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APPLE MA'AM?

Sean Parker of the Second Georgetown Cub Pack Scouts and Cubs were out Friday and Saturday selling the apples as part of their annual Apple Day drive. (Herald photo by Dan Ralph)

Halton RC delegation

Student, chaplain at Queen's Park

By ANI PEDERIAN

Space permitting, non-Catholic students should be allowed to attend Catholic secondary schools and have the option to take religious studies, a presentation by the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board stated Monday night at Queen's Park.

"It went terrific. The chairman of the committee expressed it was a different brief and the committee seemed impressed with it," local trustee Irene McCauley said. The presentation was being made to the Standing Committee on Social Development on the provincial Bill 30 which amends the Education Act.

The school board brief also recommends that no teacher or employee, Catholic or non-Catholic, should lose his/her position as a result of the amendments proposed to the Act, during the specified 10 years of implementation.

Oakville parent Donald Schrenk said he prefers volunteers from the public board be taken, rather than have surplus teachers be transferred through administrative procedures.

He noted last year's volunteer approach to teacher transfers, negotiated with the Halton board of education, was "pre-eminently successful."

The four member group, which included a high school student, another parent and a secondary school chaplain, recommended that transferred employees enjoy all rights, benefits and privileges Catholic employees do, for as long as they remain with the Separate board.

Mother of five Carol Price said the adoption of Bill 30 is "the redress of a long standing injustice," giving equal opportunity to Catholic students.

"As a parent, I do not see any difficulty in accepting non-Catholic students in our system. I would expect that any person who voluntarily sends a child to our system understands the basic philosophy of that school," Mrs. Price said. "We do not wish to indoctrinate any non-Catholic students nor do we see any reason to exempt them from religious studies."

Grade 12 student Donna Finelli said her non-Catholic colleagues have never been singled out, and that student activities are open to all students without distinction.

Miss Finelli is students' council president at Saint Ignace of Loyola Secondary School in Oakville.

She said that the task of the student council is to develop enthusiasm and united student morale.

"This task would be quite difficult

if we had a dual in-school community orientation that might result if all non-Catholic students were exempt from religion class," Miss Finelli said.

"While I recognize that there may be one or two exceptions, I think that it is reasonable to expect of the Legislature of Ontario that the goals and

mission of our school and those to which parents and students subscribe be facilitated."

"Hopefully the Standing Committee on Social Development will have a recommendation in January when the funding issue has a third reading in the Legislature," trustee McCauley said.

Herald changes format

Don't bother cleaning your reading glasses - The Herald has changed its format.

Starting today, The Herald will be joining hundreds of other Canadian newspapers in switching to a six column news and advertising format. Newspapers in the United States converted in 1984.

Previously our paper ran nine columns over the length of a page. We made this move for two reasons. First, we think this presents a

more attractive, easier to read editorial product. Second, the six column format puts us in line with other newspapers across North America. Advertisers find it helpful designing ads when working with a standardized format.

The Canadian Daily Newspaper Publisher's Association recommended the switch after years of extensive research. We hope you'll like the changes - it's part of our overall effort to provide you with the best newspaper possible.

OFF THE HOOK

Milton not top site for toxic waste

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

Milton's off the hook. The Ontario Waste Management Corporation announced Thursday its preferred site for a treatment and disposal facility for industrial waste was in West Lincoln Township instead.

Halton region residents had been concerned the Corporation would be selecting Milton's Britannia Road area, for burying toxic waste.

Corporation spokesman Michael Scott told The Herald the OWMC will be doing no further testing on the Milton site.

It will now be testing the West Lincoln site south of Vineland on Schram Road near Highway 20 instead.

"If this site were to fail, then we would be reviewing the entire site selection process," Mr. Scott said. He indicated it would mean starting from scratch with the original 150 potential sites in the province.

If the Corporation's tests at its preferred site work out all right, the OWMC will then be presenting its proposals for public hearings on the Environmental Assessment Act.

Armstrong wants spills exemption

By ANI PEDERIAN

In wanting to be exempt from the Environmental Protection Act, the region is just "covering its fanny", according to a Halton Hills councillor.

Coun. Mike Armstrong and regional chairman Peter Pomeroy want the province to give Halton region an exemption from the new Act as it applies to municipal works.

Municipal works is defined as all essential services provided by the region, by regional solicitor Mark Menari. That means sanitary sewers, water mains, water purification plants, sewage treatment plants, landfills and the new centralized sludge facility.

To become law Nov. 29, the Environmental Protection Act puts the responsibility for clean up of "spills" on the person in control of the spilled material and its owner. Owners and handlers have to pay for damages, regardless of how careful they were, with no limit to liability.

"Insurance companies are expressing concerns and we may not be able to get (environmental) impairment insurance in the future," regional treasurer Joe Rinaldo warned at last week's administration and finance committee meeting. The region and its four municipalities are currently covered.

Most, if not all insurance companies have indicated that without knowing the risk or the amount they'll have to pay for cleanups, they will be refusing policies to companies whose businesses face environmental exposure.

The Insurance Bureau of Canada has repeatedly stated that environmental impairment insurance won't be available in the province when there is no limit on potential liability, which is the case with the new Act now.

With no promise that any insurance companies will give them coverage in the case of a "spill" polluting the



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environment, Coun. Armstrong and Chairman Pomeroy were concerned over the financial repercussions of the Act, and wanted an out for the region.

"You're playing with fire and a lot of responsibility I don't want placed on the region," Coun. Armstrong said. "I want to cover my fanny, it's as simple as that."

The regional chairman called the ramifications of liability under the Environmental Protection Act "gigantic", especially as the region would have to insure itself in the end.

"I don't think we should send the message out that it's okay if you're tough on the public sector who may pollute the environment, but not so for the municipalities.

'You can't hide'

Oakville Coun. Keith Bird said he found it difficult as a politician to say he's concerned about the environment, then to hide behind an exemption.

"I can't support 'Do as I say and not as I do,'" Coun. Bird said. "I want to play by the same rules as the rest of the region."

Regional chairman Peter Pomeroy noted the primary causes for pollution or "spills" by the region are under Ministry of the Environment control already.

"They set the rules and we abide by their rules," he said, indicating the water, sewer and garbage responsibilities of the region.

"Quite frankly, municipalities with the kinds of works that they have, are among some of the greatest polluters," Coun. Mulkeewich said. "Rather than learning to adjust to it (Act), you're saying that's fine for everybody else but not us."

Agreeing with Coun. Mulkeewich, Burlington Coun. Joan Little said she believed that in asking for an exemption from the Act the region was relinquishing its responsibility for safety.

"The thing that's really bothering me is we want other people to protect our residents, but not us," Coun. Little said. "You have to say yes, I believe we're responsible for our own safety."



DECKED OUT

Vanessa Hutchinson of Georgetown is modeling a wedding gown from The Clark House and Bridal Suite at a fashion show held for the Halton Hills Christian Women Sept. 23.

2 women die in crash

Two Georgetown women are dead after a car accident Tuesday on Highway 25 and 15 Sideroad. Margaret MacLennan, 73, of King Street and Mildred McDonald, 82, of Orchard Boulevard arrived at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital after the 3:15 p.m. accident. They died that evening.

The women were westbound on 15 Sideroad in their 1984 Mercury and stopped at Highway 25. James Wilson, 29, of Meadvale Road in Acton was driving northbound on Highway 25 at 80 kilometers per hour. He saw the women's car, but did not expect it to pull in front of him.

Mr. Wilson's 1979 Dodge hit the Mercury on the left side. He suffered minor injuries. The women died of chest injuries, police said.

Damage to the Mercury was estimated at \$5,000 and damage to Mr. Wilson's Dodge was set at \$1,500.

IN THE HILLS

Still on oil

Despite the federal government's urgings to change to gas, the town still uses about 69,000 liters of heating oil annually, which cost about \$20,000 last year.

Monday night, councillors accepted a tender from Gulf Canada Ltd. for heating oil at a discount of .09 cents per liter off the posted wagon price for the 1985-86 heating season.

Tax man gracious

Seniors are going to continue to get a break from the tax man.

Monday night, the town deputy treasurer confirmed seniors will be given a few days grace to pay their municipal taxes in recognition of late pension cheques and trouble getting transportation to the town office.

Jaycee reunion

Sept. 17 Georgetown Jaycees held a reunion meeting for former members.

Bill Smith was made an honorary Jaycee along with Mayor Russ Miller.

Paul Atkinson, a Jaycee senator, presented one of the awards to Mr. Miller. Doug Penrice is the president of the club.

You can call at 877-8768 if you are interested in becoming involved with the Jaycees.



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Fashion colors

A fashion show entitled The Colors of Fashion will be held Oct. 9 at the John Elliott Theatre at 8 p.m.

Participating in the show will be Christiane's, North Halton Sportswear and the Rotary Anna. Tickets are \$9 and are available at both stores listed above. For more information or tickets call 877-6761.

Sing along tonight

The Credit Valley Sweet Adelines invite you to a share-a-song Oct. 2 at the Centennial Recreation Centre in Brampton. The celebration on Mary Street starts at 8 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

Singing police

Singing is not part of a policeman's job description but at least 28 of the Halton Regional Police force staff are members of the Halton Regional Police Force Chorus. Perhaps you saw them at Georgetown's Pioneer Days.

Saturday the chorus sang in the Ottawa Police Tattoo at the Civic Centre. All proceeds went to the Sick Children's Hospital for Eastern Ontario in Ottawa.

The Halton Regional Police Chorus is a volunteer charitable group started a year ago who "particularly enjoy singing to senior citizens," said Richard Kivell, chorus president. "We want to spread good will to the citizens of Halton," he added.

Disarmament month

October is U.N. Disarmament Month. All are welcome to the October 7 meeting of Halton Hills Action for Nuclear Disarmament group at 7:30 p.m., Trinity United Church, Acton.

Special service

You are welcome to attend the Credit Valley Conservation Authority's Annual Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2 p.m., at the Melville Church in Caledon.

This year Rev. Nancy Knox of Mono Mills United Church, will conduct the service. The Peel Retired Teachers Choir and the Brampton Senior Citizens Choir are returning to fill the Little White Church with their wonderful songs.

After the service, hot mulled cider and old fashioned cookies will be served. The Melville Church, built in 1837, is located on Mississauga Road North, south of the village of Bel-fountain.

Parade Sunday

The Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment) will be holding a Church Parade at St. Jude's Church in Oakville, at 2 p.m. Sunday.

In accordance with tradition, church parades afford an opportunity to indicate to the troops the values and traditions associated with loyalty to the Regiment, and the Regiment's loyalty to a greater ideal.

St. Jude's Church is located at 160 Williams, Oakville and all members of the public are invited to attend the service.

On declining enrolment

Consolidation group studies data

By SANDY CAMPBELL

The Halton Hills Consolidation Committee is ready to study the data it has collected since January and is on schedule to make recommendations to the Halton Board of Education. A report will be made in January or February of 1986, said Ron Chapman, chairman of the committee.

The committee is addressing problems created by declining enrollments and will make recommendations on how the board's resources should be reorganized in the "most effective and efficient way", said John

Kavanagh, the committee's assistant chairman.

Three subcommittees were organized to study the problems at different schools. There are 16 schools in Halton Hills, plus Pineview, being considered.

"The biggest problem is local satisfaction. Everyone has a vested interest in a local school," Mr. Chapman said. This fall there will be information meetings for the public, he added.

Each subcommittee deals with a cross section of schools which include

rural, town, middle, junior, senior. And every school is represented on the consolidation committee by a parent and a teacher who have voting power. Principals of the schools act as advisors to the committee and cannot vote on committee issues.

A variety of occupations are represented on the committee, including teachers, businessmen, civil servants, and housewives. "All are very interested," Mr. Chapman said.

The consolidation committee has been meeting once a week since January. "It's the largest consolidat-

ion study ever attempted in Halton," Mr. Chapman said. Seven years ago enrollment at Halton schools started to decline. Since that time there have been four studies in Halton.

The Halton Board of Education like every board in Ontario has a consolidation policy as part of their mandate. The policy "kicks in" when enrollments decline and the schools become too big for the student population. Some schools have to be closed which is a decision requiring much study.