



FIRE PREVENTION poster winner Carole Buehler of Speyside School won an honorable mention in the Halton-wide contest sponsored by Halton Fire Prevention Bureau. She received a desk pen set at the regional council meeting Wednesday. Her father Max Buehler of R.R. 1, Acton and Fire Chief Mick Holmes add their congratulations.



THIS YOUNG LADY SEEMS much taken with her candy cane, which a much sought after Santa gave her during Beardmore's yearly Christmas party for employees in the plant.

Approve CAS funds

Halton Regional Council approved a supplementary budget of \$124,772 for Halton Children's Aid Society Wednesday.

The region's share of the supplementary budget is \$23,354.

He reminded councillors the Society had been restricted to a 5.5 per cent increase in its budget. Copeland explained the 5.5 per cent was just not enough in the light of increases of the demand on services jumping by 25 to 30 per cent.

The Society has no choice but to take children who need it into care. He told councillors the Society started the year with three children in institutional care and now has 15 in institutional care—at a cost of up to \$40 per day.

it's Christmas!

The world is bright and gaily decked... Christmas has come. Spend it in joy and in peace.

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Season's Greetings To All
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No more open concept schools existing ones won't change

Halton Board of Education won't be building more open concept schools but stopped short of building closed classrooms in the existing open concept schools.

Trustee Noel Cooper said noisy programs have to be either curtailed or continued with the problem of disturbing other classes in open concept schools.

He noted the board has been building open concept schools for 10 years now and it became very clear during

the recent election campaign that parents aren't happy with them since the problems caused were brought up by voters continually.

Cooper pointed out he wasn't condemning open concept schools completely, because studies have shown they are beneficial for some students, but at the same time there are pupils who can't cope with open concept teaching.

Trustee Don Venus, who backed Cooper's request that

"closed learning areas be incorporated into the design and subsequent construction of all new elementary schools proposed for Halton", said everyone is becoming "more and more aware" of the need for closed classrooms for some students.

He went on to suggest that as funds become available in the years ahead the board should consider modifying existing open concept schools.

Trustee Dick Goodin called

for the board to proceed and renovate all such schools but his idea was rejected.

Superintendent of Business and Finance Bruce Lindley observed many of the open concept schools built in the last few years have provisions in their design so partitions can be added. He noted some schools, where there have been noise and distraction problems, have had partitions already installed.

Trustee Fred Armitage stated it would cost the board a lot of money in architectural and engineering fees to simply determine if fixed walls could be installed in the open concept schools throughout the region.

Board's inaugural

Halton Board of Education will hold its inaugural meeting Thursday, Jan. 6 at 7.30 in the Board's Burlington headquarters.

New members will be sworn in and a chairman and vice-chairman elected. North Halton will send three new people to the board, Bert Hinton and Don Long from Halton Hills and Ivan Armstrong from Milton.

Board plans to hire 44 more remedial teachers

Halton Board of Education approved hiring of 44 new teachers to do remedial work at the elementary level over the next three years. It will also increase support staff.

Superintendent of Special Services, John Graham, said the staff additions would improve remedial services to Halton students and after the staff is expanded Halton will have nothing to "be ashamed of" in this area.

Graham said Halton doesn't need any more staff except in the area of remedial teaching and also support staff to pick out and work with children who have problems.

He noted students who used to end up in training schools aren't being sent there any more so the public school system must develop the

resources to deal with them.

In future, social workers with the board will also serve as attendance counsellors and over the years ahead teacher-diagnostics will be replaced with psychometricians.

Right now the board has three psychometricians and

three teacher-diagnostics but by 1980 it is expected there will be 16 people doing this type of work.

There are three attendance counsellors now and one social worker but by the end of the decade the board wants to have eight people doing both jobs.

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Dave Wright seeks Liberal nomination

Dave Wright of R.R. 1, Erin, has announced he will seek nomination as the Liberal party candidate in Wellington-Dufferin-Peel riding.

He is married with three children, worked for Bell Canada for 13 years and is presently self-employed as a tele-communications consultant. He has been chairman of the Erin and Erin township Concerned Citizens Association, and is immediate past chairman of the Erin United church board of directors, immediate past president of the Erin Square Dance club and past president of Erin Minor Softball Association.

In a letter sent out seeking support Mr. Wright says: "Our riding has suddenly

become very vulnerable to Toronto interests. We must be extremely careful that this area is not exploited by these interests, be they Hydro, gravel, dams or whatever.

"I recognize we are not an island unto ourselves, but we must make sure our needs and desires are not only heard but respected. I believe I have the talent and qualities required to represent you in the manner you deserve.

"Although a novice in the straight political game, my background for the past ten years has been representing large businesses in their dealings with the largest company in Canada. I know this experience would stand me in good stead in politics. (Not only that, I learn fast.)

To attain the Liberal nomination, I need your vote, and 400 others at the Liberal nomination meeting which will be held on January 17, 1977.

Winter is here

Winter arrived at noon hour Tuesday. It was the shortest day of the year, with the peak hydro load of the year expected at about 5.20 p.m.



Christmas Greetings

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