# Patterson takes swing at police as he bids council adieu Monday

emotional con-

colleagues adieu.

Ward one councillor Wood was defeated in his bld for re-election while Patterson decided to retire this year and spend

the entire winter at his years, and staff mem- One). He suggested he bers. He suggested that if Florida home. Wood said it had been Councillor Harry Levy an exciting two years and was finance chairman for thanked councillors who the next council he conassisted him over the sider spending more rough spots over the two money in Acton (Ward

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would be back in two

Patterson went out swinging, taking a shot a Halton Police, whom he said advised a complalnant it would take one and a half hours for a patrol car to arrive at the scene where someone was shooting wild geese with a firearm. The rural resident was advised the only car available was involved in solving a break and enter in Georgetown, Patterson

The retiring councillor said he had lived in the country for a long time and he never knew of an instance where they had to wait more than 25 to 30 minutes for the Ontario Provincial Police to get to the scene of an accident.

"We're paying big bucks," he said, and should be getting better service. He advised the police commission.

"This is no swan song," he told council.

Councillor Mike Armstrong agreed he thought Patterson's retirement was premature since there was a lot of life left in the old bird yet. He figured he might be back as mayor some day.

brushed aside Armstrong's forecast and pald tribute to both members of retiring The mayor sald he was

Mayor Peter Pomeroy

impressed with the way Wood handled himself election night when it was evident he was going down to defeat. He said Wood had done a good job at the Region in his quiet way and never falled when anything was asked

of him. "We'll miss you," he confided. Pomeroy had three adjectives to describe

Patterson-"colorful, enjoyable and unique.' "There'll never be another Patterson," he said, noting his way of expressing himself would long stay in his mind. He recalled some of his

favorites. "The farmers can't afford it." "The Region spends money like drunken Hostess was Mrs. R. L.

sailors." "I want you to know

Mr. Mayor, this town is going nowhere." "Rural people are getting nothing for their

tax dollars." The mayor concluded hoping the next council sees some of the ac-

complishments of the last two years

Burlington trustee Bill

enshrining retirement

gratulties; that is en-

suring that they are a

Elaine Riehm, another

Burlington trustee, dis-

agreed. "I agree trustees

in the province wish to

decrease the liability.

agree if we fund it fully, it

would be enshrining, but

we're not, so we are not

enshrining future liabil-

lties only recognizing

would rather see a

sinking fund created to

replace old buildings.

Trustee Cam Jackson

said the province helps

with replacing struc-

tures; however, it is fis-

cally irresponsible, he in-

dicated, not to do some-

thing more about retire-

Over the next 20 years

\$30,716,625 for care-

takers, clerical and other

ment gratuities.

estimates,

Priestner indicated he

present liabilities.

permanent part

teacher contracts.

# **Board shelves**

would have partially paid Education will continue for the gratuity. to pay retirement gratuities with its wallet Priestner viewed the proposal as a step towards rather than the plggy

bank. Board trustees voted 10 to eight in favor of paying retirement gratuities, amounting to \$30 million by the end of the century,

from current funds rather than set up a reserve fund. The vote killed an administration scheme which would have set

aside some money each year to help cover the of retirement 01 board gratuitles employees. retirement gratuity is a bonus which employees-

teachers on mostly retirement. In order to qualify for the gratuity teachers must have 200 sick days of leave in the bank plus 15 years of ser-

The only gain in the administration's according to trustee D. G. Morton "is to make it smoother as an counting practice." The board is legally

retirement gratuitles, according to board staff obligated to pay retirement gratuities. The proposed fund

staff as well as high school and elementary teachers.

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Mrs. W. Lasby, prestdent, welcomed a fine crowd of members to plained methods, and Dublin WI meeting on

The Acton Free Press has three winners in its recent carrier contest. David

Jansen, left, won a Ronald McDonald watch, while David Paul-who signed up the

most new customers-won a hockey stick, spending money and tickets to Maple

Leaf Gardens, and Mike Cunningham also won Leaf hockey tickets. Every carrier

was eligible. The more new customers each signed, the more chances he has in the

Will miss music festival

submitted prices on the C. Armstrong was noted restoration of the on the annual branch Davidson, Churchill Rd. Grandmothers' Quilt program with curiosity Block Book. It was and interest. As a result, discussed and agreed to a history of yoga was pages photographed and microfilmed and added Tweedsmuir the Book. original Book will be

placed in the Agricultural Museum in Milton. A number of books entitled "History and Atlas of the County of

Regret was expressed by Mrs. David Hunter, as Calendars. Chairman of Education H Girls and their friends and Cultural Activities, were at Achievement that the North Halton Day in Milton recently, Music Festival will no longer be held in the as reported by Mrs. M. schools due to a lack of interest. For many years was much interest shown the branch has been a in the day's program. supporter

Congratulations will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. financially of this good Arthur Diamond when Committee, who hope to

p.m. to 5 p.m. "Take Time to Grow" was the theme of the Annual Area Convention of the Women's Institute. W. Britton, Mrs. D. on October 23-24 in Noblett and Mrs. D. Guelph, and a full and Appleyard served lunch

banquets, including a the delegate. Four wedding, within the next hundred ladies attended the banquet in connection with this Convention.

"A Surprise" by Mrs. given which had its beginning 4,000 years ago in India. Exercises were for the betplained Members joined along in the exercises and enjoyed the lesson in

"Yoga". November Halton" were offered for meeting always brings on sale, as well as WI an auction sale. Wielding a heavy hammer, Mrs. B. A fine attendance of 4- Alder, as auctioneer, the sale meant everyone went home with pickles, jams, vegetables, homebaking or handwork as Hunter, who said there supplied by the other members, with a nice

amount for the treasury Mrs. Lasby mentioned the Christmas meeting would be held on they celebrate their 40th December 11 at 6.30 p.m. wedding anniversary on at the home of Mrs. G. December 7 at Ebenezer McMillan, 25 Sideroad. United Church from 2 Members were reminded to bring their Secret Pal Gift and a gift for the

hamper: Mrs. D. Hunter, Mrs. interesting report was and Mrs. P. Levy exgiven by Mrs. D. Moffat, tended courtesies.

## having Theta Phi

Dublin WI

Thursday

treasury.

consistent

by L. Dennis

Substituting for the

Norton looked after her

work. Roll Call was

answered by the most

useful article I ever

purchased at an auction

A semi-annual report

by the treasurer revealed

a busy year and a

splendid amount in the

Mrs. M. Nellis and

Mrs. C. Armstrong

requorted for the Quilt

get busy in the New Year.

Mrs. E. Wilson, Con-

vener, turned in a very

good amount of money as

proceeds from a recent

auction sale. She also

reported the committee

secretary. Mrs.

## Welcome new members

and a tour of the Free and a toy box. The memby Dian Bowers The beginning of a new Press. Guests at meetyear for Theta Phi has ings included Brian been a whiriwind of activities. Our first two events got us back into the swing of things. One pen and ink schetching. was a holiday auction,

ride at the Gwen farm in

In October we wel-

comed five pledges

Kathy Campbell, Janis

Fread, Lorraine Golden,

Wendy Muir and Cheryl

Ballinafad.

Skerrett giving a talk on goal setting and Laura Dittrich demonstrating garage sale and a social evening with prospective new members and for the other we went off to the country, spouse in hand for an old fashioned hay-

members painted a room mas cookies and doing in Milton and contributed convenience packages energetic year ahead.

bers have been very busy filling orders for cookie houses, macramed Santa Heads as well as selling tickets for a rafle.

Theta Phi will be curl-During the fall our ing. exchanging Christat Halton Women's Place more service work in the community

# Centre looks for

The Halton Developmental Centre for mentally retarded children made a special plea for volunteers last week at an audio-visual slide presentation organized by the Acton L'Arche

Auxiliary. Tessmer, Dennis director of the Centre, told 15 people present at St. Jospeh's Hall Monday Nov. 10 for the presentation, the Centre had started an adult volrecruitment untcer campaign earlier this year. The slide presentation, showing a

"realistic look" at the school, is part of it. Volunteers, he said. and getting worse, but or carpentry. Or they

the campaign has met could use donations of with some success. Centre, which

started operations in April 1976, is a daycare tarded children between five and 18-years-old.

It's used by families who want to keep their communication,

severely retarded children at home and send them to daycare. There they learn language, vior managing, motor skills and various other (NHAMR). self-help skills.

of three to one.

mas toys. The Centre operates school for mentally-re- week close down to ac-

year-round with a twocommodate staff holl-

governed by the Ministry of Community and Social Services and is jointly operated by Oakville. Burlington, and North Halton Associations for

Julie Conroy, president

The Centre, located in of the Acton L'Arche a renovated wing of E.C. Auxillary, which is part Drury High School in of the NHAMR, said the Milton, has an enrolment purpose of the preexposure to the Centre's

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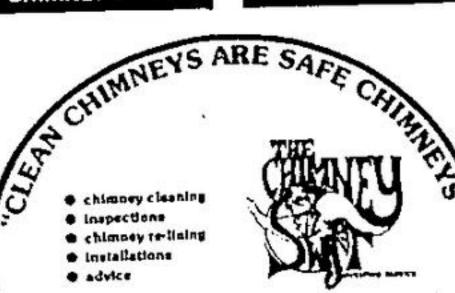
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Modular schools in future

Modular schools may be the schools of the future and certainly worth a look by the Halton Separate School Board, according to Halton Hills trustee Hartley Sherk.

of Toronto The idea of a modular school was first sug-

Robinson. Some of our activities included The Preferential Tea, a visit to the Georgetown Health club, Exclusively yours

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Sherk told the Board he has been told by the Ministry that they have no intention of building large schools and closing them up within a few years, something which is now happening in parts

gested to Sherk and

members of a delegation inquiring at the regional office of the Ministry for additional funds for a school in Acton. Sherk Sunday, Nov. 23, 1980 said he is not selling the 11.00 a.m. - Worship Service modular school to get a facility in Acton, but feels The Church on the Hill is an modular is the way to go interdenominational congre- whether in Acton, nation ministering to the Georgelown, Burlington or anywhere else in the Region.

local volunteers Centre does have volunteers from area high schools, including Acton High School for a three month period, as well as volunteers from early childhood education pro-

grams at Sheridan College for a six month per-But he added, volunteers don't need special training or education.

hour a week or an hour a day, as long as it's consistent. Volunteers also don't have to work with the children. Tessmer sald the Centre needs people are difficult to come by with such skills as sewing

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