

First woman chairman for board of education

The role of women in education seems to have been given a strong shot in the arm by the appointment last Thursday night of the first woman chairman of the Halton Board of Education, Judy Alexander, Ward 4 trustee from Oakville.

Mrs. Alexander, a 39-year-old mother of three, was unopposed in her bid for the chairmanship. Don Venus, the only other chairman nominee, withdrew his nomination, allowing Mrs. Alexander to move into the chair vacated after two years by Bill Priestner.

Rev. Garry Morton, Ward 7 trustee for Burlington, defeated Tony Goodyear, Burlington's Ward 8 trustee in a secret ballot to become the board's new vice-chairman. Rev. Morton was defeated two years ago by Mrs. Alexander for the vice-chairman's position.

Upon her election Mrs. Alexander, one of the first women to be elected to the board four years ago, said she felt her appointment was an "encouragement to all women in the system."

"It will be different and unpredictable," she said, "but with the support the trustees have shown me I look forward to it with confidence and enthusiasm."

Mrs. Alexander and Rev. Morton predicted that inflation would be the board's chief problem in 1975. "Inflation," said Mrs. Alexander, "will affect our board in many ways and the effect of salary negotiations in other areas will be felt here."

She praised outgoing chairman Bill Priestner, describing him as a person "who always goes that second mile. He has always been available for the functions a board chairman is called upon to attend."

Priestner was presented with an honorary gavel. He thanked the board for "having the courage" two years ago to appoint a separate school representative as chairman. He has been a trustee on the board for four years.

Mr. Priestner, however, had harsh words for the Halton Renaissance Committee, with which he has been carrying on an almost continuous verbal battle for the past year.

Calling the committee "a disruptive force...spawned (from) an unfortunate incident" Mr. Priestner said, "recent incidents lead me to believe that this group or certain individuals within it are attempting to undermine the credibility of the public education system with a view to establishing alternative, publicly-supported systems."



TAKING A BREAK from classes, pupils of Holy Cross and Sacre Couer Separate Schools in Georgetown run off some of their pent-up energy during recess before returning to the classroom for another session.

Police officer presents startling talk

The January meeting of the Ballinacree W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Leo Jamieson. Mrs. Wm. McLean, president, opened with a poem, "Blessed is the Housewife." The roll call, "What would you do if you were first at the scene of an accident?" was answered by eight members and six visitors.

Correspondence was dealt with. It included several thank you notes from those receiving gifts at Christmas time.

The new 4-H Home-Making Club coming up is "The Jacket Dress." The training school for the leaders is to be held the last week in January. Other items of business included a bus trip which is being arranged plus plans for a wedding supper later this month.

Mrs. Slesoralis, convener of the family and consumer affairs group, then took over the meeting. She called on Mrs. McLean for the motto, which was "A merry heart kills more germs than medicine."

Several convenors gave two-minute reports. Mrs. Ada Kirkwood gave current events. This part of the program ended with a "touch and take" table which proved interesting and made a tidy sum for the welfare fund.

The highlight of the afternoon was the arrival of the guest speaker, Sgt. Al McQueen, who is with the Halton Regional Police youth division, working in Georgetown.

Following his introduction by Mrs. Slesoralis, Sgt. McQueen spoke to group in a free and easy manner which was informative, entertaining and, in some respects, startling. Everyone felt free to ask questions which he answered at some length. Many facts were

revealed regarding the youth of today. He enlightened many of the mothers present as he talked personally as the father of two sons just about to enter their teens.

Mrs. McGiven, courtesy chairman, thanked the Sgt. for giving of his time and all responded with hearty applause.

Mrs. F. Smith accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Don Lindsay and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Patterson to Harrison on Sunday where they attended the funeral of Mr. Jack Cook. Mr. and Mrs. Cook and son Harvey lived in this neighborhood a number of years and made many friends

with a prize offered for the best costume depicting that era. The opportunity for the community to hear about the events and improvements to be made to the hall will be presented this Sunday afternoon following the dance. Suggestions will be welcomed at that time and all are invited to attend. The mailing list for the monthly circular will also be revised at that time.

Two of our local citizens were winners in the Carling O'Keefe Bowling Tournament recently. They were Mrs. Pat Loughlin and Dan O'Connor. Dan placed second and will now go on to compete for further awards.

Honor donors

While each blood donation given at last month's blood donor clinic was an achievement in itself, a number of Halton Hills residents have been honored by the local branch of the Red Cross for impressive records of donations.

Mrs. M. McGiven and Mr. N. Long have been presented with scrolls honoring 50 donations each. Mr. Long actually reached the mark at the clinic held in September.

Thirty-five donations have been given by Mr. W. Geisler, Mrs. Roshier, Mrs. M. Pearson, Mr. F. Allard, Mr. D. Sweeney, Mr. V. Borshavski

and Mr. D.F. Harley. They will all be presented with scrolls honoring their gifts of life.

Twenty donations plus will be awarded to Mr. M. Hammer, Mr. R. McGowan, Mr. S. Hoare, Mr. L. Beauvais, Mr. J. Fournier, Mr. M. Clare, Mr. J. Hooper, and Mr. J. Vanderlinden.

Tenth donation plus will be presented to Mrs. P. Hrechka, Mr. M. McDonald, Mr. J. Lilly, Mr. J. Dohmen, Mrs. J. Diggins, Mr. B. Keough, Mr. K. W. Clarke, Mrs. W. Vanderlinden, Mr. R. Porritt, Mr. M. Sargent, Mr. J. Koch, Mr. D.N. Pattullo and Mr. J. M. Payne.



ANKY WESTSTEYN played the trumpet in a concert held Saturday at the Christian Reformed Church. The concert also featured Elizabeth Seaman playing the alto recorder, Fiona Grieve on the flute, Mrs. Jean Grieve on the cello and George de Kieer on the organ. The concert included works by Bach, Purcell and Summatini.

Stewarttown Sympathy sent to area families

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chamberlain and family attended the funeral of Mr. Chamberlain's mother, Mrs. Clara Chamberlain, who passed away at the Waterloo Convalescent Hospital, Waterloo, Quebec on Jan. 4, 1975 in her 87th year. The funeral service was held at the Waterloo Funeral Home with interment at Creek Cemetery, Foster, Quebec.

She leaves a daughter Mary (Mrs. J. Irwin) and their family of Waterloo, Quebec, and son Albert and his wife and family, Catherine, Sandra and David, all of this district, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chamberlain of Brantford.

Sincere sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved families.

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community is also extended to the family of the late Mrs. Ward Russell who passed away this past week. Mrs. Russell was well known to all of us and has lived on their neighboring farm, for a good many years.

Thursday evening, January 9, members of Esqueping Women's Institute were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Somgner on Charles St., Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Sommer gave a guided tour of their home explaining the displays of art, and all the interesting items displayed in their beautiful home. This program had been arranged by Mrs. W. Miller and Mrs. D. Goddin.

Lunch was served by Mrs. M. Boettcher. Mrs. A. Grant was hostess for the evening.

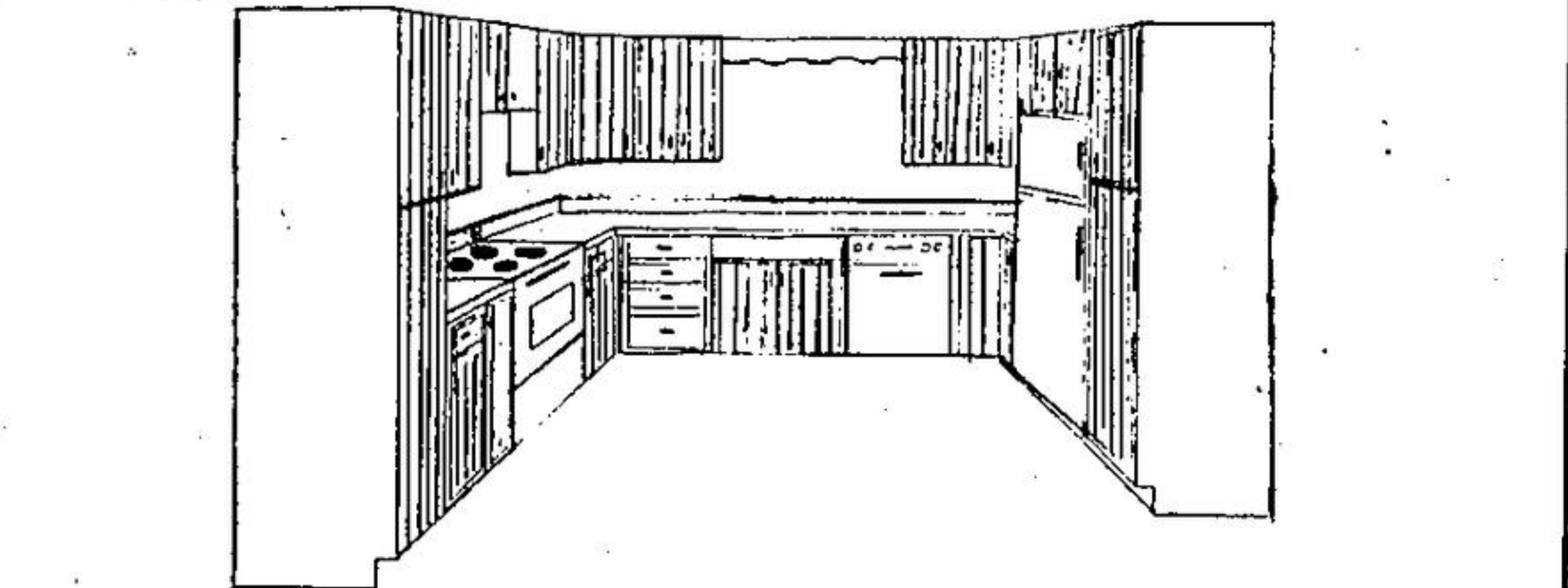
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