

Julian asks Darcy for an apology

Julian Reed, Liberal M.P.P. for Halton-Burlington, said that in view of the recent statement made about rural residents by the Honourable Darcy McKeough, which has caused so much reaction in the riding, "I would like you to know that on November 24, 1975, I asked a question of the Minister in the House. I herewith present the transcription from Hansard including the question and the Minister's replies. I think you can see that the replies speak for themselves."

—Mr. Reed: I have a question for the Treasurer. Is he prepared to apologize to the constituents of Halton-Burlington for accusing the rural population of having an easy tax ride, when he knows full well that before the imposition of regional government the townships of Esquesing and Nassagaweya had no debentures and no personal debt?

—Hon. Mr. McKeough: Mr. Speaker, I'm not sure—

—Mr. Nixon: Just say you're sorry.

—Hon. Mr. McKeough: of the sequel in that question or whether it is a bit of a non sequitur.

"What I certainly indicated to the Halton regional council with very little disagreement, I think, from nearly all of the regional councillors who were there, was that one had to appreciate that for a long time—and this isn't true of just Halton; it's true in other parts of the province as well—there have been people, whom the previous Minister of Agriculture and Food referred to as urbanites. I don't know what the present minister refers to them as. These are people who have moved out into the country on a quarter of an acre or an acre, who essentially have had full municipal services and have enjoyed very low tax rates.

"I'm not now talking about the farmer, be he in Kent county or be he in Halton Hills or wherever. There are a great number of people who have—"



SANTA CLAUS came early to these employees at ARC Industries in Hornby Friday. Santa, really Brian McMullen, a grade eight student at Fairview Public School in Lowville, presented

gifts to ARC employees including Jamie Brown and Shirley Carroll. The visit by Mrs. Carlos Grade Eight is a regular event at ARC.

Drop nursing lack teachers

Halton Board of Education has agreed it has no alternative but to discontinue the registered nursing assistants course at White Oaks High School.

At the present time that school is the only one in the region that runs the program. Superintendent of Program John Boich said there has been an intensive campaign to increase interest in that course.

It was noted that Sheridan College had considered running a course for nurses but the proposal was turned down there when the Board of Governors could not justify the need for such a course.

Suitable qualification

Director of Education Em Lavender pointed out other problems with running the course. He explained the difficulty that existed in trying to find qualified teachers for the course.

The teachers not only have to be qualified as a teacher but as a nurse as well. Mr. Lavender noted that nurses qualified to teach the course could start at nursing jobs at \$12,000 per year, straight out of school. "There just isn't

any incentive for a girl to go back for more schooling."

Enrolment in the first year class dropped from 22 to 13 in the first month and a half of school this year, while second year students dropped from 28 to 15 in a similar period of time.

Mr. Boich's report indicates the disenchantment with the level of instruction as a key reason for drops in enrolment.

"In our opinion this problem can never be resolved as long as Facilities of Education do not produce certified teachers in this specialized area. The vulnerability of the board in hoping to retain or hire teachers annually is obvious. There are just too many risks involved in offering the program without a reasonable assurance that teachers are available, should the need arise," Boich said in his report.

"The irony of the situation is that the graduates of this course do get jobs and do well in their work," Mr. Lavender said.

Shoe is on other foot

Trustee Dick Goodin isn't satisfied with a resolution the Halton Board of Education passed, censuring Renaissance founder Ken Campbell. Campbell was censured by the board last week for charges and allegations Campbell had directed against Dr. John Meyer, an employee of the board.

Goodin felt the fact-finding committee had not done a thorough job of research and had not covered all of the angles.

Not enough time

He said trustees had not had sufficient time to consider the committee report.

Trustee Tony Goodyear didn't share Goodin's sympathy with Campbell. "As one who has been censured, hung and accused during the last year or so, I might say that when the shoe is on the other foot, it hurts," he said.

ANGELSSING

Charles Wesley, brother of John Wesley, wrote the words to "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" in 1739. In his first version the carol began "Hark, how all the welkin rings," according to legend.

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