



Three-year-old Natasha Elson hugs one of her favorite puppets after Friday's show in the Acton library. Peggy Ancker, also pictured and Mary Kekle were the puppeteers for the show. Hennie Venema and Shirley Ancker did the voices on tape. Many parents and youngsters took in the entertainment.

Casual teachers get full retro-active pay

Halton's part time secondary school teachers will be treated the same as Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) members as far as retro-active pay is concerned.

"Last year we paid them (the part time teachers) retroactive pay. This year we will pay them retroactive to September in accordance with the 1979-80 agreement as opposed to the rate in effect when they were working," Halton Board of Education salary committee chairman Cam Jackson said Thursday.

Halton board trustees discussed the retroactive pay matter during an in camera session. The discussion came about because of reaction to pay cheques received by part time teachers which

were retroactive to June 11. Part time teachers, who are hired to take over classes for regular teachers who are ill or pregnant, are not OSSTF members, so they are not covered by the new contract.

An arbitrator settled the OSSTF-board salary dispute on June 11. The contract is retroactive to September for Halton's 1,165 full time high school teachers. Part time teachers who worked from, for example, September to November would not receive retroactive pay under recent board action.

Some part time teachers sounded out trustees concerning their attitudes to the retroactive pay matter prior to Thursday's meeting.

In an unrelated question the Halton trustees voted down a proposed seven per cent

pay raise for summer school teachers.

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Trustees allow spray of 2,4-D

The herbicide 2,4-D was almost banned from Halton Board of Education school grounds.

Oakville trustee Elsie Hilson nearly succeeded in urging a majority of trustees to immediately ban the use of the herbicide "until there is absolute proof that it is harmless to humans."

Nine trustees voted against the motion. Eight were in favor. It is the second defeat for a Hilson 2,4-D motion in two years.

"I'm fed up with people asking if I've proof 2,4-D causes cancer. I think the question should be, is there proof that it does not," said Hilson.

"For the sake of the children, I'm asking that we don't use it," pleaded the Oakville trustee.

Director of Education Em Lavender assured trustees that the board has checked, again, with the provincial ministry of the environment con-

cerning 2,4-D. The ministry defends the proper use of the herbicide, said Lavender.

"I don't go along with any logic that says don't do it till you have absolute proof," Burlington trustee Bill Priestner said.

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Leslie clan hold reunion

The 52nd bi-annual reunion of the Leslie clan was held Saturday July 5 at Halton Presbytery Camp grounds, Blue Springs, celebrating 161 years the family have been in Canada.

A new Family Record Book has been compiled and is available from the secretaries.

The afternoon of games, races and the renewing of friendship with relatives and the meeting of new ones was most enjoyable.

Members attended from Alberta, Manitoba, Summit New Jersey, Boston Mass., Toronto, Mississauga, Burlington, Hamilton, Woodstock, Ingersoll, Sarnia, Cobourg, Carp, Perth, Cambridge, Kitchener, Ridgetown,

Orangeville, Erin, Georgetown, Rockwood, and Acton.


President Robert G. Leslie, R.R. 3, Acton, welcomed all and presided for the business meeting. Robert D. Leslie, R.R. 4, Georgetown, past president, gave the in-memoriam, and conducted the election of officers for 1981 and

1982. The officers are president Keith Leslie, R.R. 4, Georgetown, first vice-president, Mrs. Graeme Hibbs, R.R. 1, Erin, second vice-president, Hugh Leslie, R.R. 4, Acton, secretary-treasurer Mrs. Robert G. Leslie, R.R. 3, Acton and recording secretaries Mrs. Wilfrid Leslie, R.R. 4, Georgetown,

and Miss Elva Pearen, R.R. 3, Acton.

Special prizes were given out by Herb Dolson, R.R. 1, Terra Cotta. Music on a piano accordion was provided by John R. Allan, Mississauga, for a lively sing-song.

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