

OUR HOUSING CRISIS

Teen hits the streets with no place to go



Hoisting the flag

Mayor Russ Miller, Daffodil Chairman Mart Allison and campaign chairman Rev. Peter Barrow take hold of the Canadian Cancer Society flag to be flown on the Town of Halton Hills flagpole during the month of April, designated as cancer month. (Herald photo)

1988 BUDGET

Taxpayers dish out 5.5% for schooling

By CHERYL MOODER Herald Staff

Take a little over \$204 million, spend five weeks as a committee reviewing where to spend the money and what do you come up with? The 1988 Halton school board budget, which was presented to trustees at Thursday's board meeting.

The total proposed operating budget for 1988 is \$204,049,496, an increase of 10.2 per cent over 1987 expenditures of \$183,116,339.

Taxpayers will pay out approximately 5.5 per cent more of their dollars for education.

"This is considered a year of minimal expansion," said Oakville trustee Patty Wilcox. The board is still grappling with a decrease in provincial funding for education.

Trustee Wilcox said all requests put forth by trustees could not be realized in this year's budget, but there were several new programs implemented by the board.

These include the computer long range plan, music program, teacher education consortium, University of Waterloo co-operative education program and an increase in alloca-

tions for textbooks.

Money allocations of school board funds do not change much from year to year, said the superintendent of business services Jerry Jenkins.

In 1988, \$103,064,737 will go to fund the operation of elementary schools, which breaks down to a cost of \$4,304 per pupil, while \$100,984,759 will be used to operate secondary schools at a cost of \$5,850 per pupil.

An increase of 6.7 per cent went to fund additional staff salaries and benefits.

Of the total budget picture, salaries and wages increased 8.93 per cent from \$133,920,008 in 1987 to a projected \$145,882,626 in 1988.

Salaries account for 72 per cent of the total budget.

There was also a large increase of funds allotted to furniture and equipment in 1988 due to the large influx of computers into regional schools as the next phase of the computer plan comes into effect, Mr. Jenkins said.

In 1987, \$1,940,048 went to fund new furniture and equipment while the proposed budget for 1988 is \$4,313,865.

Transportation contracts and debts were up slightly in 1988, Mr. Jenkins said.

Trustee Wilcox concluded that the Halton budget remains the lowest per pupil cost when compared with other boards.

The region still faces the problem of "minimal increase of provincial government grants," she said.

In answering a question by Oakville trustee Jim Clelland as to whether or not the low cost per pupil was a good or bad thing, Trustee Wilcox assured that it was meant in a positive way.

Studies done in the States indicate that the lower the school cost the better the students, she said.

Garbage fire, chimney blaze

Chimney fires, a burned out furnace motor and a questionable garage fire kept the fire department busy last week.

Firefighters responded to a report of a garage fire March 23 at 2:32 p.m. When they arrived at 214 Mill Street East in Acton they discovered it was only a car running. Someone had seen the car exhaust creeping from beneath the garage and thought it was smoke.

There was no damage in a chimney fire March 25 at 9:13 p.m. at 83 John Street in Georgetown.

March 25 at 9:38 p.m. firefighters rushed to 35 Durham Street. The smoke filling the house was the result of a burned out furnace motor.

Firefighters responded to a chimney fire March 27 at 1:07 p.m. at the 22 Sideroad and First Line.

**SAME DAY TAX RETURNS**

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This is the first in a series of five articles focusing on the need for emergency shelter and affordable housing in North-Halton. The cases presented are true cases but the names have been changed. The articles have been prepared by the North Halton Housing Committee of the Halton Social Planning Council. The Halton Social Planning Council is a non-profit organization involved in research, planning and community development activities in North Halton. For more information, call Elaine Eastman at 432-1975 or 877-3219.

Cathy has fled to the streets. She is 17 years old, works part-time and is a full-time student at high school. Her life is broken; her hopes are shattered. Nobody will help her.

She has a boyfriend who beats her - beats her until she is black and blue. She has no father and her mother has done nothing to stop the beatings. She too knows how it feels to be beaten by the person whom she loves. When Cathy was on the street her mother fled scenes of drunken

violence to the dark alley ways of Hamilton's streets.

"This is often the case with battered women," says Bev Mann, a crisis worker with Halton Adolescent Support Services. "This cycle of violence usually breeds a learned helplessness in victims and their children. Moreover, the abused always feel they are at fault and that they don't deserve to be helped. Their lack of self-esteem and insecurities, acquired through their upbringing, explain how they perceive their situation to normal."

"It's all my fault," says Cathy, "I was such a rotten kid. What could my mother do? What else could my boyfriend do?"

Cathy is just one of 329 young people who requested shelter from H.A.S.S. last year. Not all of the requests were made by victims of

abuse, but there were some common denominators. Family breakdown and the lack of emergency and affordable housing were the two most prevalent.

Some of the reasons given by that agency for family breakdown were emotional, physical, and sexual abuse, emotional trauma as a result of a separation, divorce or the loss of a family member. Sometimes the youth have a lengthy history of instability such as a foster child who has lived in 16 homes in their first 17 years of life or the family that cannot successfully adjust to the pressures of raising an adolescent.

Without available housing, child care and social work staff have tremendous difficulties in working with youth and their families to overcome these problems.

"I have a client right now who has had to live in a Hamilton shelter because Halton has nothing for him. This situation makes it very difficult for me to arrange counselling sessions with him and his family and it puts an unbearable amount of stress on him regarding school. In fact, I don't think he's gone to school at all this week because of the distance in-

volved," explains Ms. Mann.

The Halton Social Planning Council - North Halton Board has an Emergency Shelter work group that is exploring emergency shelter alternatives in the North Halton. It is hoped that with increased community support, people like Cathy will be able to find help in their time of need.

Easter week services

By Marlon Hunter Herald special

The congregation of St. John's United Church of Georgetown and Glen Williams have just completed their Lenten studies and services ending with a Palm Parade at both services March 27.

Good Friday April 1 services will be at 10:30 a.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church. April 2 at 7:30 p.m. the Georgetown Senior choir is putting on the cantata "Hallelujah, What a Savior". Easter Sunday will begin with a Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. in the Glen Cemetery followed by breakfast in Glen Church. Easter services will be 9:30 a.m. in the Glen and 11 a.m. in Georgetown.

The Fellowship of Faith Committee of St. John's is presenting a "Journey of Faith" April 30, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. with guest speaker Dr. Robert McClure. There will be a variety of workshops with special leaders. Registration is limited to 100 with priority to the St. John's congregation. More information is available from the church office.

St. John's enjoyed its annual Variety Night in the Georgetown hall. Jim Broughton was chairman and entertainer as well with his guitar. There was vocal, piano, guitar, flute, violin, organ solos and duets as well as readings, recitations and comedy. Those taking part were the Paul Duval family, Andrea and her family Herb Letkeman, Jack Layman, Krista Ferguson, Nancy Knox, Carl Schenk, Ashley Johnson, Jody Johnson, Lyn Ferguson, Haydn Evans and Kristy Johnson.

The public relations committee has been busy selling good quality sweatshirts with the new St. John's logo. This is not a money making promotion.

**HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY**  
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**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

HOLY THURSDAY, March 31: 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper  
GOOD FRIDAY, April 1: 1:00 p.m. Children's Liturgy  
3:00 p.m. - Solemn Good Friday Liturgy  
7:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross Drama based on HOLY BAPTISM, April 2:  
8:00 p.m. - Solemn Easter Vigil  
EASTER SUNDAY, April 3:  
Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12 Noon

**SCHEDULE OF CONFESSIONS**

Wednesday, March 30  
After 7:30 p.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.  
Holy Thursday, March 31:  
4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.  
After the 7:30 p.m. Liturgy  
Good Friday, April 1:  
10:30 a.m. until 12 Noon  
After the 2:00 p.m. Liturgy  
After 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
Holy Saturday, April 2:  
10:30 a.m. until 12 Noon

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