## Judy Alexander re-elected as board chairman

chairman, Judy Alexander, education. won a second term as chairman Thursday by acclam-

nominated Mrs. Alexander, said the chairman has grown in the job and is knowledgeable and capable of directing the board through another difficult year.

The chairman agreed it will be a difficult year and suggested the board will be challenged to make sure the 51,000 students in Halton continue to receive quality education despite financial restrictions.

"The Prime Minister has spoken of self-discipline and learning to reduce our expectations but we must resolve that expectations of material things be reduced, not expectations of quality in the teaching learning situation. This will not be easy to

achieve," she observed.

of and everyone should accept Education's first female some of the new realities in

The chairman outlined a number of highlights of 1975 including the efforts by Trustee Irene Goobie, who trustees to earn their raise which brought their earnings up to \$6,600.

> The right to strike for teachers, a new director of education in Emmerson Lavender, the teachers' contract settlement. question period, more board meetings, and implementa-tion of the work of the Primary Task Force and core curriculum in elementary schools were among the other highlights of the past year, Mrs. Alexander outlined.

She thanked last year's vice-chairman Rev. Garry Morton and the other trustees for their support and hard

Mrs. Alexander said everyone in Halton is thankful they Mrs. Alexander suggested haven't had a teachers' strike there was nothing to be but noted the shock waves of gained grieving about the the Toronto teachers' strike but added this could be the Christmas. Officials said the the provincial government's good old days in education have been felt in Halton.



HALTON BOARD of Education chairman Judy Alexander congratulates Bill Herd on his election as vice-chairman Thursday. Mrs. Alexander was returned as chairman by acclamation for a second year while Herd beat out two other candidates for the vice-chairmanship.

ficial?" the chairman wondered. She added one remedy for the problem of strikes which the government might be forced to look at is the elimination of Bill 100.

Discussing the current economic situation, Mrs. has never been forced to cut. Milton district hospital were attempt to save some overback on promised programs closed for two weeks at head costs, in keeping with

"Can anyone in education much fat mour system but we and we may have to make believe a strike is bene- will still have to tighten up some cuts."

#### Hospital saves funds

The surgical and paediatric room were closed due to low Alexander noted the board ward and operating room at patient occupancy and in an year for cuts, "There isn't 29-bed ward and operating requests for cutbacks,

# Bill Herd captures vice-chairman's job

trustees Tony Goodyear and Noel Cooper for the vice-chairmanship of the Halton Board of Education Thurs-

When no clear majority was established after the first vote, Goodyear was dropped from the running and fferd defeated the remaining opponent, Cooper, on the second

After his victory Herd noted it probably wasn't easy for some of the more seasoned trustees to show so much confidence in a relative newcomer and said he looked forward to the year ahead. After being nominated by

Trustee Doug Wood, Herd said his decision to run had been well thought out and predicted 1976 and 1977 would test the board's strength just as much as the past year had. Herd pointed out the board faces strong challenges in the year ahead and strong leadership is essential.

He said the board must build up a strong base of potential leaders and promised he will have lots of time to do the vice-chairman's job. Herd added the board may have to make some unpopular fiscal deci-

Former chairman Bill

Oakville trustee Bill Herd Priestner, who nominated Bodnar nominated Cooper

self as being a moderate as spend time to make sure a far as pressure groups are good job is done. He added the concerned and pointed out most important thing was to that for some time he has make sure education in been expressing financial Halton continually improves. concerns and advocating

spending restraint.

eliminated Burlington Goodyear, said the trustee and explained his candidate was good for the job because had great experience in every he is against spending more phase of board operations.

Cooper promised to main-Goodyear described him- tain his enthusiasm and

Last year's vice-chairman Rev. Garry Morton did not Georgetown trustee Ernie stand for re-election.



## Region different

Oakville councillor Carl Eriksen, who brought greetings from the region to Thursday's inaugural meeting of Halton Board of Education, noted board meetings are a lot different from council meetings.

"This is a lot different from a regional council meeting. Most regional councillors are being accused of being parochial but I notice the hoard has just elected two Oakville trustees as chairman and vice-chairman," he observed.

Sitting in for Region Chairman Allan Masson, who couldn't attend the meeting. Eriksen said he suspected

Halton realize the difficult financial challenge they are facing in the year ahead but hoped the board and region can continue to co-operate with each other.

both of us to find out how we can keep the mill rate reasonable and still keep service at a high level," Eriksen noted. suggested that since Prime Minister Trudeau suggested all Canadians take a look at their values the

board will no longer have a monopoly on the subject "The school board won't be off the hook on values but now

most elected officials in we will all get a crack at it," Eriksen joked.

He said unlike other councils in Ontario, Oakville and he hopes all of Halton, will realize school boards are capable of looking after the "It will be a challenge for taxpayers' money without being restricted by municipal councils. Eriksen added Oakville council had recently rejected another municipal-The regional councillor ity's resolution to restrict school board spending.

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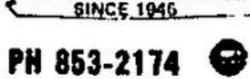


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