

Em Lavender chosen new dir. of education

Emmerson Lavender, assistant director of education, was appointed the Halton Board of Education's next Director of Education and will begin his position at the end of the present school year.

The announcement was made Thursday night during a special meeting of the board. Jim Singleton, the present director, announced his intentions to retire last week at the board's meeting.

Mr. Singleton will step down on June 30, 1975 with Mr. Lavender taking over the position on July 1.

The trustees voted on a motion from Trustee Judy Alexander asking that Mr. Lavender become the new director subject to approval from the minister of education, Tom Wells.

"It's our responsibility to the community to choose the best possible person for the job," she said. "We're not looking for someone to fit in, but for someone to lead. The trustees are confident that Em Lavender meets our requirements."

Mr. Lavender has served with the Halton board since its inception in 1969. He was the assistant superintendent and was promoted to the position of assistant director of education in July 1973.

The motion to accept Mr. Lavender as the director met with some dissent among the board members. Both Richard Goodin and Dr. Helen Howard-Locke spoke against the motion.

Mr. Goodin suggested that the position should be filled after it is advertised.

"We have plenty of time to seek the best," he said. "The position is of such importance that it should be advertised!"

Dr. Howard-Locke said she was dismayed at the board's decision to not advertise the position. She told the other board members that a decision should be delayed until proper procedure is followed.

"We're doing Mr. Lavender an extreme dis-service by not advertising the position," she said. "I'm confident that the best person is in Halton but let's follow procedure."

Trustee Ernest Bodnar called the proper procedure "a useless charade" as he spoke in favor of appointing Mr. Lavender to the director's position.

"We'll run the risk of losing some fine people if we always want to advertise open positions," he said. "Also, we'd be destroying the credibility that there is room for promotion in the system. We're charged with the responsibility to do the right thing, and this motion is the right thing."

Frank Armilage added that by advertising for the position, the board would be wasting its time because they know they "have the best person possible."

He said that the board had reached its second crossroad in its short history. "Our first was when we appointed Jim Singleton as director of education in 1969," Mr. Armilage continued.

In a prepared letter to the Halton board staff members, Mr. Singleton said Mr. Lavender is "a person steeped in the tradition of the Halton system."

"He has a keen awareness that this position of leadership can never be a product of one person," he said, "but can only arise from co-operation and involvement of highly professional and competent people."

Mr. Lavender did not have a statement to make except that he would meet with the board members to define the future steps the board should take.

"I accept this position with confidence based on three things," he said. "The healthy state of the system, the quality of people working in the system and the trust you have shown me tonight."

Acton almost ready

The Acton indoor pool is ready to open as soon as the ministry of health gives its approval in writing. Anne Pickering, pool supervisor said that the recreation department is waiting to hear, in writing, from the ministry concerning construction of additional sewer facilities.

Chronicles of OHT Chapter 1

1. And it came to pass that the second week of the eleventh month of the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy four was nigh at hand and the eyes of many of the men and women of the regions of Ont were on the City of Ott in which the Otties had been asked by the High and Mighty William of Ont to seek unto themselves a new Torite to speak for them before the throne of the said H and M on the Holy Mountain of Qupee which was in the City of Tor. (Heavens, that's a long paragraph.)

2. And while the scribes and the learned and the servants and henchmen of the H and M Bill had been heard saying, behold, it's a sandal-in, now in the eleventh month, there were among the people of all the lands and hills and valleys and cities of Ont many who spoke saying, behold, it ain't such a sure thing after all.

3. For other cities there had been in the regions of Ont where the people had switched sandals, so to speak, and where an Endeepie had found favor in the eyes of the people over the man put forth by the Torites who had been high and mighty in the lands of Ont and who had let loose upon the people a phenomenon called blue machine.

4. Now in the City of Ott, the chief ruler of the Otties had been chosen to bear standard of blue for the Torites and also had the Endeepie put before the people a woman called Eve and the Lils had brought forth a man named Paul whose servants and henchmen consisted of many of those who were with John with the Pursue, who was a henchman and ruler in his own right among all the Canties.

5. Now the Torite, who was the chief ruler of the City of Ott girded his loins and spoke in a loud voice saying, behold, I will not partake of the thing that is blue and that is called the big blue machine, for among the people there are many who say nhooey.

6. Moreover did he speak saying, behold, I shall peel my own potatoes and unto the H and M Bill he spoke saying, stay away please.

7. Now for many years in the lands of Ont, year for three score ten and two, the Torites had ruled the people of Ont. And there were among the people many who spoke saying, behold, the days of the H and M Bill are numbered and the people will seek unto themselves a new ruler to rule over them from the Holy Mountain of Qupee.

8. Thus also did the Torite who was presented unto the Otties as the H and M's man but who said he wasn't, wonder where withall the people of Ott would make their choice.

9. Thus were the eyes of many in the lands and cities of Ont upon the City of Ott in the eleventh month of the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy four.

10. And the Chronieler beheld these things from his abode in the Hills of Halton and behold he saw much faded blue. Blue.

Residents will appeal over walkway

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instances of vandalism had occurred to her property and to neighbors. To prove her point and predicament to council she brought with her a heavy, six-foot iron bar to council which had been thrown into their pool.

The police, she added, have not been able to do anything about stopping it.

"What it all really comes down to," said Mrs. Schofield, "is we just want to use our backyard like any other homeowner does."

Mrs. Schofield stated that she and her husband are seriously considering appealing their property taxes in the court. According to legislation, she stated, anyone who feels that they are experiencing unnecessary problems with their property can appeal. In hopes of receiving an adjustment in their assessment.

evening, met with council for half-an-hour behind closed doors to explain the problems she has been experiencing with the walkway.

Mayor Tom Hill replied, "I don't know how it will be closed. That will be totally up to the works committee."

Nothing short of total disposal of the walkway property would satisfy the nearby residents. Mrs. Schofield was upset when council decided to hold back six months on disposing land. "We want it closed permanently and closed now," she later told the Herald.

"Our back yard is rendered totally useless by the amount of traffic going through it, to and from the walkway."

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