

# Oral Communication Festival At St. Francis of Assisi

A grade five Oakville student, with the charming name of Kelly O'Neil was judged the winner of an oral communication festival, held Thursday night at St. Francis of Assisi school.

The winner chose "Mothers" as her topic, and was chosen top speaker by judges P. Monaghan, head of English at Georgetown High School, and J. Myers, Language Arts Consultant for the Halton County Board of Education. Librarian Marjorie Nazar was also supposed to be a judge but she was sick.

There were nine separate schools represented, with Jeannine d'Entremont of Holy Cross, and Catherine de Hueck of St. Francis of Assisi representing Georgetown.

Chairman principal Joseph Huston introduced the judges and Hartley Sheek, Georgetown's representative on the Halton County Separate School Board. The winner Kelly O'Neil was presented with the principals trophy by J. Lughton, of the Halton Separate School Principals' Association. Each of the contestants received an award of merit.

The winner will proceed to the county finals, where the winners from the separate schools and public schools will compete. In March the all Ontario contest will be held.

The contest is sponsored by the Public School Trustees Association of Ontario.

## 4-H Club, Young Sheep Breeders

The organization meeting of Halton 4-H Sheep Club was held January 18th in the Agricultural Office, Milton. Those present were Harris Currie, Valerie Knight, Leslie Knight, Stephen Stanley, Keith McKinnon, Jim McKerr, Kevin Martin and Jamie Couper. Don Harris was the club leader present.

The meeting opened with each member introducing himself and giving the breed of sheep he is raising. A brief outline of last year's program was given in order to give first year members an idea of what is involved in joining the club.

After a brief discussion of the record books the first year members will be keeping on their projects, the performance testing program the other members will be doing was explained. This is a testing program whereby the productivity of each breeding ewe in the flock, and the rate of growth of each lamb produced, can be accurately determined.



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It was suggested that each member should start a library of general information on sheep. The fact sheets which are presently being produced to update and replace some bulletins on sheep, will be used as lesson material this year and should make a good base for a library.

tentative plans for the year. A short quiz on general knowledge about sheep was given. A lesson was taken up on establishing a flock of sheep. Time did not permit the election of officers at this meeting.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Like Japan, Italy lies along an "earthquake belt." The Bay of Naples, with the volcanoes of Vesuvius and Solfatara, literally forms the lid of a vast cauldron.

# Suggests County Take Over High School Health Attendants

The community services committee has recommended to county council that the Halton Health Unit take over the Halton County Board of Education's public health attendants in 14 county high schools.

The recommendation carries the qualifier that the county must receive 100 percent of the costs of the program from the Board of Education. September is the suggested changeover date.

Dr. J. H. Chamberlain, medical health officer, favors the changeover as bringing more flexibility to nursing care in the school system.

Dr. Chamberlain said the only requirement would be for the board of education to instruct the provincial Treasury Board to transfer the funds from the board to the county at that level.

**COSTS**  
Action deputy-revee Pat McKenzie was concerned the costs of administering the program would not be covered by the education fund transfer.

McKenzie said public opinion would demand nurses for the elementary and middle schools. "In Oakville, White Oaks and General Wolfe high schools, across the street from each other, have a full-time nurse

each. Beside them is Montclair middle school with 900 students and no nurse."

**DIFFERENT**  
Dr. Chamberlain said the functions of nurses in the high school setting and the grades 1 to 8 setting are entirely different. The high school attendant gives first aid and counselling directly to the student.

The public health nurse visits the elementary and middle schools and must work with the family unit. The health unit takeover of the attendants would allow schools like Montclair close to high schools, to obtain health attendants services when required.

**NEW PROGRAMS**  
Under the board of education the health attendant is responsible to the principal of the in-

dividual school and does not go into other schools. Warden James Swanborough suggested the committee should go ahead and hire a business

administrator to work under Dr. Chamberlain with two new programs being added to the health unit duties.

Swanborough's remark got no action from committee members. Last year the board of health, no part of the community services committee, turned down the business administrator position as unnecessary.

## Ashgrove

### Did You See A Groundhog?

Well, here we are into February and one can notice the daylight stays with us longer. We hope the groundhog came out. Maybe he popped his head out on Tuesday morning, February 1st, when it was so sunny. Anyway, we need six more weeks of winter, and then lady spring with her warm and sunny days will waken everything to new life again.

Best wishes for the happiest of birthdays and a very happy year to Mr. Arthur Ruddlel on February 6 and Mrs. Clayton Wilson, February 10, and any others this month.

May every wish you're wishing, And every dream come true, And may you find good fortune smiling on all you do. So have a happy birthday. And be an optimist. The primrose is your flower, Your stone is amethyst.

We are all very glad that the Bruce McClure family is able to be out again. Two of the sons,

Dennis and Glenn, have been very sick boys, but are on the mend now. Also, our sympathy to Bruce, whose father died the end of January. - Mrs. J. Belloddy.

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