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Free choice of schools vetoed by county board

A motion that would have made it possible for students in Halton County Schools to opt out of the school they are sent to and theoretically attend a school of their choice in the county was turned down at the regular meeting of Halton County Board of Education Thursday in Oakville.

the lack of public transportation.

No value Trustee Bill Priestner echoed Mr. Lawson's sentiments and said he could see no educational value in the idea. He pointed out the existing policy that allows transfers if certain options are not available in the school where a student is sent.

Georgetown Trustee Ernie Bodnar saw it as a means to provide administrative flexibility and allow staff to sort out thorny

problems.

Some value

Assistant to the Director Em Lavender suggested the plan had educational worth. He cited cases where parents move to the county from a place where their son or daughter had attended open concept schools. He said parents often wished to keep the child in that sort of school and others preferred to stay in the conventional school. Under present board guidelines the only reason for a change to another school is to take advantage of an option not offered.

Trustee Judy Alexander spoke in favor of the motion. She spoke of a case where a child from another area moved to Halton and was placed in a school that stopped at grade five. She suggested a child could have benefitted from being in a mixed

grade five and six class.

Some restrictions

In the criteria laid down by the administration it was noted that requests for moves would have to be in by mid-December prior to

the beginning of the next school year. This would allow program analysis, staffing and school budgeting. It would also prevent impulsive decisions.

Those wishing changes would have had to provide their own transportation and changes would only be allowed after serious consideration on the part of the student and parents and only if pupil places were

available in the school he or she wished to go to. In his report to the board Mr. Lavender noted some boundary changes will be necessary if the optional attendance area was

adopted not to. Trustee Fred Armitage said if the move was adopted it would be an irreversible pattern. "You wouldn't be able to turn around and go back," he warned.

Liberal leader Nixon charges farmers ignored

Ontario needs a revitalized Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Liberal leader Robert Nixon told a gathering of 300 Wellington-Dufferin Liberals in Arthur Wednesday night.

Mr. Nixon lashed out at both the government and the NDP for their apathy towards agricultural problems.

Nixon charged Agriculture Minister William Stewart with "taking a caretaker's stance" on farmers' problems. Hog prices in Ontario are lower this year than in any year since 1950, he said. While egg producers require a price of 32 cents a dozen in order to break even, the price of eggs is only 19 cents a dozen.

At the same time, Nixon claimed he was ridiculed by the NDP when he brought up the matter of hog and egg prices before the legislature.

"In my view, the NDP is little or no threat in this riding or few others," he said.

Farmers ignored Nixon also charged members of the legislature, who have farm

backgrounds, have been largely ignored in farm matters.

Turning to regional government, Nixon charged Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough left the department in a state of chaos.

He pointed to the decision of St. Catharines' city council (which recently voted 9-2 to petition the provincial government for the right to secede from the Niagara region) to back up his charge of soaring costs brought on by introduction of regional government.

"Regional government has no role to play in any area where it's going to increase costs with no comparable improvement," he suggested.

Promises reform If elected, Nixon promised to reform the cabinet and cut it in size. He claimed a cabinet of 12, sensitive to the needs of the community, is what's needed.

"The government should be decentralized," he said. Relocating offices of the government's department of agriculture in another part of downtown Toronto was a waste of money, according to Nixon.

Criticizing what he called "bandout programs designed to buy votes", Nixon belittled the government's action in mailing out \$50 cheques to senior citizens just before Christmas.

"What a way to treat an important block of the industry of this province," he charged. He laid the blame for previous

lack of action on senior citizens' behalf on both the provincial government and the Federal Liberal government of Prime Minister Trudeau.

Congrats to Cam Nixon congratulated Cameron Lush for showing the willingness to accept the Liberal nomination in an area where he admitted "Liberal fortunes have not been good."

"We've been making progress slowly," he said. "We'll win because we discuss the issues and we offer an alternative to the party in power," he predicted.

He forecast 60 other Liberals including himself, Mr. Lush and Mr. Worton will be successful in the upcoming election. Present legislature count is Conservatives 68, Liberals 27, NDP 21 and Independents 1.

First grass fire Sunday

First grass fire of the season occurred Sunday afternoon about 4 in a field beside the home of Matthew Welch, 74 Cobblehill Road.

Mr. Welch noticed the burning grass from the window of his home and notified Acton Firefighters.

Although winds caused flames to spread over a portion of the field, firefighters had no trouble smothering it.

Want policy

Halton County Board of Education went on record as being opposed to a statement made by an official from one of the Ontario Colleges of Education to the effect that students with honors degrees would be accepted before those without.

Trustee Bill Priestner initiated the action and Trustee Fred Armitage asked that OCE provide the board with an idea of what their policy will be.

Mr. Priestner said the minister had seen fit to put spending limits on the boards and almost in the same breath teachers' salaries go up. He explained the teachers with honors degrees would command a larger salary and boost costs considerably.

4-H horse club has busy plan

On March 25, at the Agricultural office, the Organization meeting was held for the Halton 4-H Horse Club. There was good attendance with 26 members present. This was six more than last year. Mr. Cooke discussed the plans

for the following year's meetings, achievement day, quizzes, and the trip to Ontario Place. An interesting film was shown on horsemanship.

Elect officers

Officers for the club were then elected with the following results: president Teri Musteven, vice-president Bill Stokes, secretary, Marianne Lepa, press reporter Laura Willmott, club representative to the County Council Jan English. The members then discussed where the meetings would be held and ideas for events at the meetings. Some suggestions were a horse shoeing and a showmanship demonstration, a judging competition, and visits to some nearby horse farms.

Free Press Local News Items

PRANK phone calls have been reported.

TWO BAGS of marijuana and apparatus were seized by Georgetown police.

SEASONAL sales of lilies and chocolate rabbits were booming.

WATER is gushing over the falls by the mill.

FLOWER beds and lawns certainly needed the spring clean-up many of them got on the warm weekend.

JUST a mile or so north of town, snow fell Tuesday night.

ONLY vacant store now in the business section is where the Orkid Boutique was, next to the bus station.

YOUNGSTERS were talking about going swimming Monday, when the temperature was over 70.

HOLIDAYING school children thoroughly enjoyed their day.

IN GEORGETOWN there are 41 on the waiting list for a possible second Senior Citizens' apartment.

ACTON will soon have Red Cross Homemaker service, although there is no Red Cross branch here to co-ordinate projects and raise funds.

STREET sweeper is spring cleaning. Sidewalks appearing from their weeks-long cover of ice are laden with stones and sand

CLACKERS are the latest fad. They've just been banned from Milton schools—possibly dangerous they say there.

WELLINGTON Board of Education is deluged with applications for teaching positions. The public schools already have 2,000 applications—double last year's.

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