

# School Boards Favour Central Administration

General support for the establishment of a Halton Board of Education was indicated at a meeting of representatives of all Halton School Boards and Boards of Education last week in the County Administration Building.

A majority of the Boards favoured establishment of a north-south boundary as opposed to the east-west boundary suggested in the Plunkett Report. Main crux of the discussion hinged on whether or not the representatives favoured a single Board of Education or a two-tier structure that would have a local and a senior board with different responsibilities.

Representatives of the Burlington and Oakville boards expressed strong support for the two-tier system while representatives of the northern boards after initially indicating support for a single board suggested they were not inflexible in this stand.

The Burlington Board of Education, in reviewing the brief it will submit to Municipal Affairs Minister Spooner on the Plunkett Report, noted some consolidation was long overdue. The brief suggested high school districts were too small to offer three streams of education. Strong support for a two-tier structure in education was expressed to retain the morale and proximity between staff and board. A senior level would be responsible for the co-ordination of special programs and financing.

Acton Public School and High School Boards expressed their support for maintenance of the north-south boundary, retaining Halton as a unit in its present form for education. The Esquesing representatives suggested the boundary proposed in the Plunkett Report was the worst possible

division. The board supported a two-tier structure applied to Halton as a unit.

Edwin Wilson representing the Georgetown-Public School Board called for patience in permitting the present County Consultative Committee to complete its report before reaching conclusions. While he noted the larger unit was probably inevitable, he feared the personal touch would be lost in too large a unit.

## Special Mention to County For Fire Prevention Work

A special recognition for "an outstanding county sponsored fire prevention campaign" has been awarded to the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau, by judges of the 1966 National Fire Protection Association contest.

The Halton Bureau, which has members in Oakville, Milton, Georgetown and Acton fire departments, was one of 258 Canadian communities and organizations competing in the annual contest. One other Canadian county, Renfrew County in the Ottawa district, was awarded a special recognition certificate.

A scrapbook of the Bureau's activities, compiled by their public relations officer, Roy Downs, was the basis of the Bureau's entry in the competition. The 158-page scrapbook contained photos and press clippings of Bureau activities for the 12-month period ending October 31st, plus samples of the literature distributed throughout Halton County by the Bureau and member departments.

The award will be presented to the Bureau in April at the annual meeting of the Halton Mutual Aid Firefighting Service, by an official of the Ontario Fire Marshal's office.

The Georgetown District High School Board favoured the east-west boundary but including Bramalea and Brampton in the north section with Acton, Milton and Georgetown.

Milton and Nassagaweya representatives of both boards expressed support for the maintenance of the county boundary and the establishment of a Board of Education for Halton.

## Name Armstrong Member County Revision Court

John T. Armstrong of Georgetown was appointed to the County Court of Revision to represent the Georgetown-Esquesing area, at last week's Halton County council meeting.

A motion from Esquesing township council, supporting a petition of residents asking the County to assume No. 5 side-road from Highway 25 to the east boundary, was turned down by County council.

Deputy Clerk Jim Andrews was presented with a desk clock and pens by Warden W. Coulter, on behalf of County Council. This was Mr. Andrews' last Halton County Council meeting. He is leaving to become the deputy-clerk of Guelph.

## Museum, Conservation Area Proximity Give Problems

In reply to a request from Dr. Carl Martin, vice-chairman of the Halton Region Conservation Authority, County Council appointed a committee to meet with the Museum Board, and the Conservation Authority to discuss the future of Kelso area.

Dr. Martin suggested the museum should be moved from its present location, "right in the centre of the recreation area."

"At present County Council has to get permission from another group to do anything," said Dr. Martin, "plus the access to the museum is very difficult." He pointed out that the present barn structure could be replaced with a similar building and the County reimbursed for its past expenditures.

Field officer Dave Murray traced the history of the Kelso area, from its small beginning to last year's high of 1730 cars in one day or over 5,000 people. "The problem is really with the museum," he explained it would have to be fenced to keep the people in the recreation area out. According to a breakdown of visitors to the area, 59% were swimming, 30% picnicking, 7% miscellaneous, 2.9% boating and 1.1% visiting the museum.

He also produced figures showing the visitors to Kelso to be 30% from Toronto, 15% from Oakville, 20% from Milton, 10% from Burlington, 6% from Hamilton and the rest from all over. "We have reached the limit now, we either have to increase the facilities or limit the number of people who can come in," concluded Mr. Murray.

The committee appointed to discuss the future of Kelso, includes Warden W. Coulter, Reeve H. Merry, Deputy Reeve W. Hoey, Reeve G. Gallagher and Reeve George Leslie.

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## Lecture Series Concludes Reviewing Baha'i Teachings

In the last of a series of lectures on the religions of the world, sponsored by the Baha'is of Georgetown, Mrs. Betty Frost presented a review of the teachings of the Baha'is. She related her talk to a quotation from the Founder of the Faith, Baha'u'llah: "Every age hath its own problem, God perceiveth the disease and prescribeth in His unerring wisdom, the remedy." Pointing out some of the specific problems and possibilities of this day, Mrs. Frost related the specific teaching of the Baha'is which was given in answer some 100 years ago. "For example," she stated, "the world today is at a point where war is no longer possible without annihilation. It is vital that some world government come into being in which nations give up some of their sovereignty and, by a world police force, actually prevent other nations from committing war in the same way that we deter criminals from crime. The need is now apparent for some more vital means of communication than laboured translation. One city, Bombay, in India has five major languages. What is needed is one auxiliary language which could be learned by all people. The problems of racial prejudice are more apparent today than at any time in the history of man. We need a positive conviction of the oneness of mankind; in which we look at the whiteness of people's hearts, not their skins."

Commenting on the fact that we are now in a position to have real knowledge of the religions of the world such as had been learned over the past few weeks, that the need was to recognize that the other religions which we have often considered "heathen" were also religions from God — and that they fitted a specific need at particular time in history.

"The vitality of religion is dying out in every land," she quoted, from the Writings of

the Founder. She suggested that it was for this reason that the Baha'is came into being in 1844. Mrs. Frost stated that each time a Manifestation such as Christ or Mohamed or Baha'u'llah appeared it was an affirmation of the existence of God. "They are sent to man for his perfecting" — "Baha'u'llah stated many times the love of God for man; and that God had made man potentially noble — had placed within him the potential qualities of love, forbearance, wisdom, tranquility, compassion, happiness, understanding. The Teachings of the Manifestations and the mercy of God through prayer help man to achieve this high plane of existence. It is only when man cannot see himself in this light that he is content to seek lower goals in life."

"Today," she went on "the need is to realize these qualities in life on a collective basis. We can't achieve happiness knowing that millions in India will starve. We cannot say that we practice love while the ghettos of the negro or any other race exist. We cannot even be sure of living until international peace is firmly established." She closed with the words of the Founder "Let not a man glory in this, that he loves his country; let him rather glory in this, that he loves his kind."

During this period 13 property damage accidents were investigated resulting in \$4,155 in property damage. Cause of the majority of accidents was adverse road conditions.

There were 30 general occurrences reported, including theft of money from the residence of Mrs. McKay, RR 1, Norval, Ontario; 1 assault; 1 disturbance; several mail boxes damaged on the 8th line of Esquesing twp.; 2 persons reported missing and later located; 2 premises found insecure at night; 2 requests for assistance 2 liquor seizures made and 2 charges preferred under the Liquor Control Act; 2 stolen autos were recovered for other police forces, and seven abandoned autos were removed from area highways. Remaining occurrences were of a minor nature.

Motorists are reminded to take extra driving caution when weather is inclement and roads are icy.

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