

In the hills

ABC meeting

The Association for Bright Children (A B C) announces its next meeting Nov. 23, at 8 p.m. at St. Raphael's Separate School, New Street (east of Walker's Line) in Burlington.

The purpose of the meeting is to review A B C efforts to improve the quality of educational opportunity offered to identified gifted and other bright students by both The Halton Board of Education and The Halton Roman Catholic School Board.

The meeting is open to the public and will be of interest to parents and educators concerned with the education of gifted children in Halton Region.

Further information may be obtained from Rod Taylor 877-6093 or Lyn Appgar 877-5801.

Ombudsman week

Chairman Peter Pomeroy has declared "Learn About Your Ombudsman Week" for the week of Nov. 22-29.

Chairman Pomeroy and Daniel G. Hill, Ombudsman of Ontario, are co-operating to ensure that the residents of Halton know what their provincial Ombudsman can do and how to reach his services.

The Office of the Ombudsman has existed for over 11 years to help people attain fair and equitable treatment from every provincial ministry, agency, board and commission. Halton residents with problems they cannot solve with the Ontario government may visit the information display at the municipal offices, or call the Office of the Ombudsman of Ontario, toll free 1-800-263-1830.

Hold out your arm

Hold out your arm and help someone in need of your blood.

The Milton unit of the Canadian Red Cross is sponsoring a blood donor clinic Nov. 19 at E.C. Drury School from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

For more information call 875-1459.

'Horts' meeting

The Georgetown and District Horticultural Society meeting will be Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church. There will be a slide show of Peru, including Machu Pichu, Equator and the Galapagos and the Upper Amazon. Everyone is welcome.

Employment game

A seminar has been planned for employers involved in Commercial, Retail and Private Business, Manufacturers, Government and Institutional Operations. It will be of interest to those involved and concerned with the proper procedures for hiring, supervising, discipline and dismissal of part-time staff. The workshop will cover statutory holidays, holiday pay, mass termination, part-time employment, unions, volunteers, sick and pregnancy leave, pay equity and much more.

Gary Hoag, a field consultant with the Ministry of Labor, will be the guest speaker. Gary's presentation style promises factual information "on the spot" answers and provokes controversial questions for eye opening answers.

The workshop takes place at the John Elliott Theatre in Georgetown from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Nov. 25. Preregister before Nov. 18 and pay only \$15. For more information and to register call the recreation department at 877-5185, ext. 260.

Prizewinners

The seniors at the centre on Durham Street held a bazaar on November 14. Prizes were won by Mrs. June Lenz (Dresden plate quilt), Mrs. Kavanagh (afghan), Sadie Donald (basket of fruit), Mrs. M. Clarke (fruitcake) and Mrs. Theresa Goudreaux (turkey).

Police beat

A 41-year-old Georgetown man has been charged with willful damage after he kicked off the sideview mirror of a car during an argument. The suspect and the victim were arguing in the parking lot of a restaurant on Mountainview Road South at about 6:30 p.m. Monday. He will appear in court December 7.

A 34-year-old Georgetown woman was charged with theft at about 11:30 a.m. Monday when she was caught shoplifting from the Canadian Tire store on Guelph Street. She was found with a computer diskette, a personal stereo and head set, curtain hooks and curtain rods. Total value of the goods is approximately \$89, police said. The woman will appear in court December 6.

Between 4 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Monday, someone took the mailbox from the house at 46 Park Ave., Georgetown. The box is valued at \$50, police said.

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Canoeist 'full of life, like river itself'

By MARY-LIZ SHAW
Herald Staff

If Sandy Symmes had not become a white-water canoeist, she might have been a flying trapeze artist or a cliff-diver.

The mother of three, who lives in a remote country home in Terra Cotta, is someone who loves taking risks. Sandy and her husband Ric, returned in August from a 21-day canoe trip along the Nahanni, a bear of a river in the Northwest Territories.

A vibrant and energetic speaker, Sandy Symmes seems as full of life as the river she describes.

"People from all over the world come to do that river," Sandy said, a reverent tone in her voice. "And to think - it's all ours, it belongs to Canada."

The Symmes' had been planning to "do" the Nahanni for a full year, gathering as many maps and documents on the area as they could find. Although she has been white-water canoeing for about 10 years, Sandy admits she was a little apprehensive about traversing the 550-kilometres from the Nahanni's source to its base.

"My greatest fear was dumping in a canyon and having no way to get out," she said. The average temperature of the water is about 42

degrees, even during the hottest summer months.

But the Symmes' went the entire trip without dumping and were forced to portage only once, two small blessings Sandy will always be thankful for.

"I'm glad I'm into ferns and wildflowers," said Sandy. "That is the only good thing about portaging as far as I'm concerned."

Sandy Symmes, whose canoeing adventures have taken her across Ontario with Canadian Nature Tours, describes the Nahanni as "a canoeist's dream."

"Every bend is a challenge," she said.

Part of the river's attraction is its unpredictability. Water levels have been known to alter as much as five feet in one night. Perhaps the greatest experience, though, is what Sandy Symmes calls "the Mother Nahanni" or the land through which the river flows.

The area is full of rare and exquisite wildlife, one of the reasons the federal government named it a National Park in 1979. The Symmes' also spent time at Moore's Cabin, a log house built by a young Ontario couple in the 1970s and now part of the Nahanni experience.

The cabin includes an open notebook for canoeists following the

Around every bend is a challenge on Nahanni in NWT

river. Sandy Symmes, who had read Mrs. Moore's book on her own wilderness experience, describes her feelings of joy at seeing the cabin and the notebook for the first time.

"I was really touched by the book," she said. "It was wonderful to read the notes left by canoeists." Some of the writings in the book date as far back as 1979.

Sandy and Ric spent their wedding anniversary cleaning out Moore's cabin and neither could think of a more romantic way to spend it, Sandy said.

Sandy stresses that her trip was enjoyable and virtually trouble-free because of the amount of preparation that went into it. Sandy packed and freeze-dried almost all of her own food. Members of the community also contributed, especially those at Preston's store in Glen Williams, who ordered a special quantity of freeze-dried goods for the Symmes' trip.

She warns anyone considering a trip along the Nahanni to get a complete set of maps and to plan to go in a group of at least four.

"I was shocked at how ill-prepared some of the canoeists were," she said. At one point, the Symmes' party came upon six men who had brought eight barrels of



GLAD TO BE HOME-Sandy Symmes hugs her coffee-maker after describing her three-week canoeing trip along the Nahanni River in the Northwest Territories in August. She lives in Terra Cotta with her husband Ric and her children Robin, 19, Scott, 17 and Jennifer, 11. (Herald photo)

beef jerky. "Of course, it made them sick. And you should have seen their faces when we brought them over a loaf of freshly baked bread."

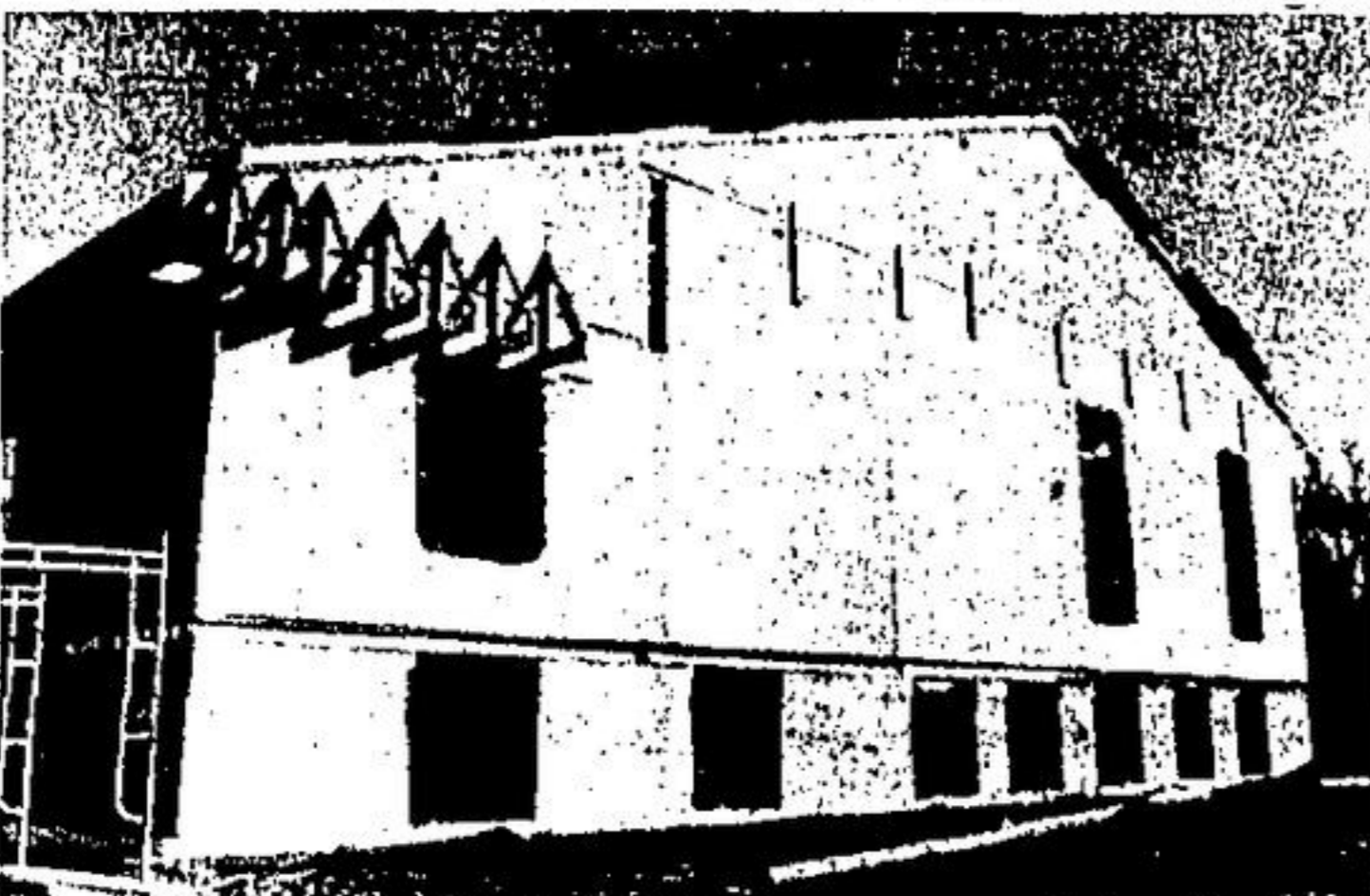
The bread was baked in a reflector oven, which sits close to an open fire and works on the same principle as a conventional oven. Sandy had prepared the dough before the trip and separated it into individual loaves.

But, the trip was nothing like a conventional holiday and, during the three-week stint, Sandy's modern, comfortable home with its microwave and coffee-maker, must have seemed strangely unreal.

"When I came back, I wanted to kiss all my appliances," she said. "I was so happy to find they still worked."

"But, when you're out there, your impression of comfort changes; comfort means a sleeping bag and a non-rocky tent bottom. It's part of the wilderness experience to cut everything down to its barest essentials."

Sandy and Ric Symmes will be giving a slide show on their Nahanni trip on Friday at the St. Alban's Church Hall in Glen Williams. Proceeds from the show will go towards sending local Scouts to Australia. The show begins at 7:30 p.m.



A church is born

Workmen had unseasonably warm weather to do their construction tasks at the site of the new Georgetown Alliance Church on the Eighth Line and Fifteenth Sideroad.

The building is progressing quickly and if the weather holds, could continue along at its present pace. (Herald photo)

25 years of service for VP Joseph Bray doesn't go unnoticed

By JULIE HOLMES
Herald Special

Many students at Georgetown District High School can't stand the thought of being "trapped" in school for another year. Some are already counting the number of days until Christmas vacation.

But, other members of the school seem to enjoy their time there. Last Wednesday, one of the school's vice-principals, Joseph Bray, received a "Celebrating Silver" award for serving the Halton Board of Education for 25 years.

"The presentation was nicely done," said Mr. Bray. "I thought it was inspiring."

In 1962, Joseph Bray began his career as a teacher at Acton High School, where he taught chemistry and biology. After teaching for ten years in Acton, he worked as an Administrative Assistant in Burlington for a year. He left his job in Burlington, and became vice-principal of Queen Elizabeth Park School. Mr. Bray worked there for three years. He was also vice-principal of Lord Elgin High School. In September 1982, he started at Georgetown District High School, where he has been ever since.

How does he feel about being vice-principal? "It's second nature now," Mr. Bray explained. "I enjoy teaching too. There's a lot of variety, and personal contact with students." He said he wouldn't change anything about his job. "I guess I've come to accept everything about it."

Mr. Bray said that students "haven't changed much over 25 years. But I'm always impressed with the number of students who work hard, and are excellent school citizens."

"Teachers have changed though," he stated. "When I started out, there

was a teacher shortage and teachers' experience was minimal. Now, they're more qualified and experienced."

"It's been an interesting 25 years," he said. "I enjoy being able to reflect back on them."

Joseph Bray grew up in Warton. He said that his own school career "was interesting. I liked school, particularly when it was challenging."

Although he did not participate in many school activities during his own school career, he is active in the sports program at Georgetown District High School. He assists teachers who coach the high school cross-country teams, and Mr. Bray also enjoys jogging himself.

Mr. Bray has an undergraduate degree in biology from the University of Guelph, and a Masters degree in oceanography from McGill University in Montreal.

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Furnace malfunction

A furnace malfunction at the Acton I.G.A. caused smoke to fill the store Friday at about 4:30 a.m. Firefighters were called to the scene but there was no damage.

The alarm at the Seniors' Centre on Durham Street went off three times Friday morning. Fire officials said the alarm was not working properly. It sounded at 3:17 a.m., 6 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.

Firefighters responded to two resuscitator calls on the weekend. The first occurred Saturday at about 11 a.m. at 14 Main St. S., Acton. The second occurred Sunday when a male having problems breathing brought firefighters to 59 Cobblehill Rd. The call came at about 8 p.m.

An alarm sounded Tuesday at about 3 a.m. at the Real Estate building on Guelph Street. Fire officials said the alarm was false.

NOVEMBER 16-20, 1987 ONTARIO RECYCLING WEEK

Recycling is Smart - Do Your Part in Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton, Oakville!

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GENERAL

- Newspapers, glass and cans are to be put out before 7:30 a.m. on the same day as your regular garbage pick-up.
- Newspaper, glass and cans are to be placed at curb-side and kept separate from household garbage by approximately 0.60 m (2 ft).

GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

- Please rinse all bottles and jars and remove the caps and lids.
- Place bottles and jars in plastic grocery bags (bags should be doubled for strength).
- Do not put out broken glass, light bulbs, mirrors, plate glass or ceramics.

NEWSPAPERS

Only clean, dry newspapers and supplements are recyclable.

- Please bundle your newspapers. - Please include only the material that comes with your newspaper.
- Do not include: catalogues, envelopes, egg cartons, cereal or soap boxes, cardboard, phone books, etc. in the bundles.
- Do not put newspapers out on rainy days (save until next week).

METAL CANS

- Food and juice cans: Rinse them out, remove the labels, cut both ends off and, to reduce the transportation bulk, please flatten the cans if possible.
- Pop cans are acceptable as is.
- Place all cans in plastic grocery bags (bags should be doubled for strength).
- Do not mix cans and glass. Please use a separate bag for each.

COLLECTION HINTS

Helpful suggestions to speed up collection:

- If you have the space, save the bundles for a couple of weeks, if not...
- Stack your bundles with your neighbour's bundles.
- To avoid vandalism, do not leave glass out overnight.

Recycling is Smart: Do Your Part!

RECYCLING DEPOTS: As a resident of Halton Region you can also take your newspapers, glass, metal and cardboard to one of our four recycling depots located at:

- Oakville Transfer Station (North Service Road between 3rd Line and Bronte Road)
- Burlington Landfill Site (North Service Road, west of King Road)
- Milton Transfer Station (Steeles Avenue, just east of the 401 overpass)
- Halton Hills Transfer Station (Armstrong Avenue, Georgetown)

For more information contact your local municipality:

Oakville 845-6601	Burlington 335-7777	Milton 878-7211	Halton Hills 877-5185
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