

Cancer Society

Velma West honored for 20 years' service

Not one of about 100 people smoked when the Cancer Society held its annual spring pot luck supper at Knox Church Thursday night.

Guest speaker Dr. Richard Hasselback said lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths among men and will be the leading cause of cancer deaths among women by 1990. "I could go on all night talking about smoking!" exclaimed the impressive speaker, who is on the staff at Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto.

A certificate was presented to Mrs. Velma West in recognition of her 20 years of volunteer service with the Acton branch. The award of service was signed by Don Insley, president of the Ontario division of the society, and presented by Charlie Currie, president of the Central Counties district of the Canadian Cancer Society.

The service award is only given for very special reasons, and this is the first one presented to a member of the Acton group. It is considered

a high honor. As a Registered Nurse, Velma West was asked by the Halton County Health Unit to look after cancer cases here in need of transportation and dressings. She started the women's services, now services to patients; looked after the assembling of dressings and organized drivers who could take patients to hospitals. These areas grew and the local group came into being. She was active all through the 20 years in many capacities as a willing volunteer.

Although taken by surprise Mrs. West spoke effectively of her work. She mentioned the fact she had related, in the branch history she wrote last year, that Ted Tyler Sr. was the first volunteer driver Acton had. Mr. Tyler has since died.

Near goal Campaign chairman Arlie White announced with great pleasure that the Acton total to date is \$9,700, and the drive for funds is not over yet. The local goal is an all-time high of \$10,000 this year. Last year Acton raised \$8,200. The

response to this appeal in Acton is always good.

Bill O'Connor, field secretary of the Central Counties district of the Canadian Cancer Society said the goal of Ontario is seven million, with four million garnered so far.

Elma Braida reported on the in Memoriam donations, which are another source of considerable funds for research.

President Rena Arbie welcomed the crowd, the largest ever to attend this annual event. Hugh Patterson introduced the guest speaker and Wes Beatty thanked him.

Research Dr. Hasselback spoke primarily of research and the types of treatment given cancer patients. In Canada, the top cause of death for men is lung cancer and for women breast cancer; second for both sexes is cancer of the colon; third for men is prostate and for women lung cancer.

Volunteers from Georgetown and from Central Counties joined the Acton group for the pleasant evening.



VELMA WEST WAS HONOURED Thursday for her 20th year of service to the Canadian Cancer Society. Bill O'Connor, field secretary of the Central Counties branch of the Cancer Society, admires the framed certificate with her.

Trustees told basics taught

The basics, reading, writing and mathematics, are part of Halton's curriculum trustees were told Thursday. A special education meeting was held for members of the Halton Board of Education to explain to them what core curriculum really is.

The trustees were told at the elementary level core curriculum "is the skills and knowledge within every subject that are essential to all students in Halton."

At the high school level core-curriculum "is a set of subjects which are mandatory in grades nine and 10."

The board, Halton schools and Ministry of Education all play a role in the development of core curriculum and seeing that it is implemented administrators informed trustees.

"They (the administration) have obviously done a pretty good job developing core curriculum," trustee Don Long observed.

He noted the board now has core-curriculum rolling but the big job is to get teachers teaching it in the classroom and make sure they have all the skills to properly teach it.

Long said the basics, which parents are concerned pupils aren't being taught, should be being taught under core curriculum guidelines.

Needed skills like reading, writing, grammar and spelling are all part of the language arts, formerly known as English courses in elementary schools. In ad-

dition elementary students take social science, mathematics, art, physical education, music and science.

Long pointed out values education, which he is concerned about, is still part of the social sciences courses. Another subject he is concerned about is the health part of physical education in which sex education is taught. Long noted there have been so many unfortunate incidents with respect to elementary school sex education in the past.

"The basics are supposed to be being taught through core curriculum," Long said. He explained if parents find their children aren't learning the basics it may be the teachers aren't teaching them effectively because they are still getting used to core curriculum or else they aren't teaching it as "precisely" as it should be.

"We are many years behind where we should be, but we are now moving in the right direction and it is better late than never," Long suggested.

He said he was pleased with the progress the board is making with core-curriculum but things are by no means perfect yet.

"The teachers have the core curriculum which is supposed to be taught and if it is, the children should be in pretty good shape. The big question remains, is it being taught," Long stated. Pineview principal Grant Hutchings told trustees how

Seat belts on buses could cause problems

School bus seats would have to be redesigned if seat belts are installed because little children could be hurt by the belts in an accident according to Milton Trustee Ivan Armstrong.

He made the comment Thursday when Halton Board of Education received a report dealing with bus safety improvements from the Halton Elementary Teachers' Federation.

Among the teachers recommendations for improvements in school bus safety in Halton and throughout the province is the mandatory use of seat belts.

The teachers asked the board to join them in pressing Queen's Park to make seat belts or other forms of passive restraints standard equipment in buses and also force bus floors to be upgraded floor structures so belts can be fastened to the floor and won't rip out on impact.

It was noted between children having to wear seat belts in cars and being required to use them in school buses a whole generation could be raised wearing seat belts naturally. The value of seat belts in preventing death and injury has been clearly evidenced the delegation noted.

Armstrong said an extra adult besides the driver would be required on each bus to make sure students used the seat belts properly.

He said, if unsupervised, children wouldn't use seat belts properly and predicted they could become "lethal weapons to belt each other."

Armstrong said seats would have to be redesigned for small children wearing seat belts because some could suffer serious neck and back injuries because of high seats.

He warned the board to forget about insurance if there was an accident and

even one child wasn't wearing his seat belt. Armstrong said insurance companies won't pay off if seat belts haven't been used.

He also expressed concern about a teacher recommendation that no standees be allowed on buses.

Armstrong said he is concerned about overcrowding on school buses but if extra buses had to be used to eliminate standees it would have a tremendous affect on an already hefty transportation budget.

Trustee Bill Lawson predicted elimination of standees would be difficult with some students wishing to take early buses home and some taking late buses.

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Hinton says

Education too important can't permit mistakes

Education is too important for mistakes to happen, according to Trustee Bert Hinton.

At Thursday's meeting of Halton Board of Education Hinton said there must be a tightening up of discipline in the education system from the Director of Education's level right down to the teachers.

He expressed great concern about the administration and principals allowing some books, which have now been deemed unsuitable, to be placed on a list of book purchases the board approved last month.

Hinton said as the representative of Acton and Esquering ratepayers he is most concerned about controversial books being used in the schools.

"It is not enough to find mistakes and correct them later," Hinton declared.

Noting he is held responsible by ratepayers, Hinton said he holds the Director of

Education Em Lavender responsible for unsuitable books being on the list. He added Lavender in turn should hold the rest of the administration and principals responsible.

Since the board approved the list of books to be purchased last month, trustees and parents have raised questions about several of them and they have been removed from the list.

Hinton said greater discipline must be installed at the upper echelons of the board operation so it will rub off on the lower ranks.

"Education and students are far too important to allow mistakes to happen," Hinton stated.

He emphasized he wasn't attacking Lavender and other administrators personally but was simply calling for a greater "measure of discipline" throughout the ranks.

Lavender replied saying he couldn't support the mistakes made by two or three princi-

pals but added the vast majority did their usual conscientious job.

He said it was the first time he had ever heard the Director of Education and administration must be infallible, adding if that was the case he was sorry but he couldn't measure up.

Trustee Len Crosier said he has always found Lavender to be extremely competent and added in "any organization this size you are bound to have a few idiots and he takes care of them." He said he put down Hinton's "irresponsible" comments to the fact he has only been on the board for four months.

Hinton responded saying maybe Crosier has been on the board too long and the Oakville trustee was putting words in his mouth if he thought his comments were against Lavender personally.

"The lines of discipline must be tightened up," he concluded.

Prayer theme for auxiliary

Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire, and More Things are Wrought by Prayer are the two poems by which Miss Anderson opened the May meeting of Knox Women's Missionary Society, afternoon auxiliary. This is the theme which was chosen by the convener, Mrs. H.

Mainprize and her assistant, Mrs. P. Watson. Mrs. Mainprize introduced the devotional period with the reading of Philippians, chapter 4, verses 4 to 9 and prayer.

Special music was provided by a sister team at the piano, Marjorie Hall and Nellie

Merkley, who played a selection of old hymns. Mrs. Merkley also gave a devotional reading, written by Catherine Marshall, on prayer. The hymn, Beautiful Garden of Prayer and another poem on prayer concluded this part of the meeting.

The secretary's report was given by Mrs. Watson and the financial statement by Mrs. McKenzie. Thank you notes were read from the Scott Mission and from Kay Moultes for the donation given in memory of her mother, Mrs. A. C. Stewart. Miss Anderson recited part of Tennyson's poem, In Memoriam, as a tribute to Mrs. Stewart. Lunch and a time of fellowship brought the meeting to a close. The June picnic will be held at the manse, Willow Street.

Works social

Members of the Regional Public work force will have an opportunity to meet with members of the Public Works Committee and other regional councillors during a social gathering next Wednesday at the Tyendaga Golf Course in Burlington.

The annual event features a slide presentation and pro-

vides an opportunity for the members of the work force to come together. The staff works out of a multitude of centres now and the Public Works Committee feels the get together is good for morale and helps staffers gain an overall appreciation of the work the department is involved in.



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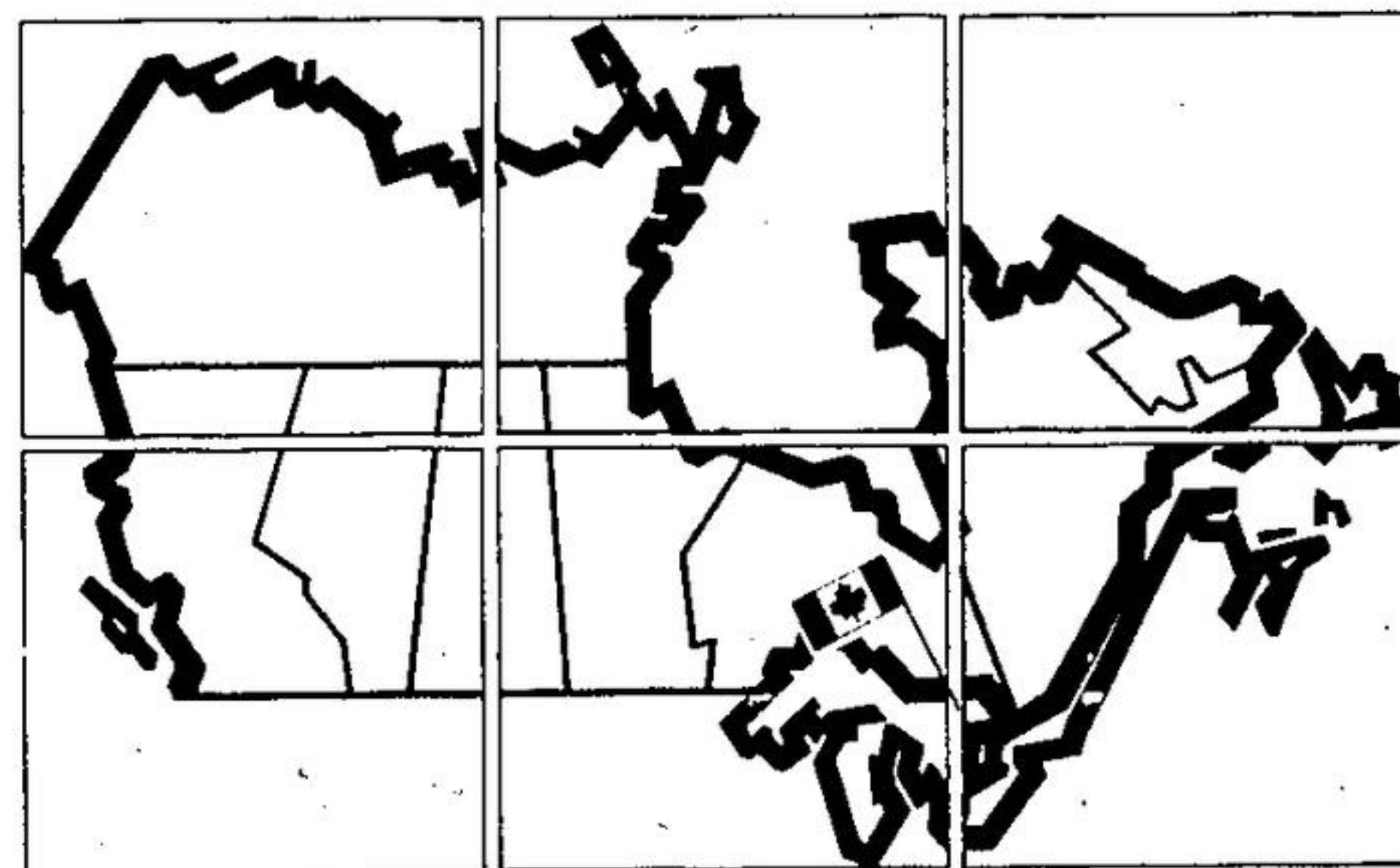
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