

**Draw running late**

Obtaining permission from the artist, printing tickets and other arrangements have left the Friends of the Halton Hills Libraries more than a month late on a Christmas fund-raising draw for one of five Robert Bateman etchings

**Old-fashioned way?**

In accordance with tradition, the Library Board will hold its December meeting at its annual Christmas dinner. Restaurants in Acton and Georgetown are being contacted about accommodations for Dec. 12.

**Computer views**

Asked at a recent public forum to boost their investment in computer technology to afford patrons more access to information, members of the library board heard differing opinions on the subject at a recent Ontario Libraries Association convention.

**Ballinafad**

**Clark cattle top at Royal**

We are enjoying beautiful weather for this late in the season. The fall fairs are over with the biggest one of all, The Royal, ending this past Saturday. By all reports it was better than ever this year. Happy to report that we had some prize winners in our neighborhood. Congratulations to Emmerson Clarke who won prizes on his Shorthorn cattle. He was awarded 1st for Grand Champion Bull and 1st for Reserve Grand Champion Senior female. His son Jeffery also won first for his steer in the 4-H section and was awarded the Queen's Guineas in that class. Lloyd McLean and his son Ross, also won prizes on their horses at the Royal.

The Ballinafad 4-H Homemaking group who named themselves "The Sore Thumbs" members have learned the basic techniques for quilting. The techniques were used in their samples and special projects. Achieve-

ment day will be held at the E.C. Drury school in Milton on December 5 at 7 p.m. The club's display is on gift ideas.

Communion Sunday was observed during the church service. The children were given special instructions by the minister what this sacred service meant to the Christian religion and why it is observed at special times of the year. The junior choir conducted by Allison McKelvey sang an anthem which was very much enjoyed. The flowers placed in the church were in memory of the late Mrs. Edith Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson had their family home for the week-end as daughter Sheila was celebrating a birthday.

Don't forget, those interested in the rug braiding course to be on hand at 7.30 this Thursday evening at the community centre (Nov. (November 22.)

**Separate schools**

**Fact finder advises mediator in dispute**

by Cynthia Gamble

The fact finder appointed in the negotiations between the Halton Separate School Board and the teachers has recommended they seek a third party to resolve their dispute.

Alan Harries in a report released to the public Thursday said there are over 100 clauses within the contract articles which are still in dispute and "... the parties have a considerable amount of work ahead of them to resolve this contract."

Harries said there can be no serious discussion on the economic issues until a realistic costing is made of the various proposals.

The teachers have priced their proposals at 11.67 per cent increase but the Board says it is more in the range of 18.52-19.91 per cent. The Board costs their own proposals at between 3.4-3.56 per cent. Harries in his report, however, said both sides' costings are unreliable.

"The parties are disagreeing with respect to the date the various benefit plans should be cost from and the teachers contend that many of the items which the Board is costing as part of their proposal are in fact not new money items," Harries said.

Among their demands, teachers want a 7.07 per cent salary increase saying that the Board promised to bring the teachers' salaries in line with Halton elementary teachers who recently settled with a 4.4 per cent salary increase.

The Board, however, says that separate school boards have unique funding problems and that the Halton Board is currently in a "fragile" financial situation. The proposed funding by the government has not been implemented and they are uncertain when it will be. Therefore the Board has offered no increase in salary.

Harries has recommended to the two sides an increase between 2.5-3 per cent since all settlements with other separate school boards to date have averaged 2.9 per cent. Harries added that this year is not the year to close the salary gap with the Halton elementary school teachers.

Harries has also recommended that uncertificated teaching experience be entitled to recognition for incremental purposes, earned leave recognition for good attendance be not implemented and board contributions for OHIP premiums, extended health benefit plan, group life insurance and dental care be increased from 85 per cent to 95 per cent with the Sept. 1, 1984 premium.

Harries concluded that a mediator is necessary to resolve many of the differences even though "many of the items are subtle wording changes and in many cases are distinctions without a difference."

The Board and the teachers have met eight times since last February to June 11. Harries was appointed Sept. 19 and the two sides have met two times since then.

**Bateman print first prize in library draw**

By Bettyanne Wellstead

One of five prints of an etching by wildlife artist, Robert Bateman donated to Halton Hills Public Libraries earlier this year will be offered to the public in a lucky Xmas draw, sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Tickets on the valuable etching are now on sale and a draw for the lucky winner will be made a few days before Christmas.

The unique etching of a "Chickadee in a Pine Tree" is the first etching ever done by the artist. It was produced to mark the opening of an exhibition of his work held at the Library-Cultural Centre in June. The value of the work has yet to be determined. At the moment, there are only a handful of prints in circulation, but a few more are expected to be released.

"We were thrilled when Mr. Bateman presented our organization with five prints," says Doug Magwood, chairman of The Friends. "One etching has been framed and will hang in the Georgetown Library's permanent collection, and a second print is being offered in the draw, so that everyone in the area of Halton Hills will have a chance to own a Bateman original."

"We will give further consideration to the remaining prints in 1985," says the chairman. "Certainly they will be used to aid and assist our libraries in Acton and Georgetown in the best way we can find. The work of the libraries is important to everyone, yet the Library Board has only limited funds and needs our assistance."

The Friends organization was established in 1963, holding their first draw for a wildlife painting by a local artist last Christmas. The new group also sponsored the very successful exhibition, Robert Bateman—the Early Years which hung in the gallery for two months.

The framed black-and-white etching which is being offered in this year's draw will be on display at various functions in Halton Hills during the coming weeks and at the libraries in Acton and Georgetown

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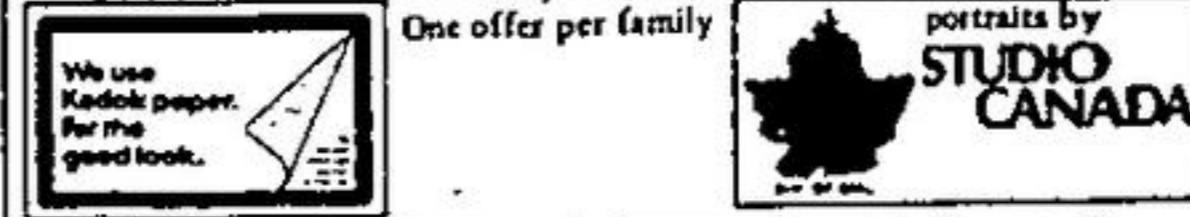


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