



TANKARD BOUND — From left are coach Ann Trueman, skip Jane McNally, Gail Young, Lynne Anderson and Brenda Hulme who have four straight victories behind them on the way to the Ontario Junior Girls Curling Tankard. The Georgetown rink won the District title recently in Dixie after victories in Brampton, Mississauga and the Boulevard Club. The Ontario final will be in Lindsay March 19th.

'Long Range School Plans Discussed by New Board

Long range aims and objectives of the new Halton County Board of Education were the subject of a special meeting held in Oakville recently. Several future projects and some requiring immediate attention were discussed with a report by director of education J. W. Singleton.

Health services, sex education, oral French classes, summer credit courses, future vocational course needs and teachers' salaries all came under discussion.

Mr. Singleton suggested

northern municipalities. It was agreed on expanding the service — or discontinuing it — should be reached in the near future.

A divergent array of French instruction was also noted. One trustee said the Department of Education should have a standard policy and a uniform program for French instruction. In some municipalities French instruction is given to grades seven and eight only.

In a discussion on the need

for a second vocational high school similar to the General Brock H.S. in Burlington, Georgetown trustee Ernest Bodnar expressed reservations about this type of education and its usefulness to graduates. Action trustee Tom Watson suggested the Brock classes should be placed on a shift basis to alleviate an overcrowded situation caused by the popularity of the school's courses. Over 600 students now attend classes at Brock and another 300 are expected in the fall.

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

CALEDON TOWNSHIP

Frank Misurka, the father of three children who drowned in a private swimming pool in Caledon Township last December said he has received lots of sympathy — but more than sympathy is needed to lessen the danger created by unfenced pools. Caledon Township council have taken no action on a request to pass a bylaw which would put restrictions on pools and make them safer. A coroner's jury ruled the deaths accidental but made no recommendations.

Canadian Transport Commission has proposed a public hearing to deal with the whole matter of the CN's Guelph master agency plan. The onus is now on the railroad to show the commission that closing stations including Acton and Rockwood will result in no inconvenience or hardship to the area.

MILTON

Proposed plans to provide indoor swimming periods daily during the winter school vacation were approved by members of the Parks and Recreation Committee this week. Preliminary discussions have been held with officials of the Ontario School for the Deaf for the use of their pool during the March 15-23 vacation. The pool would be open daily for public swimming.

ORANGEVILLE

Russian teenagers may receive 100 pairs of Levi-type jeans if satisfactory arrangements can be made by an Orangeville District Secondary School student, Patty Wudel, a grade 10 student, said she will present the idea to her Student Council. She said she heard on a radio broadcast that Russian young people were starting to wear jeans, but found them hard to get because they are not made in the Soviet Union. "Since our age group will be getting together and running the world soon, why not make friends," she said.

Turning to family life and sex education, the Board learned Oakville and Burlington senior public school students are now receiving such instruction but no courses are given in the five

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BRIN

Wellington County School Board has engaged an eight man team of senior academic officials, three of which are superintendents to handle instruction, personnel and curriculum. Salaries for the superintendents range from \$19,000 to \$23,000. Assistant superintendents signed for salaries in the \$18,000 to \$21,500 range.

ACTON
Halton MPP Rud Whiting has advised Acton council that the

Savings Would Result If Health Units Merge

It's costing Halton and Peel county health units money to live apart.

James Snow, Halton East MPP said this week that if the two county health units agreed to amalgamate new regional agency would receive increased provincial aid.

Snow said he believes that talks to merge the two health units will start again this year.

Earlier efforts to bring the health units together failed when Peel officials refused to accept amalgamation with the Halton unit.

The discussions had made some headway and also had come to the attention of the minister of health at Queen's Park before Peel pulled the rug out and broke off talks.

"I now believe talks will get going again," said Snow who, along with Halton West MPP George Kerr, met recently with Halton health and welfare officials.

Snow said the meeting was held in Milton to discuss matters involving Halton's welfare health and social agencies and among those who attended was the county warden and Judge Kenneth M. Langdon.

During January a grand jury report tabled during a high court sitting in Halton was critical of the county health unit operation and it asked for an investigation into the staff shortage which is causing the unit to cut back its services to the public.

The staffing problems can be traced back to a bitter wage contract fight two years ago which put Halton public health nurses against county officials. During the dispute the nurses walked off the job, and they also "greylisted" Halton.

Health unit officials said in January that the effects of this dispute are still hurting the unit and also playing a role in the staffing shortage.

Recently the county signed a new contract with its nurses, without dispute and after only a few weeks of private talks. The nurses announced

they were happy with the new contract.

Snow said some of the problems that involve the health unit would be overcome by a merger with Peel.

"And along with streamlining the operation on a regional basis, the new agency serving the larger area would receive higher government aid," he said.

The extra government assistance is designed to encourage county health units to come together and put their operations on regional levels, as against having a unit for each county.

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