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by Rev. Art Tribe

Spring is such a beautiful time of the year! Our loving God creates and sustains His creation. The changes of the seasons are in accordance with and are part of His plan for His universe.

Spring is a time of renewal. A time of birth and rebirth as grass, plants, flowers, shrubs and trees come to life.

I love the different shades of green that appear as tender leaves spring forth on the great variety of trees God has provided.

Spring is also a time of renewed activity as we plant flowers and our vegetable gardens.

Fellowships are renewed over garden fences as neighbors chat.

Next Sunday is the Day of Pentecost. We remember that first Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was sent into the world by God the Father and Jesus Christ. We learn of God's purpose for the Holy Spirit in Holy Scripture, especially in John's Gospel. Jesus, before His Ascension to heaven said,

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments and I will pray to the Father and He will give you another Counsellor, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth...the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit. . . will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. . ." (John 14)

All of God's plans and purposes are for the good of us, His people. Spring is a time to recall all of God's blessings that He showers upon us. It is a time to be grateful and a time to renew our covenant relationship with Him. Be a faithful and a worshipping member of God's family. Worship regularly. in the church of your choice. We have so much for which we should be thankful to God.



All the Acton school bands and choirs got together to sing a finale for approximately 450 people at Acton High School last Wednesday night,

School choirs in harmony

The Acton "family of schools" gathered their musical talent together last Wednesday night to perform a concert at Acton High School.

Choirs and bands from McKenzie-Smith, Robert Little, St. Joseph's, M.Z. Bennett and Acton High School entertained nearly 500 people free of charge.

The concert was videotaped to be distributed later to other schools.

McKenzie-Smith's choir sang a Woodland Message and Life Keeps Movin' with a flute accompaniment by Jennifer Murr. The school's band featured Strawberry Rock and Puff the Magic Dragon.

Robert Little's choir sang Ships Of Newfoundland and Morning has Broken. St. Joseph's School Choir performed Hear Me, Those Who See Light, and Joy

Is Like The Rain. M.Z. Bennett Primary Choir and

Instrumentalists performed Listen To The Water and Spring, and Acton High School's Concert Band brought to life Harlem Nocturne and a symphonic portrait of Andrew Lloyd Webber.

All bands and choirs joined together for a finale of They All Call It Canada and Its A Small World.

Lost control

A 19-year-old Rockwood man has been charged with careless driving after his car left the road and rolled over in a ditch.

The man was attempting to make a lefthand turn onto the Eramosa Town Line off the Erin County Line. The driver was unhurt, but a 19-year-old passenger suffered minor injuries in the single-car accident. Damage to the car was estimated at \$5,000.

Public invited to comment on flood plain report

In the fall of 1982, the Government of Ontario released a document entitled, Flood Plain Criteria-A Policy Statement of the Government of Ontario on Planning for Flood Plain Lands.

This statement of policy was jointly prepared by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

The purpose was to inform citizens and government officials at all levels of the Province's policy relating to development on flood plain lands, the administration of this policy, and to provide notice that the statement would be adopted under the new Planning Act which was passed by the Provincial Legislature in August, 1983.

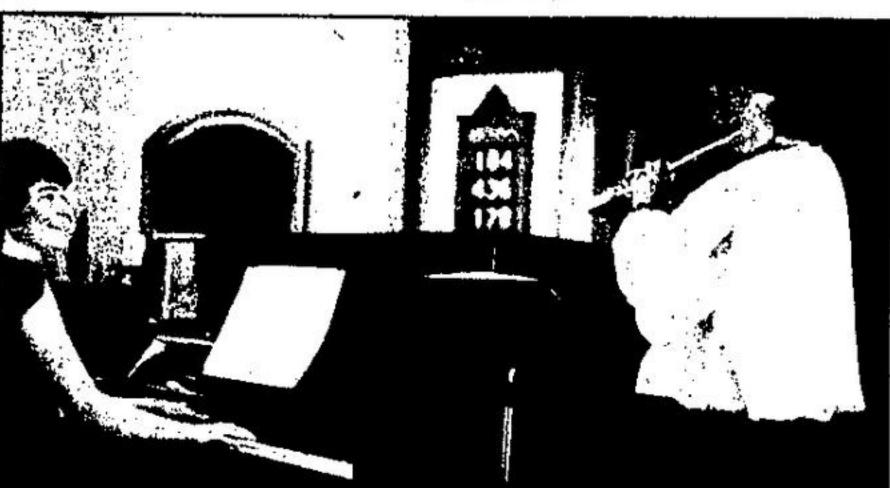
Late last autumn, the Minister of Natural Resources appointed a Flood Plain Review Committee. Public meetings were held throughout the Province, to inform the public and to receive additional comments

on the administration of flood plain policy.

Over 300 submissions were presented to the committee and on March 29 of this year. the Minister of Natural Resources released the Flood Plain Review Committee's Taylor Report, with a request for reaction to the Committee's recommendations to be received by June 30, 1964.

The Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) has now prepared a draft copy of its comments relating to the Flood Plain Review Committee's report.

By recommendation of the GRCA, these comments have been forwarded to watershed municipalities for discussion purposes. If requested, representatives of the Conservation Authority will be meeting with members of councils to discuss the implications of the Taylor Report, and to provide additional explanation that may assist in their review.



Susan McNally gave a flute recital Sunday afternoon at Acton Baptlet Church for an enthuslastic crowd. She was accompanied on plane by Hamilton's Nancy Munger.

HALTON ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **DECEMBER 31, 1983**

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1983 (with comparative figures for 1982)

CURRENT ASSETS: ASSETS		1983		1982
Cash	S	40,569	- 5	90,915
Investments — at cost		1,486,800		1,500,000
Accounts receivable		1,752,990		1,917,346
Prepaid expense		31,300		12.654
		3,311,659		3,520,915
CAPITAL OUTLAY TO BE RECOVERED IN FUTURE				
YEARS		5,909,429		6,777,416
	2	9,221,088	2	10,298,331
LIABILITIES		5,227,500	_	10,230,331
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		Sec. 100-10-		
Bank and other short-term borrowing		193,562	\$	BAL 677
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities.		193,302	•	805,677
Over-requisition		272 002		100 000
Other		272,097		406,809
		2,249,615		1,950,104
Debt charges due and unpaid		60		60
Other current liabilities		1,325		2,220
		2,716,659		3,164,870
NET LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Note 2)		5,909,429		6.533,000
RESERVE FOR WORKING FUNDS		595,000		595,000
EQUITY IN RESERVE FUNDS				5.461
	\$	9,221,088	\$	10,298,331
Approved on Behalf of the Board:	9.700	***************************************	-	10,000,001
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **DECEMBER 31, 1983**

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The financial statements have been prepared by the Board using accounting principles that are prescribed by the Ministry of Education and are considered appropriate for Ontario school boards. These principles are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, except as follows:

(a) ACCRUAL ACCOUNTING:

Revenue and expenditure are accounted for on the accrual method except: (i) No provision is made for interest on unmatured debt from the date of payment

to the end of the fiscal year. (ii) No provision is made to record the liability for retirement and/or sick leave

benefits accruing over the working lives of employees. (b) FIXED ASSETS: Fixed assets are charged to current expenditure unless tinanced by long-term

debt. Principal and interest charges on net long-term liabilities are included as expenditures in the period due. Fixed assets, described as capital outlay to be recovered in future years, are included on the balance sheet only to the extent of the balances of the related net long-term liabilities outstanding and of the related temporary financing at the end of the fiscal year. (c) RESERVES AND RESERVE FUNDS:

Reserves and reserve funds represent funds appropriated for general and specific purposes and are charged or credited to revenue fund operations in the year appropriated or drawn down. (d) OVER-REQUISITION OF TAXES:

The difference between the net expenditure of any year and the amounts received to finance these expenditures is carried forward to the subsequent year to reduce the net revenue requirement from ratepayers. 2. NET LONG-TERM LIABILITY.

Of the net long-term liabilities outstanding of \$5,909,429, principal amounting to \$2,638,429 plus interest amounting to \$2,237,116 is payable over the next five

Tems as IUMUWS.			
1984	Frincipal \$ 583,038	Interest 531,507	\$ 1,114,54
1985	553,393	488.537	1,041,93
1986	536.000	445,585	982.58
1987	499,000	405,217	904.21
1988	487,000	365,269	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
•	\$ 2,538,529	\$ 2,237,116	\$ 4,875,54
DEBT CHARGES AND CA	PITAL LOAN INTEREST		

The revenue fund expenditure for debt charges and capital loan interest includes principal and interest payments as follows:

Principal payments on long-term liabilities Interest payments on long-term liabilities interest payments on temporary financing of capital projects

612.806 \$ 1,245,008

4. HREVIOUS YEAR'S OVER-REQUISITION: The over-requisition of local taxes at December 31, 1982 has been restated in the 1983 financial statements by a net increase of \$15,774.

The over-requisition was increased by the reversal of a liability on the Board's books in the amount of \$23,800. Such liability was for funds received for the purchase of a school site from a municipality prior to amalgamation of the local separate school boards.

The adjustment was reduced by an overpayment of taxes to the board by the Town of Oakville in 1982. The Town of Oakville reduced the board's requisition in 1983 accordingly

Prior year figures presented for comperative purposes are not restated. LEASE COMMIMENTS. The Board leases certain equipment for periods up to five years. Future minimum

1985

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lesse payments for the next three years for these operating lesses are as follows: 1986 \$ 29,783

The Board has transactions in conjunction with the Board of Governors of Catholic High Schools of Hallon Region with respect to the operations of Assumption High School. The Board of Governors reimburses the board for its share of operating costs of the school and its pro-rata share of leachers' salaries. At year end, included in accounts receivable, is \$292,953 due from the Board of Governors of Catholic High School of Hallon Region. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

On February 15, 1984, the Board purchased land in the Fown of Milton for \$325,000 from the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation For the Diocese of Hamilton. An offer to purchase land from Genstar Corporation closing on March 30, 1984 has been signed by the board. Consideration for this purchase is \$900,000. The land will be used as the site

of a new high school in Oakville, Ontario. The board has approved construction of Our Lady of Victory School in Milton, Ontario by Weber Construction Ltd. of Guelph, Ontario. The tender amount is \$1;179,330. The board has approved the tendering for additions to and renovations of St. Philippe School for

the amount of \$826,911. The above expenditures are to be funded by the Province of Ontario by direct capital grants.

REVENUE FUND STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1983 (with comparative figures for 1982)

EXPENDITURE:	1983	1982
Business administration	\$, 338,044	\$ 312,738
General administration	357,621	286,115
Computer services	46,002	36,552
Instruction	19,346,140	16,527,039
Plant operation and maintenance	2,565,421	2,565,832
Transportation .	1,924,541	1,678,726
Tuition fees	441,202	337,448
Capital expenditures (non-allocable)	2,040,693	1,421,180
Other operating expenditures	66,911	79,738
Debt charges and capital loan interest (Note 3)	1,206,940	1.245,008
Non-operating expenditure excluding transfers	99	
to reserves	87,480	40,738
Total Expenditure	28.5 9.995	40.738 24,531,114
RECOVERY OF EXPENDITURE:	-	
Other school boards — tuition fees and		
miscellaneous	42.000	20.440
Government of Ontario - miscellaneous	42,962	33,112
Government of Canada	30,057	35,363
Individuals — fuition fees	19,426	19,830
Other revenue, excluding transfers from reserves	38,350	35,265
Total Recovery of Expenditure	234,675 365,470	451,003
NET EXPENDITURE	\$ 28,154,525	574,573 \$23,965,541
2.2. 4.1. 2.10. 3.14	20,134,323	\$23,903,341
EINANCING OF NET EXPENDITURE:		
Government of Ontario		
General Legislative Grants	1 12 BAA 450	
Local Taxation:	\$ 22,644,456	\$ 19,766,766
Previous year's over-requisition (Note 4)	422 502	150 740
Local taxation raised in the current year	422,583 5,353,689	150,768
Decrease (increase) in reserves		4,865,798
Distributo (merodaso) in reasonas	28,428,622	[220,000)
To be applied to the following year's taxation:	20,420,022	24,363,350
Net over-requisition	(272,097)	(408,809)
TOTAL	28,154,525	\$ 23,958,541
The accompanying notes form an integral part of t	he financial stat	ementa
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1983 (with comparative figures for 1982)

1982 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE: Fixed assets and work-in-progress: Buildings, furniture and equipment \$ 1,857,426 \$ 1,606,072 School sites and improvements to sites 234,966 2,092,392 1,628,098 Less federal sales tax refund \$ 2,084,603 13,736 \$ 1,614,360 NET CAPITAL EXPENDITURE CAPITAL FINANCING: Balance at beginning of year not permanently \$(274,218) 109,756)

Capital expenditure from revenue fund Transfer to revenue fund

Balance at end of year not permanently financed TOTAL

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Supporters of the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board

We have examined the balance sheet of the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board as at December 31, 1983, the revenue fund statement of operations and the capital fund statement of operations for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as we considered necessary in the cir-

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board as at December 31, 1983 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with ecounting principles described in Note 1 to the financial statements applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Burlington, Ontano March 26, 1984

W.E. HORNE & CO. Chartered Accountants (Municipal Auditors' Licence No. 922)

2,376,819

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1,614,360

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274,218

\$ 1,614,350

Drinking, driving committee will review Milton recommendations

Comments about the drinking and driving problem coming from Milton have been referred to the Halton Hills Drinking and Driving committee chaired by Councillor Pam Sheldon.

Monday night council received the following

resolution from Milton: That Milton Council submit the following recommendations to the Province of Ontario with respect to drinking and driving: (a) That the drinking age in Ontario be raised to 20 years; (b) That the driving age in Ontario be raised to 17 years but that student permits be available for 16 year olds accompanied by an adult; (c) That insurance rates for males and females under 25, not be combined: (d) That driver education at all Ontario High Schools be confpulsory in both writtenfboral and road ex-

perience testing. Councillor Dave Whiting objected to the Milton recommendation concerning insurance rates, suggesting it wouldn't be proper under the Canadian constitution. He also opposed the recommendation dealing with driver training, pointing out council often urges less government and more private enterprise so support of this recommendation would be inconsistent.

Councillor Mike Armstrong said the only council involvement in the local drinking and driving committee should be Sheldon, urging a second councillor not be named. He felt the committee should be a citizens' committee.

He also couldn't support the call for an age of 20 drinking age and age 17 for driving since this was a political consideration and people should be allowed to drive at 16.

Armstrong said no changes in insurance should be made either, adding females receive lower insurance premiums because they are better drivers. Driver training shouldn't be compulsory either, Armstrong

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declared, adding some people may never wish to drive. He noted he has been doing

some research into the drinking and driving problem which he will pass on to the committee. He noted he has found that in Ontario 25 per cent of all drink-Ing drivers are between the ages of 15 and 19, yet only 10 per cent of the drivers are in this age group. Insurance rates have nothing

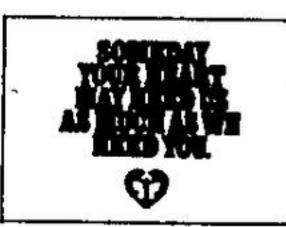
to do with drinking and driving, Councillor Ross Knechtel declared. Driver education wouldn't be much help in solving this problem either, he felt, adding what's needed in the schools is education against drinking and driving and drinking in general.

Historical Society offers input

In the future when the Town is considering changing street names or giving a road a name for the first time the Esquesing Historical Society will be consulted.

Councillor John McDonald said Monday he thought the offer from the community group to provide the Town with input should be accepted.

A resolution was passed calling for the Esquesing Historical Society to not only be informed but also asked to comment on road name changes.



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