

# Reding plans for new school in '88



Deep freeze cabbage patch

Grandma's bonnet came in handy recently, when the Lady Jessica was brought to life on the front lawn of the Shillington residence on McIntyre Crescent in Georgetown. Erin

Shillington, 5, (left) and sister Leigh, 8, gave Jessica a hug last week. The snowday is named after Erin's best friend, "but she doesn't look like that, no way," declared Erin. (Herald photo)

The wheels are beginning to turn in preparation for a new catholic secondary school to be built in Milton for September 1988.

After meetings with the provincial Ministry of Education, the Halton Separate School Board has obtained funding to buy land and construct a permanent structure.

Halton's third Catholic high school is using temporary quarters at the former Speyside Public School site. However, Grade 9 students at Bishop Reding Secondary School in Speyside will be moving to a permanent home in Milton in 19 months.

Students will be staying at the Speyside site for one more complete school year. It was announced last Wednesday night by Board Chairman William Hawken.

Mr. Hawken said the Board is aware of the shortcomings of the temporary quarters, but that having a new school built within a three year period is faster than what has happened at Assumption and Loyola high schools.

The new school will be completed in two phases. Phase one will be ready for 625 students while phase two would be able to hold 1,200 pupils in 1989.

Staff, students and parents will be able to enjoy a fully funded second



HAPPY FACES-Sporting Bishop Reding baseball caps. (from left) MPP Don Knight, Director of Education Cliff Byrnes and Board vice-chairman Irene McCauley celebrate the announcement of provincial funding for a new catholic secondary school in Milton. It's scheduled to open September 1988. (Herald photo)

dary school "second to none", a school everyone will be proud of, Mr. Hawken said.

The board chairman said the school will be the best quality high school built "with the money available to us."

The Board has talked to residents in Milton about the new school and the facility will be a place for the community to use, he said. The cost of the high school is estimated at \$15 million, using as a guide an average cost of \$75,000 per square foot, Mr. Hawken said.

The Board is committed to a comprehensive course outline for students at the school, including general, basic and advanced levels and training for gifted, trainably retarded plus vocational and technical subjects, Mr. Hawken said.

There is also a possibility that a day care will be built in the school so students can gain credits by caring for children, it was revealed at the meeting.

One of the parents at the Wednesday meeting questioned about the lack of handicapped facilities at the Speyside site. There will be two wheelchair students next year at Bishop Reding, but the rooms will be made accessible for them, the principal said.

One parent offered the opinion that beautiful bricks and glass do not guarantee it will be a good school. It's the teachers and staff which make the difference, he said.

Mr. Hawken replied that he agreed with his comments and cramped quarters at Loyola proved

at the point that a physical structure isn't the only thing that makes a good school. He acknowledged the tremendous spirit at Bishop Reding among the students, staff and parents.

Within the next few weeks an architect will be hired to design the new school.

Legal counsel is presently negotiating for a site in Milton and an announcement is expected in the near future.

During the evening, MPP for Halton-Burlington, Don Knight, was

praised for his help in acquiring Ministry funding for the school. "Without his assistance I do not believe we would have been making the public statements we have tonight," said Mr. Hawken.

Mr. Hawken also gave credit to the Board trustees Irene McCauley, John Bradley and Angelo Tonelli for their input.

The work of Superintendent of Education W.D. Nolan and his staff was singled out by the board chairman for "showing the government there was a need."

Also sitting at the panel at the front of the meeting room was Jennifer Barnett who is the president of the parent association at Bishop Reding.

## Councillor questions expansion

Not everyone is happy that Bishop Reding Secondary School students will require further expansion at the old Speyside Public School site.

Monday night town councillor Pam Sheldon said the Speyside school used to be a source of pride for the community, but with seven portables out front, the site is no longer so.

If a homeowner wants to put up a trailer home on his property, he must ask for a zoning amendment and the public has a chance to give its view. Coun. Sheldon said, contrasting the process with what has taken place with the separate school board.

The last time Bishop Reding Secondary School put up portables, the Niagara Escarpment Commission permits were given out without the public being advised.

Coun. Sheldon wants the public to have a say on where those portables are put up, a decision the town's site plan committee should be making.

A letter to the Halton Hills Site Plan Committee says that expansion for the Speyside school requires planning and site preparation with the town before the facilities are added.

In reply, town planning technician Brian Murdoch says the town hasn't any objection, provided the school can provide adequate sewage facilities, water supply, staff parking and bus loading areas.

With the opening of the school in September 1986, Grade 9 enrolment was 200. This September, it's expected Grades 9 and 10 enrolments will be about 400.

## Police beat

### School vandals

Damage to Robert Little School in Acton totalled \$6,000 last weekend, police said. At 4:45 p.m. Saturday eight bottom panels in doors were kicked in. The school is on School Lane at Main Street.

### Assault charge

After an argument with an employee of Georgetown's Miracle Mart a 23-year-old Georgetown man was charged with assault. The dispute began at 8 p.m. Saturday when the customer was asked to leave the store at closing time, police said. An argument in the parking lot followed, and the employee was hit in the head with a fist, police said. The customer will appear in court in March.

### Drug bust

Police visiting a 17-year-old on John Street ended up arresting the youth for possession of marijuana. The Georgetown male was visited by police Saturday at 11:30 p.m. and will appear in court March 22.

### Unlocked door

A Zenith VCR worth \$660 was taken from an RR 1 Norval home between 12 and 4:30 p.m. Thursday. The home was entered by an unlocked door, police said.

### House thief

The basement window was used to enter a home from which \$300.00 was stolen last week. The Norman Avenue home in Acton was entered between Friday night and Saturday morning by ripping off a screen and forcing open a window, police said. Damage was estimated at \$25.00.

### Lost control

Snow and ice caused a Georgetown woman to lose control of her car, cross the centre line and collide with oncoming traffic Feb. 4 at 6:40 p.m. The woman was west-bound on Steeles Avenue when she skidded into eastbound traffic, police said. Her 1985 Pontiac hit a 1984 Oldsmobile.

### Impaired driver

A 41-year-old Acton man driving erratically on Church Street and John Street was stopped and charged with impaired driving.

### VCR stolen

A VCR, remote control and video tape were taken from a Holmesway Place home Sunday. The intruder entered through an unlocked sliding window and stole the items valued at \$375, police said. The home was entered between 7:30 and 10 p.m.

### Plymouth joyride

A 17-year-old Georgetown male was charged with taking a car from the Gulf service station on Guelph Street at Delrex Boulevard. The 1978 Plymouth was taken Friday night and recovered at 5 a.m. Saturday.

A police officer stopped the car on Mountainview Road North. He was suspicious of the driver. Once stopped, the driver and the passenger ran from the car. They were chased but not caught. The 17-year-old was caught later and the driver of the car was not known as of Monday. The Georgetown youth will appear in court Feb. 26.

### Pellet gun mischief

A 17-year-old youth in Acton caused \$350 damage to a neighbour's home with a pellet gun Friday at 9:35 p.m. He shot holes in the neighbour's garage window, car windshield and driver's window, police said. The male youth will appear in court Feb. 25.

### Truck damaged

Between 8 and 10 p.m. Saturday a truck parked at the North Halton Golf and Country Club on Maple Avenue in Georgetown was damaged. The hood ornament of the pick-up was broken off and the front windshield was cracked.

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Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 301 of The Ontario Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 302 as amended, that the Council for the Regional Municipality of Halton proposes at its meeting on March 18 at 1:30 p.m. to pass a by-law for the reconstruction of Steeles Avenue from James Snow Parkway to Trafalgar Road.

Plans showing the proposed work may be inspected at the Public Works Department offices, 2316 South Service Road West, Oakville and the North District Operations Centre, Steeles Avenue, Milton, Ontario.

On Wednesday, March 11 at 9:30 a.m. in Committee Room No. 1 at the Regional Administration Building, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario, Council, through its Planning and Public Works Committee, will hear in person, or by his Council, any person who claims that his lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to the Regional Clerk, no later than March 5th at 4:00 p.m. to be heard.

D. J. Varley  
Regional Clerk

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LE CONSEIL DES ECOLES SEPARÉES CATHOLIQUES ROMAINES DE HALTON

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**  
for September 1987  
THE HALTON ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD

ADVANCED registration for those children who will be attending kindergarten in the Catholic Schools in Burlington, Oakville, Milton, Georgetown and Acton will be held at all schools on

**WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY**  
FEBRUARY 25th and 26th, 1987  
9:00 a.m. to Noon  
1:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**AGE OF ADMISSION AND REQUIREMENTS**

- Children are required to be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 1987
- Birth and Baptismal Certificates
- Family O.H.I.P. Number

Further further information, please contact the principals of your nearest Catholic School.

W.C. Hawken, Q.C. Chairman of the Board  
C.G. Byrnes Director of Education

**INSCRIPTION AU JARDIN D'ENFANTS**  
(pour la rentrée des classes en septembre 1987)

L'inscription d'enfants d'âge scolaire admissibles au jardin d'enfants en septembre 1987 aura lieu dans toutes les écoles catholiques de Burlington, Oakville, Milton, Georgetown et Acton.

**MERCREDI ET JEUDI**  
les 25 et 26 février 1987  
entre  
9h et 12h  
13h15 et 17h

Age d'admissibilité et documentation requise

- Tout enfant doit avoir atteint l'âge de cinq (5) ans au plus tard le 31 décembre 1987
- Certificats de baptême et de naissance
- Le numéro d'assurance santé de l'Ontario (O.H.I.P.) de la famille de l'enfant

Pour tout autre renseignement veuillez communiquer avec la direction de votre école catholique.

W.C. Hawken, Q.C. President  
C.G. Byrnes Directeur de l'éducation