



NEW OFFICERS of Walker Lodge were installed Monday evening, with C. L. Rognvaldson conducting the installation assisted by Past Masters and visiting lodges. The lodge is starting its 101st year. Front row J. W. William Near; Immediate Past Master Roy Knapp; Wor. Master George Hargrave; D.D.G.M. Chester

Anderson; S. D. Herb Ritchie; S. W. Jack Carpenter; centre row S. D., E. B. Grischow; J.D. Gary Dawkins; I.G. James May; Tyler John Carney; C. Rognvaldson; back row secretary R. H. Elliott; organist L. Slingerland; J. S. Jack Tatton; treasurer Ray Thompson; S. S. Richard Coe; D. of C. Meb Blow.

Disruptive force

Priestner raps Renaissance

Halton's retiring Board of Education Chairman William Priestner took advantage of a year end speech Thursday to rap Halton Renaissance Committee and its chairman Ken Campbell.

The criticism of Renaissance was the first of any consequence to be delivered from the board table since the controversial committee came on the education scene early in 1974.

Chairman Priestner described the group as a "major disruptive force."

"It was spawned as the result of an unfortunate incident at one of our schools, which will not happen again. However, the tendency to generalize is a natural human trait and therefore to assume that the system is sick was a natural outcome," he said.

"We attempted as fairly as possible to listen to this group and act on their constructive criticism. After all, members of this committee have the same rights as any other citizens of Halton — no more, no less.

"Recent incidents lead me to believe that this group or certain individuals within it are attempting to undermine the credibility of the public education system with a view to establishing alternative publicly supported systems.

"The continuing attacks on members of our administrative group cannot be condoned by the board. They surely are not constructive. I repeat to the Renaissance Committee what I said when we met in this room some months ago. If you sincerely are attempting to improve the system you will have our full co-operation. If, on the other hand, when an individual needs a personal note to your chairman and he responds with a letter to the media, councillors, M.P.s, M.P.P.s, Trustees, etc., do not expect further communications."

"What is perfection? It is essential that we recognize that there will be incidents where 50,000 students and thousands of classrooms are involved. Nothing is perfect, if indeed we can agree on what perfection is," he said.

Renaissance leader Ken Campbell has kept a running feud going with the board and particularly its administration. Campbell's campaign has included personal attacks on administrative officials at the board and in particular on director Jim Singleton.

Campbell first came on the scene early last year after two lesbians had shown up at

M. M. Robinson High School as guests for a discussion period with health class students.

That led to a condemnation of books on school library shelves and eventually a condemnation of almost the entire education system within the region.

Trustees and administrators met with Campbell and his group during August. The meeting was a peaceful one with no emotional outbursts or even a hint of bad tempers.

At that point there was optimism that some constructive good could come of the new force. Trustees and administrative officials for the better part chose to hold any adverse remarks they might have.

Priestner's charges Thursday marked the first obvious variance from that posture. Following the meeting one official suggested he felt it was about time "to call a spade a spade."

Not his support

Trustee Tony Goodyear also spoke out near the end of the meeting. He told colleagues he had watched Rev. Campbell on television prior to the board meeting.

Goodyear recalled how Campbell had stated his views against nude art in the schools and claimed to have support of "most of the trustees on the board."

Goodyear categorically denied being among those trustees to whom Campbell referred.

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Judy Alexander first female board chairman

Judy Alexander of Oakville was elected the first female chairman of the Halton Board of Education. The 39-year-old mother of four won the post without opposition. Trustee Bill Venus was nominated but withdrew and no other nominations were made.

Encouragement
She told reporters she felt her election should serve as encouragement for all women in the system.

She saw the need to communicate and be responsive as challenges for the future. She noted the board and trustees should be ready to respond to constructive criticism but not that which is couched in

intuendo and not based on fact. Getting to know the teacher and the classroom problems were also outlined as key challenges for the future.

Rev. Morton suggested the visibility of the trustee would be on the increase in years to come and he felt the accountability of the board would be called to question.

Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur brought greetings from Halton Regional Council. Mrs. Alexander presented retiring chairman Bill Priestner with a gavel.



HALTON'S FIRST FEMALE chairman Mrs. Judy Alexander was elected during a meeting of the Halton Board of Education Thursday. She is shown completing some of the inaugural paper work with secretary to the board Mrs. Beverly Pastor.

Two Halton members retain Cabinet jobs

Two Halton ministers were not affected by cabinet changes announced by Premier William Davis on Tuesday.

The Hon. James Snow remains as Minister of Government Services and the Hon. George Kerr as Solicitor General.

In the first cabinet changes since last February the Hon. Darcy McKeough returns to the position of treasurer succeeding the Hon. John

White. Both were active in this area in the plans and implementation of regional government in Halton and other centres. Mr. White becomes minister without portfolio and will serve as chairman of the executive council.

Mr. McKeough returns to the position he left in September 1972 after conflict of interest charges. The Hon. Robert Welch assumes the new portfolio of

Culture and Recreation, leaving Justice which is taken by the Hon. J. T. Clement. The Hon. Sydney Handelman moves to Consumer and Commercial Relations from Housing and minister without portfolio D. Timbrell succeeds Mr. McKeough in Energy.

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Walks won't be shovelled

It's definite now. There will be no plowing of Halton Hills sidewalks unless it is a dangerous situation.

Halton Hills council decided Monday night snow will be removed only in front of town property. Downtown streets and heavily travelled sidewalks will also be shovelled.

Council also decided they will inspect sidewalks throughout the town and follow up on complaints from residents. Where dangerous situations exist then the walks will be plowed and sanded.

Councillor Armstrong pointed out the town's sidewalk clearing equipment only works when there isn't any snow and it is impossible to do all the walks after a snowfall.

Councillor Ernie Sykes said he thought the old Georgetown policy of clearing walks had been carried on to Halton Hills but was informed by councillor Joe Hurst that the policy was changed last year.

Councillor Les Duby said he thought the town was following the correct approach and were avoiding an impossible situation that many other municipalities had encountered. He added if the town did all the walks they would end up damaging private property and having more serious problems than if walks aren't shovelled.

Average home price \$53,398 Halton Hills

Figures released by A. E. LePage Ltd. show the average price of a single family dwelling in Halton Hills during the third quarter of 1974 was \$53,398 while row condominiums averaged \$28,401.

There were 509 total sales comprising 308 single family dwellings and 142 row condominiums, nine industrial commercial transactions, 21 farm, 12 land, nine retail miscellaneous for total value of \$25,511,940.

The computer survey of all Halton Hills real estate transactions was part of an overall computer study conducted by the company on the Greater Metropolitan Toronto area.

A. E. LePage sees little hope that housing costs are going to decline to any great extent in the foreseeable future and the most important factor to consider is what the dollar will buy today in relationship to what it will

buy in a few months or years—if inflation continues at the present rate.

"If Canada had a 12 per cent static rate of inflation for the next 10 years, our 1974 one dollar would be worth the equivalent of \$3.12 of 1984 dollars. Using this formula, today's average house price of \$61,947 x \$3.12 would be worth \$193,274 in 1984.

"Hopefully this situation will not reach such extremes, but even if we had a constant six per cent rate of inflation, that same house would be worth (\$61,947 x \$1.82) \$112,743," the company states.

If one had a pension income of \$10,000 today, the purchasing power of that sum of money in 10 years with a 12 per cent static rate of inflation would be \$3,265.13. Even at a static rate of inflation of six per cent, the company contends the income would be worth only \$5,494.51 in 1984 dollars.

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