



HALTON COUNTY JUNIOR FARMERS executive, elected Thursday evening during the annual meeting includes a large roster of committee heads and these top officers. Shown seated is president Carol Swackhamer; while behind are past president Brian Besse, secretary Murray Harris, treasurer Don Brander and vice-president Bill Sinclair. — (Staff Photo)

Extend budget deadline review billing program

The County Board of Education will seek a 15 day extension in the deadline for submission of its first budget from March 1 to March 15, members of the Board agreed Thursday.

Superintendent Bruce Lindley noted the extension was required because of the difficulty in obtaining the necessary information and grant projections.

Mr. Lindley also reviewed again the procedure adopted in billing the municipalities on a monthly basis to meet Board costs. He explained a meeting of all treasurers in the county was called and all attended except the treasurer from Georgetown.

The Board is billing the municipalities for its cash requirements based on the percentage each would have paid to total education costs in 1968.

"We tried to establish an equitable means of requisitioning funds and it was agreed to by all who attended the meeting," the superintendent reported.

Georgetown Council at its meeting last week refused to approve the Board's current requisition.

"What if a municipality disagrees?" a trustee asked.

"There are several possibilities. I suggest the Board seek legal opinion," the superintendent suggested.

Set dates for meetings invoke midnight curfew

Meetings of the Halton Board of Education have been scheduled for the second and fourth Thursday of each month beginning at 7.30 in committee and 8.15 in open session, according to plans adopted by the Board as submitted in a committee report Thursday.

An 11 p.m. curfew was set on meetings unless waived by two thirds of the members, in which case midnight is the final adjournment time. Board meetings have been exceeding the midnight hour recently but the new rules of procedure were enforced Thursday with members waiving the 11 p.m. hour.

A host of policy statements was also approved by the Board. It was agreed the Board would sponsor, at the discretion of the director, professional courses for teachers but Board costs would be limited to those for operating the facilities used in the course.

An internship plan for the training of elementary school teachers and set out the basis of payment for participating staff. The total budget for the program was limited to one third of one percent of the total instructional salary budget.

Establishment of special education classes was approved with the Director authorized to expand accommodation for special classes which have been approved by the Board and the Department.

The qualifications for a secondary school principal and vice principal was set at a secondary school principal's certificate. For an elementary school principal or vice-principal a university degree is required. The use of school facilities was to be made available free to such groups for their regular meetings.

as home and school associations, ratepayer's organizations, teachers' federations, extension classes and Scout, Cub, Guide and Brownie programs. For any fund-raising events, normal rental rates will apply.

Tender \$64,000 below estimate

A tender \$64,000 below the original estimate was accepted Thursday for an addition to Mohawk Public School in Burlington, when the County Board met.

The tender of Pynning Construction, Hamilton for \$266,203 was approved. It was the lowest of four ranging to a high of \$274,981. The original estimate for construction had been \$330,000. The accepted tender will reflect construction costs of \$16.53 a square foot, Superintendent Bruce Lindley told the board.

Total cost of the addition, including furnishing, will be \$313,000.

The addition will include 12 classrooms, music room, staff room, staff work room and ancillary area. It will provide accommodation for 390 more pupils.

The school is on Spruce Ave. in Burlington.

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Set age for kindergarten students to design crest

Pupils who are five years old at the end of February will be admitted to kindergarten the previous September in county schools, the Board of Education agreed Thursday.

Some schools have been admitting kindergarten children at this age while others admitted them if they were five by the end of December.

Trustee Williams Lawson asked the committee if it had considered an alternate full day attendance program in rural areas to reduce transportation costs. He noted that in Esqueving it was the difference between \$20,000 in additional transportation and \$2,500 in noon hour assistance. Pupils attended for the full day, every other day, permitting them to use the regular school bus routes.

Members agreed this had not been considered and would be studied but the age for admission to kindergarten was established.

A competition for the design of a crest for the Halton County Board of Education, among students in the county was approved by the Board in its adoption of a report on communication and community relations.

The report also approved sections of the distribution of board minutes, communications with the staff, bulletins to the press and communications with the students.

Halton Junior Farmers

Carol Swackhamer new president

Carol Swackhamer was presented with the gavel by outgoing president Brian Besse at the annual meeting of the Halton County Junior Farmers, at their annual meeting Thursday night.

Other officers elected included vice-president Bill Sinclair, secretary Murray Harris, treasurer Don Brander, provincial director Brian Besse, provincial institute convenor Doreen Harrop, newsletter editor Brian Cargill, co-editor Bill Jackson.

Federation of Agriculture representatives included Ernie Alexander for Esqueving, Bill Sinclair for Burlington Barry Mahon for Nassagaweya and Bryan Marshall for Oakville.

Don Sherwood and Lois Hunter were elected to the Halton Farm Safety Council.

Representatives for soil and crop improvement include Jim Leveck for Norval, David Ward

for Acton and Murray Harris for Palermo.

Other business of the meeting included reading of the 1968 financial statement by Bill Robertson, and an annual report of activities by Bill Sinclair.

Murray Harris reported on the Soil and Crop Improvement organization, and Joy Trimble explained the set-up of the provincial Juniors and outlined some of their activities.

Federation of Agriculture representative Bill Sinclair read their report; and noted one of the main activities of the federation this year is importation of tractors at a lower cost to farmers.

Past president Besse thanked the members for their support and the newly-elected president expressed wishes the members would continue their support of the new executive.

Membership in Canada's 4-H Club movement reached a record high of 75,044 in 1968, an increase of 2,352 members over the previous year. In addition, there were more volunteer club leaders at the local level in 1968 than in any former year — 18,037 as compared to 16,535 in 1967.

With an average age of 13.7, the 75,044 members were enrolled in 5,831 regularly organized 4-H clubs throughout the 10 provinces.

In reviewing the year's program, Ralph E. Cudmore of Oakville paid special tribute to the departments responsible for the administration of 4-H in the provinces and to the important contribution of parents and local leaders.

As President of the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs, Mr. Cudmore remarked that the objectives of the movement, provincially and nationally, are under constant study to insure that 4-H programs are kept progressive and attuned to the times.

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School debentures are within limit

School debentures outstanding for Halton County amount to 3.04 per cent of the 1968 provincial equalized assessment for the county. Superintendent Bruce Lindley told members of the County Board of Education Thursday.

The debenture debt for public schools stands at \$21,424,663, and for secondary schools \$14,023,677.

The Department of Municipal Affairs has indicated an allowable limit for school and municipal debt would be approximately nine per cent of the provincially equalized assessment. Mr. Lindley indicated, if half of this was recognized as for schools it would mean debentures would not be permitted beyond the four and a half per cent mark. He suggested the Board was well within the limitations at the current 3.04 and it was expected this percentage would reduce because of increased assessment.

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More than 90 per cent of the Ontario turnips have joined forces to form the Ontario Turnip Council, it was announced by Hon. William A. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture and Food. Formation of the Council to promote the greater use of turnips is in line with the policy of the Department of Agriculture and Food to encourage the development of domestic and export markets for all Ontario farm produce.

A constitution and by-laws for the Council have been drawn up, and incorporation under the Companies' Act is now underway.

A contribution, by direct deduction, of two cents per 50-pound container, has been agreed upon to establish a promotion fund.

Elected officers of the Council are Ross Chapman, Queensville; Smith Griffin, Jr., Acton; and Lester Wetlaufer, Shakespeare, representing growers, Bert

Culver, Tilington; Eric Loveys, Hickson; and Earl Neil, Exeter, representing shippers. E. F. Marritt, vice-chairman of the Ontario Food Council, has been named chairman; and R. E. Goodin, Oakville, is secretary-treasurer.

Annual turnip production in Ontario is about 5,000,000 bushels, of which approximately 1,750,000 bushels are exported to the United States.

Speaking to the Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, Mr. Stewart said, "I want to especially point to the excellent job that has been done by our Ontario turnip industry. Quietly and effectively, this industry has moved nearly half of its annual crop into the export market. It has been able to glamorize this vegetable and in so doing generate a good deal of consumer demand. I commend this industry also for its efforts to organize the Ontario Turnip Council."

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