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was hydroelectric in nature, surprised committee member Steve Toth, himself an Ontario Hydro employee. He said that in county days the cost of electricity was usually calculated down to the penny. Because machinery tends to operate at the same amount of wattage, he said he could not understand "how you could be this far out."

Mr. Barrett was more explicit. "If this continues they (staff) should be out the door," he said. He said he could not understand how the senior staff had allowed the payment "of funds which aren't in the budget." Mr. Reid and Mr. Farmer said one of the reasons was a lack of good information from the computer which was recently installed. "Someone should have told us. Someone should have flagged this," said Milton Mayor Don Gordon. Mr. Reid said part of the problem is the region lacks a systems analyst which would go a long way to finding where there are errors in accounting. A report of how to solve the problem in the future is to come to committee by the next meeting—in addition to a promise by Mr. Reid and Mr. Farmer that the printout of the accounts be tabled for committee review every month so cost overruns can be identified.

Board aims balance staff

Uniform opportunity for education in the face of declining enrolments and an aging staff is one of the main problems for the Long Term Planning Committee, the sub-committee on staffing. The first report, on program, was tabled earlier this month. The staffing sub-committee's four-page report gives one direction to school staffs. They "should be assigned to achieve a desirable balance considering several characteristics which provide for equality of education opportunity for students and for the professional growth of teachers and administrators."

The sub-committee expects no additional direct cost to achieve its first priority. However, Stoney anticipates "asking for board support for reasonable increases in funds" for staff development. One way the sub-committee anticipates no direct cost for the first priority—balance of staff—is to make fuller use of provincial grants. Stoney indicated the board is not making the most of Ministry of Education grants for special education and French as a second language.

"This direction will try to set a criteria to balance staff," according to superintendent Rae Stoney, chairman of the sub-committee. "The degree of that balance may extend to departments. Stoney hinted there may be a balance sought between the ages of school staff and between specialist and generalist teachers. One major factor taken into consideration by the sub-committee is declining enrolments. In elementary schools it is not so much a problem because the "decline has bottomed out," according to the report. High school enrolment is another story. "We expect to decline at the rate of approximately 900 students per year for the next five years."

The second direction sought by the sub-committee would see the systematic development of the skills and capabilities of all staff. Halton's staff "is highly competent and effective," according to the report. Research in education opens the door to building upon that competence.

District schools plan Education Week

Education week is happening next week with a myriad of events planned at all district schools. Rockwood Centennial Public School is holding a music night on Tuesday May 6 at 7:45 p.m. featuring a small play and musical entertainment. On Thursday the 8th sees Karen Fraser from the Heritage Committee visit at 1.15 to tell the grades 5 to 8 about the history of Rockwood. At 2.30 the same day Rockwood resident Mary Milne will tell the primary grades stories. On Friday the 9th mothers of grade 2 to 4 students will be invited to a special assembly to receive their mother's day gifts.

Ospringle School is being visited by Ann Graham who will show slides and talk about Fiji and New Zealand. Films will be shown all week from the National Film Board of Canada concerning a trip across Canada. An open house will be held Thursday the 8th at 8 p.m. where parents and visitors will be entertained by the choir, speeches, a slide show of school activities by Mr. Peniston, staff member, and a visit to the rooms. The Erin District High School band will be playing for Ospringle students on Monday May 5. Eramosa School has as its theme the "TV Connection" and is producing programs designed to guide parents and children in wise selection of television programs. With this in mind their open house on Tuesday May 7 at 7.30 p.m. will feature a television program done by the students and video-taped by the Wellington board office photographers. Parents will be able to watch the presentation on two television sets. School activities the week before and the week after continue the television theme with script writing, stories,



Credit Valley Conservation Authority tree planters were busy near Ballinacraig Friday. A crew of six men put dozens of Norway Spruce and White Pine into the ground of Hugh Woods farm on the Eighth Line. CVCA workers Paul Kennedy, left, and Brian Kristy did their share. CVCA trees may be used for reforestation, wind breaks or erosion control.

Acton High

their unit on Spring. This week they're planting seeds. We wish them luck on their gardens. The grade one's will be going with Mrs. Robertson to the circus next Monday. The grade two's are continuing to work on their bird projects. Miss Lebel's sixes and sevens are putting on skits in Language. Mr. Morris' grade eights are having a bowl-a-thon to raise money for their class trip to camp Tawingo. They have already raised \$25.00 from the Bake Sale they had on Wednesday April 23, for the younger grades. The next Bake Sale is on Wednesday April 30th.

The school beat

by Janet Rowe
For the last week senior students have had their heads buried in their books studying for exams, which start tomorrow and run until next Tuesday. On May 7, grade 12 English classes will travel to Sheridan College in Oakville and Erindale College to tour the campuses. This field trip will be very helpful for those students that are planning on attending one of these colleges in the fall. The track and field team at Acton High, is once again out training for upcoming meets.

St. Joseph's

Mrs. Graham would like to say that the First Confession last Thursday went very nicely. The students that participated in this event are now looking forward to their First Holy Communion on Sunday May 11 at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Graham's class will be joining Mrs. Robertson's class at the circus in Hamilton on Monday. Mr. Briggs would like to remind the parents that our next Activity Day is Friday May 9. Mrs. Munkacs's class is finding out how things grow, while studying

M.Z. Bennett

by Lisa McIsaac
This week, our new T-shirts with the M.Z. Bennett crests are being sold. The price is \$4. On Monday the Grade 4 classes went on a field trip to the McMichael Art Gallery near Kleinberg. They went there because they have been studying Canadian Art and Artists. Today, Mr. Magwood's Parent Survey was due. Many people have sent theirs back already. Now Mr. Magwood has a big job on his hands trying to put together all of the answers.