

# Plan Tender Calls For Retarded School

Expect Building Finished in May

The North Halton Association for Retarded Children held their annual meeting and election of officers for 1962 last Thursday, December 14th.

The evening commenced with each member of the executive presenting reports on the activities and accomplishments of their committees for 1961. From these reports it became quite apparent that the great strides forward had been made by the association as a whole during the past year.

The most interesting report of course, was the progress of the building project.

The estimated cost of the new school is \$40,000. It was reported that this amount—30%—approximately \$12,000 will be provided by the Department of Education. A further grant of \$4,000, representing \$1.50 per sq. ft. of land, will be provided by the County of Halton. This left a balance of \$24,000 to be collected through public donations.

The association with the aid of a \$5000 loan from CFTO TV Telethon Loan Fund are short of their final goal by \$2000. However, a spring campaign in Georgetown and Acton is expected to realize the final construction costs. The money raised during Milton's recent campaign will be used to defray a deficit of \$1416 in the school's running expenses.

Monies received during the past year have been donated specifically to the building fund thereby reducing expenses for the school's running expenses. It is expected that tenders will be called for in January and a tentative completion date has been set at May 31, 1962. This announcement was decidedly the highlight of the evening and one for which all had been waiting so long.

In addition to these reports, Mr. McNeil, who is the Public School Inspector for Milton, spoke briefly on the role being played by the Department of Education's Special Services Branch. He also outlined newly instituted procedures whereby a child is now admitted to the school.

Mrs. R. P. E. Jeffares, principal of the school then enlightened members on the pupils' progress and achievements during the past year. Mrs. B. Wellwood, Bulletin editor, advised that there were now 250 subscribers and Mrs. A. Kingdon, president of the Milton Ladies' Auxiliary and Mrs. M. Treahy, president of Georgetown Auxiliary were also invited to inform members of their contributions to the association.

Mrs. D. Harbottle then chaired the meeting for the election of new officers. Elected were: President, Mrs. G. G. Addison, succeeding Mrs. Katherine Elenton; Treasurer, Mr. James Sproat; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. Sillars; Recording Secretary, Mrs. M. Treahy; Conveners: Finance, Mrs. George Kendrick; Education, Mrs. Valma Kennedy; Institutions and Research, Mrs. Audrey Milward; Home Care, Mrs. Helen Howard; Recreation, Mr. Ross; Programmes, Mrs. Kay Butler; Public

Relations, Mrs. Pat Hurst. Other members of the executive board will include the Past President, Mrs. K. Elenton, Presidents of both Auxiliaries and Regional Director for Ontario Association for Retarded Children, Mrs. Ernest Ball, all of whom will have power to vote. It is understood that the Vice President and 2nd Vice President will be selected from those already elected.

## On succeeding his new office ASHGROVE

Mr. Addison welcomed all newcomers and also representatives of local councils namely Mr. Wilfrid Bird, Reeve Elect for Esqueping Township, Mr. Doug Sargent, Mayor Elect of Georgetown and Mr. Charles Menefy Councilman, Milton.

With the advent of the new school being erected in the new year Mr. Addison predicted the new executive will be required to work harder than ever before and made many suggestions on the selection of people for the various committees.

He concluded by advising the executive of the first board meeting in the new year.

# Christmas Ideas Are Displayed to Institute

The W. I. held its December meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Austin with thirty-three ladies attending, also two special guests, Mrs. Swanston of Rockwood (mother of the hostess) and Mrs. Harry Bonner, Barbara Cunningham and her little daughter Jean. The Austin children had decorated the rooms with such pretty Christmas decorations and it gave such a gay atmosphere to the meeting. President Mrs. Fred Nurse asked all to sing O Little Town of Bethlehem and Mrs. Cliff Hunter read the Scripture of the Birth on Christmas Eve. Roll call was answered by "My fondest Christmas recollection". The committee served a lunch

Phail, such as a large wreath for door or window of tin foil with a big red bow, a miniature train with box cars that display your Christmas cards, mantels or place-cards, all in the Christmas theme. They were all very interesting and had taken much thought and time, beforehand. Mrs. Thompson conducted a contest with every line ending with ice. Mrs. Cecil Wilson gave current events.

Mrs. T. J. Brownridge thanked the hostess and everyone who had contributed so much to the afternoon and the meeting closed by singing the Queen. The committee served a lunch which was also on the Christmas theme.

The friends and neighbors of the Pinegrove and Ashgrove sections gathered in Pinegrove School on Tuesday evening, Dec. 12th and presented Mr. Program was turned over to Mrs. Francis Thompson with a console table. They who called on Mrs. Gordon have sold their farm and are moving into Georgetown.

The White Gift service was held at the church on Sunday afternoon, when the Sunday School scholars placed their white parcels in a large basket in front of the church. These gifts will go to very needy families who would not have any Christmas. The children were in the choir and sang very beautifully "Away in a mas" which were shown by Mrs. Manger. We hope to hear them again.



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It is right that the spirit of giving should be so much a part of the Christmas observance, but giving should be within the means to give, as it is the gift itself and the thought behind it, and not its cost or value that is important.

Gifts that you make yourself, in kitchen or workshop, are always greatly appreciated, for they are a gift of time and effort — two of your most valuable possessions.

### PLUM PUDDING

Plum pudding evolved from an early English dish known as 'frumenty'.

Traditional at the English Christmas feast, 'frumenty' consisted of wheat boiled until the grains burst and after straining, rebolled with broth or milk and yolks of eggs. Somewhere along the line an imaginative cook added raisins, another prunes, some mace, chopped suet, etc. and eventually the plum pudding came into being.



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### FIRE CAN SPOIL HAPPY HOLIDAY

Babbs Switch, Caribou and Billings can tell you that a happy Christmas is a safe Christmas.

Babbs Switch is a small Oklahoma community. On Christmas Eve, 1924, about 150 men, women and children were gathered in the frame schoolhouse for the community's biggest ever Christmas party. A series of incidents — a Christmas tree branch brushed against a candle, a kerosene lamp knocked off a table, and a stage curtain thrown on the flames — led to a fire which destroyed the schoolhouse, killing 36 persons and injuring 40.

In more recent years, church fires occurred in Billings, Mont. and Caribou, Me.

In Billings, an attendant lighting candles accidentally set fire to a large velvet curtain behind the altar. Fire spread to a combustible fibreboard ceiling.