

Vocational facilities in Milton will benefit Halton pupils

More high school pupils in Halton Hills will be able to take vocational studies without having to go to Oakville or Burlington if a new high school is built in Milton, or Halton Board of Education takes over part of E.C. Drury school for the Deaf at Milton.

Thursday, trustees reviewed plans for a new school costing \$5.4 million despite the fact negotiations continue for use of Drury school.

In either case vocational facilities will likely be available for the first time in the north for Halton students.

Area Superintendent for Finance, Frank Dana, noted 175 pupils from the north go to General Wolfe school in Oakville and another 175 attend

General Brock for vocational courses. They are transported by bus daily.

He predicted a conservative estimate would see another 60 pupils taking vocational studies. They don't now because of the distance to travel.

Dana said projections show North Halton vocational enrolment growing from 353 now to 420 in 1980 when vocational facilities become available in Milton and then dropping off to 400 by 1982.

He assured Trustee Barry Shepherd of Georgetown that if his estimate of 60 new vocational students was too low there would be room for more by simply adjusting attendance area boundaries.

Trustee Bert Hinton suggested the Board couldn't build a \$5.4 million school for 1980 with vacant space in high schools throughout Halton looming on the horizon. He said nothing should be done if the board can't use Drury.

He urged the possibility of sending Acton vocational students to Guelph, and Georgetown vocational pupils to Brampton, be investigated. He said costs of transporting the students to those two cities and paying their tuition fees might be cheaper than busing them to Oakville and Burlington. He was sure it would be cheaper than building a new high school with space for 400 vocational pupils.

Dana promised Hinton's suggestion will be investigated.

Trustee Jim Clelland joked the board should consider sending all Acton pupils to Guelph and Trustee Bill Herd added "and take their trustee with them."

Hinton countered that the way the board acted in twinning two rural northern schools he was sure people in the north would like to secede from Halton and form its own school board.

Halton Home, School

The Halton Home and School Council will hold its third annual conference at the Halton Board of Education offices in Burlington May 17.

The conference will break up into 13 small groups to discuss subjects of special interest and later report to the larger group in the

summary session. Parents wishing to register should pick up registration

forms at the local library or contact Stephana Johnston at 469-1137 or organizers at 844-6051, 844-5438 or 844-4528.



DICKIE DEE SAYS - "FIND THE ANSWER ON OUR NEW (RIDDLESTICKS)"



DON WEAVER is one of the Dickie Dee ice cream boys who were out selling their wares on the weekend. Don is in his second year of selling the product. Another sign of spring!

High school dispute settled

The final chapter in a dispute between Halton high school teachers and trustees was written Thursday with few shots being fired as the appointment of heads, directors and associate heads for all high schools was approved.

Several years ago the board hatched a plan to reorganize the administration of high schools. Each subject area had a teacher running the department and frequently the head an assistant. In some schools there were over 25 leaders.

The board moved to reorganize the schools with a maximum of 12 leaders. At first it was a voluntary switch from headships to chairmanships but after a couple of years with less than half of the schools switches, trustees decided to make the switch mandatory for the fall of 1977.

Halton Branch of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation and provincial officials balked at chairmanships being made mandatory, objecting to several aspects of the board's plan. They were willing to see schools wanting chairmanships adopt the system but didn't want it forced on schools without much more study.

The fight was on throughout 1976 and 1977 with teachers barring members from applying for chairman's jobs and the board filling a grievance for breach of contract. The board eventually won the grievance, long after a compromise was hammered out.

Chairmanships proved to be a major contract talk stumbling block and in May, 1977 the two sides agreed to set up a special committee to work out a compromise which trustees, some gladly and others grudgingly, approved in June. The compromise organization takes effect this fall.

The number of people drawing extra pay for responsibilities would be reduced but not as low as the board hoped. Chairmanships would disappear as would the old headship system in the fall of 1978, being replaced with a revamped headship system.

Thursday, the administration reported on how schools will be organized this fall noting the positions of responsibility have been reduced from 274 to 201 and responsibility allowance costs have been trimmed from \$595,708 to \$555,800.

A report from Superintendent John Bolch noted five schools haven't named the maximum number of leaders they are allowed but can in the future so the responsibility allowance cost saving could drop from over \$39,000 to just over \$3,300. He noted the new system wasn't brought in to save money but was designed to improve school leadership by giving principals a smaller cabinet to work with.

Appointments were to be by subject groupings. For example instead of a head of history and of geography there would now be a head of social sciences.

It hasn't worked out quite that way in a number of schools and some trustees objected Thursday.

Trustee Bill Priestner said the spirit of the compromise agreement of last June hasn't

been followed, citing subject groupings that haven't been followed.

A bid by Trustee Jim Clelland to table the appointments of heads because principals and the administration had "too loosely interpreted" the board's policy was rejected.

Both Bolch and Director of Education Em Lavender said they thought the new school organization was being followed properly.

Acton-Esqueing Trustee Bert Hinton said teachers had taken a materialistic view towards school reorganization and reaped financial benefits for as many as they could.

He noted in one school the person heading up science and math is a science expert when there are more math students. He said this was wrong.

Trustees approved the administration's head, associate head and director appointments.

There will be changes made at Acton High School even though it was one of the first to abandon the old headship system for chairmanships. There are seven people holding positions of responsibility now but next fall there will be 11. One post won't be filled. Responsibility allowances cost \$26,175 a year now and next fall that figure will swell to \$31,400.

Bruce Andrews heads up Physical Education and Health, Ken Black, Social Science, Susan Burns, Guidance, Brian Downes, Pure Sciences, Kenneth Ellis, Resources, Clare Henderson, Communications and David Sale, Arts.

William Rowley is

Halton 4-H Club News

JUNIOR DAIRY CALF CLUB

By Ann Reid
The Halton 4-H Junior Dairy Calf Club had its first meeting April 10 at the Boyce Community Centre. The following officers were elected, President, Murray Royce; Vice President, Stephen Wingrove; Secretary, Marilyn Bird; and Press Reporter, Ann Reid.

A question and answer period was led by Ken McNabb followed by slides about judging and advertising cattle presented by Jeff Nurse.

CONSERVATION CLUB

By Dale Wickson
The first meeting of the Halton 4-H Conservation Club was held April 25 at the agricultural office.

The meeting was started with the election of officers as follows, President, Elaine White; Vice-President, Richard Stanley; Secretary, Norma Wilson; and Press Reporter, Dale Wickson. There was a discussion on the number of points awarded for each subject contained in the club.

The project will be on anything the members choose and an outline is required for the next meeting.

Places for the meetings to be held was discussed. A film was shown called "Wildlife Sanctuary" followed by discussion and a small quiz.

HORSE CLUB

By Eartha May
The first meeting of the Halton 4-H Horse Club for 1978, was held at the Agricultural office, in Milton April 17. The leaders for this year's club are Bill Stokes, Allison Amos and Don Heath.

The meeting was opened with the 4-H Pledge, followed by the election of officers. The club officers for this year are as follows: President, Diana Royce; Vice President, Roy Fish; Secretary, Susan Marshall; and Press Reporter, Eartha May.

Mark Leahy gave us our club project signs and record books. We discussed our record books and special projects. We also planned our meetings for the rest of the year. Along with that we talked about a fun day, a trail ride and Achievement Day.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

By Eartha May
The first meeting of the Halton 4-H Livestock Judging Club was held on April 24. The meeting was opened with the elections of club officers as follows: President, Randy Fish; Vice-President Donna Stewart; Secretary, Heidi Stadler; and Press Reporter, Eartha May. The club leaders this year are Jeff Nurse and Ken McNabb.

After the officers had been elected, Mark Leahy showed us a slide presentation on "Selection of Swine and Crossbreeding". Jeff Nurse then briefly described what qualities to look for in a good dairy cow, and Ken gave us points on the proper way to give reasons. After reviewing the parts of a cow, we were given pictures of five different dairy classes to judge. We placed these classes and various members were asked to give reasons.



JANET BECK demonstrates spindle spinning at the high school Canada day. Mrs. Beck demonstrated both spindle and spinning wheel methods to students.

Associate Head of Pure Sciences, and Harold Mahatoo, Associate Head of Social Sciences. Murray Swanton is Director of Technical Education and Roy McMillan is Director of Business Education.

At Georgetown High School 25 people are paid \$44,000 in responsibility allowances yearly. Next fall the amount of money spent on responsibility allowances won't decrease but it will be shared by a smaller number of people—16.

Ten teachers have been named as department heads at GDHS. Tom Beer is head of Math or Science; Stanford Hall, Social Sciences; Fred Kotani, physical education; Ann Lewis, English or Moderns; Donald McCole-

man History or Geography; Mary Patterson, Student Services; Jack Strum, Pure and Applied Science; John Todd, Special Programs and Activity, and Patricia Wilson, Arts.

William Bingham is Associate Head of Communications, Terence McDonald, Associate Head of Arts, Mavis O'Neil, Associate Head of Physical Education and Robert Paul, Associate Head of Pure and Applied Science. Norman MacPhail is Director of Technical Education and Leonard Jordan is Director of Business Education.

At Milton High School 22 people now hold positions of responsibility and that number will be sliced to 12 in September with allowances

dropping from \$39,475 to \$32,800.

Thomas Houldcroft will head up Student Services and Community Relations; Brenda Kearney, Arts; Thomas LaFrance, Communications; Edward Loeprich, Social Sciences; and Fred Stevens, Physical Education. Arnold Salamon will be Head of Pure Sciences when he returns from teaching in Europe. In the meantime Dean Murray will be Acting Head of Pure Sciences in 1978-79 and then will

become Associate Head of Pure Sciences the following school year.

Jane Forbes will be Acting Associate Head of Pure Sciences next year. John Horner will be Associate Head of Social Sciences; Lois Walshe, Associate Head of Communications; and Victoria Scholl, Associate Head of Student Services and Community Relations. James Hopkings is Director of Technical Education and Donald Leonard, Director of Business Education.

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Margaret Birch, Provincial Secretary for Social Development,
William Davis, Premier

May is Family Unity Month