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### NEWS AT A GLANCE

#### Lest we forget

■ Remembrance Day services will be held today (Sunday) at the three cenotaphs in town. In Acton, the parade will leave the post office at 10:15 a.m. for a service at the Mill St. cenotaph, followed by a service at Trinity United Church. Services will also be held at 12:30 p.m. at the Glen Williams cenotaph and 2:30 p.m. in Georgetown's Remembrance Park.

On Wednesday, services will be held at 11 a.m. at both the Georgetown and Acton cenotaphs.

#### Halton not exempt

■ Halton Region chair Joyce Savoline expressed disappointment Thursday after learning the new provincial property tax legislation tabled in the Legislature will not exempt Halton.

This will cause regional taxes to rise by \$9 million and affect 4,000 businesses. Halton will now have to issue new tax bills.

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### Readying the wreaths

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 120 poppy chairperson and first vice-president Flo Carswell was joined by finance committee member Orvil Paul as they do a last-minute check on the dozens of wreaths that will be placed in honor of those who made the supreme sacrifice for their country. Remembrance services will be observed today (Sunday) at Acton cenotaph at 11 a.m., at Glen Williams cenotaph at 12:30 p.m. and at the Georgetown cenotaph at 2:30 p.m. Any businesses wishing to display a wreath in their window for November 11, can contact the Royal Canadian Legion at 877-4413 for details.

Photo by Ted Brown

## Halton's students make the grade

Officials at the Halton District School Board are pleased about the above average results achieved by their Grade 3 students in provincial testing last spring. "We're glad the students are doing well," said Kit Rankin, a superintendent with the Halton District School Board. "We're very pleased with the progress of the students."

She said one pleasant surprise in Halton was math, where there were disappointing results across the province in the 1997 tests. (Students were also tested in reading and writing)

Afterwards, more focus was put on math by teaching, administration and program staff. "The kids seem to have done well in math," said Rankin. "We think there's growth in that area."

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The board is preparing an overview of testing and results from individual schools should be made public in a week, said the superintendent.

The testing covered 3,051 Grade 3 students, with two sets of results. One total was for all those completing tests, while the other figures included cases where there were exemptions or lack of data.

There were four levels of rankings, with Level 1 being the lowest and Level 4 the highest.

Levels 3 and 4 were considered the provincial standard. In most cases, 50-60 per cent of students completing tests made the standard.

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