



GUELPH CITY Pipe Band's Ed Neigh checks to see if the pipes of piper John Bottomley are in tune before their competition at the Highland Games in Georgetown on Saturday. The band placed first. John is on the Free Press news staff and lives on Willow St.

Board sends rep. to French convention

Although trustees Bert Hinton and Ivan Armstrong were opposed, Halton Board of Education agreed to pay the expenses of one representative of the French Language Advisory Committee to the Association of French Advisory Committees of Ontario annual convention (AFCSO) at Mont St. Gabriel, Quebec at an approximate cost of \$392. The convention is from July 11 to 18.

Trustee Hinton said he was concerned because the convention was being held in Quebec. He also considered the \$400 cost excessive. He offered to share expenses with other members to send one person and said the board was setting a precedent especially since the convention could be held in Northern Ontario instead of Quebec.

Luciano Piovesan, chairman of the French Language Advisory Committee, questioned by trustees over the length and

Policy still not established

Halton Regional Planners will go back to the drawing board in yet another attempt to develop a policy designed to regulate the number of lots that can be created in the rural areas of the region.

Initially the policy set a limit of 100 lots per year. But that aspect of the region's official plan drew a lot of criticism during public hearings held throughout the region.

Planners were told the measure was too restrictive, arbitrary, illogical and difficult to implement.

Reacting to that criticism, planners developed a policy which would set the limit at an equivalent of two per cent of the population in the rural area of the region in any given year.

Georgetown Councillor Roy Booth was quick to point out that the first policy was too restrictive but the revision is impossible to implement or understand.

Under questioning, planners were unable to clarify doubts that committee members raised concerning the interpretation of the policy.

Planners said the new policy would have allowed more than 100 lots per year. They explained the policy was designed to preserve the rural character and natural resources in the rural parts of the region.

Theft

Cigarettes and money were taken from a Main N. home, police report. There was no sign of forcible entry.

Charged

A Rockwood area man and two Acton men were charged by police with possession of stolen property following investigation of a break-in.

Gain entry

An employee of the Canadian Tire warehouse on Eastern Ave. reported persons entered the premises by prying away wooden boards.

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Lavender's survey criticized by trustees

Director of Education Emerson Lavender and Board of Education chairman Rev. Garry Morton were severely criticized Thursday by some trustees for authorizing a survey of parents in Halton on their views of education.

"I feel it should have come

Rockwood accident

A car driven by Robert Smith of R.R. 2, Guelph, was eastbound on highway 7 when it was struck by a car driven by Wanda Raynard, Guelph. The Raynard car stopped at Fall St. in Rockwood and was making a turn when it spun out of control. Damage was estimated by Guelph O.P.P. at \$4,800.

Gates stolen

Two Lundy gates, complete with hinges, were stolen from a hydro site on the 15th side-road. The gates were chained to a hydro pole ready to be used, and the chain was cut with a hack saw.

to the board first," trustee Fred Armitage (Burlington) told both Lavender and Morton, who said he was as much to blame as the director of education, for authorizing distribution.

The eight page survey, went to one out of 10 parents in Halton and enquired what parents thought of the quality of education their children are receiving.

Trustee Bert Hinton said questions were posed in an affirmative way to generate affirmative answers. He considered the questions unfair to laypeople not conditioned to meet that type of questionnaire.

"The responsibility is mine," Lavender told board members matter-of-factly.

"Mine, too," said Morton, suggesting it was the responsibility of the board to try and sample opinion on the quality of education and he saw nothing wrong with the survey. He told trustees notice of the intention had been in the trustees' bulletin

and they had ample time to register objections before Thursday's meeting.

Morton also said the comments he received had been congratulatory. Neither he nor Lavender apologized for their actions.

Trustee Miss F. Meares of Burlington said as a former administrator in the school system she recalled sending out similar questionnaires and comments from the public were favorable, since it gave them a chance to express their views.

"We're constantly saying we need response from the public and the director has taken the step (as I did without permission)." She said she received one comment about the present survey calling it "worthwhile."

Questioned about the cost of the survey, Lavender said the funds came from a special director's fund which budgeted \$6,600 for elementary schools and \$2,200 for secondary.

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