

# Pledge Increased Aid to Mentally Retarded Mrs. Peggy Treahy Selected as New President

The auditorium of the Sunshine School for Retarded Children, Hertsby, was packed to the doors on Tuesday evening of last week when Mrs. Peggy Treahy of Georgetown was selected as president of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded for 1965. More than 50 interested persons from the North section of Halton County attended the Association's annual meeting and learned the plans for the expansion of the Association's program in the coming year.

G. G. (Gerry) Addison of Milton, a president of the Association for seven years, was presented with a life membership by the new president. In recognition of his tireless efforts on behalf of the mentally retarded in North Halton, Mr. Addison, a member of Milton council, is only the second person to receive such an honor. Mrs. Helen Howard who worked with the Association since its formation nine years ago, was the first person to receive the award.

While receiving the special honor, Mr. Addison suggested, "The work wasn't difficult because I enjoyed it, it was really my wife who suffered the most and I remind you that this award is certainly more than half hers."

**Help All Retarded**  
Mrs. Treahy, a secretary of the Association in 1964, succeeds Dr. Kenneth McCauley of Georgetown as president. In her first address to the Association as president, Mrs. Treahy referred to new legislation from the government that will provide for extra grants beginning in January 1965, thus easing the financial burden of the Association. However, she stressed that although this was a tremendous step forward, the youngsters at Sunshine are only a small part of our responsibility. The new grants are not so that we can rest on our laurels, but only an assist so that we can help all the retarded in our area.

The newly elected president stressed that the Association will try to establish preschool training for retarded youngsters and an adult workshop for the mentally retarded. She also stressed the need of providing a chance to learn for the retarded in the area of all age groups.

Paul Armstrong, second vice-president of the Association in 1964 reported the campaign response in Acton and Georgetown during the year was better, but noted that donations from Milton had dropped off. He noted that even with the added government grants it would be necessary to have a campaign every year, because "something is always bound to crop up."

Fred Bickers of Milton, chairman of the education committee, reported that the principal and teachers at Sunshine are doing a wonderful job and he also praised the work of the ladies' auxiliaries in Milton, Acton and Georgetown. He noted two projects will be coming up in 1965, the location of more storage space and also improvement to the water supply.

Mrs. R. P. E. Jellares, principal of Sunshine School, reported that 20 children started school in September of this year and reported that special events including the bazaar tea in June, the Pony Ride Day, the closing party in June, the weekly ice skating program during the winter and other special events had all been very successful. Reporting on the skating parties each week at the arena, she noted that only one youngster has a lucky tick and that all the other boys and girls would dearly "love to have one."

Commenting on the progress made during the year, Mrs. Jellares said, "progress in the case of retarded children means the development of the whole child so that he can become a useful member of the family and so that he is happy. Every day the ten show some advances, their personality starts to be revealed and they learn to talk and become happy and relaxed, with a feeling of being needed and accepted as they are."

The principal explained that the youngsters must have a challenge but that it must not be so great that they can't reach it.

**Everlasting Debt**  
Dr. McCauley, chairman of the

evening, suggested, "we are everlastingly in the debt of Mrs. Jellares and her staff, Mrs. Tom Mitchell and Mrs. Bert Wood."

Mrs. John Turkoz of Acton reported on the work of the 14 members of the Sunshine Ladies' Auxiliary from Acton. She noted that in Acton the members of the Auxiliary are "learning as well as earning." She reported that at meetings members read books and learned about the problems of the retarded through their various fund-raising programs the Acton Auxiliary donated over \$700 to the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded during the year.

The nine members of the Milton Ladies' Auxiliary for the school contributed around \$100 to the Association during the year, Mrs. R. A. Hamilton of Milton suggested during her report to the members Mrs. Lena Howard presented the report for the Georgetown auxiliary and estimated that the ladies in that community had raised over \$1,000 for the Association.

**More Credit Needed**  
Commenting on the contributions of the auxiliaries, Mr. McCauley noted "these ladies don't receive half enough credit for the work they do without their assistance, we would be lost."

Others submitting reports during the evening included Mrs. Helen Howard, who is in charge of home care for the association; Mrs. J. Kennedy of Milton, who is in charge of keeping the "Scrap Book" up to date, and Bob Ross, who looks after the recreation for the youngsters at Sunshine.

Dan Pegg of the Milton Kinsmen Club spoke briefly and assured members that his club will continue to support the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded.

**Executive**  
Rev. R. J. Jellares of Campbellville read the report of the nominating committee and indicated the new officers. Members of



1965 EXECUTIVE of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded pledged at the Association's annual meeting to increase their efforts to help the mentally retarded in the area during the coming year. Shown seated are recording secretary Mrs. Irene Randall, president Mrs. Peggy Treahy and corresponding secretary Mrs. Lena Howard. Standing are second vice-president Harry Isham, treasurer Jim Sprout and education committee chairman Fred Bickers.

## Roy Goodwin New Face on County Council

There will be only one new face on Halton County Council in 1965 — that of Acton's new deputy-revee Roy Goodwin.

Municipal elections are over for the year, and in the three townships which held votes the reeves and deputies — appointees to the Halton Council — were either re-elected or acclaimed to office with the exception of Acton deputy-revee J. Bert Wood.

Mr. Wood opposed present Acton reeve H. H. Hinton for the reeveship, and lost the race by 285 votes when over 1,100 Acton voters cast ballots. Roy Goodwin was acclaimed deputy-revee at the nomination meeting, so he joins Mr. Hinton as Acton's second representative to the county body.

Burlington and Oakville hold elections every two years, so their reeves, Gordon Gallagher and Herb Merry and deputies Frank Rogers and Lester Whiting are automatically back on county council next year.

Milton's Reeve C. A. Martin and deputy-revee AUSTAN LEDWITH were acclaimed to the office for 1965, as was Georgetown's reeve John Elliott, and Esqueving Township's reeve and deputy George and Wilfrid Leslie — so all five will be back to County Council without a fight.

Georgetown deputy-revee Bill Hunter was re-elected to the post by a 600 vote plurality over his opponent, former councillor Jim Emmerson. Nassagaweya Township's reeve Bill Coulter and deputy-revee Dr. B. D. Young were also challenged for their office this year, and both won their seats in an interesting election race.

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