

Erin doesn't like school

A bleak Christmas carol

Erin doesn't like going to school any more. It's not because she's doing badly in class. It's because the other kids are talking about Christmas and Santa Claus and presents. The other girls in her class talk about getting a Cabbage Patch doll or a Barbie McDonald's. When they ask Erin what she's going to get, she says the same things as the other girls; but deep inside, she dreads the day after Christmas when the other kids come over to see what she got for Christmas. You see Erin's mom and dad aren't going to be having presents this year.

Erin's dad got laid off at work in the summer and he has to use what money he has for the mortgage on their townhouse and food for mom, Erin and her baby brother, Jonathan. But Erin doesn't yet understand the concept of paying the mortgage. She just knows the other kids are going to make remarks after Christmas. She knows it's coming, and that's why she doesn't like going to school any more. The above story is partially fictional, but it's accurate in describing what may be happening in a number of Milton homes this year as Christmas draws nearer. For the family who can't afford to buy toys and for the family who can't afford to

have a Christmas dinner on Dec. 25, The Canadian Champion Christmas Bureau Fund was started last year. In conjunction with the Salvation Army, we set out to raise enough money to feed and supply presents to almost 50 Milton families. It meant raising \$5,000. It was almost too much to ask from a town that already gives generously to a number of causes. Through the heart-felt understanding of the people of Milton we were able to raise that \$5,000. Thanks to Milton, no family went without food or toys on Christmas day. In 1983, Captain John Norton of the Salvation Army estimates the crushing effects of the economy, layoffs, and plant closings has put something like 70 to 75 families in a position like Erin's mom and dad. The Milton Jaycees have set up a new toy collection bin at the Milton Mall and they will be helping the fund with the toy drive. They are the first of many groups and individuals we will be seeking out this year for help. We'll have more on what you can do next week. The Canadian Champion Christmas Bureau Fund is a registered charity and every cent goes directly to the fund. If you want to give an early donation, we are accepting them at The Champion offices, 191 Main St. No child should be without a toy or no family should go without a Christmas dinner.



The creative scientist featured regularly in the children's magazine Owl, shared some of his scientific experiments with students at Robert Baldwin School Wednesday. Gordon Penrose becomes Dr. Zed, the magazine cartoon character, with the use of props like the crazy glasses modeled by a member of the audience.

Best Bet

Take A Royal Trip
There will be a Milton and District Horticultural Society trip to the Royal Winter Fair Thursday, Nov. 10. Phone 878-0938 or 854-2588 for more information.

Editor's Note: The above graphic is called "Best Bet" and weekly it will feature an event which offers something for residents to see, do and/or enjoy. Best Bet tips for Champion readers are selected from our Dateline Column, so please keep those Dateline items coming in.

Clements after top region job

By STEVE ARNOLD
News Editor

Brad Clements will be one of several regional councillors in the race to replace Jack Raftis as chairman of Halton Region. Ending several months of speculation, Mr. Raftis announced his resignation last weekend from the post he has held for the last five years. The resignation letter was included in the agenda material distributed to regional councillors on the weekend. On Monday a survey of members revealed several who were definitely interested in the top spot of local government. In addition to Mr. Clements, other members who have definitely expressed their intention to seek the chairmanship are Halton Hills councillors Dave Whiting and Mike Armstrong and Burlington member Pat McLaughlin. Cautious interest was also expressed by Burlington councillors Walter Mulkewich and Rob Forbes, and Oakville representative Keith Bird. Milton councillor Bill Johnson said he would stand in an election for the chairmanship if someone cares to nominate him, "but I won't go looking for support." In his letter to councillors, Mr. Raftis said he was resigning from the \$36,000 a year post "for business and family reasons," statements he would not greatly expand on when contacted by telephone. Employed as a sales manager for Canadian General Electric, Mr. Raftis said he stood for election last year because he expected to serve for the entire three year term, "but things change and now I want to spend more time with the family." **No Pressure** He denied he has been under pressure from his employer to devote more time to his job, noting the last two years have been bad for his company as well as others. "The company has been very helpful in allowing me to do this for five years, but

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This graphic illustration of the horrors of war is actually part of a movie being filmed last week in Milton. It does lend itself to our asking you to attend this year's Remembrance Day ceremonies on Sunday. For story and picture on the movie, see page A5. (Staff photo by Jon Borgstrom)

Legion changes its name

Sunday is Remembrance Day in Milton and this year it will be marked by something extra. That something extra will be the official name change of the Milton Legion 136 Branch to incorporate the name of U. J. "Joe" Waters, the man who has played the trumpet at almost every Remembrance Day since 1919. This year the parade will move off from the branch to the cenotaph in Victoria Park at 1:30 p.m. Legion president George Thornborrow said the wreath laying will be at 2 p.m. and then it will be back to the branch for a ceremony to mark the official name change, scheduled for 2:30 p.m. "I expect we are going to have a much bigger parade than usual this year," Mr. Thornborrow said. This Friday there will be a Remembrance Day dinner and dance at the Legion Hall with a sumptuous dinner available for only \$6. Tickets are available for that at the legion. Mr. Thornborrow also said tonight is new members induction night and he is inviting all Legion members to attend.

Drugs seized

Raid at airport

By LINDA KIRBY
Staff Writer

A unique drug bust that included a raid on an amphibious airplane at Burlair Park has resulted in the arrests of six people and the seizure of more than 22 kilograms (50 pounds) of high grade marijuana worth between \$125,000 and \$150,000. The arrests and subsequent narcotic charges were carried out last Wednesday through the co-ordinated efforts of five Ontario police departments. Sergeant Mike Eacrett, head of the Halton Regional Police drug squad, said it was the first time an airplane has been involved in a drug case in this area.

Sgt. Eacrett, along with Halton constables Mauro Succi and Alex Fishbein, searched the plane and seized nine kilograms (20 pounds) of marijuana, following the arrests of two suspects by OPP drug squad officers. Sgt. Eacrett said the two suspects were observed by OPP surveillance officers near Mohawk Raceway and followed to a north-west Halton location where they allegedly conducted a drug transaction. Police followed one vehicle into Peel Region where a search warrant was executed at a home and 13 kilograms of narcotic seized. The other suspect was followed and later stopped by police near Georgetown. Police then searched a motel room at the Georgetown Motor Inn and discovered a small quantity of marijuana. Police forces involved in the investigation included Halton, OPP, Peel, Thunder Bay and Metro Toronto. Halton Police have charged Robert James Luker, 32, of Bracebridge, with one count each of trafficking in a narcotic, possession of a narcotic for the purpose of trafficking and possession of a narcotic. He was released on a \$10,000 cash bail Monday afternoon following a two hour bail hearing, during which the snow removal operator was described as an "exceptional father" by his estranged wife, Tina-May Luker of Freeton. In addition to the \$10,000 bail, Mr. Luker is instructed to stay with his parents in Bracebridge, remain out of Halton except for court appearances and that he abstain from the use or possession of any illegal drugs. He is due to return to Provincial Court Monday. Charged in the Peel Region are James Vanzeyl, 32, of Moon Rd., Downsview, possession of a narcotic for the purposes of trafficking; David Vanzeyl, 21, of Fifth Line West, Mississauga, possession for the pur-

Help us cook up a book

The Champion is cooking up another collection of our community's choice recipes. The 1984 Cookbook will appear as a special supplement to The Champion, Wed., Dec 7, with the help of Milton residents. We need your favorite recipes by Nov. 30 in order to include them in the fourth annual edition. Categories include hors d'oeuvres, salads, main dish, men only, soups, desserts and canning and preserves. Enter as many areas as you wish. A draw will determine a winner for each section, to be given a food voucher worth \$20. When preparing submissions, be sure to print clearly or contribute type written copy using one side of the paper only. Don't forget to include your name, address, and phone number. Mail recipes to Champion Cookbook, Box 248, L9T 4N9 or drop them off at the office located at 191 Main St. E.

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Sherratt Does Well

The boy's and girl's volleyball teams from Sam Sherratt School pulled off a few surprises at the provincial championships on the weekend. Turn to page B1 for all the details.

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