designated truck route?" she demanded. Rumors are circulating that the road, which now ends at Fourth Line is to be extended to Highway 25, Mrs. Scott said. Sideroad 17 is used by trucks hauling gravel from a nearby quarry.

### Heavy truck traffic

Another petition was delivered to council by Mountainview Road, Georgetown, resident Arlyne Williams. Mr. Williams expressed his concern about all the truck traffic using Mountainview Road, noting trucks have hit his vehicles and even come up the lawn of a neighbor. "All these things could have resulted in death," Mr. Williams said. "We have St. Francis of Assisi, George Kennedy and Centennial School children crossing this street, and the crossing guards are concerned about the trucks turning at Sinclair and Mountainview."

## GDHS math reps 1st in Peel-Halton

**Herald Staff**  
If you're looking for a math whiz to help you with a numbers problem, four Grade 12 students from Georgetown would be a good place to start your search. Georgetown District High School students taking a 2½ hour Euclid math contest scored 55th out of 790 schools in Canada. They were first in Peel-Halton and 27th in Ontario giving them honor roll status. The GDHS team was comprised of members Ken Whatmough, Jeff Janssen and Scott Pundsack. On an individual basis Ken Whatmough placed in the top 100 out of 4245 contestants, giving him honor roll status as well as first in Halton and third in Peel-Halton.

Jeff Janssen made the Peel-Halton honor roll, was fifth in Peel-Halton and third in Halton. Scott Pundsack made the Peel-Halton honor roll, was 12th in Peel-Halton and sixth in Halton. Ian Matsuura made the Peel-Halton honor roll, was 18th in Peel-Halton and ninth in Halton.

A total of 7175 students from 790 schools across Canada participated in the 1985 Euclid Mathematics Contest for Grade 12 for the Canon Canada Inc. Awards.

### Yukmei is tops

**Herald Staff**  
Of the Georgetown District High School students writing the 1985 Descartes mathematics contest, Yukmei Tsui got the highest score. Students David Banks and Brian Remes tied for the second highest score in the school. The Grade 13 students were among 4,811 senior year students writing the math contest across Canada. Dominion Life Assurance Company donated the prizes while the University of Waterloo's mathematics faculty wrote the quiz. Ling-Wai Hung of Hillcrest High School in Ottawa is the Canadian champion while Overlea Secondary School in Don Mills is the team champion.

### Expansion plan report in 2 weeks

The Georgetown Secondary Plan final report won't be coming back before council for another couple of weeks. Written by the planning department, the final report summarizes written comments and oral comments on the Secondary Plans for the Georgetown South and West areas.

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