

Halton Separate School Board Protests Decision

The Halton County Separate School Board has voiced its strong opposition to the recent Ontario Government decision not to extend financial aid to separate schools past Grade 10.

In a statement released last week, the board described Premier Davis' decision as "unacceptable and educationally unsound" but did not threaten any further action.

It faulted the Ontario government for contradicting its own education policy by not extending "equal educational opportunity" to the province's 420,000 separate school students.

REASONS

The board protest comes less than one month before the October 21 provincial election. Both the Liberals and New Democratic Party favour complete provincial support of separate schools.

The statement stressed "educational and pedagogical" reasons for the board's stand.

"The decision to maintain this arbitrary cut-off half way through a secondary program is incomprehensible in a continuous and integrated process of education."

"How does a Separate school board sensibly plan and develop a curricular learning experience, integrated with the students' needs and progress, when it is denied the administrative power over the last one-sixth of the program?"

STATUS

The statement makes brief mention of the constitutional status of separate schools, noting Ontario's unique policy.

"The separate schools are here by right, they cannot be struck down, they are educating Ontario children with public funds, they should be able to offer an opportunity for education equal to that in the other public schools."

UNFORTUNATE

"It is unfortunate that Ontario, the wealthiest province in Canada, is the only province which does not extend to its minority equal education opportunity with its majority system. Every other Canadian province with a publicly supported minority system allows that system to operate to the end of high school with no resulting fragmentation, religious antagonism, or undue cost. This is the spirit and the intent of the Confederation era."

No One is Too Small Or Too Big

by Marilyn Serjeantson

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SHOW PROMISE

Elizabeth Bowman was in goal for the girls, Sonja Knoepfl and Linda Wilde on defense, Sylvia Martin was centre half.

Elizabeth Bowman played fine goal for the girls Sonja Knoepfl and Linda Wilde presented a strong defense. Sylvia Martin played a cool game at centre half. She and Sheila Rafferty were the only girls to head the ball. Kelly Liley, Theresa Lyles, Susan Innes, Sharon Richardson, Monica Rafferty and Kim Robinson all showed promise.

The referee was Jose Rivard.

Complete Casting For Torch Bearers

Georgetown Little Theatre's first play of the season, "The Torch Bearers" by George Kelly, has been cast and is in rehearsal.

In a sharp and encouraging contrast from a few seasons ago, when a total cast of five or six people was difficult to find, director Des Nicholls heard 17 women and 11 men read for the six women's parts and six men's parts in the play.

Producer Jo Heed has a production staff of over 30 people, a vast improvement over past seasons. However, there are still many areas where help is needed.

SATIRE

"The Torch Bearers", a hilarious satire on a little theatre group producing a play, will be presented on 28, 29 and 30 October.

Thirty-one people attended the September general meeting, including six new members Sandra McIntyre, Bob and Vivianne Macdonald, Joanne Grant, John Hopkins and Joan Christie. Vivianne Macdonald, Joanne Grant and John Hopkins are among "The Torch Bearers" cast.

FORTUNES

Plans for the membership campaign were discussed at the meeting. One of the highlights of the campaign will be a booth at Georgetown Fall Fair, where there will be pie throwing, fortune telling and palm reading and a 15 minute pictorial show, among other things.

Members may be seen parading Georgetown shopping areas on Saturdays dressed in costumes. Brochures and posters have been distributed throughout the town.

Women's Lib Enters Minor Soccer Realm

Women's Lib has invaded minor soccer. Dismal weather September 19 did not dampen the spirits of a girls soccer team as they took on the Aces of the Georgetown Minor Soccer Association and played well though losing 2-1.

The slippery field diminished the girls' ability to control the ball, but they showed great determination in keeping the score close.

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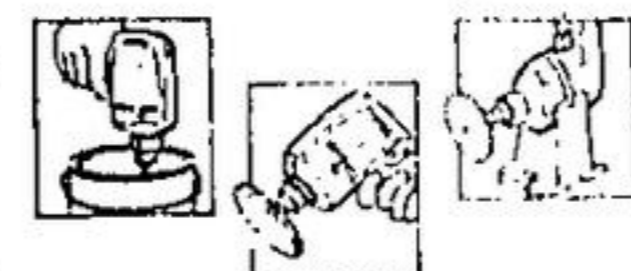
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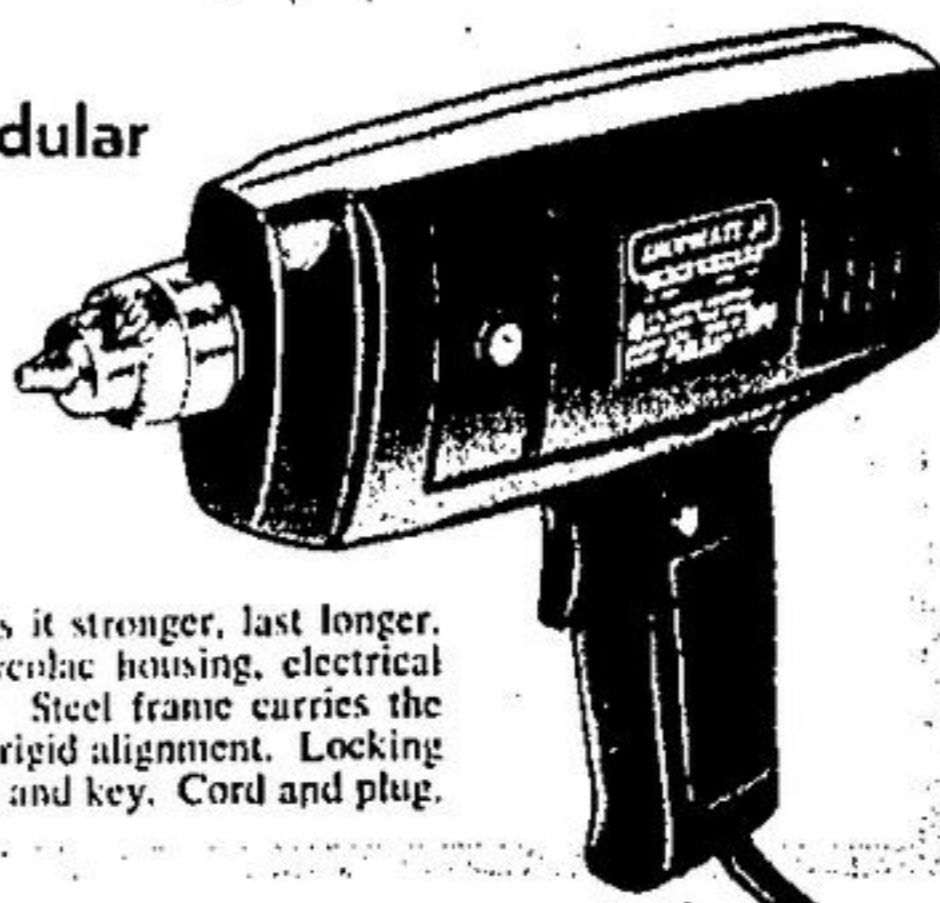
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