

Karel Sury leaving to take new position

The principal of Acton High School will leave September 1989 to become principal at General Brock High School in Burlington.

Karel Sury, a Halton native and teacher in the Region for 23 years, will leave Acton after spending five years at the school's helm.

"It's going to be very, very difficult leaving," said Mr. Sury Monday after the Halton Board of Education announced his transfer last week.

But Mr. Sury, who will enter his eighth school in a career that has included stints with Milton District High School, White Oaks School in Oakville, and Lester B. Pearson School in Burlington, says he welcomes change.

"I never stand still. I'm constantly trying to learn and grow and become more knowledgable, more productive," he said.

At age 45, Mr. Sury has been principal of several schools. He received a Master of Arts and History at McMaster University in Hamilton. He received his Master of Education at the University of Toronto's Ontario Institute of Education (OISE).

"Learning is a life-long process," said Mr. Sury, who said he places "heavy emphasis" on staff development.

Mr. Sury said he is not surprised with his transfer to Burlington. He says that after five years at a high school, such a move is expected.

He welcomes the next term at Acton to tie up loose ends and to finish projects now under way, and Mr. Sury says he looks forward to being principal at General Brock.

"Each school has a unique character all its own," he said.



Non-Smoking week got underway with the Class of year 2000, who will be non-smokers. Here HCSH 2000 at Harrison Public School. The Halton Council on member Tanya Kulnies shows the children healthy Smoking and Health travelled to schools in the Region, habits. (Herald photo) promoting non-smoking week and the graduates of the

Weedless Wednesday

Students turned off to smoking

"Smoking is harmful to you and me. Would you please promise not to smoke on Weedless Wednesday?"

Bev Pastor remembered by board members

After a long bout with cancer, Bev Pastor, 20-year veteran of the Halton Board of Education, died last week.

Mrs. Pastor, 48, of Milton, joined the Halton board in 1968, beginning her career in purchasing, and then becoming secretary to the board in 1973. She was appointed Communications Project Officer in 1967, and served there until her death, Jan. 11.

Mrs. Pastor, a recent recipient of the Celebrating Service award for her time with the board, produced the board publications "Boardwalk," "Our Schools," "A Newcomer's Guide" and countless other sources, according to Oakville board trustee Janis Millman.

Trustee Millman led a ceremony and a moment of silence for Mrs.

Pastor at last week's Board of Education meeting.

- "I had the privilege of being Bev's friend. Bev had many kindred spirits," she said.

Trustee Millman said the former Mrs. Pastor was known for her "excellence" in the Halton board. She was skilled at her job and provided "superb support."

Mrs. Millman said Mrs. Pastor was "approachable" and wellliked for her "gentle, caring attitude."

Helene Clark will replace Mrs. Pastor as Communications Project Officer. Mrs. Clark was hired on a sixth-month contract with the board. She will join Brian Woodland, a Communications Officer hired by the board in October,

Book fun

A number of programs are being launched at the local Halton Hills Libraries, to keep youngsters busy this winter.

There are still openings in the Tales for Twos and Preschool Storytimes, at the libraries. Contact the Georgetown branch at 873-2681, or the Acton branch at 853-0301, to enrol your child.

February promises to be a big month for the youngsters. February is "I Love Books Month" and children are invited to drop in for a different surprise each week.

A poetry contest will be conducted from Feb. 1 to Feb. 28. The contest is open to all school-aged children, and the theme of the contest will be "Why I love the library." Entry forms can be picked up at the library.

There will be a special PA Day for youngsters on Feb. 3, at 2 p.m., for children seven years and up. The focus will be on T-shirt creations, and participants will have the chance to make their own "I love books" T-shirt and photo frame to keep, or give to someone special. Children are required to bring a plain white T-shirt. Registrations begin Jan. 20 at the Georgetown and Acton libraries.

That is the plea of children all now," says Mrs. Kulnies. over Halton Region today The HCSH has a list of facts they (Wednesday) as the Halton In- would like to share about smoking: Health wraps up its non-smoking table cause of ill health; week. Parents are asked to butt out -tobacco is an addictive drug; sign a contract.

be prevented in childhood and only grown-ups do; adolescence, then for the vast ma- -smoking appeals to a child's jority, it will be prevented sense of curiosity; altogether."

The HCSH is made up of five among friends; Addiction Research Foundation, lies with youth - getting them to the Canadian Cancer Society, the start smoking to replace each Halton Health Department, the generation of older smokers as Heart and Stroke Foundation, and they quit or die; Region.

They launched a campaign this years of age; past week to educate young people, will graduate in the year 2000.

Kulnies, an HCSH spokesperson.

Mrs. Kulnies went to Harrison the potential for other drug abuse. Public School Friday to The Halton Council on Smoking grades. "We can stop smoking 842-2120.

teragency Council on Smoking and -tobacco is the leading preven-

by children who ask their parents -smoking is, for children, one of the forbidden fruits of adulthood; it The HCSH says "if smoking can seems to be associated with things

-smoking together creates a bond

Halton health groups, including the —the future of the tobacco industry

the Lung Association of Halton —it is illegal in Ontario to sell or give cigarettes to children under 18

—the vast majority of cannabis

including Grade 2 students who (marijuana and hashish) users smoke cigarettes;

"The Class of 2000" as they are -tobacco is a gateway drug; the called, will grow up in a smoke- correlation between tobacco use free environment, says Tanya and use of other drugs suggests that reducing tobacco may reduce

demonstrate healthy lungs and and Health is located in Oakville. healthy habits to children of all For further information call

Kids' 'slowhand' performs

Eric Nagler will perform a children's concert - one show only in War Memorial Hall, on Sunday, Jan. 29 at 1 p.m.

Eric Nagler is a multi-faceted performer best known for his award-winning work as a children's recording artist. He has been referred to as the "Eric Clapton of Kids' Music" and has found his niche in an exploding scene which few musicians have managed to touch. Eric is renowned for his ability to engage children and parents to join in together and form part of the concert ex-

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For further information regarding this Eric Nagler concert, contact Susan Smith at 824-4120 ext.



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