

Santa Parade Winners Get Trophies at Lions Dinner

Awards won at the Santa Claus parade were presented at last week's meeting of the Lions Club when prizewinners were invited to the club's dinner meeting at Stan's Restaurant banquet room.

The club trophy, top award in the parade, was presented to David Cox, for the Sheridan College float, by Lion Chief Stan Wade. The float was a double prizewinner that day having won similar honours in Oakville earlier in the day.

The Chamber of Commerce trophy was presented by Alex Blackwell to William Kent receiving this for the Knights of Columbus float. Mrs. Mary Coe received the Jim Robertson trophy for the March of Dimes, also from Mr. Blackwell. And the Georgetown Herald trophy won by the Jaycees was presented by Walter Biehn to Sam Cox of that club.

Haltom M.P.P. Jim Snow was present to award his trophy to Jane McNally, who represented the high school parade float. The Barber & Henley trophy went to Credit River Boat Co. Representatives of the district guides and brownies received trophies from John T. Armstrong, the guides the hydro commission shield and the brownies a trophy presented by Mr. Armstrong personally.

Parade chairman Don Langton spoke highly of the quality of entries and the enthusiastic reception by the public which thronged the route. He said the magnitude of the project is realized when he noted that over 800 people took part in the parade.

An extra feature at the dinner was presentation of the Ed Pries memorial award to Kim Golden, as most improved swimmer at the summer classes conducted at the municipal swimming pool. Kim was a guest at the dinner table with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Golden. Swimming pool manager Don Gosling presented the trophy to Kim.

Albert Dawson Again Heads Orange Lodge

In a recent election of officers members of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 245 chose Albert Dawson to continue in office as worshipful master of the local lodge.

Other officers are George Ingalls, deputy master; Joseph Hall, Sr. chaplain; Joseph Hall Jr., recording secretary; Thomas Warnes, financial secretary; Walter Gray treasurer; Albert Carter, Sr., 1st lecturer; Jack Cain, 2nd lecturer; Thomas Clark, marshal; James Dickenson, 1st committeeman; James Clark, Tyler.

Staff Shortage No Concern of Grand Jury, Says M.O.H.

Medical officer of health Dr. L.M. Stuart questions the term of reference of a Halton grand jury which last week recommended an investigation into a staff shortage at the county health unit.

The jury, in its report to Mr. Justice LaCourciere at the winter assizes-viewed "with alarm" the fact that the unit is operating with only 15 nurses while there is a demonstrated need for at least 33 nurses.

It recommended the investigation if the nurse shortage is forcing a curtailment of the workload and elimination of all but essential services.

The jurors recommended salary adjustments to attract competent staff, particularly in the nursing profession.

"The jury saw only Miss Leavey (nursing director, Miss Grace Leavey) — they certainly never interviewed me," Dr. Stuart said this week. "Or I would have told them that we have tried everything to attract new nurses, but they just are not available."

He added: "I thought their (the jury's) function was to look into property matters, not personnel. I would like to know what their terms of reference are."

He said the jury should have confined its criticism to the furnace. The jury found that the furnace is not adequately heating the basement area of the building, and recommended weatherstripping on the rear doors of the building.

Dr. Stuart said the health unit has advertised in all leading nursing journals including the Journal of Public Health, in an effort to get more nurses.

"Miss Leavey has even contacted nursing schools to try to recruit nurses as they graduate, but so far they aren't available," he said.

Miss Leavey told the board of health that she is "very hopeful" of a change in the nursing shortage.

She admitted the present staff is carrying an "overwhelming load" and some group activities have been organized because of the limited staff.

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Install New Officers For Hillcrest UCW

The general meeting of the UCW of Hillcrest United Church was held in Ashgrove United Church on Wednesday evening January 22 at 8 o'clock with 27 ladies attending. President Mrs. Clifford Wrigglesworth opened the meeting with a poem, "A Recipe for the New Year." Devotional was in charge of Mrs. John Wallace and Mrs. Bruce McClure who showed a film on the cross, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. Jesus lived and died for us and his death saved us from our sins. A lengthy discussion followed the film. Secretary Mrs. Vern Picket called the roll and read the minutes of December meeting. Several items of business were discussed after which Mrs. Keith Hawkes installed the new officers for '69. Prayer closed the meeting and lunch served by the Sewing Circle.

Everyone is glad that Mrs. Tom Brownridge is home again

after her eye-operation in Toronto General Hospital recently.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. J.M. Wickson and Mrs. R. King in the sudden death of their sister Mrs. Percy King of Oakville.

Sunday, February 2nd is ground hog day, here's hoping he sees his shadow and goes back for six more weeks.

— Mrs. J. Bellbody

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ALEX COX, a Georgetown student at Sheridan College accepts the Lions Club Trophy from Lion chief Stan Wade.

MARY BRECKON, LEFT AND JANE McNALLY, Georgetown high school students, accept the Jim Snow shield from the Halton East MPP who donated the award.

Sees System Chaotic With Two Education Boards — 1 Unit

Halton director of education James W. Singleton fears that no regional education boards working within the single metropolitan unit of Halton will be as chaotic as the recent Metro Toronto system.

Singleton expressed his concern last week that problems will arise if Peel and Halton boards of education attempt to co-exist within the same regional government.

Singleton's concern is an echo of that voiced Wednesday at Queen's Park when Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough unveiled his blueprint for regional government before 600 municipal officials from the two counties.

Two Boards

McKeough was asked if the two new regional boards of education should not be combined as well as the two counties. He replied that many government departments with interests in the two counties will have to meet their administrative set-up.

He promised a full round of discussion with the departments involved.

Education Minister William Davis, of North Peel also pres-

ent at the meeting, spoke vaguely about the matter. He noted that the county board system of education was a province-wide changeover and that McKeough's plan will affect only the two units in Halton-Peel.

Davis indicated that he did not think any service problems would arise with two separate regional boards within a single municipal government.

But Singleton is not convinced.

"Two sharing units inevitably fail to share the responsibility," he said, pointing out that a lack of communication will likely exist in such a set-up.

He said he was concerned that in the tentative regional government proposal for the two counties, McKeough does not mention education at all.

"McKeough has set-up a metro municipal system but seems to be leaving the two regional educational systems alone," said Singleton. "He has not mentioned how the two systems can be co-ordinated with the organization of the unified counties."

Halton Problem

Singleton also said that Halton's problem will be the future

of Burlington.

"If Burlington joins Hamilton and Wentworth County, what will Halton do for special education?" he asked pointing out that most of the county's special education services and facilities are located in Burlington.