

## Teachers examine Hall-Dennis report

The Hall-Dennis Report on education went under the microscope on Nov. 16, at the Halton County Conference at White Oaks Secondary School in Oakville.

Paul Martindale of the Acton staff was a co-planner in discussions, and concluded from the conference that many of the 260 changes recommended in the report, can be brought about by the classroom teacher rather than at the administrative level. The entire success of the Hall-Dennis report hinges on the attitude and ability of each administrator and teacher. They must first want the change, and then have the freedom and ingenuity to carry it out. Enrolment at teachers colleges indicates that there will be a 60 per cent surplus of teachers next year. This will undoubtedly bring about greater competition for positions and thus a higher standard for teachers.

Morning discussions in Oakville dealt mainly with major philosophical considerations. It was concluded that teachers should be social engineers, making citizens for a better world. They should not merely perpetuate the old accepted ways but equip young people to adapt to a changing society by examining the present and the past.

Knowledge is to be considered a process, not a thing that can be packaged and put out. Teaching should involve a free flow of ideas rather than an indoctrination session. Teachers should be open to student ideas and values.

Each student is to be considered an individual who will work at an individual pace with individual interests and needs. The new system would be child-centered rather than teacher or system centered. The question arises, how teachers can

accomplish this in a classroom of 30, within a specified time. The general conclusion seemed to be that more could be done at the teacher level than at the administration level, to bring improvements in this area.

Many teachers fear that a non-structured concept will mean a breakdown in class discipline resulting in havoc. However, under the new system, the student should be taught responsibility so that strict authority is not necessary.

The report suggests a decentralization of the power structure. The Department of Education would be phased out to services only. Decisions could be made on the teacher level.

Education will move into the age of technology with resource centres, and large informal classrooms. Emphasis will be on the creative nature of learning through discovery, exploration and inquiry. Visual resource centres will be in each school to produce slides, film strips, and records.

Also attending the conference from Acton High School guidance counsellor Brian Skerrett, and Harvey Goodman. Representing the public schools were Lorenzo Hill of Robert Little, and Gary Dawkins of Speyside.

On Nov. 16, Mr. Martindale represented North Halton at the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly for the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation in Toronto.

Towards the last of the meeting, delegates defeated the chair on a motion to adjourn and put forward a new motion expressing dissatisfaction with the way that salaries were negotiated at the present time.

This was the first time such action has been taken. A new chairman was elected to introduce the motion.

## McKeough will visit Halton discuss regional government

Darcy McKeough, Minister of Municipal Affairs will be visiting Halton County Council, possibly about mid-December to discuss regional government, Jim Snow M.P.P. told members of the North Halton Urban Board during the group's final meeting Saturday.

Mr. Snow reported he had held discussions with the Minister and if time permitted a meeting would be arranged for mid-December. He said the

### O.P.P. suggest

## Use extra caution in Christmas season

The O.P.P. reporting week of November 17 to November 23 saw more accidents than any other week period in town for sometime. Five motor vehicle accidents were investigated, resulting in \$1,545. in property damages. Fortunately nobody was injured. However, the erring drivers will have to face charges in court.

Seven drivers were issued traffic tickets for various offences under the Traffic Act, and six more were warned for lesser mistakes. The town cruiser was driven 417 miles while the six men worked a total of 242 hours.

Prov. Const. R. Wood, conducted safety talks at the M. Z. Bennett public school on two different occasions through the week to a total of 154 students.

General occurrences through the week were normal with two minor thefts and a liquor infraction being the most prominent.

Magistrate's Court in Milton saw another, very heavy Acton docket. Fifty-two persons were convicted under the Highway Traffic Act and the Liquor Control Act for offences committed in Acton. One thousand and one dollars in fines and costs were ordered paid by Magistrate K. M. Langdon.

With the Christmas season coming on, more people will be using our shopping facilities down town. No doubt there will be cars parked in the wrong places, people crossing streets where they should not, and as always, somebody driving a little too fast. The past week has displayed the outcome of these conditions.

From now until after New Year's, there will be heavier traffic volumes on our streets, and we urge drivers to use extra caution even though it may take a couple of seconds longer. The end results should make a happier holiday for everybody concerned.

Minister planned to meet with Peel County prior to his visit to Halton.

At its October meeting Halton County Council approved a resolution calling on the province to proceed with the transition to regional government in the county.

Warden W. F. Hunter emphasized the Minister would be welcome to visit Halton and he would prefer he met with the full county council rather than

desirability of maintaining the present county boundaries for regional government, noting the new county school boards would be on this basis.

The warden indicated he would be willing to arrange a closed meeting for the discussions if this was desired, but he would prefer that all members of the county council were present.

The October resolution of the county, sponsored by Oakville Reeve A. Day did not mention boundaries, methods or representation, Deputy Reeve W. Gillies, also a sponsor of the resolution suggested the county should "stand up and be heard on this matter. If we indicate our willingness to go ahead we may get some action, rather than more talk," he concluded.

The subject was raised again at the warden's dinner when several members observed the

The entire Acton team played well against the double A Burlington club, giving them a good run for the win. Snow on the ice hampered both teams especially the Acton passing.

Pete Morrison bagged both goals for the Acton club, the first one from Gary Turkoz, the second unassisted. Williamson, Crowley and Wright scored for Burlington.

The Acton club's strength surprised the visitors who seemed to feel the game would be a romp.

## Ray sets new record

Ray Stull set an industrial hockey league record by scoring two goals in less than 50 seconds during a game Sunday, Nov. 17. Statistician Charlie Thomson consulted the records and could find no equal to Ray's feat.

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## Ontario towns reflect British influence

A trip through Ontario can be almost like being back home for a visitor from England. So many of our towns and villages have been named after British counterparts.

Of course, in many cases there have been abbreviations and changes from the original. In almost all cases, the names have something to do with the first owners of the land, geography or religious rites. The suffixes on names such as Acton, Brighton, Buxton, and Berwick have their origins in Old English tun, ham, stede, and wic, which meant farmstead or any enclosed establishment. Bur, bury, and borough began as the Old English burn which was a defensive post or a fort.

Although, for example, Lambeth or Chatham bear little similarity to Cockney Lambeth or Kentish Chatham, they were originally settled by immigrants who brought the names over with them from their old homes. The following are further examples of Anglian influence and how the final Ontario name evolved.

**ACTON:** The original in Middlesex meant farm (ton) by the oak tree.

**ASHTON:** Ash trees grew here.

**BELGRAVE:** In Leicestershire it was recorded as "Marten's grove or pit" in the Doomsday Book, but it is thought to mean the funeral pyres (bel) were made near a grove (grave).

**BERKELEY:** Birch (berk) wood (ley).

**BERWICK:** A barley (ber) farm (wick).

**BLYTH:** In Northumberland it was a placid river which gave its name to the settlement.

**BRADFORD:** A wide (brad) food.

**BRAMPTON:** Broom (bram) grow on this farm (ton).

**BRIGHTON:** It had nothing to do with a bright town. It was a farm (ton) which belonged to Beorhthelm (brigh-t).

**CARLISLE:** A chap named Liguvalos (lisle) owned this fort (air-car).

**CHELMSFORD:** Ceolmair's ford.

**DOVER:** It comes from the Celtic dubro meaning river(s) or water. The river Dour got its name and later the town.

**DURHAM:** An island beside a hill.

**EXETER:** A Roman city (eer) on the river Exe.

**LANCASTER:** It was a Roman fort (caster) on the River Lun (lane 'lan).

**LEAMINGTON:** Farm (ton) by the River Leam.

**LONDON:** It has undergone several alterations and modifications since it Celtic name Londinos, said to mean untamed or brave.

**MAIDSTONE:** The Kentish location was probably a stone marking a folk rendezvous (maid marged).

**MELBOURNE:** In Derbyshire, it was a mill (mel) stream (bourne).

**MORPETH:** In Northumberland, it was a foot-track (peth) where a murder (mor) was committed.

**PENDLETON:** A hill (pendle) farm.

**RICHMOND:** It comes from Richmond (old French)

generally meaning a fortified hill.

**SHEFFIELD:** In Yorks, it was field adjoining the river Sheaf.

**SIREWSBURY:** It was a stronghold (bury) for a man called Scrobob.

**STAMFORD:** It was a ford with stone bottom often used in Roman roads.

**SUNDERLAND:** It was partitioned, private (sunder) land.

**TAMWORTH:** Property (worth) by the river Tame.

**TILBURY:** In Essex, it was Tila's (tol) fort.

**WATFORD:** Hunters (wat) crossed a ford here.

**WHITBY:** A white (whit) homestead (by).

**WINDSOR:** It was a river landing place (sor) with a device for hauling in (wind) boats.

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