

Arrests in drug bust

Project TAG (Trafficking Acton and Georgetown) came to a conclusion Friday with the arrest of 14 area residents. Halton Police's Drug and Morality Bureau set up the two-month undercover project to address local street level drug trafficking.

Undercover officers purchased street level quantities of marijuana, hashish, hash oil, crack cocaine and prescription drugs.

The lone Acton resident charged was an 18-year-old Churchill Road woman, who appeared in court yesterday (Tuesday).

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Board of Ed seat draws interest

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The Acton Tanner

Even before the Halton Board of Education voted to hold a by-election to fill the vacant Acton-Esquesing seat on the Board, two Acton residents indicated they were interested in the job.

Both Doug Fread and Don Lindsay came forward at a meeting last Monday. The meeting was called by the Board to find out how Acton residents wanted the seat, left empty with the resignation of Dave Whiting, to be filled.

Trustees voted at a meeting on Thursday to hold a by-election.

Chris Dolliver, chair of the parent group at McKenzie-Smith, said the consensus from the meeting was to hold a by-election and not fill the vacancy by appointment.

"There may be some hot education issues in the next few years and we want to be sure that we have someone that the community has voted for, at the table," Dolliver said in an interview last Tuesday.

Dolliver said the cost of a by-election — \$41,000 — was a concern for some at the meeting, but it was not a big issue when considered in the context of the total Board budget of \$280 million.

"Most felt that it was worth spending \$41,000 to ensure we have representation — fairly elected, and not appointed by a Board committee — in the two years left in the mandate."

Acton construction consultant Doug Fread is not 100 per cent sure that he will be a candidate for the trustee's seat.

"I have a good idea what the job entails, but I need some more information before I make a final

decision," Fread said in an interview on Wednesday.

Fread said that for him, the biggest issue is the cost of education.

"Getting the best education possible for the students is the main goal, but there has got to be a balance when the Board has such a large budget.

"Sixty per cent of our property tax dollars are spent on education and I think that trustees have to make the best use possible of the money and make cuts that don't show up in the classroom," explained Fread, who has three children in the Halton school system.

Acton's Don Lindsay, former owner of the Foodland store, is also considering running.

"I'm interested in the position now that I finally have some time that I could devote to something along that line," Lindsay said in an interview on Monday.

"I don't want to say much more until I see what dates will be set for the by-election."

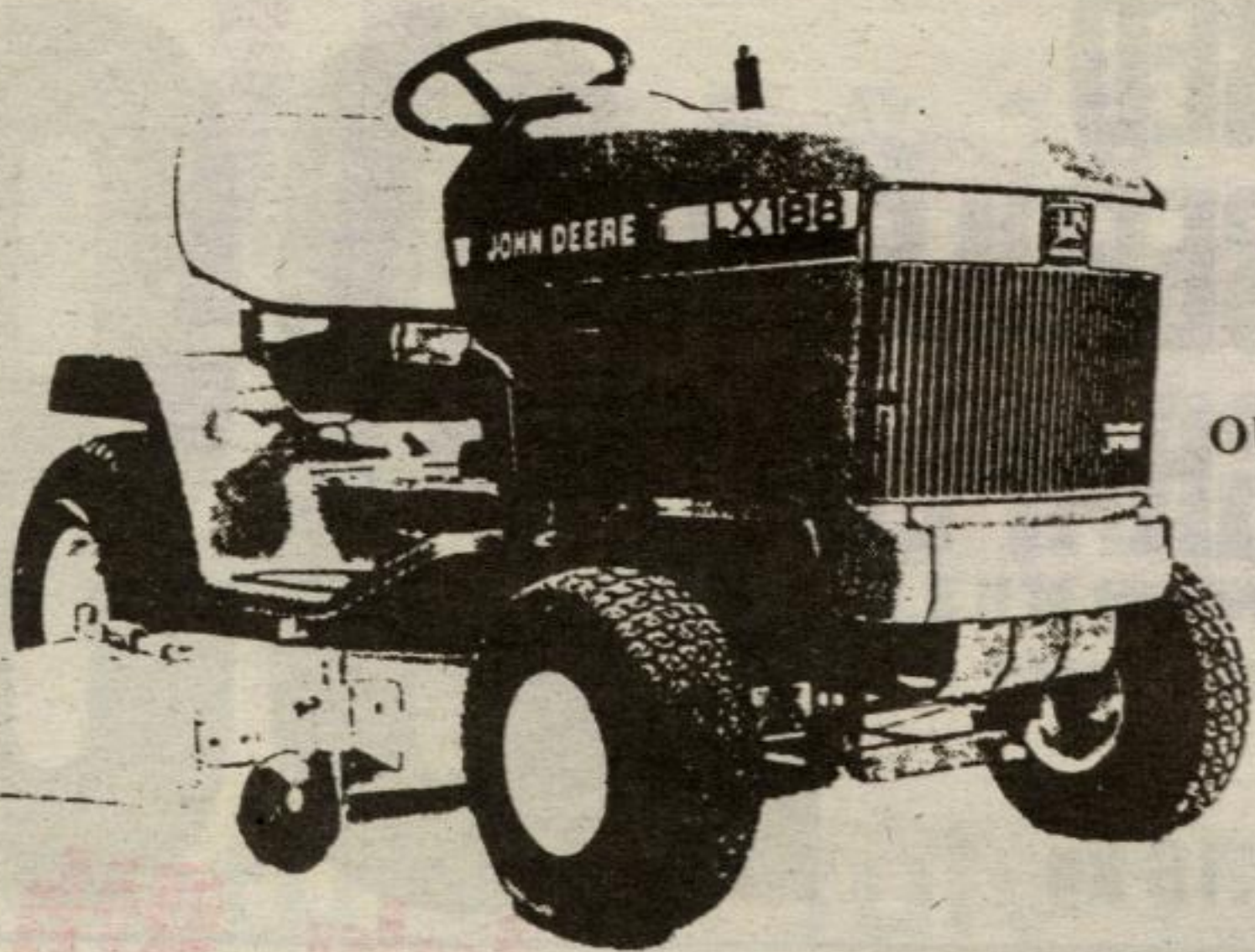
Lindsay, who had four children pass through the Halton system, works at Home Hardware.

It is expected that the by-election will be held at the end of September.




WEDDING BELLS! Jennifer and Phillip Aitken model wedding attire at the Bridal Fashions of Yesteryear Fashion Show last Wednesday night at Knox church. The gown and suit originally were worn by great-grandparents Alice Leslie and Edward Pearen at their wedding on Dec. 29, 1899. (Eve Martin photo)

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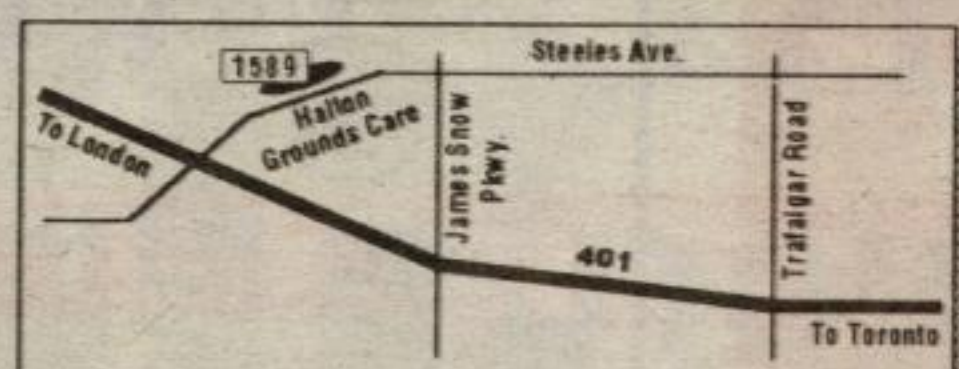
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Horticultural Society plans garden tour

Acton's Horticultural Society is trying something new!

The Society will not be sponsoring their usual garden contest this year, but the group will instead host a garden tour.

The event will feature a self-guided tour of seven of Acton's private gardens, many of them past garden contest winners.

The tour is slated for Sunday, July 16 from 12 noon to 5 pm.

Admission is just \$3 for mem-

bers and \$5 for non-members. (The \$5 ticket price can be used to offset the cost of a 1996 Horticultural Society membership.)

Tickets and a map can be picked up at the Big Scoop on Mill Street or at 160 or 164 Elmore Drive.

Society President Max MacSween urges all Actonites to "bring your friends and enjoy a great day travelling in and around Acton, seeing just a few of our many beautiful gardens."

Thank you to all of the families and executive members who have served and supported Acton Co-op Nursery School over the years. I have appreciated your kindness and the print I received at the closing of the school will be a constant reminder of the friendship and the memorable times spent at Acton Co-op.

Many thanks!

Reta Phillips