#### Projections wrong, but

#### Declining enrolment may close two Halton schools

has hit Halton as well as other Figures show that Westbrook policy re use of redundant school jurisdictions with a public school in Oakville has vengeance has not hurt dropped to an encolment of 47 Halton as much as was anticipated, Director of Education 1977 despite a projection of 51. Em Lavender told Halton Campbellville public school Board of Education Thursday encolment dropped to 54 this

were 357 more students in the projected. system than expected and Halton has no redundant teachers. Thirty elementary 100 students are on the teachers were hired to elimination list. Schools with replace those who have quit enrolment below 200 will be

Lavender said some classrooms in schools will still have to be closed because of the decline in enrolment and the administration is at- by parents in that area of tempting to do this with Milton and by its large kindelicacy by notifying the dergarten enrotment, which municipality involved and giving all the pertinent in- students. formation.

figures show two schools in criteria to close schools Halton fall below criteria

Declining enrolment which established by the board. Shepherd asked if board pupils this year from 50 in year from 61 last, actually In spite of forecasts there one more than the 53

Board policy stipulates that schools with encolment below in the ordinary attrition rate. studied to determine if the number can be improved. Campbellville school has so

far avoided being closed because of intense lobbying makes up almost half the

However, Lavender told the Trustee Judy Alexander of board Thursday he would Oakville noted that enrolment soon start applying board Georgetown trustee Barry

classrooms was being implemented. Lavender replied that the board supports the use of surplus school facilities by the public and it was laid out in board polley.

Shepherd also questioned why long range projection of to years could not be used to determine school use Instead of the usual five years. Lavender said it would be difficult because there were many factors to consider such as the economy, municipal subdivision policies, sewage treatment plants, housing starts, fertility rates, mortgage rates, immigration

policy and others.

Actual enrolment figures to the end of September 30 show 20,885 in the secondary system, 39 less than the projection, and 59 higher than last year. The elementary figure of 29,241 is 980 less than 1977 but 357 more than

#### Student reading time misused: trustee

painted of the success of the remedial reading program by board staff received an un-flattering review from Oak-ville Trustee Elsie Hilson during last Thursday's meeting at Burlington.

The program 'has great benefit to the student body', superintendent of special services R. G. Chapman told board members.

Not so, according to Mrs. Hilson who claimed she has heard of children being used, during the time set aside for reading, to move chairs for teachers. She indicated the children are sometimes left on their own, too. She wanted the board to undertake an inspection to ensure the time is used properly.

Chapman said he would follow up on the tip. Director of Education Em Lavender also requested details of Mrs.

picture Hilson's information.

The meeting was working Statement on Board Objec-Halton Board of Education's through the report of a docu- lives 1976-78.

#### So far so good on Drury: M of E

Board of Education on indities at E. C. Drury High cation that all's well so far with plans to expand E. C. Drury school at Milton.

Halton director of education Em Lavender presented a report on the need to add rooms to the school such as a horticulture room and green house, auto shop and drafting Nineteen rooms of the

present structure are to be shared plus some physical education and cafeteria space. The school is also used for the deaf.

Halton is to seek Ministry of Education and also Govern-Services ministry

Queen's Park gave Halton's approval concerning facili-

Lavender also presented a letter from the Ministry of Government Services stating it will recommend the finaneing the Halton board suggested previously. Government services also indicated it has the support of the Ministry of Education.

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#### Wayside pit in '79

The provincial government Bzovey farm which would "looks very favorably" on supply gravel for town roads be kept up to date on the pro-Milton Council's proposal to for a period of up to five open a wayside pit in the years. The pit would then be northern area of Nassa- rehabilitated to provincial gaweya, Deputy Clerk Roy standards. A plt was open at Main told members of the site once before but has Council recently. He said a never been rehabilitated. licence may be available by next spring.

Council has worked out an agreement to open a pit on the the area and assured coun-

Main said the town expects "some citizen reaction" in

cillors area neighbors would posal. He made the statement in reply to a question from Councillor Anne MacArthur, who admitted she is on "a neighborhood protection

Clerk Campbell Thompson said three neighbors are already registered as opposing the venture.



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#### Brookville choir entertains board

Brookville school choir, under the baton of Mrs. L. Vickery and with Mrs. Donna Manes at the piano, entertained members of Halton Board of Education and those at the regular meeting of the board last Thursday evening in Burlington.

Tracy Parker announced the program which included such songs as The Candy Man, Oh Mary, Sunshine on my Shoulders and an autoselection Jacob's

Board members expressed their appreciation for the performance and Trustee Ivan Armstrong noted Mrs. Vickery had been in charge of the music program at Brookville school for the last 10 years. He told members he attended the last Christmas concert given at the school and it was a "delight".

#### **Board purse** 'alright': staff

Halton school board's statements of revenue and expenditures for the first nine months of the year are, in general, satisfactory, according to the board's staff.

Board superintendent of business and finance Bruce Lindley told last Thursday's board meeting at Burlington there are a couple of plant maintenance items secondary schools over

budget, but "over all though we're alright," said Lindley

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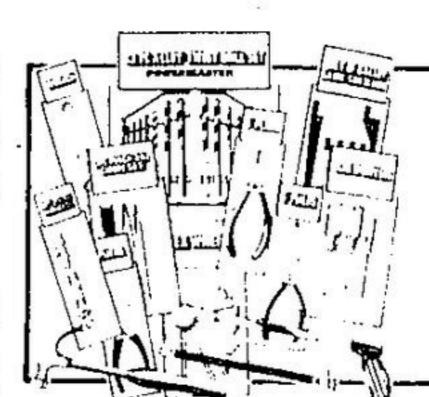
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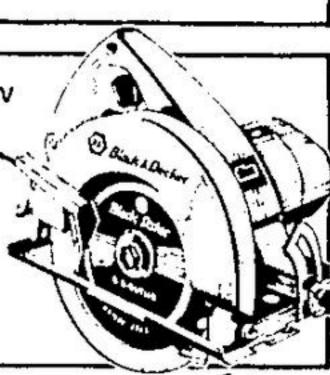


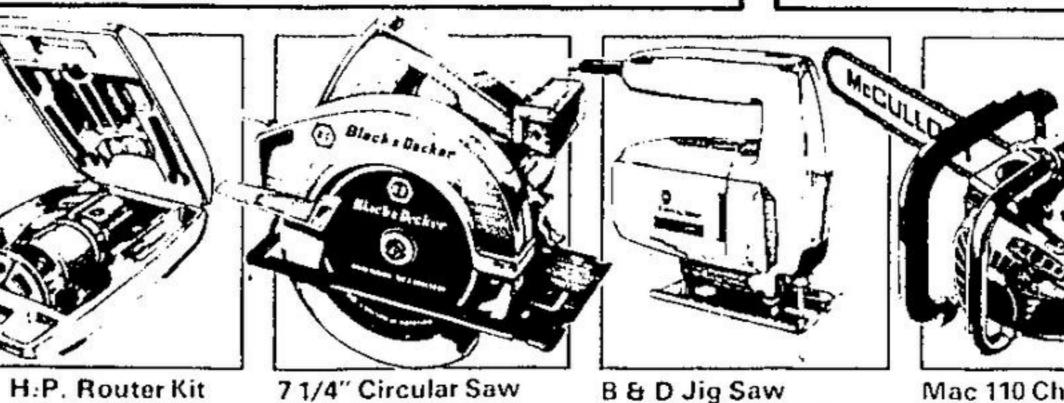
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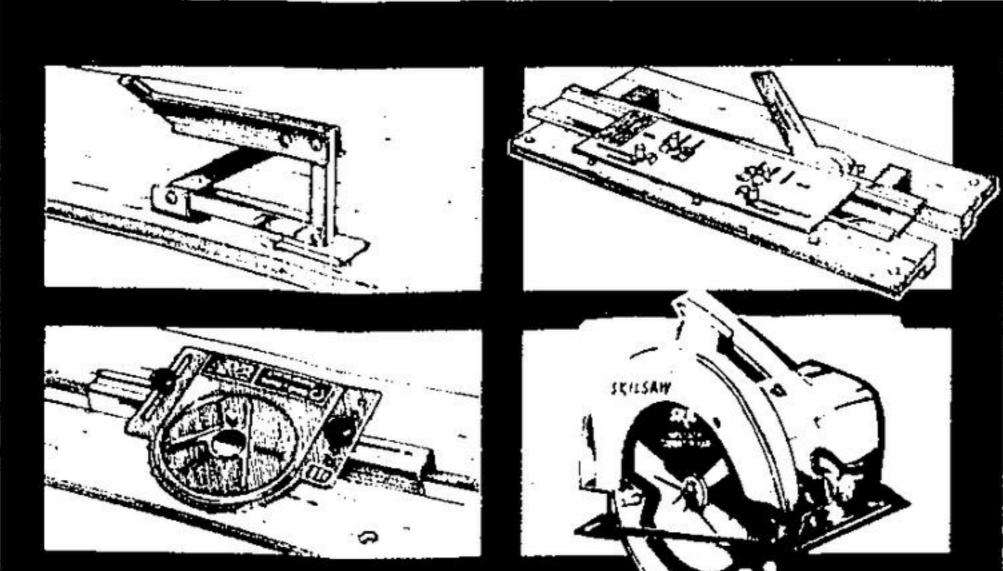
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