



ST. ALBAN'S Parish Hall hosted the Oxfam bazaar all day Saturday where pottery, trinkets, and pewter wares were among many items offered for sale. Ethel Bessem of Guelph sets up her display of polished rocks and rock jewellery.



MARY ANN Austin of Kingham Road purchases pen and ink prints from Guelph artist and architect Mariene Jofriet at St. Alban's Parish hall Saturday. The hall was the location for the Oxfam trade fair.

Evangelist stigma

Gord Reade chairs Halton Renaissance

Halton Renaissance Committee has a new chairman and a new goal—Oakville Councillor Gord Reade has been named interim chairman until HRC holds an annual membership meeting in the fall, and the HRC executive has constituted itself as the steering committee for "Renaissance Ontario."

Chairman Kenneth Campbell, a Milton evangelist, said "one of the biggest psychological hurdles we've had to clear this year has been the consequence of the fact that I am an evangelist. I am first of all a concerned parent and taxpayer whose concern in forming Renaissance has been to provide a place to stand of honorable independence from which the parents can regain some significant influence on the direction of public education."

Renaissance was founded in March 1974, began with 25 members, grew to over 700 in a year, and reports membership over the past couple of months has doubled in Halton, across Ontario and even across Canada.

Co-ordinator for HRC. She will be responsible both to keep Renaissance members aware of what's developing in the Renaissance crusade, and to keep in contact with the board of education and the public on behalf of Renaissance.

CAS budget review

A provincial review board will be called into action to consider Halton Region Administration Committee's appeal to the Halton Children's Aid Society budget. That budget will jump by 33 per cent with the region's levy jumping from \$610,000 to \$800,000. The province has picked up a greater share of the budget this year due to a change in the formula that increases the provincial share.

The committee's decision to uphold the appeal launched earlier follows a series of meetings between both staffs and between the CAS representatives and the Regional Council.

The original estimate has been trimmed due to an error which overlooked some areas of revenue.

Injured

An elderly Guelph gentleman fell at the corner of Mill and Main Monday and was taken by police to Guelph General Hospital. He had a cut hand.

Let's talk about horses
by Jennifer Barr



Last week we talked about training for showmanship classes—the classes where the handler is judged on how well he shows his horse on the line. This week let's try and get in the show ring.

Regulation riding attire, either western or English, or a neat suit are de rigueur for showing in hand. The hat may be dispensed with, if you wish.

The horse should wear a show halter and lead, usually with a snap and chain at the halter end of the lead. If the horse is shown under English tack, you may show him in a snaffle bridle with the reins pulled to the left side through the bit rings.

Wake up
Once in the ring, you walk the horse around to the left remembering you are being judged. If the horse seems to be falling asleep unobtrusively chuck him under the chin with the lead.

The judge will request you to line up. You then stand your horse squarely, step out to the front, and leave him alone. If the judge is near you and your horse is asleep again, tap the end of the lead line in your hand, he'll usually brighten up with curiosity—at least briefly. If he's a bit hyper, try to be as calm and unfussy as possible.

Trot briskly
When you are asked to trot out, make sure you take time to settle your horse. Stand him up smartly, then ask him to trot. Trot briskly away from the judge, stop, stand your horse, turn and stand him before trotting back right in front of the judge. Remember, the object of this is so the judge can see if the horse trots straight. If he were judging conformation, he'd have to see what kind of faults the horse exhibits while moving.

Take a large loop behind

the lineup and place yourself back with the other horses. The judge will also walk around the horse and touch his legs (theoretically looking for flaws, even though this time the horse's appearance doesn't count). Make sure you have trained the horse to stand quite still. You move around the front of the horse as the judge moves so you never block any part of the judge's view.

After all this is over, you step smartly up to receive your ribbon, smile, thank the judge, and go kiss your horse.

Renaissance

Challenges Halton promotion system

Liberal thinking is a prerequisite for promotions within Halton Board of Education, Gordon Reade of the Halton Renaissance Committee told the board Thursday. Reade said the second criteria was people who "won't rock the boat".

He claimed it seemed conservative thinkers with better records were passed over at promotion time.

"We all know that certain schools have rather exemplary credentials. Unfortunately we also know that there are a few schools in our system which, charitably, leave something to be desired. The damning condemnation is that there is little or no correlation between advancement of teachers and principals versus demonstrated success in their chosen profession. In too many cases outstanding educators in our region are not being recognized."

Reade told the board the educational system shouldn't mirror contemporary society but should represent the best of human endeavors. Those ideals "should not be sliding like over-boiled spaghetti to

reach the lowest common denominator."

After hearing Reade's allegation the board invited him to a closed session of the board to discuss allegations about the promoting methods of the board.

Board Chairman Judy Alexander told Reade the exercise might be an education for both parties. Reade's prime interest in attending the meeting was to speak on the censorship issue and the need to have some control over what students read.

Urges list
He promoted a system that would see a list of books become part of the English program and argued that list should comprise 60 or 70 per cent of the course.

He argued the students, if given a choice, would read less challenging material.

"Give a child a choice between a plate of candy and a plate of nourishing food and he'll choose the candy every-time."

Reade said reading material shouldn't be dictated but argued his suggestion would leave time for additional reading.

Asks trustee prove Renaissance charges

According to Halton Board of Education Trustee Bill Herd, the Halton Renaissance Committee is a group that deals in generalities and a group that represents "nobody".

"I'm getting fed up and sick and tired with your generalities, be specific," Herd told Renaissance's new spokesman Gordon Reade at a board meeting Thursday. Herd was responding to some allegations Reade had made.

Herd made those statements Thursday night and Saturday Renaissance Chairman Ken Campbell demanded that the board either offer apologies or document the claims Herd made.

In a letter to the editor of a daily paper, Campbell details areas where he claims his group has been specific and cases where he claims the board has reacted and taken action to correct situations pointed out by Renaissance.

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