

Trustees return the two Bills to office

Halton Board of Education trustees chose to keep the same pair of leaders in harness for another year.

Trustees re-elected Oakville's Bill Herd as chairman and Milton's Bill Lawson as vice-chairman during Thursday's inaugural meeting at Burlington.

Lawson was a surprise candidate for the vice-chairman's job, because according to some trustees he indicated no interest in it as late as the day before elections. The vice-chairman is also

chairing the committee which is negotiating with high school teachers.

"I felt if the board wanted me back, they'd see to it," Lawson said during the reception after the elections.

Oakville Separate School Trustee Len Auger, a vice-chairman under Gary Morton, and Burlington's Cam Jackson were the main contenders for the vice-chairmanship going into the meeting.

Jackson, whose speech stressed the need for leadership, was the first

to be dropped by trustees in the voting. The number of ballots was not revealed.

Lawson indicated in his speech, the job of chairing the negotiating committee plus the vice-chairmanship's responsibilities drew too much on his time. While hoping to soon be relieved of the salary negotiating job, indicating a settlement with teachers, Lawson confirmed his willingness to spend more time as vice-chairman. He was nominated by Edna Robinson and seconded

by Len Crosier.

Developing and improving leaders for the '80s was the most important issue, according to vice-chairman candidate Jackson.

Candidate Auger told trustees "Better communications should be one of our highest priorities." He stressed that more open communications would result in more confidence.

No one challenged incumbent chairman Bill Herd for his job.



Halton Board of Education Vice-Chairman Bill Lawson was re-elected Thursday.

Board chairman slams Stephenson

School boards have had enough of the Minister of Education's performance in the Legislature, according to Halton school board chairman Bill Herd.



Halton Board of Education Chairman Bill Herd is back for another term.

"We're mad as hell and we're not going to take it any more," Herd told trustees during Thursday's Board of Education inaugural meeting at Burlington.

The Minister of Education puts "undue and unfunded burdens on school boards" with her sweeping pronouncements in the legislature said Herd. The chairman fell short of naming the minister as Dr. Bette Stephenson.

The minister also came under the gun for the

collective bargaining process. "As long as the

Minister of Education permits collective bargaining between school boards and their teachers to continue in their present state, the system will continue to be beleaguered by unconscionable costs and questionable quality of results."

Herd also reminded trustees of the rising cost of education: this year's budget was \$94-million. "While costs have risen significantly in the educational sector, as elsewhere, relief has not been forthcoming, as the Ministry of Education, continues to increase demands and expectations on school boards and at the same time has

decreased the percentage of funding available."

Turning closer to home, Herd revealed, that declining enrolment in Halton "means little or nothing to the taxpayers" because it is "very slight."

"Declining enrolment somehow became a panacea for financial ills to some people and to the media."

Looking forward to the new year Herd predicted "the most comprehensive planning document to every be undertaken by this board," the Long Term Plan, will surface next June. Work on the plan started in January.

Teacher evaluation, a

Teachers attend cancer program

In November, a joint meeting was held by the Acton Branch and the Georgetown Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society at the Acton Public Library. A welcome to the Georgetown members was extended by Acton president Susan Sale.

Education Chairman, Rena Arbie, reported that seven teachers from Acton had attended the Cancer program held during the last P.D. Day and Dave Boycott had been given films and

the "Smoking Sam" machine for use in Acton Schools in the near future.

With the help of several Acton Merchants, McDonalds calendars will go on sale to the public at a cost of 50 cents each, proceeds from the sale of these calendars will help establish "Ronald McDonald House" in Toronto. This house will be for the use of families of cancer-stricken children who must come to the hospital in Toronto for treatment.

Service-to-Patients Chairman Susan Kuechler reported they had been busy during the past month transporting patients for treatment to Hamilton and Toronto. Activity Chairman Jane Telford reported a tea was held for the ladies who contribute their handwork to the Activity Group and that many articles had been handed in which will be included in the bales being sent to the Princess Margaret Hospital for Christmas. Time and effort spent by these people who have contributed these items to be given to cancer-stricken patients, at Christmas time is much appreciated.



Adrienne Kovacs, 9, of 45 Rosemary Rd., Acton was an honorable mention winner in the Halton Region Fire Prevention Committee's 1979 fire prevention poster contest. She's a student in M. Z. Bennett School. At the regional council meeting on Wednesday, Adrienne received a plaque and Halton Hills Mayor Peter Pomeroy also presented a pen.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

A CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN ACTON AND DISTRICT

Acton High School Drama Club presents two fast-paced, witty 1-act comedies on Thurs., Dec. 13 and Fri., Dec. 14 at Acton High School. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Curtain at 8 p.m.

Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic at Acton Legion Hall, Thursday, December 13, 1979, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Blood urgently needed. Transportation: Phone 853-1868 or 853-0910. Babysitting available. Santa Claus will attend this clinic.

Teacher talks continuing

Contract talks between Halton's high school teachers and the Board of Education are continuing.

Halton Board of Education and Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation representatives are tentatively set to meet tonight (Wednesday) at Burlington for negotiations.

The two sides met Thursday and Friday, as scheduled. Talks stretched into Friday night then continued Saturday afternoon.

So far a mediator has not been called into the talks.

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Why not start these new fathers off on the right foot? A car was seen to stop by the side of the highway here (when the weather was warmer, of course), and while the

woman sat in the car the man got out, laid the baby on the hood of the car and changed its diaper. Convenience en route.

Mrs. Wesley Bruce has returned to her home in Whitewood, Sask., having spent an enjoyable two months visiting with her sons Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bruce and their families.

Gary Ferguson, John Fuller, Bill Fuller and

Neil Baldwin, went to Montreal to see the Grey Cup football game between the Edmonton Eskimos and Montreal Alouettes. They also took in the hockey game at the Montreal Forum on Saturday night.

Mrs. Vernon Stewart is home again from her trip west, visiting relatives. At Kelowna, B.C. she stayed with her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hawks and family, then to Surrey, B.C. to visit her aunt Mrs. Ida King and cousins, and from there to Vancouver to see more cousins. At Calgary she enjoyed a visit with her son and daughter, Jim and Carol. She reported an amusing incident while in Calgary. She planned to attend a church service, so went to the Baptist Church which was nearby. It happened to be bilingual, and the first service was in German, which she couldn't understand, so she remained for the

regular English service at 11 a.m., which was a little more comprehensive.

The annual Christmas concert at the school is on

Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. It is always a rewarding and enjoyable evening, and everyone is welcome to come and see the children perform.

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