

Sparks fly ...

## Graham wants commission disbanded

...with chief of police

Halton Police Chief James Harding may have a fight on his hands if he plans to stave off demands by an Oakville councillor to abolish the Police Commission.

Chief Harding and Coun. John Graham look opposing views on the issue last week resulting in a comment by the Chief in a Burlington Spectator story March 17. The chief called Mr. Graham an "unlearned politician" for suggesting the police commission be abolished and made a committee of Regional council.

The two have agreed to disagree on the issue, said Mr. Graham. Mr. Graham, Regional Chairman Pete Pomeroy and Chief Harding met March 25 to clear the air.

Both claimed the other made personal comments about them. Chief Harding is vowing to fight changes to the police commission along the lines Mr. Graham suggests.

Mr. Graham is planning to make a pitch to Regional councillors when Halton's budget comes up for approval in April to change the nature of the police commission.

The final say in the matter rests with the province. The police commission is made up of three civilian members appointed by the province and two regional councillors.

The civilian appointments are inevitably "friends of the province" and are not accountable to the public, said Mr. Graham.

Oakville's Fred Oliver and Burlington's James Grieve are the Region's representatives on the commission.

Mr. Graham is unhappy about the police commission's \$25 million budget which represents a 9.5 per cent increase.

Over \$600,000 is scheduled for new programs and personnel for the police in 1988. Chief Harding said he needs the money just to keep up with the crime rate.

Coun. Graham said that amount is out of line with the Region which has budgeted just \$300,000 for new programs and services in 1988.

Once the police commission passes their budget, Regional council has no authority to change it, said Coun. Graham.

If council rejected the budget it would have to appeal it to the Ontario Police Commission and that is a lost cause, added Mr. Graham.

The Region attempts to limit increases to within cost of living guidelines and "the police commission has trouble living within double that," said Mr. Graham.

He said there is no effective control on the police budget.

Coun. Graham said he is not happy about the 9.5 per cent increase in the police budget but he will support the Region's budget, which includes the police budget.

## New NDP president

Bernice Nichols of Georgetown is the new president of the Halton North riding association for the Ontario New Democratic Party.

The NDP held its annual meeting March 22 at the C.A.W. Hall in Milton. The guest speaker was Real Miller, an economist for the Ontario Federation of Labor who spoke on the impact of free trade.

The 1988 executive consists of Bernice Nichols as president, vice-president Sheldon Wolfson, secretary Luci Quaglia, treasurer Alex Quaglia, and membership secretary Helen Gertels. The area

vice presidents are Acton Alan Foster, Georgetown Fern Wolf, Milton Liz Munro. Five members at large were also elected: Sharon Foster, Marg Hewitt, Irad Munro, John Nichols and Brander Wilson.

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## NORVAL NEWS

### A balloon message

NORVAL-Norval postmaster Joan Carter, assistant postmaster Dinne Taylor and rural mail courier Irene Goodfellow thought they were dreaming last Thursday. Seven colored balloons intact were caught in a tree top in front of the Norval Anglican Church.

Checking it out later, Dianne, along with her husband and step ladder, climbed to the top and with a garden rake, managed to retrieve them.

Tied to each of the seven balloons were seven notes wrapped

in plastic from a Grade six class in Westland, Michigan, near Garden City and not far from Detroit. It seems the balloons were released at 11 a.m. March 24 and they arrived in Norval around 2:30 p.m. the same day.

The project was to promote reading and writing month for the pupils of Titus School, said the teacher, when Dianne contacted him by phone the following day. Dianne sent a Norval souvenir spoon to the school as a memento.

## Palm Sunday service

By KAY WILSON  
Herald Special

NORVAL-Palm Sunday at Norval United Church had the Sunday School children parade in during the first hymn and hand out small crosses to all worshippers.

The crosses were made in Taiwan of palm leaves. Following the children's story and choir number, they retired to their classes. Rev. Ridley welcomed in to the church family Lorraine Lawrence and Doreen Gostlin by transfer and Bonnie Thurlbeck and Kelly Hall by profession of faith.

Gail Robinson presented a rose to each new member and along with Fred Clarkson and Fred Paul, welcomed the new members on behalf of the elders.

The story of Christ's passion and death were read from Matthew, chapters 26, 27 and 28 by five readers, George Smith, Murray

Tripp, Margaret Ridley, Dorothy McLean and Marie Carney. Lorraine Lawrence sang a lovely Easter solo during the service and Rev. Walter Ridley's sermon was "The Conquering Servant."

## Dressed to thrill

It may be a bit cool yet but this hot outfit should be just right for the spring. Cameron's Fashions held a spring fashion show at Knox Presbyterian Church March 23. The show had over 60 outfits suitable for the spring. (Herald photo)

With spring pecking around the corner and temperatures melting the snow Cameron's Fashions took to the runways with a spring fashion show at Knox Presbyterian Church March 23.

## Marketing pupils tested against other schools



GEORGETOWN HIGH  
By TREVOR BANKS

available but congratulations are in order. Recently, Dan Howard scored well in the Canadian Mathematic Competition. By doing so, the Grade 11 student received a special letter from the University of Waterloo. In it, was an invitation to the Canadian Invitational Mathematics Challenge.

This is the third year for the event where only 140 Grade 10 or 11 students are invited. Out of this competition (held April 14) will be chosen Canada's International Mathematics Olympiad team. This team will compete against students from other countries around the world.

"With an idea of going into Engineering, Dan preters to take one step at a time. 'I'm hoping I can place well.'"

For many students though, tans and holidays were hot topics of conversation. While many families and friends went north, 21 people (10 students) travelled to Majas and Malaga, Spain (southern tip), Tangier, Morocco and Paris, France.

"The whole group had a good time, even me with my mom!" exclaimed Kathryn Buchan. For Kathryn the trip, her second school trip, was "very interesting! Very British!"

All is presently quiet in sports. With the spring season starting up, most teams have finished or are starting up.

## Pot luck dinner

NORVAL-A beautiful pot luck dinner was held by the members of the Pinegrove Community last Monday in the school. Convening the evening were Irene Hunter and Anne Wilson. Following the dinner, euchre was played and the winners were Gertrude McGee, Vera Thatcher, Chester Early, Jean Harrop and Linda Moore.



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