



John Van Dyk, left and Tryntje Van Dyk-Visser travelled all the way from Holland to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with family in Acton. They also celebrated their 40th anniversary here and say they'll be back for the 75th.

Dutch couple celebrate 50th anniversary here

A Dutch couple who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary here 10 years ago returned to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Jan Van Dyk and Tryntje Van Dyk-Visser, of Koudum, Friesland in northern Holland, arrived recently to celebrate their anniversary with their daughters Mrs. Jan Vryenhoek of Acton and Mrs. Bea Van der Kooy of Guelph, granddaughter Tineke Vryenhoek, sons-in-law Kors Vryenhoek and Jake Van der Kooy, seven other grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The couple were married October 18 in Workum, also a town in northern Holland and have travelled to Canada 10 times. This time they came via the United States, since their flight was diverted to Buffalo due to the general clerks' strike. Their luggage arrived three days later. They will be staying in Acton for three months. Mr. and Mrs. Van Dyk said their marriage has lasted because they love one another and look after one another. They added they will be back to celebrate their 75th anniversary.

St. Alban's news

On Sunday, October 19 two new sisters were welcomed into the congregation of Christ's flock and into the family of St. Alban's: Tammy Lynn Bosch, daughter of Roy and Susan Bosch, R.R. 2, Guelph, godparents Roy and Marie Brooks; and Joanne Lynn Hardy, daughter of Gary and Janet Hardy, godparent Muriel Chapman.

On Sunday, October 26 the children of the Church School joined the congregation in the church and presented a short skit as well as singing a number of delightful choruses.

Something new will be taking place at St. Alban's starting on November 9. There will be a Eucharist service using a modern rite and joyful hymns and choruses will be sung. It is planned to have this service on the second Sunday of every month and it is hoped many of the young people of the church will join in.

Board retirement gratuities may cost taxpayers \$30-M

Costs for retirement gratuities for Halton Board of Education staff are predicted to be more than \$30-million by the end of the century. That prediction plus a recommendation to set up a reserve fund to cover part of the cost was tabled by staff during Thursday's board meeting.

The \$30,716,625 price tag covers the gratuity for caretakers, clerical and other staff as well as all Halton teachers. Trustees' reaction to the 15-page report ranged from a desire for clarification and a justification for the recommendation to an illustration that one group of teachers could earn more in their first year of retirement than in their final year of employment.

Milton-Halton Hills trustee John Bradley and Burlington's Bill Priestner wanted a simply worded justification for the recommendation to "establish a reserve which will partially fund future liabilities".

One concern held by Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation President Ron Ness is that teachers "become the whipping boys for that money". He had, however, "no problems in terms of the basic concept."

Georgetown trustee Barry Shepherd failed in his bid to pressure the staff to establish "an average retirement pay". "How do teachers compare with the rest of society?"

"Under the current scheme of things it's possible for a teacher to earn more in the first year of retirement than in the last year of work," observed Burlington Trustee Cam Jackson when the staff was unable to produce precise figures

for Shepherd. Controversy flared between the board and OSSTF during this year's contract negotiations concerning the gratuity. The board tried to drop the paragraph from the agreement. Teachers succeeded in keeping in the document.

Most of the \$30,716,625 cost for the present retirement gratuity—\$24 million or so—is aimed at high school and elementary teachers. The balance is for secretarial, clerical and custodian staffs.

Retirees get one gratuity payment. For a person to be eligible, he must be employed by the board for at least 15 years.

Since retirement gratuities have been paid in Halton, starting 11 years ago, \$1,829,378 has been paid to 285 people.

If the report is adopted during the board's next meeting, the retirement gratuity program will be reviewed every five years. That is a feature which OSSTF President Ness finds important.

Some of the assumptions contained in the report are sources of concern for some trustees and OSSTF.

Priestner observed that calculations of mill rates do not assume the eventual change by government to market value assessment.

OSSTF president Ness questioned the assumption that all employees of age 45 years or older will retire from the Halton board by the turn of the century. An employee may change jobs and re-leave the board of the need to pay the gratuity.

And not all employees are eligible for retirement gratuity, according to Ness. He used the example of the eight secondary teachers who retired last year. Three of them were not eligible.

The early retirement of teachers is advantageous to OSSTF and the board, said Ness. He noted that when a teacher retires at age 55 or less, he is not going to get the retirement gratuity of someone waiting until he is 65.

Other teachers who may not be eligible for full retirement gratuity are one from private industry—for example shop teachers—who join the profession late in life.

Such teachers may not have all 200 days sick leave in the bank or the 15 years service for the gratuity.



On Sept. 27, a party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Pendergast, 17 George Street to celebrate the eightieth birthday of Mrs. Pendergast, Sealar, who lives in East York. Twenty-three friends and relatives helped Mrs. Pendergast celebrate.

Radar squad pulls them in

The introduction of a special three-man police radar squad is showing definite results, report Halton Regional Police.

A total of 214 highway traffic act charges were laid during an eight-day period in north Halton alone, between Oct. 10 and Oct. 17.

Of that number, 207 were speeding violations

To the electors of ERIN TOWNSHIP RE-ELECT

JOHN REID
FOR DEPUTY-REEVE

- ★ Experience in the past
- ★ Progress in the future

VOTE NOV. 10

No payoffs, corruption at Region

There have been "no payoffs and no corruption" at Halton Region, as have been suggested by an Oakville Councillor.

Acting Chief Administrative Officer Dennis Perlin said he had made a thorough investigation of charges made by Councillor Laurie Mannell regarding an Oakville subdivision.

Mr. Perlin rejected Mr. Mannell's call for a "complete investigation into financial affairs of the Region as they now exist and submit to council a full report on the exact status of all money received, budgeted, and allocated."

Mr. Perlin read the Mannell letter clause by clause and was able to refute all the suggestions contained to the satisfaction of the Administration and Finance Committee.

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For Erin Township RE-ELECT

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Basic Cardiac Life Support Courses (including CPR) are being offered at the Acton "Y". The first course is underway but openings are available for:

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NOTICE
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON

REFERENDUM QUESTION

NOTICE is hereby given to all municipal electors of The Corporation of The Town of Milton, that a vote will be taken at the 1980 Municipal and School Board Elections on the following question:

"Are you in favour of the Town of Milton seeking changes to the present structure of Regional Government by having more planning and servicing responsibilities returned to the Town from the Region of Halton?"

YES _____
NO _____

This question was authorized by Milton Council by By-law No. 70-80, and will appear on all ballots used in the 1980 Elections. The question requires either a "Yes" or "No" response. ALL VOTERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO RESPOND TO THE QUESTION.

Your BALLOT may be cast at either of the advance polls held on Saturday, November 1st or Tuesday, November 4th, or on regular polling day on Monday, November 10th, 1980.

I hereby certify that the above-captioned question is a true and accurate copy of the question contained in By-law 70-80.

Dated: October 8th, 1980 R. Main
Clerk Co-ordinator