

Debate prolonged on reorganization of staff

Halton County Board of Education held the third of a series of meetings to deal with a report on Staff Organization and Differentiated Staffing, Thursday night.

Of the six recommendations they dealt with, the board deleted two, defeated one and carried three. The motion that was defeated was one that would have seen consultants return to the classroom periodically on a full time basis.

Members of the administration suggested that being put in a consultant's role wouldn't be considered a promotion but simply an opportunity to work on a different level and the extra pay would be to cover extra meetings and responsibilities that go along with the job.

No demotion
Director Jim Singleton

explained on the other hand that a return to the classroom wouldn't be a demotion, even though the pay would be reduced.

Board members opposed the motion, indicating the consultant role should be a more permanent position.

The board passed three motions, one of which recommends a special study be made of the remedial reading arrangements in order to make them more effective. "We should be in a position to move to fewer remedial specialists whose role would be to hold reading workshops for classroom teachers, rather than doing the work themselves," the brief noted.

Other recommendations passed would see the board approach the Halton County Board of Health with a view to having the board take over health care in the schools.

A second recommendation was to have a study taken by the superintendent of business and finance to ensure that the business and finance staff reflects current changes in enrolment, buildings, staffing etc.

The director claimed the board business staff-pupil ratio was only one third of what it is in Toronto.

The board is expected to deal with the balance and the most controversial of the recommendations of the report at a meeting on April 5.

Tom Ramautarsingh, President of OSSTF in Halton, told the Board at the meeting Thursday that 85 per cent of the teachers opposed the implementation of recommendations in the Differentiated Staffing and Staff Reorganization report. He indicated that 51 per cent of the teaching staff at the secondary school level felt insecure in their jobs.

The OSSTF president came under attack from both trustees and Director Jim Singleton for misleading people in a brief he prepared.



REV. AND MRS. H. PRAAMSMA chat with Paul Siemens who was guest speaker at the Halton Children's Aid Society annual meeting last week. (Photo by B. Burt)

Ospringe

Students visit Planetarium

By Doris Fines

Grades 7 and 8 of Ospringe School visited the Planetarium and Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto on March 6.

In the morning, as a conclusion to the topic Other Worlds Around us in Space, the presentation of "Search for the Sars" in the domed Planetarium was interesting and valuable. The afternoon was spent in the museum, where two guides gave an interesting tour - one on Early Egyptian Life, and the second on

Prehistoric Animals. Lunch was eaten in the Dinosaur Den of the museum.

March 13 was open house at the school, when many parents had the opportunity to see their children's work, and to visit various class rooms.

Due to the stormy week-end, the service was cancelled in the local church on Sunday.

Welcome to family

On behalf of the community, we extend a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Manes and family of Erin, who are moving into their home on 24 Highway, recently purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Snyder, familiarly known to many as the Currie farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hutchison, Steven, Jeffrey, and Susan, of Kempsville, spent the weekend with Mrs. Hutchison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken.

Donna Milton, Patti Ellis, Leah Leslie, and Pat Mann, left Malton airport on Friday with a trip to Italy.

LONGER LIFE

When purchasing a carpet, the shopper should never neglect the proper underlay. Buy the best you can afford, especially for stairways, says Consumers' Association of Canada. An underlay will prolong the wear life of the carpet by adding resilience and protecting the carpet backing from abrasion on a hard floor surface.

Ballinafad

St. Pat's dance crowd arrives by car, truck, tractor, snowmobile

by Mrs. R. Shortill

In spite of the bad weather Saturday night the St. Patrick's dance at the Community Centre brought forth a good crowd. Some came by truck, a tractor, snowmobiles and the usual way. The music - disc jockey - came from Toronto and very obligingly played music as long as desired as he wasn't sure he'd get back home in the bad weather, before

morning.

Mr. Ray Swindlehurst and Dick Shortill were called forth both Saturday and Sunday to plow snow. Spring is not here yet in spite of all indications the past week.

Students home

Students are all home from schools and colleges for the winter break. Teachers also in our neighborhood will enjoy a

week away from classes.

Members of the U.C.W. have been occupied quilting at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lawr were involved in an accident this week, when a motorist went through a red light and hit them broadside. Although their car was badly damaged, they escaped with a shaking up. Both Mary and Archie have been

convalescing from surgery and from injury, so we are doubly sorry this had to happen.

Mrs. Morley Shortill entertained friends and neighbors to a coppercraft demonstration on Wednesday night of this week.

The teen dance on Friday night was an unqualified success. The music was provided by three of our young men.

Also Storytime on Wednesday for pre-schoolers brought out

about 30 children to the community centre.

Lost - a new rubber boot left foot. One of our young women left her new rubber boots, outside at her door - went to get them - one missing. Another person found one new rubber boot at his doorstep.

It was found an enterprising dog had done the mischief; however a "lost" sign in the store helped restore the left boot back home to the right boot and the owner.

Churchill

God's Kids chosen for group's name

By Mrs. Fred MacArthur

On account of the bad storm on the weekend the Sunday Church service was cancelled. Next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. A. W. Fosbury will be present, also a special speaker Royal Moulton on Alcohol and Drug Concern Inc.

The Churchill Young People have finally decided upon a name for their group - God's Kids. Last Sunday evening they performed their folk service at Trinity United Church Acton. Despite poor weather conditions a good crowd was present responding to the enthusiasm of God's Kids. Mrs. Bruce expressed their appreciation of the young people and Dr. Onions closed with the benediction.

Already God's Kids are planning a totally new service for May 6 at Churchill Church. Be sure to come and bring a friend.

Before the service last Sunday evening the group, Rev. and Mrs. Fosbury, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson, Donald and David, were invited to the Cooper family home for a delicious buffet style supper. Thanks again, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, it was delicious.

Arrive by plane
Rev. and Mrs. Bob Hyde arrived by plane on Monday afternoon from Carlyle and visited a few days with Carol's parents Mr. and Mrs. Wallace

Swackhamer and family before going on to Hagersville to visit with Bob's parents and family before sister Linda Hyde's wedding day. Bob was the officiating minister at her wedding on Friday evening in Hagersville United Church and had to return back to Carlyle on Saturday. Carol has remained for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. G. Hyde and family for the next two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dobbie visited on Saturday with their son Garry who is attending the University in Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Anderson and sons Jim and Earl attended, along with many relatives and friends, a house warming at 4 Hyland Moore Park, Georgetown, the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Spear on Saturday evening. Friends will be pleased to hear they are comfortably settled after the fire in which they lost everything in the Ballinafad blaze.

Miss Ronna Brooks, a bride-to-be, was guest of honor at a bride's shower given by Mrs. H. Kerr and assisted by her daughter Betty Ann Ferguson on March 17, at Mrs. Kerr's home, Salisbury Avenue, Cambridge (Galt).

Ronna's mother Mrs. Albert Brooks, and her sisters attended. She got many useful and beautiful gifts and everyone had

a lovely time.

Fred and Irene MacArthur were indeed surprised but very pleased on Wednesday morning when who knocked on our door but Carol and Bob Hyde to make us a short visit, while they were both at home for such a short time.

Ebenezer

Enjoy Irish night

By Mrs. Ron McLean

The Irish evening at Ebenezer was well attended, considering the inclemency of the weather. When everyone was full of Irish stew, a program was enjoyed.

Next Sunday, service will be held in the newly-painted sanctuary.

Eleven-year-old Bert deHaan had the misfortune to get his arm caught in some machinery, resulting in a bad break.

Social workers must change field worker tells C.A.S.

Social workers should give more consideration to client rights, so at least clients could be treated like human beings with dignity and respect, Paul Siemens told about 70 people attending the Halton Children's Aid Society annual meeting Tuesday.

Siemens is a field supervisor with the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services and Child Welfare Branch. He told his audience that by their role, social workers are often cast into superior positions, whereas clients are inferior because of their problems, needs and limitations.

Take over

Siemens said that too often social workers act as experts who take over from the client as a person. "I sense many workers are so busy trying to resolve clients' problems that they

literally fail to respond to the client as a person," he said.

He suggested the Child Welfare Act was structured in such a way that there can be a tendency to over-focus on the child, giving the mother the feeling that she doesn't exist as a person, only as a producer of a child.

More and more social workers are expressing dissatisfaction with the judgmental aspect of their job. Siemens noted social workers often find themselves in what he described as "a superior judgmental role and the applicants as inferior beings who have to open their hearts and lives to our scrutiny and approval."

"Tokenism"

While Siemens sympathized with the client, he felt putting a client on a board in order to recognize rights and provide

representation was "self defeating tokenism." He said "The poor sucker who ends up on the board usually finds himself or herself powerless to change policies to suit himself or his group. If he speaks up he is apt to have a rough time at the board."

Turning from the area of clients' rights to effectiveness of casework, Siemens quoted from a number of studies. Considering 11 studies, one expert in the field concluded "professional casework failed to demonstrate that it is effective but lack of effectiveness appears to be the rule rather than the exception across several categories of clients, problems, situations and types of casework."

Not effective

Another study conducted by Truax and Carkhuff in 1967 noted that in all therapeutic relationships, one-third of the clients are helped, one-third show no change and one-third are damaged or deteriorate.

Siemens suggested Children's Aid Societies have accepted impossible tasks - such as prevention of juvenile delinquency. He suggested the trend now is the zero in on one aspect rather than tackle broad, unattainable goals.

He said casework isn't the answer for everyone and quoted a publication that advised clients to get up and leave if they felt their counsellor was insincere or had a hostile or insincere attitude.

Elect Craig Fraser C.A.S. president

Craig Fraser was elected for his second term as president of Halton Children's Aid Society Tuesday at the group's annual meeting in Milton.

Vice-president Michael Irwin, secretary Marjorie Powys and treasurer Malcolm Freeman were also elected to office.

Citizens elected directors include Dr. Richard Barrett, Rev. Keith Calder, Ken Gelok, George Heym, Nyle Iutz, Dr. Sheila Paprica, Mrs. Judy Pepler, Mrs. Joan Smith, Mrs. Lorraine Wright and Ross Warriner.

Elected officials

Council members elected to office included Dave Coons of Burlington, Warden Mrs. A. MacArthur of Nassagaweya, Terry Mannell of Oakville, Peter Marks of Acton, Marjorie Powys of Milton and James Watson of Nassagaweya.

During the meeting President Fraser noted therapeutic abortions and the pit, along with the increasing number of unmarried mothers who keep their children, have changed the role of the Society.

Fraser noted that while there were fewer and fewer children who had to be placed in homes now as infants, there was a great increase in the number of older children coming into the care of the Society.

Get chance

Director Dr. Gordon Askwith indicated the shortage of infants available for adoption is making it possible for homes to be found for the hard to place child who otherwise wouldn't have a chance of getting a home of their own.

Dr. Askwith noted the Society staff has had to become more skilful in placing older or hard to place children. "We have found it necessary to train our workers in play therapy in order to help some of our more upset children to adjust in foster and adoptive homes."

"This past year our Society has worked closely with the new group that has formed in Burlington, called Parent Child Concern. This association is interested in helping parents who neglect or abuse their children. It is a voluntary association and provides anonymity to parents who use their help. This is an informal preventive service with which we have been glad to have been associated."

In 1972 the Society began the year with 116 children in care, admitted 111 into care, placed 54 children in adoption, placed 34 other society children in adoption, and returned 23 to the parents.

Divorce reports

The Society assisted 152 unmarried mothers in plans for infants, completed 136 divorce reports and helped 925 children in their homes through service to 399 families.

At the end of the year there were 35 children in adoption homes on a probation period, 65 in foster homes, four in a group home, nine in institutions, two in a free home, four in the homes of their parents and three elsewhere.

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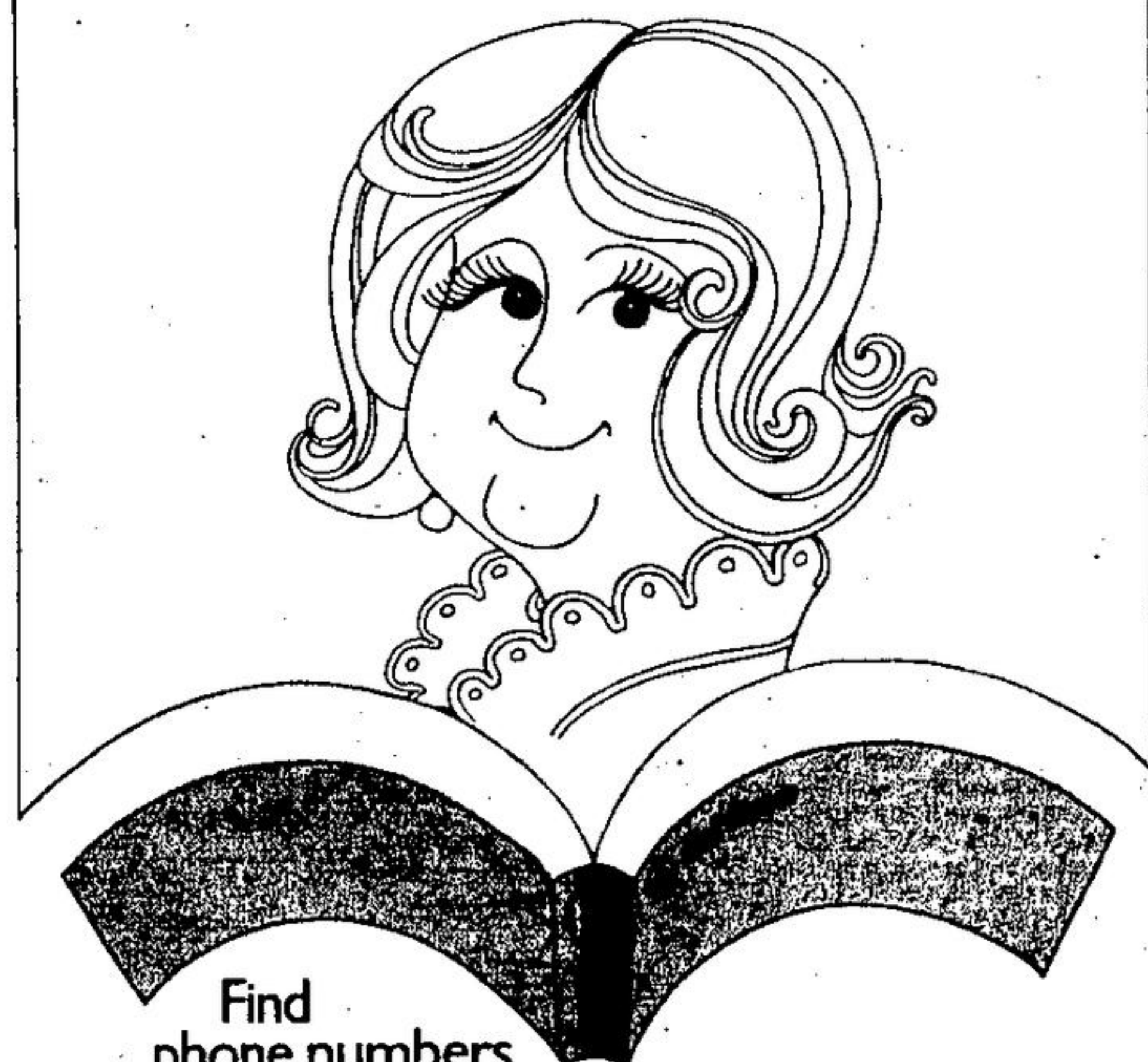
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