

Favorable reaction

Halton Board of Education reacted favorably to several recommendations made in a brief concerning music education presented last January by a citizens group. Responding to the brief at a board meeting Thursday, the executive committee report indicated a highly qualified music educator had been hired to co-ordinate music programs in all schools. That coincides with the recommendation of the committee. The executive committee also indicated serious consideration to the purchase of 10 ukeleles and 10 recorders for the Junior Division should be given at budget time.

Frowned on
The concept of parent volunteers in music programs won the committee support but the idea of

soliciting funds from service clubs to help support music programs was frowned upon. The committee felt programs, if supported, should be supported out of the public coffers. The committee agreed to supplement the basic classroom program through small group lessons in piano, recorder, violin and guitar where this is possible and at the discretion of the principal. The committee disagreed with the suggestion that music scholarships should be set up. In his report Superintendent of Program John Boich noted it would be difficult to generate enough funds to cover the demands that might develop. Funds are available through some outside groups, he noted.



HOUSE CONSTRUCTION continues steadily in Bovis Homes subdivision. This picture was taken from the parking lot of the M. Z. Bennett school. Future occupants of the houses ensure increasing registration at the school.

To study HRC brief

A committee of six trustees from the Halton Board of Education will meet to discuss recommendations made by the Halton Renaissance Committee to the board. Board chairman Bill Priestner noted there were a number of recommendations

in the group's brief that the board carried on already. Trustees Edna Robinson, Dick Goodin, Len Crozier, Irene Goble, Dr. Helen Howard Lock and Tony Goodyear. These trustees will study the brief and refer what they feel are valid suggestions for improvement to the board.

Deputy chairman

Members of Halton Regional Council will take turns being deputy chairman if a motion by the Region's Administration Committee meets with the favor of the council. Earlier council had considered choosing one from their ranks to act as deputy chairman and be paid extra

for the added responsibility. The committee decided however, that it would be good for all members to take a turn. The deputy will fill in for Chairman Allan Masson when he is away, ill or unable to make social functions or attend to the business at hand.



TAKING OVER as Halton and Peel Home Economist is Lorraine Holding of Cornwall. Miss Holding's office is in Brampton but she is looking forward to serving the North Halton area. She hopes to establish regular office hours by mid-September. She replaces Mrs. Doreen Bannister who recently retired in Cookville. Mrs. Bannister had been Home Economist since 1969.

Set new date pool completion

Lion Club expectations to have the centennial pool completed by fair day have not materialized and spokesman Art Gordon has presented another possible finishing date as the first or second week in October. Required plan changes and difficulty in procuring material has been blamed for slowing up the project but Lion Gordon says the pool construction is now progressing favorably with lighting and sides of pool and ceiling almost finished. According to Mr. Gordon painters started to work early this week.

Cost of the pool has been estimated at somewhat less than \$300,000. Original contract was for \$269,000, but changes recommended by a consultant with the Board of Education required expensive roof changes.

Cumming defends expense

Regional Council should not look to the planning department for budget cuts, Planning Director Ed Cumming told the region's planning committee in his steepest defence of his department to date. Cumming told the committee his department was plagued with poor morale. The poor morale was brought about by Burlington Mayor George Harrington's efforts to scrap plans for a regional plan in favor of a consolidation of existing area plans. Cumming argued the plan would provide the basis for future decisions the region would have to make. "The region's policies must be

strongly asserted. It must not abdicate in favor of the province important decisions which Halton is entitled to make and these decisions must be supported by the best study and reasoning that with careful use of limited resources can be afforded." Can't afford not He sympathized with the council's position in trying to protect taxpayers but argued the official plan was something the region couldn't afford to do without. Harrington's motion noted that because the province had not seen fit to make funds available for a new regional official plan, the plan should be forgotten and steps be taken to use regulations in the

existing plans and put those regulations under one cover. The committee has looked for ways to finance the plan without dipping into the reserve fund. The \$278,000 the province provided in start-up funds isn't even enough to cover the start-up costs required by the police department. The plan is apt to cost \$1,000,000 over three years. Planning Chairman Harry Barrett said that if a choice had to be made, the funds would have to go to the police department. He rationalized that the region could conceivably get by without planning, but not without police. Barrett, who is a police commissioner as well,

has favored dipping into reserve funds to sponsor the development of an official plan. May be dismissed The matter was presented at council several weeks ago and referred to the planning department but has not been discussed in council since. If council refuses to use reserve funds and can not find other funding for the plan, all but a handful of the planners stand to be dismissed. Chairman Allan Masson suggested the committee in not coming out strongly in support of the staff had thrown the staff to the wolves. "I would like to have seen more support," he said.

Planners agree

Reserve land farmers request

Farmers in Halton Region want blocks of land zoned for agricultural use—soon and permanently. In a brief presented to Halton Region Council's Planning Committee the Federation of Agriculture's Land Use Committee outlined incentives that would help keep farmers on the land in a productive capacity. The most important of the suggestions outlined was the immediate and permanent designation of blocks of agricultural land.

tax for farms altogether and imposing a heavier rate of income tax, leaving those who can afford to pay with a heavier but more equitable load. The government should be prepared to buy out farmers who cannot find a buyer for their farm at the time of retirement and lease the land on a long term arrangement to a young farmer. The type of lease-back arrangement is working well in Saskatchewan according to the brief.

and tariff policies and developing a reliable supply of farm inputs, such as fertilizer and machinery at reasonable prices. However both Henry Stanley, Land Use Secretary and Chairman Harold Middlebrook insisted the other incentives would not be worthwhile unless the permanent designation is placed on the land. Worthwhile Only then can the farmer be sure his investment in a new barn, a new silo or new drainage will be worthwhile. Only then can he be assured that the land will be in agriculture for another 10 or 15 years, the brief indicates. The planning committee endorsed the brief and agreed steps should be taken to protect an active agriculture industry in the region. Regional planners have discussed interim policies and have agreed some areas must be designated permanent agriculture.

Enrolment is up again

Over 9,000 full-time undergraduates have registered at the University of Guelph, for this semester. This is an all time high. There are also 600 part-time undergraduates, 550 full-time graduates and 150 part-time graduates. The students are feeling the 11 percent increase more than any part of the school. Last year there were 3750 students in the campus housing, this year there are 4,000. The increase is made possible only through some of the students voluntarily doubling up in the rooms. Downtown housing is available, although it may not be just what the student wants.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO THE PARENTS OF ACTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The following is a list of dates on which Acton High School will be closed

- THANKSGIVING Monday, October 14
- REMEMBRANCE DAY Monday, November 11
- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS Monday, December 23— Friday, January 3 (inclusive)
- SEMESTER TURN-AROUND TIME January 29, 30, 31 (inclusive)
- WINTER BREAK (AND EASTER HOLIDAYS) Friday, March 21— Monday March 31 (inclusive)
- VICTORIA DAY Monday, May 19
- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Friday, June 20, 1975

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Three Fair boards combine for display

Three North Halton Fair boards are combining to provide a colored slide display at the Halton building at the International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Display. Acton, Georgetown and Milton Fair Boards are jointly renting a video projector and showing slides of scenes taken at the three Fairs during the past few years. The presentation is the idea of Georgetown Fair publicity man Ken Milne who figures the boards would be missing a good opportunity to get their message across to the public if they didn't have a display. Both Acton and Milton boards were as enthused about the joint effort as Georgetown and representatives were appointed to assist Mr. Milne in setting it up. Georgetown Fair is being held on October 4 and 5 this year while Milton Fair was held September 13 and 14.

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