The March general meeting was held on Monday, March 13 at the Branch and although there was a slightly better turnout of members than at the previous meeting, the executive would appreciate more participation from the floor at these general meetings. A number of applications for membership had been processed at executive meetings since our last general meeting and we were pleased to initiate and welcome to the branch the following new members: Comrades John Bruce and Edward Scott as ordinary members and Comrades Bennett, Sylvia Cyganek, James Davis, June Gall McHugh, Raymond Nowlan and Trudy Smith as associate members.

The curlers held another very successful bonspiel last Sunday and are already planning for another one in November. That's looking

ahead for you and speaking of looking ahead we still have no teams or names on the board for the euchre tourney in Erin on April 15. If you just have not got around to getting your name down please do it soon so Comrade Fred Allen can get the entries from Branch 197 sent to the tournament organizers.

Standings in the branch cribbage league are: Legion "A"-149 pts., Command Records 146 pts., Alton McIsaac Construction 145 pts., Firemen "B" 137 pts., 230 Club, 133 pts., Halton Hills Works Dept., 131 pts., Station Hotel 128 pts., Seven 11's, 123 pts., Firemen "A" 120 pts., and Die Hards with 108 pts. Don't forget our big St. Patrick Dance on Saturday,

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PAM MORGAN is the new Hi Neighbour lady pick yours up while the in town. from the mayor and the

## Professional development days review

The number of professional costs \$2.3 million in wages for reduced. Teachers currently have nine days professional development each year.

Thursday's Halton Board of cost-benefit ratio." Education meeting that it

Churchill Rd. N. replaces

Marlene Steckley as Acton's

Mrs. Morgan started her

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Morgan, like Mrs. Steckley prior to her, visits the new

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new job Friday by making

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five calls.

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developments days for elementary and high school teachers in Halton could be teachers for professional development days.

The board voted to review the present number of days "for the purpose of establish-It was pointed out at last ing an improve educational

Trustee Fred Armitage, chairman of the board's budget committee, proposed the professional development day review. He said the board needs to determine if "we are Over the past few years a getting full value for these Pam Morgan is Hi Neighbour

It was noted a committee setting up next year's school calendar won't bring in any recommendation regarding increasing or reducing the number of professional development days since that wasn't the committee's job. Chamber of Commerce. A Oakville Trustee Judy handy road map is also in- Alexander noted converting

many professional develop-

ment days.

all nine professional develop-Also included in the packet ment days to teaching days is information from the Com- would save the board no munity Services Centre. money since wages would There are also many tips on still be paid. Armitage agreed, noting he

how to get involved with Brownies, Guides, tennis etc. wasn't saying the days should Mrs. Morgan lives with be reduced. He said the study husband Peter and their three might show more prochildren: Shawn, age 6 years, fessional development days Ryan 4 and Tina who will be are needed. "But we may find we could get more benefit if The Morgans moved here the number of days from Streetsville about a year reduced."

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number of trustees have been Lavender noted the board complaining there are too received another letter that week from a Halton resident concerned with the amount of time children are out of class vacations professional development

> Acton and Esquesing Trustee Bert Hinton said there would be a cost saving of sorts if professional uevelopment days were changed to teaching days. He said this would give the board \$2.3 million in effective work rather than non-productive work from its teachers. Trustee Elsie Hilson

> Oakville urged the board use professional development days as teaching days and then turn around and reduce the number of teaching days. Lavender noted the province requires a minimum of 185 teaching days and

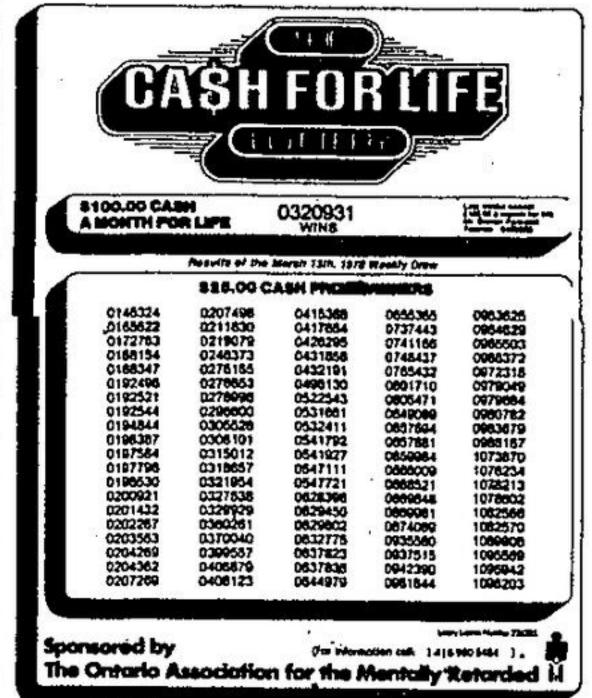
> Halton's school year is somewhere between 194 and 197 school days long depending on the calendar. It will be difficult to determine a cost-benefit ratio on

> professional development days since they are educational activities, Trustee Elaine Rhiem declared.

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Armitage said there wasn't an issue which is discussed more, or as sensitive with the public and trustees, than professional acitivities. He

said the board has a responsibility to look at both sides of the question, from the public's point of view and the leachers' point of view.



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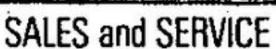


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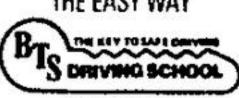
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