

McLAY — Wallace and Rhonda (nee Hudson) are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter, Krista Shirley at St. Joseph's Hospital on March 29, 1968.

Middlesex passes 11-ward, 14 member school board plan

Middlesex County will elect 14 county board of education members from 11 wards, county council decided last night after five hours of argument over a half dozen different boundary proposals.

Only four wards came through the word marathon with the boundaries originally proposed.

The wards (each with one member except as noted) with the total equalized assessment of each, are as follows:

Ward 1—McGillivray and Biddulph township, Lucan village, \$20,937,831.

Ward 2—London Township (two members) \$33,801,826.

Ward 3—West Nissouri Township, \$15,696,450.

Ward 4—North Dorchester Township (two members) \$23,946,217.

Ward 5—Westminster and Delaware townships (two members) \$35,805,819.

Ward 6—Caradoc Township, \$20,866,055.

Ward 7—Lobo Township, \$16,669,291.

Ward 8—Strathroy, \$16,283,339.

Ward 9—Mosa and Ekfrid townships, Glencoe, Wardsville and Newbury villages, \$21,821,617.

Ward 10—Adelaide and Metcalfe townships, \$13,530,323.

Ward 11—East and West

Williams townships, Parkhill and Ailsa Craig, \$12,438,897.

Council's education committee mapped the county into eight wards with one to three members each in its first draft. Later it revised this to a 10-ward setup, again with one to three members each. In this plan, which they presented as their recommendation, they divided McGillivray and Ekfrid townships to equalize ward assessment totals.

These divisions brought vehement protests from Reeves Ron Crawford of Ekfrid and Grant Amos of McGillivray. Both were emphatic that they preferred being grouped in a ward with a relatively large assessment and a single member rather than be "hacked up."

Council considered the committee's first recommendation for an hour in committee of the whole at the afternoon session, followed by three hours of informal discussion over the supper hour. Following the supper break the committee met again and came up with the final recommendation.

A special session of council will be called to pass the by-law officially setting up the wards, unless the June 1 deadline for such action is extended by the provincial government.