

MRS. MARTHA JACKSON of Mapleview Lodge clutches her scrapbook of Maple Leaf hockey player Darryl Sittler and teammates as she watches the men practice at Maple Leaf Gardens last week, on her 97th birthday.

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Lanny McDonald. "You don't look much over 30, what are you doing tonight?" he smiled. A reel of giggles followed.

"You are a rose between three thorns," Lanny told her as the four readied to get their picture taken. A big hug from the three players put her in seventh heaven.

Mike Palmateer, Leaf goalie, paid her a visit also, wishing her a happy birthday. As she was leaving the Gardens, she was interviewed on CKO FM radio to tell of her experiences and told how she had not missed a game in over 50 years "except

one game two seasons ago." Mrs. Jackson left the Gardens with Tiger's hockey stick, a puck from Darryl, and every team member's autograph. The most important things she left with though were a big smile, a happy heart and a

Wages and

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staff ratio at 23.5 pupils per teacher. The teachers' chief

negotiator, Bill Watt, contends that while the board stands

pat on the ratio, the teachers

have modified their position.

He indicates he would like to

see some change in the

Like the high school

teachers, elementary

teachers are asking for inclusion of a dental plan in the

contract. Some agreement concerning the rate of subsidization of premiums, 75 per cent, has been reached.

However there are other

Principals' wages are another bone of contention

between the sides. The fact

finder agreed with the board's offering of a flat \$1,500 in-

crease rather than going with

the teachers' request which

amounts to an eight per cent

salary schedule for principals.

the fact finder also sided with

the board. There exists two levels of principal's wages,

depending on the size of the school. Teachers are calling for a uniform salary regardless of the school size. "The board believes that principal workload is related to the size

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details to be ironed out.

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board's position.

terrific story to tell her friends at Mapleview Lodge.

The excitement did not end on Tuesday, however. During Wednesday's game in Minnesota. commentator McFarlane nationally wished Mrs. Jackson a happy 97th birthday, and told Canada she had sat in on the Leafs' practice the day before.

A lot of people were involved in making an elderly lady happy. The one person who should receive the most thanks, however, is Darryl Sittler. For him to understand what would make an old woman happy, and then do more than necessary to make her smile he should indeed be thanked. Bouquets to the rest of the team also who either took time out to personally wish her happy birthday, or sign their autographs.

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Halton eyes feasibility of parenting program

The idea of a parenting program in Halton schools was adopted by the board of education last week but trustees are

elsewhere for the money. Halton Board of Education endorsed the executive committee'S recommendation for a feasibility study of a parenting program and a second recommendation to ask the Ministry of Education

if the program should be a must subject.

The board, however, set uside a third step-to seek money from the ministry to hire a consultant-until the ministry's opinion on making a parenting program man-

datory is known. Lavender told the board the Director of Education Em Lavender said the executive committee decided such a program is necessary, if it **NEC** planning consultant. area okayed

in Halton Hills Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) Friday approved a slightly reduced area for which a plan will be

prepared in Halton Hills. The reduction in the area follows a public outery which came after the NEC released its preliminar, proposals for the planning area in February. In May it was announced that the area to be planned would be approximately the area of development control.

At Friday's meeting, NEC staff planners recommended that the planning area be extended to include the east bank of the Credit River above Glen Williams but the commission turned it down. favoring instead a line along the abandoned CNR line.

On the west side of town, the planners had recom-

gets ministry approval. The board's move towards a parenting program was sparked by a nine-page report by Eric Balkind, principal of

Wrigglesworth public school at Georgetown. The report was made last month and it split trustees.

> recommendations and the Balkind report were close. Balkind called for the parenting program to have a co-ordinator; the executive committee recommended a

Balkind wanted a place and resource centre; the committee did not want to take that responsibility. Lavender also indicated the board should stay out of the nursery centre for children.

mended extending the line to ministry's opinion on making include some unique areas a parenting program manbut that too was turned down datory in every student's

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according Lavender.

In explaining the executive committee's position to the board, Lavender said the committee was willing to house parenting courses, only if there is no cost to the board.

classrooms, he indicated. The board was just as concerning the executive committee recommendations as when Balkind presented his report October 12. Georgetown trustee Barry

Shepherd backed the notion of the parenting program because he said it will make future parents aware of their responsibilities. awareness may decrease the The board is seeking the need for special education

and result in a considerable saving of money, he sald.

question was Milton Trustee Ivan Armstrong and others. He said he saw the parenting

program as "the thin edge of the wedge" for drawing the board into the day-care job. However, he indicated support for using night schools for such a program. In future only 50 to 60 per cent of the population will be hav-

Oakville trustee Elsie Hilson lined up with the cons.

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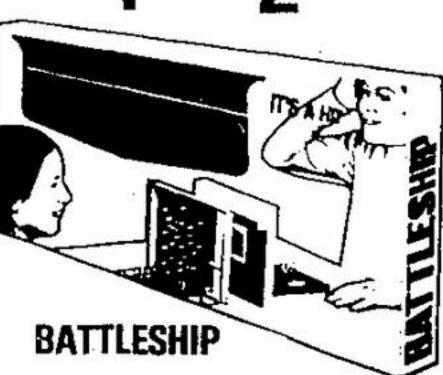
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