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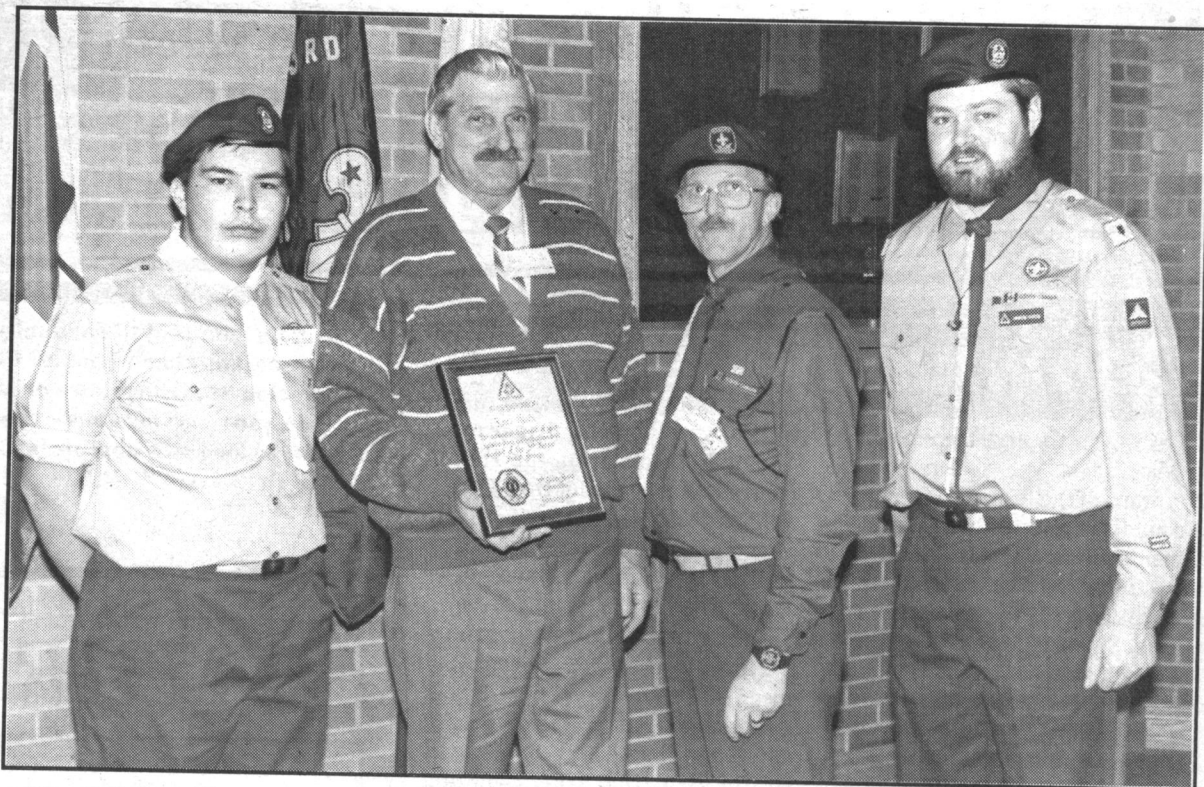
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At the 3rd Acton Scouts Parent and Son banquet, volunteer Karl Heidi was presented with a special plaque in recognition of his service over the years as the pack's Group Committee Chairman. The Heidi family recently moved to Cambridge. Pictured above are Scout Stephen Heidi, Karl Heidi, Troop Scouter Dave Eddolls and Cubmaster Andrew Kayess.  
Photo by Jean Layman

## Education axe set to fall

By Oksana Buhel

Halton teachers are being asked to donate the equivalent of one day's pay to ensure that 75 of their fellow workers are not laid off.

The Halton Board of Education must cut an additional \$2.4 million out of its 1993 expenditure budget because of a reduction of provincial grant funding.

Education director Bob Williams suggests that of this amount, \$1.4 million will be saved by reducing the budget for staff recruitment, for

the temporary assistance fund, for administrative assistance and for the elementary panel. In addition, the non-contractual staff development budget will be eliminated, as will the trustee convention/conference budget, the "Our Schools" magazine, the driver education program and summer school transportation. Trustees will discuss the cost-effectiveness of these proposed changes at a finance committee meeting this Monday at the J.W. Singleton Centre in

Burlington.

A further \$1 million will have to be made up either by laying off 75 non-contract employees, such as instructional aides and secretaries, or if the board's 4,000 staff members volunteer one day's pay, which will be deducted from their paychecks. These contributions will be considered voluntary and confidential.

Sally Rewbotham, president of the Halton chapter of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF), announced that the council has rejected the idea of the voluntary contribution. She believes that the financial burden of education should rest with the taxpayer, and not with the teachers. She also believes that if the teachers give in, their bargaining power will be weakened in upcoming negotiations.

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