



COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM: Computer neophyte, Halton MP Julian Reed (seated) gets some software support from Acton High student Stephanie Hynds, who has been hired to oversee four computers set up in the Robert Little School lobby for after-school and evening use by adults. Looking on are principal Don Warren (left) and Robert Little librarian Paul Hynds. *Frances Niblock photo*

Internet access just a click away in Acton thanks to CAP

Cyberspace is now just a click away for Acton residents who don't have a computer, but want to learn how to surf the Web and increase their computer know-how.

Robert Little and McKenzie-Smith Bennett Schools are two of 25 Halton schools participating in a Community Access Program (CAP), a partnership with the federal government, local municipalities, libraries, school boards and community groups.

Halton MP Julian Reed, representing Industry Canada, tentatively surfed the Net at Robert Little School on Friday to kickoff a CAP publicity campaign. Reed, whose admits he's still on the on-ramp to the information superhighway, checked out the four computers at Robert Little School on Friday.

"I think this is perfect for guys like me who can come and be taught and learn how to access a wealth of information that was undreamed of

15 years ago," Reed said as he was shown the school's Web site by Acton High student Stephanie Hynds, who has been hired to provide technical assistance and site maintenance.

Ottawa supplies the hardware and \$425,000 that the Halton District School Board must match with in-kind services including supplying software, system maintenance and a site supervisor.

Reed said the idea of providing Internet access from coast to coast was the dream of former Industry Minister John Manley.

"He had this vision of connecting Canada and now we are the most connected country in the world - we have more Internet access than any other country - and it's a real boost for a country with an infrastructure that's so spread out," Reed said.

When the program ends next April, the computers will belong to the board of edu-

cation and will stay at the participating schools.

The computers at Robert Little are available 4 to 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, and 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday. The hours at MSB are 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 4 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday and 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Although the Community Access Program is designed for adults (over 19) children who are accompanied by an adult may also use the facilities.

Users must sign into the site with identification before they can use the computers.

Two Halton teachers finalists for awards

Two elementary teachers from the Halton District School Board are finalists in the 2001 *Teacher of the Year* Awards. Ray Denny of Stewarttown Public School in Georgetown, and Lorna Jones of E.W. Foster Public School in Milton are on a shortlist of 38 teachers narrowed down from more than 1,000 entries across Ontario. A team of judges will choose 10 finalists for *Teacher of the Year* Awards in June.

The *Teacher of the Year* Award is an annual award program sponsored in part by the Toronto Sun newspaper. The award recognizes excellence in Ontario's teachers and focuses on positive teaching practices.

Ray Denny is a grade 7/8 Science and Technology teacher whose nomination

came from colleagues at his school.

"Ray is the heart of the school, beloved and admired by students, parents and colleagues," says Odette Bartnicki, Principal of Stewarttown. "Ray provides a mentor role to many teachers in our schools, especially to new teachers. As a life-long learner, he willingly extends his own learning to others."

According to Rick Kaufman, Principal at E.W. Foster, "Lorna Jones is a most deserving person as Teacher of the Year. As a primary teacher, she brings out the best in her students with her warm and nurturing teaching style. Lorna is an eager learner who uses current teaching practices to improve learning for her students."

Help in the summer job search

The Georgetown Human Resource Centre of Canada for Students (HRCC-S) opened to the public on April 30. The Centre is ready to assist businesses and youth with their summer employment needs. Last year, the HRCC-S filled over 450,000 jobs with secondary and post-secondary students.

HRCC-S offices link youth and employers and provide young people with job postings, interview advice, resume building and job search strategies. The

HRCC-S also provides job postings and pre-screening interviews for employers. These services are provided free of charge.

This year, the Centre will be located at 232 Guelph St in Georgetown. Their hours of operation are Monday to Friday 9:00 - 4:00. They will be having a Grand Opening celebration on Thursday, May 10 at 2:00 p.m.

Employers interested in using their services and students looking for summer employment can contact HRCC-S at (905) 877-7797.

POLICE BEAT

PEEPING TOM

A Victoria Avenue woman woke up at 11 last Sunday night to find a tall, young man standing outside her ground-floor bedroom window. The suspect ran and eluded a police search of the area.

The suspect is white, 6'4" with a thin build, 16 to 17 years old with brown hair. He was wearing a blue ball cap.

BOLD THIEF

A bold thief broke into a display case at a Georgetown jewelry store on Sunday afternoon, stealing \$10,000 worth of men's gold rings.

While staff at Reeds Jewelry Store in the Georgetown marketplace dealt with other customers, a man forced open a display case and removed two trays of rings. The man hid the trays under his coat, and left the store. Mall security spotted him getting into a black Jeep. The suspect is described as male, white, 5'11" tall, weighing approximately 180 pounds. The man was wearing a black leather jacket and blue jeans.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the 1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 905-878-5511 ext. 2415 or CRIMESTOPPERS at 905-825-8477.

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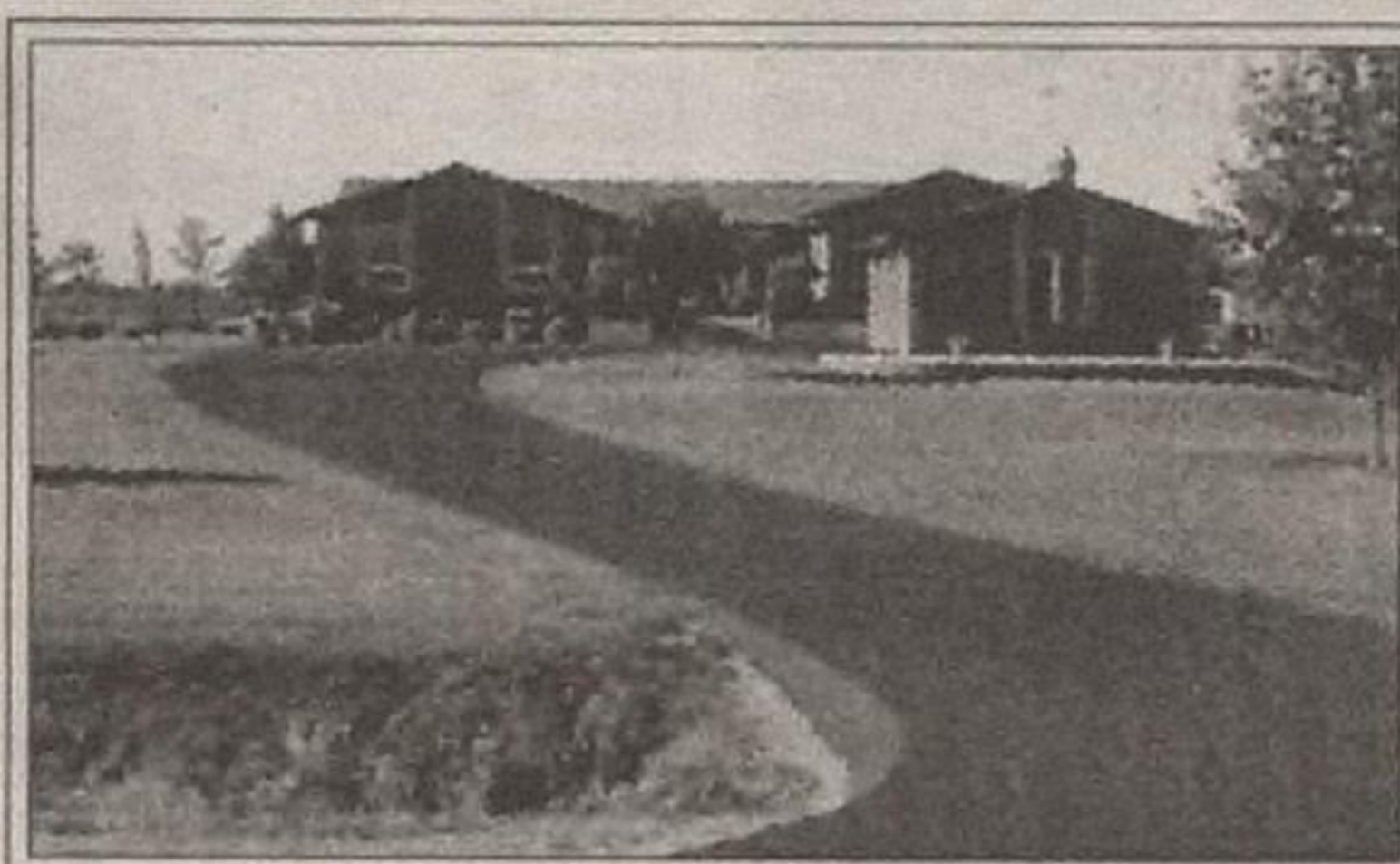
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