

Pupils train to revive heart attack victims

By SANDY CAMPBELL, Herald Staff
Don't forget to thank the Halton Board of Education if one of its students saves you or a friend's life some day.

The Board is considering introducing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (C.P.R.) training for Halton Grade 11 students. Almost all Grade 11 students in Oakville high schools receive the training as part of their health class.

The cost of introducing the program in Halton Hills and Milton in 1987 is estimated at \$20,290, a Board report states. That is the total cost if there is no community support, and it is a start up cost. The estimated cost of maintaining the program every year after is \$1,546.

Over 12,000 people die of heart attacks every year in Ontario. About 20 per cent of those could be prevented if the public recognized the symptoms of a heart attack and knew proper C.P.R. methods.

In Oakville the May Court Club has helped with instruction costs and the cost of equipment for Grade 11 students. In June 1986 the May Court Club delivered three adult and two infant mannequins to all Oakville schools except General Wolfe. The total cost to the club was \$23,000.

Board would hope to get \$11,200 from the communities of the \$20,290 needed to start the program. Costs could be reduced, if mannequins were shared between schools, or if community members with C.P.R. training helped with the training, a Board report states.

Trustee Dick Howitt said that not all Grade 11 students take physical education and that the C.P.R. training would be missed by some. About 80 per cent of all high school students in Halton take physical education in Grade 11, said Jack Richardson, the Board's co-ordinator of physical education.

Blood clinic this Monday

The Red Cross Society is hosting a blood donor clinic in Georgetown at the Holy Cross Auditorium Feb. 9.

The clinic hours are 1:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Toronto blood bank is low on O negative blood and below the critical inventory level for A positive and A negative.

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Poems for parents

Pour open your heart to your parents.
Children can treat their moms and dads to something really special this Valentine's Day.

The Herald is sponsoring a poetry contest for kids. The winning poem wins a dinner for mom and dad at Belamy's Restaurant.

For contest details, see inside.

AADD speakers

Three informed speakers will be part of the Acton Against Drinking and Driving presentation at Acton High School, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

In addition to a doctor from the Hamilton-Wentworth Trauma Clinic and an ambulance attendant, a surprise guest guaranteed to generate plenty of excitement, may be coming.

Coffee, tea and home baked goods will be served.

Fair meeting

The wheels are being put into motion for the 1987 edition of the Georgetown Fall Fair.

The fall fair board is holding a meeting Feb. 9 to establish committees, pass a budget and talk about publicity. All interested parties and new members are invited to attend at the Optimist Hall on Highway 7 at 8 p.m. sharp.

For more information call 877-2972.

Levies raised

Should Regional lot levies be upped? Are they fair? That's what a new study by Halton will look into.

Lot levies are charged on new homes built in the Region to cover the extra servicing Halton must provide to meet the needs of the new residents, like roads, sewers and water, hospitals, a landfill, police.

Halton has budgeted \$16,990 for the study. It's expected to be ready in July.

Correction

The caption under a picture on last week's Family front page was incorrect. The three Kindergarten students at Joseph Gibbons Public School are (left to right) Whitney Young, Robbie Stiles and Cheryl Guise. They took part in teddy bear day with the rest of the school. The teddy photo on page 3 of the same paper was also taken at Joseph Gibbons. The Herald regrets the error.

Weight watcher

Want to lose the five pounds of Christmas? The Region's latest nutrition update has some tips to trim you down.

Give up one tablespoon of sugar a day, and you'll have saved 14,000 calories over the year. Cut off the fat from your meat and use less butter, margarine and salad dressing. Choose fruit instead of those tempting chocolate bars for snacks. Instead of french fries, order a baked potato at least once a week.

Best farmer

The 1986 Halton Farmer of the Year is an Oakville man.

Jim Livock was named Farmer of the Year by the Halton Federation of Agriculture.

The Livock family own and operate a purebred Jersey dairy farm on the Sixth Line in Oakville, and grow livestock feed and cash crops.

Bylaw freedom

Future traffic bylaws made by Halton Hills and the Region's three other municipalities may not have to go to Regional council for approval.

That's the decision Halton council will make today (Wednesday).

These bylaws affect local streets, and the Region's public works director says traffic staff at both the Region and the area municipalities are in regular contact with each other to make sure there are no conflicts.

House fire

Children are believed to be responsible for starting a fire in a house under construction in Acton, an official from the fire department said.

The fire at 56 Church Street West was Sunday at 8:30 p.m. It was noticed by a neighbor who put it out. There was no damage.



Year of the Rabbit

HAPPY NEW YEAR-The Chinese New Year was welcomed in on the weekend and a number of people joined together to celebrate the coming of the Year of the Rabbit. Here, three youngsters get in the festive spirit at a special party held Sunday in honor of the occasion. From left, Yu Ma, Maria Yuang and Elizabeth Cochran. (Herald photo by Mike Turner)

Driver in 401 bridge crash found guilty of negligence

By SANDY CAMPBELL, Herald Staff
Almost a year to the day after the destruction of the James Snow Parkway and the death of a man in an automobile accident, a Burks Falls trucker will be sentenced for his part in the crash.

Friday in Milton District Court, Judge James Clarke found Arthur Jeffrey, 37, guilty of criminal negligence causing death. He will be sentenced March 26 at 10 a.m. in Milton District Court.

March 24, 1985 at about 8:30 p.m. the accused drove his truck, pulling a flat bed and a pup trailer, so that it completely blocked eastbound traffic on Highway 401. While across the eastbound lanes, the truck was hit by a passenger car and a tractor trailer hauling a tank of fuel.

The tanker exploded, sending a fire ball into the clear crisp sky, Judge Clarke said. Both trucks and the James Snow Parkway were destroyed. The parkway burned for 7 1/2 hours.

Frederick Foulis, 29, of Sarnia was killed in the crash. The trucker of the tanker was a driver for Eagle Transport of Mississauga.

Mr. Jeffrey was found guilty of four charges. In addition to the criminal negligence causing death charge, he was convicted of dangerous driving causing death, impaired driving and driving with more than 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood.

Before the crash the accused was

witnessed weaving outside his lane, causing cars behind him to slow down. Another truck driver "tried to contact him on his radio 'to give him a piece of his mind' but got no response," Judge Clarke said.

The accused pulled over onto the shoulder of the 401 metres from the parkway. He then moved his truck so that it was across the three lanes of traffic, until the nose of the truck reached the barrier dividing eastbound and westbound traffic, Judge Clarke said.

A forensic expert determined that the amount of alcohol in the blood of the accused was between 206 and 227 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood. In the case of the accused, that is the equivalent of 8.3

bottles of beer or 12.6 ounces of spirits, Judge Clarke said.

Police observations, erratic driving before the accident and failure to perform many physical tests, led to the conclusion that the accused was impaired.

Three weeks prior to the accident the accused had just completed a three-month suspension of his licence for drinking and driving. That was the first charge of drinking and driving against him.

In Judge Clarke's summation, he concluded that the Crown proved the accused showed "reckless disregard for safety."

The accused, Mr. Jeffrey, is married and has two children.

Pre-budget school tax rate: 8.2%

By SANDY CAMPBELL, Herald Staff
An 8.2 per cent increase in Halton Board of Education expenses in 1987 was put to trustees at their first budget meeting of the year Monday.

That increase was part of a preliminary budget presented to trustees and means 1987 expenses will be \$181.6 million. The amount local taxpayers pay depends on government grants to the Board. By the end of February or by early March, the Board should know how much money the provincial government will be contributing, said Jerry Jenkins, the Board's superintendent of business services.

Expenses of the Board are paid for with provincial government grants and tax assessments from the municipalities. The increase in assessment is expected to be between 2 and 3 per cent. Grants are not expected to increase significantly, Mr. Jenkins said.

In addition to an insignificant increase in grants and assessment, other problems faced by the Board are a drop in enrolments, the effects of extended funding and the need for improvement in education, a report from Mr. Jenkins states.

In September, 1986, enrolment at elementary schools declined by 100 students which is 4 per cent. There were 270 or 1.5 per cent less students attending Halton high schools in September, 1986.

Trustees will be meeting every Monday for the next five weeks to come up with a final budget. Next Monday they will begin debating items in that budget, Mr. Jenkins said.

The budget is not very flexible. Major reductions can only be achieved by changes in policy, particularly in the area of staffing, Mr. Jenkins said.

Reductions in the Board's operating budget were not recommended by Mr. Jenkins. He said it would have an adverse effect on education in Halton.

The Board will be spending more money in 1987 to reduce the pupil teacher ratio. That is part of their two year contracts with elementary and secondary school teachers.

In 1986 the Board added 25 elementary teachers and 19 secondary teachers to its staff. In September, 1987, it plans to add 30 elementary teachers and 16 secondary school teachers.

Those 16 secondary school teachers will make the high school pupil teacher ratio 15.67, a figure closer to the provincial average. In September, 1987, the pupil teacher ratio at elementary schools is expected to be 18.28.

Salaries were the largest increase in expenses for the Board in its 1987 budget. That increase is \$7.1 million or a 5.9 per cent increase. Employee benefits will be up 10.2 per cent, which is almost a \$1 million increase.

Transportation of students to French immersion centres will begin in September, 1987. This project is expected to cost \$798,000. A grant of \$550,000 is expected from the Ministry of Education to help pay for the transportation.

Debt charges are believed to be 23.3 per cent higher in 1987. Debt charges will total over \$835,000. Over 30 smaller projects undertaken by the Board in 1987 will cost \$1.1 million. Such projects include changes to the curriculum, purchasing text books, buying specialized equipment and more.

McDermid gets ribbing

What kind of pestering does a member of the House of Commons have to put up with? Here's an example of what Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid had to endure recently during a Commons debate of the softwood lumber products export charge act.

"Lloyd Axworthy: Running number three in your riding, are you?"

McDermid: I might say these

with claims—
Axworthy: You are running behind the Rhinoceros Party.
McDermid: Madam Speaker—
The Speaker: Order, please.
Axworthy: You look like a rhino so you should be running with them.
The Speaker: Mr. Axworthy makes it very difficult for anyone to express his or her ideas. I think it would be fair and normal to listen when Hon. Members are debating."

Block Parents group finds new lease on life

By ANI PEDERIAN, Herald Staff
Block Parents has been rejuvenated in Halton Hills. Last week, Acton and Georgetown Block Parents voted to amalgamate.

Sitting on the new Halton Hills Block Parents executive are: Bonnie Guise, chairperson; Rosemary Dibbits, secretary; Pearl Wilson, treasurer; Shelly Dubreuil, Georgetown co-ordinator; Kathryn Lynch, Acton co-ordinator; Lynn Clark, Georgetown school liaison; Pat O'Meara, Acton school liaison; Ann Mulr, Georgetown sign registrar; Glen Leslie, Acton sign registrar; and Const. Bill Phipps, officer liaison.

"We need more volunteers to represent the districts they live in, so we know what goes on there," Mrs. Guise said.

Her attitude is "more hands, less work". She emphasized being a Block Parent is not a full-time job. It doesn't take a lot of work to help protect the community's children, Mrs. Guise said.

"It's a great organization for the community and a little bit of work on everybody's park makes it a safe community," she said.

Block Parents are easily recognizable. They're the ones with the red and white mother and child sign in the front window, visible when they're home.

"I just get sick every time I walk

down the street and see no signs. Where's the protection? I walk a lot and I've seen only a handful of signs," Mrs. Guise said. "Part-time Block Parents are better than no-time Block Parents."

Both Acton and Georgetown Block Parents have been flailing out over the past five years, she said, with their promoters moving away.

Mrs. Guise aims to change all that, and a thorough updating of the Block Parents membership list will start that move. She estimates there are about 200 members in Georgetown.

She's got the support of the Halton Boards of Education and Halton Regional Police.

Looking for a mascot for the Halton Hills committee is one of the first things Mrs. Guise will be going after, with the help of school children. Children will be invited to draw what they think the mascot should look like and an official draw will select the winning mascot.

Block Parents will take the mascot to the fall fairs, and to parades in town.



Little angels

Four-year-old Nicole Jane McNelly, and five-year-old John Patrick Donoghue were a big hit at the second annual Bridal Show sponsored by Elizabeth's Fashions and Bridal Boutique Sunday. The youngsters were the picture of propriety as they modelled outfits the best-dressed flower girls and ring bearers will be wearing this Spring. (Herald photo)

Want to be a Block Parent, or want to find out more about it? Then call Bonnie Guise at 877-7286 or Kathryn Lynch at 853-0695.