



WHO'S AFRAID of the big bad witch... not little Janet McGraw as she makes a close-up inspection with Mary Jane New and puppeteer Leon Bell. —(Staff Photo).

Packed in for puppet show

The Roving Regional Puppeteers brightened up a foggy day for over 300 youngsters in the Acton public library last Thursday afternoon.

Despite overcrowding and a dialogue that went over most heads, the children were spellbound by the antics of a wicked old witch, a black cat with a missing eye, and a servant who finally learned how to be brave. Following the puppet show, they enjoyed a sing-song and an animated story time.

The program was put on by librarians from Burlington, Hamilton and Dundas under the auspices of the South Central Regional Library System. Moira Cowie, Leon Bell, Anne Anderson, Myra Prudeh, Judy McAnanama, and Ida Reddy, combine talents for the one-hour show.

Its purpose is to demonstrate to smaller centres the variety of activities that can be organized for children using library facilities. The performers hope to influence senior public school students or high school drama enthusiasts in setting up such programs in local libraries.

Their schedule during the winter break week included three shows a day in various libraries throughout Halton. They performed in Georgetown Thursday morning, and Acton and Milton that afternoon. According to the puppeteers, Acton's capacity crowd is typical of their reception all over the county.



FACES OF FEAR, JOY and amazement watched responsive the audience was to work with. —(Staff Photo).
last Thursday. Puppeteers commented on how



A VERY POPULAR PART in the program was a picture story told by librarian Judy McAnanama. The finished picture was a black cat, given to Mrs. Watson as a reminder of the afternoon. —(Staff Photo).

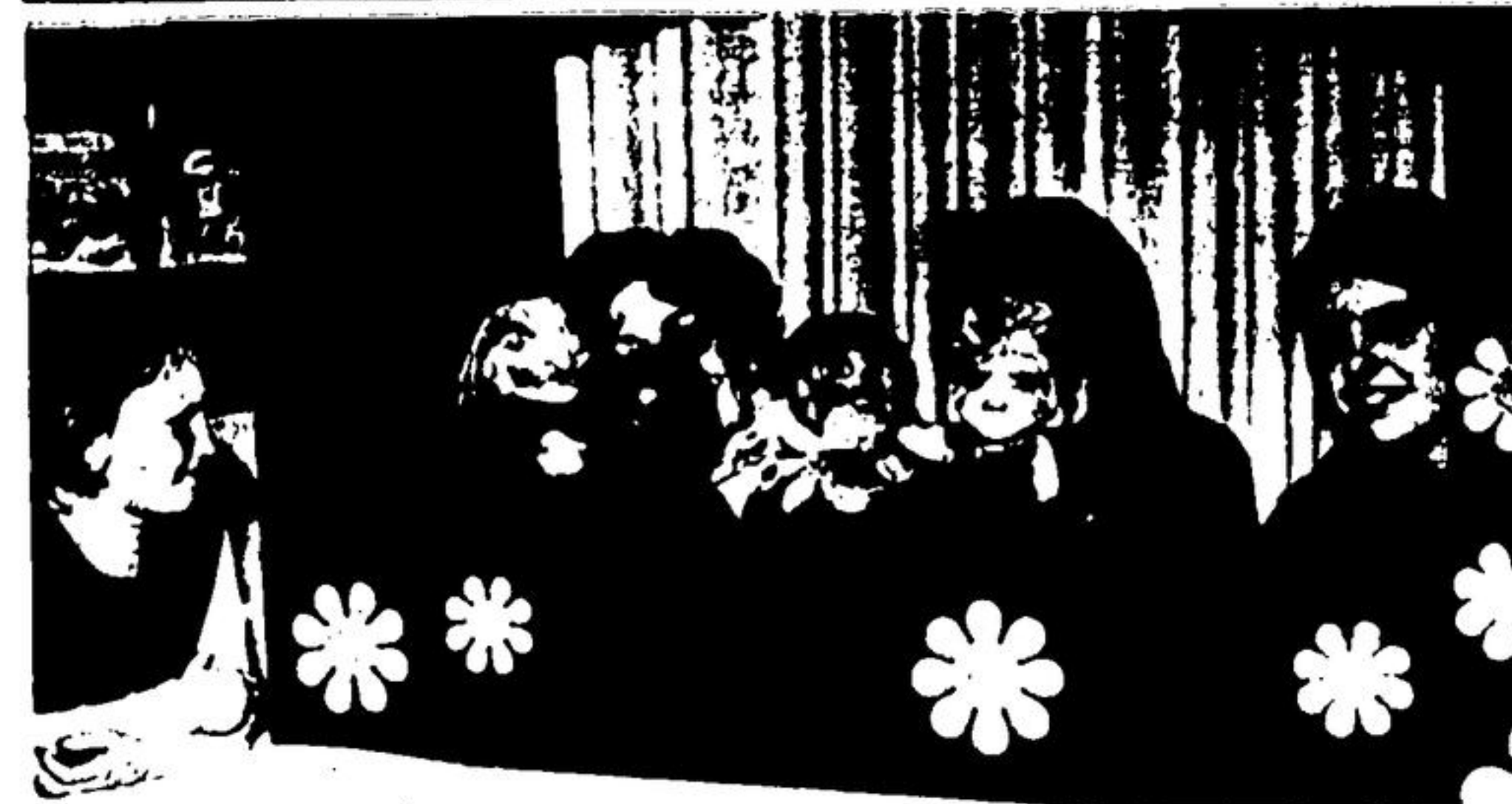


LIBRARIAN ANNE ANDERSON lead the children in a sing-along following the puppet show. —(Staff Photo).

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Second Section.



WARMING UP for the show are puppeteers Leon Bell, Anne Anderson and Moira Cowie, all librarians with the South Central Regional Library Association. —(Staff Photo).

Board of Education reviews expenditures

10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100%

		\$524.97
A	\$84.42	A - INSTRUCTION AND EDUCATION SERVICES
B	\$67.52	B - DEPT CHARGES
C	\$16.93	C - PLANT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
D	\$16.76	D - TRANSPORTATION
E	\$16.76	E - Attendance, Health, Food Service, Tuition Fees, Capital Expenditure, Other Operating Expenses, Non-Operating Expenses
F	\$13.56	F - BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

COST PER PUPIL
100% — \$724.16

SOURCE: 1969 Halton County Board of Education Proposed Budget

McKeough predicts end "horse-buggy" assessing

The days of "horse and buggy" style assessing will soon be ended, Ontario's Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough told members of the Oakville Chamber of Commerce. By 1975 all of Ontario should be re-assessed at current market values, he indicated, and taxation would then be more fair than at present.

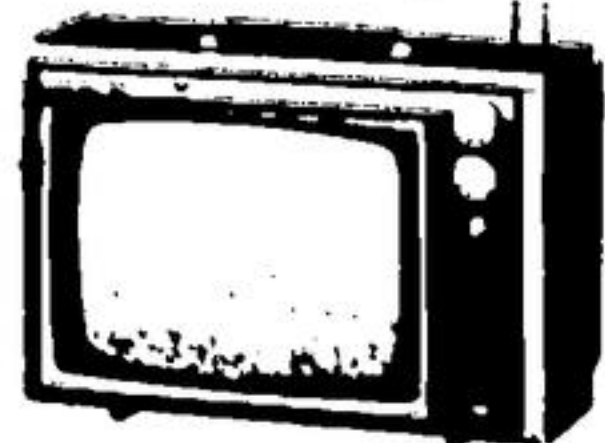
Major reforms in assessing—the first in over 100 years—will begin this year when the province assumes administration of assessment in Northern Ontario. Ontario will take over the rest of the province at the start of 1970 and Mr. McKeough predicted "dramatic changes" ahead.

Halton East M.P.P. Jim Snow was among the 115 area businessmen attending the luncheon where McKeough spoke.

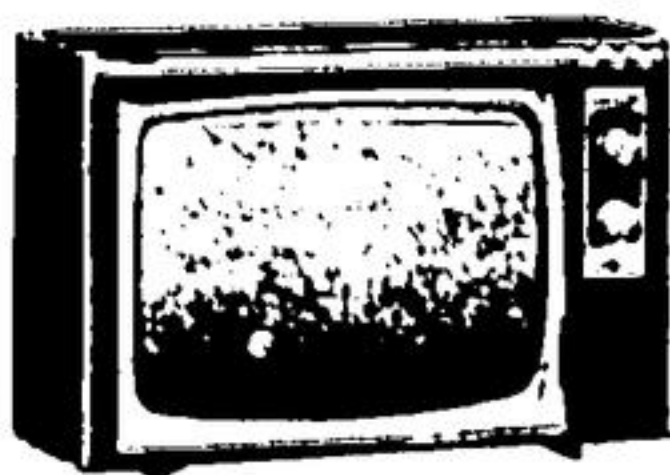
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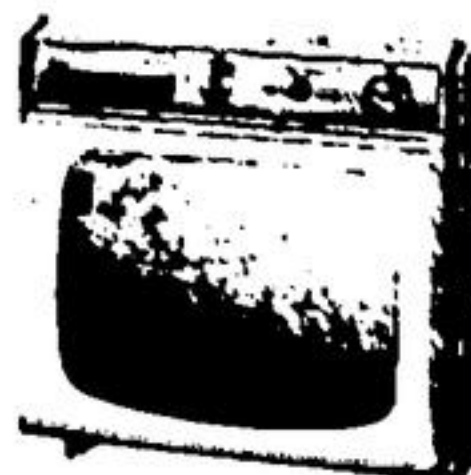


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He noted the average cost of education per pupil in the total system was \$724.16 with \$506.23 of this accounted for in instruction and \$18.74 in educational services.

Other points noted in the budget presentations included:

- Rental of the Central Administration Building in Oakville is at \$2.25 per square foot or \$52,525 annually.
- 30 television sets are to be purchased for elementary

schools and 25 for secondary schools.

- An expenditure of \$25,550 is projected for computer time tabling in five secondary schools.

- Maintenance of approximately 2,000,000 square feet of elementary school buildings and one and a half million square feet of secondary schools is required.

- In the county elementary schools 60 are heated by oil, 10 by gas, one by electricity and two by coal. The secondary schools are 10 on oil and two on gas.

- For elementary school pupils the board has transportation routes covering 4,300 miles daily, moving 5,270 pupils or 17 per cent of the school population. At the secondary school level there are 95 routes covering 3,000 miles, moving 3,379 pupils or 40 per cent of the secondary enrolment.

- In September the pupil-teacher ratio will be maintained at 25-1 for elementary schools and 18.5-1 for secondary schools. The ratio includes non-teaching principals and does not reflect classes of 25 or 18.

- The Superintendent noted requests for capital expenditures had totalled \$654,000 but on study had been cut to \$405,000. Last year's 10 boards had spent \$408,000.

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