

## Sex meet explanation doesn't impress trustees

Halton Board of Education wasn't too impressed Thursday with a letter of explanation from the Dean of the University of Toronto, Faculty of Education dealing with the controversial sex teaching seminar held this year near Orillia. Trustees condemned the seminar in May.

When discussing some of the activities conducted at the Geneva Park Health Education Conference at the board's May 20 meeting, a number of trustees said the program was objectionable and disgusting. Director of Education Emmerson Lavender was directed by the board to send a strong letter of protest to Dean John Ricker, of the Faculty of Education, which sponsored the much publicized conference.

Board officials discussed the conference with the six Halton teachers who attended and learned that a report in a Toronto daily newspaper stating that the 180 teachers who attended the conference

spent days touching each other, meditating, watching pornographic movies and thinking up dirty words so they could teach sex education more effectively was fairly accurate.

Lavender assured the board at the May meeting nothing the six Halton teachers learned at the conference would be put into use in Halton classrooms.

In his reply to the board, Dean Ricker said only 35 people attended the most controversial of the seminars, the one in which teachers learned to use vulgar words.

Ricker said this was the only part of the conference reported by the city press and noted "the reporter, who attended only this session and left the conference immediately afterward, was unfairly that she ignored completely most of the positive, constructive work of the conference."

He went on to say the teachers learned a lot at the conference and they came away with many new ideas. Ricker added teachers were now better prepared to teach sex education.

"It would be unfortunate if distorted reporting impaired sincere and dedicated teachers from their search for new and more effective approaches, however controversial, that might improve the quality of education in the schools," Ricker concluded.

Noting there was a spelling mistake in the letter, Trustee Bill Priestner said the important word in the letter from Ricker was "controversial."

"Who needs controversy?" he asked.

"How else could we have expected him to answer our letter of protest," Trustee Tony Goodyear said with a shrug.

The board simply received the letter with no further comments.



**FORLORN LOOKING** Ashley Bird dressed to the hilt for the Ballinafad summer playground Indian Day last week. Ashley is one of many children who take advantage of the free playgrounds provided for Halton Hills youngsters during the summer months.

## "Fun" meeting for Dublin W.I.

The July meeting of Dublin W.I. was held at the farm of Mrs. W. Lasby in the form of a pot luck picnic. Members ate outside under the shade of the trees. The entertainment committee consisting of Mrs. M. Hunter, Mrs. D. Hunter and Mrs. B. Alder had a few games and contests ready.

Hit the pot with the ping-pong ball was won by Mrs. W. Frank, scavenger hunt won by Mrs. A. Diamond's side and a contest called "What To Take On A Picnic" won by first Mrs. B. Alder, second Mrs. E. Norton.

The ladies moved inside to start the business part of the meeting. Mrs. D. Hunter started off with a reading entitled Mrs. Jones's Has Guesses which was enjoyed by all.

President Mrs. E. Norton called the meeting to order.

Anniversary Roll call was answered by "spelling your maiden name backward's."

The 75th anniversary of the District is to be held on Sept. 9 in Milton at the new Lions Hall which is over the new Milton arena. Dublin are to take part in the program.

A discussion took place on the Institute Signs and prices were given by a firm from Freeport. It is now up to the district if they want them ordered for each branch.

4-H leaders are to be chosen next meeting. As this was a "fun night" there wasn't too much business to take care of. Courtesies were given by Mrs. E. Norton.

## Summer school is growing in north

Halton Board of Education is pleased to see the formation of summer school students for elementary school students in Georgetown, Stewarstown, Acton and Milton. Superintendent of Program John Boich said Thursday.

In an interim report on summer school to the board, Boich highlighted the growth of summer school programs in North Halton.

He noted while enrolment in secondary school courses

has dropped by 83 this summer and the number of adult education pupils also has declined overall, enrolment is up by 104 because of jumps in elementary school enrolment.

Boich pointed to a creative playground being built at Glen William school under an Experience '76 grant as a highlight and there are six pupils taking driver education at Georgetown High School.

presented Mr. McPhail with a plaque from the Ontario government a few days before the actual celebrations.

His daughter-in-law Jean McPhail described him as being very aware of the things around him. He still spends his time making the braided mats he is so well known for.

## George McPhail has 94th birthday

Friends and relatives gathered at the home of Kerwin and Jean McPhail, R. R. 3, Acton to celebrate the 94th birthday of George A. McPhail on July 11.

A small party was held in his honor with his two daughters and their families attending. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Switzer (Donald) of Hillsburgh, and Mrs. Marg Harmer of Caledon, and son Mr. and Mrs. Kerwin McPhail.

Grandchildren attending were Keith Switzer, June and Craig Switzer, Hillsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Harmer, Caledon, and George, Susan and Bruce McPhail, Acton.

His sister also attended the party. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Young (Jean), Guelph; Friends, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Katz, Milton, and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Brown and Christopher of Arriss, also attended. Mrs. Brown was Mr. McPhail's favorite nurse while he was in the Guelph hospital.

Halton Member of Provincial Parliament Julian Reed

## School caretakers get 15% pay hike

Halton Board of Education awarded a 15 per cent pay hike to 228 full time caretakers who are members of Canadian Union of Public Employees (C.U.P.E.) Local 1011 Thursday.

Wages for caretakers jumped from between \$4.60 and \$4.84 an hour to between \$5.29 and \$5.57 an hour with the settlement of the contract. Head caretakers can now make as much as \$6.41 an hour.

Workers came off a two year pact with the board in which they received a 10 per cent raise in each of the two years.

The new agreement, which took effect the start of this month is for one year only.

"The 10 per cent they re-

ceived each of the last two years has left them way behind inflation and it was decided not to tie them up to another two year agreement in light of the present economic situation," Superintendent of Business Bruce Lindley said.

Last year the 228 caretakers received \$2,361,624 in wages and the 15 per cent raise will cost the board an extra \$177,122 this year. \$35,425 of the raise wasn't included in the budget so the board will have to find some way to scrape up the funds.

In addition shift premiums have been raised in the new contract from 15 cents an hour to 20 cents an hour and this will cost the board an extra \$3,850 this year.

The board had offered a 12

per cent raise and the two parties finally settled on 15 per cent. Anti-Inflation Board approval of the pact must still be obtained.

Trustee Tony Goodyear opposed the raise saying every board employee should receive no more than eight per cent in raises this year, including increments.

Last month the board gave teachers raises amounting to over 10 per cent when their increments are included. Non unionized board employees received a seven per cent raise at the same time.

Goodyear said eight per cent in raises was the only amount acceptable to the public and urged the board be consistent in its salary increase policy.

"Now this agreement will go to the Anti-Inflation Board and all I can say is thank goodness we now have a regulatory body over us or we would be going bananas," Goodyear declared.

He noted the caretakers have received 20 per cent in raises over the past two years and there is no reason for them to get 15 per cent this year.

"There is no reason for a raise of over eight per cent in this area or any other," Goodyear said.

## Junior Farmers on tour

Keith Aitken of R. R. 3, Acton is one of forty-five young farmers and potential farmers from across the province participating in the 25th annual Junior Farmer Soil and Crop Management Tour, July 19 to 23.

This year the tour is centred in Eastern Ontario

around Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology the first day. During the week the group will branch out into the counties of Grenville, Lanark, Dundas, Leeds and the Ottawa-Carleton region to study soil and crop management systems on a practical farm basis.

## Grant equips four patrols

With \$162.35 added from their own coffers to a \$500 grant from Halton Hills, the Girl Guides of the White Oaks area, which includes all Halton Hills and part of Milton, were able to fully equip four patrols and one staff patrol

for camping, the town's finance committee learned Monday night.

A letter from Girl Guide secretary Mrs. M. Tamas thanked council for the grant and supplied information on how the money was used.

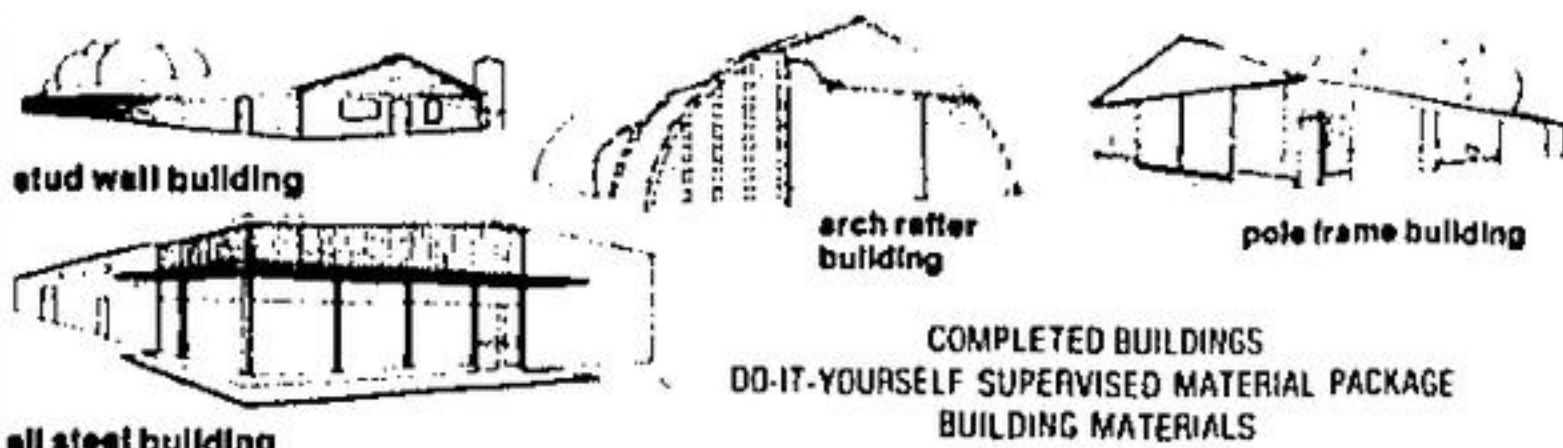
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