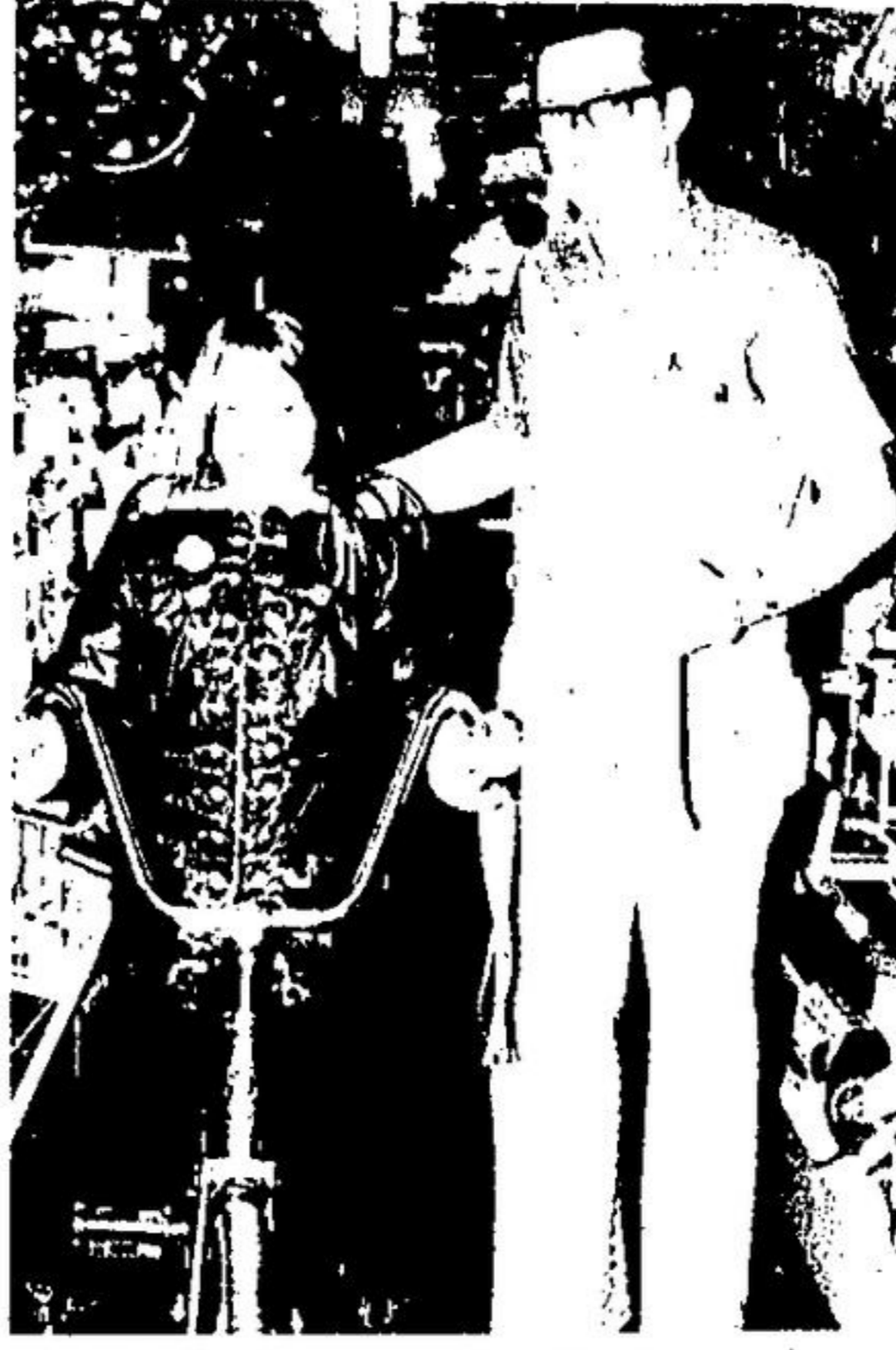




LOCAL CHILDREN WHO participated in Acton Home Hardware's coloring contest received their prizes last week. Seven year old Carmen Clow of R. R. 2 Acton won a record player. She attends grade two at M. Z. Bennett. Donna Van Der Heyden of 22 Guelph St., won a tricycle and is



four years old. Eleven year old Kathy Payne, 52 Main St. North, is the proud winner of a bicycle. She is a grade five student at Robert Little school. Store owner Mike Kinal presented the winners with their prizes. Mrs. J. Levy, the art teacher at the high school, was the contest's judge.



Settle teachers' strike Halton trustees urge

Trustee Richard Goodin was finally able to get Halton Board of Education to make a statement concerning the Toronto teachers strike. Last month his bid to have Halton trustees take a stand on the strike failed.

Thursday the board passed a motion put forth by Goodin urging the teachers and board in Metro Toronto to come to a speedy resolution on behalf of the children for which they are responsible.

Goodin's motion declared Halton appreciates and understands their difficulties in reaching a settlement and noted trustees know they have a responsibility to "maintain a balance between quality of education and the ability of the community to pay for it."

He noted adults look back in later years on the example set by their teachers and wondered "what today's

pupils will think of their teachers when they are adults with so many teachers going out on strike now in Ontario."

Goodin said teachers and boards should seek settlements without strikes and keep in mind the anti-inflation attitude which Ottawa is encouraging in Canada.

"We need a return to sanity in a society which seems to be bent on destruction", he claimed.

He says Canada is an economic system which is out of control and there are higher wages and costs and lower effort from individuals and lower productivity.

Goodin called for a return

to self-discipline and a renewal of individual responsibility.

"The teachers have become too materialistic and must abandon their selfishness and quit chasing unworthy goals."

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Board of ed draws the line no time off for negotiators

Chief contract negotiators for elementary and secondary school teachers in Halton won't be getting half time off from their classroom duties Halton Board of Education decided Thursday.

The board drew the line at having five teachers taking time off from teaching for Federation business but did extend the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) and Halton Elementary School Teachers' Association (HETA) research officer Ron Harris half-time off leave until the end of August.

Earlier this year the board denied HETA's request for half time off for its president and later the trustees changed their minds and allowed the leave of absence for the HETA head. The president of OSSTF is also out of the classroom half the time.

Trustee Tony Goodyear wondered when the board was going to draw the line on leaves for professional association work and suggested a good time for the move was now.

"If we grant this request for the chief negotiators to take half time off then there is no reason not to expect more requests won't come next month. I'm surprised we haven't had requests yet from CUPE."

We need to keep these people in the classrooms," he stated.

If HETA and OSSTF officials couldn't find the time to properly prepare themselves for negotiations then they might well bring in outsiders to handle contract talks for them, Trustee Doug Wood warned.

Trustee Richard Goodin noted it was fine for the teachers to say it wouldn't cost the board anything to give half-time off for Federation officials since the teachers would pay the wages of their substitutes but "more time off means we will pay dearly. We paid dearly last year in the form of a 33 percent average wage hike." He added the larger this year's settlement is the larger the amount of money the Federations will

take in and then use for an even greater settlement the year after. Goodin noted over the \$400,000 will find its way into Federation coffers this year.

The Toronto teachers strike amounts to an attempt by the negotiators to try and save face with their teachers by holding out for more money when they know there isn't much chance of settling for the wage settlement they want, Trustee Ernie Bodnar observed.

"The more time off a negotiator gets at the expense of the Federations the more face saving which must be attempted during negotiations and strikes," he warned.

Wood said the time off for negotiators was needed since some of next year's talks will have to be handled during the day and Trustee Don Venus urged the board to do whatever is necessary to make sure the board continues to be able to negotiate with people from within the Halton system. Venus thought the request for two additional people taking time off was reasonable when it meant Halton teachers would be negotiating with the board.

Trustee Fred Armitage said he wished Venus had as much concern for the trustees who handle negotiations because they must continue working and still conduct talks.

"Why should we fall over backwards to give the teachers another advantage and further help the teachers during contract talks. Negotiations are definitely an adversarial situation," Armitage explained.

The suggestion of giving the chief negotiators time off to prepare for contract talks went down to defeat when the vote ended in a tie. North Halton Trustees Bodnar, Tom Watson and Bill Lawson all voted against the time off request while Wood supported the idea.

Armitage also criticized the idea of time off for the research officer and claimed much of the information he supplied the teachers during

last year's negotiations was either incomplete or inaccurate and said more time off was just another example of the board helping the other side.

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Mail volume Ring, cash

There seem to be fewer Christmas cards in the mail this year. However, the increase in volume of mail is noticeable at the post office.

Police report a room in the Dominion Hotel was broken into last week. A ring and cash are missing.

GIFTS for GIRLS

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Rev. Ken Campbell is rebuked by board

Halton Board of Education rebuked Rev. Ken Campbell and Halton Renaissance Committee for "persistent dishonesty and personal abuse in the deliberate mis-information of the public at its meeting Thursday."

The board's fact finding committee, looking into charges levelled against Dr. John Meyer, head of Halton's values education program, said Rev. Campbell's allegations were untrue.

Last month Rev. Campbell sent a letter to the press, MP's Ontario Education Minister Tom Wells and the Canadian Legion charging that at a meeting in Oakville of the Halton Home and School Association Dr. Meyer said "the teaching of the traditional Judeo-Christian moral values in public education produced the two World Wars of this century."

The board formed a fact-finding committee consisting of chairman Judy Alexander and trustees Irene Goobie and Edna Robinson after trustees received Rev. Campbell's letter.

Miss Robinson, who presented the committee's findings, said Rev. Campbell's letter "contains at least one untrue statement and several misrepresentations of fact."

She said the charge against Dr. Meyer was false and that 20 people who attended the meeting, at which the director of values education allegedly made the statement, testified to the fact the charge was false. Miss Robinson added Rev. Campbell's statements in the letter concerning values education was a complete misrepresentation of the program offered in Halton schools.

"We deplore the methods of dishonesty and distortion which at times have been used by Rev. Campbell and by other members of Halton Renaissance Committee. This attack on Dr. Meyer is the latest in a series of vicious personal attacks on professional teachers and administrators employed by the Halton Board," the statement declared. The committee's report said Dr. Meyer enjoys the support and confidence of the board.

Shop closes

Fashion Trend West beauty salon is closing up at the end of the year. In fact, it is all but closed now.

Owner Marilyn Andrews has taken a new position.

Aspects of Bill 100 hand cuff board

The implications of Bill 100 seem to be hampering Halton Board of Education in conducting its regular business.

Thursday the board delayed any decision on a report dealing with the definition of a school program because the definition must be decided and agreed upon by both the board and teachers.

Trustee Edna Robinson presented a report stating school program is the sum total of all pupil-oriented activities and that the principal and staff are responsible for the administration of school program.

The definition of school program is a negotiable item between the teachers and board and Trustee Doug Wood said the board shouldn't commit itself to a definition until next year's contract negotiation.

Trustee Ernie Bodnar said he thought without a definition of a school program the board could get caught in a bind in the event of a work-to-rule or slowdown action by teachers.

Everything under Bill 100 is negotiable in a contract board chairman Judy Alexander

reminded the trustees.

Trustee Tom Watson wondered why the trustees were at meetings if they couldn't do anything until a collective agreement is reached each year.

"What are we sitting here for? This is ridiculous. We are panicking because of Bill 100 and I think we should simply carry on business as usual until negotiations are completed," Watson declared.

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