

# Board accuses Renaissance of 'persistent dishonesty'

The simmering feud between the Halton Board of Education and the Halton Renaissance parents association took an ugly twist last Thursday night at the board's regular meeting. In a prepared statement read by trustee Miss Edna Robinson, the board strongly criticized Renaissance and its chairman Rev. Campbell for alleged "dishonesty and distortion."

"We deplore the methods of dishonesty and distortion which have at times been used by Rev. Campbell and by other members of the Halton Renaissance Committee," Miss Robinson stated.

"The quality of the dialogue between this board and the public is of vital importance to our ability to serve our students and the community."

"Any attack against the effectiveness of our democratic processes is an assault on the freedom of our society. Deliberate dishonesty in misinforming the public about matters of deep public concern is such an attack."

"The board now has a clear need to speak in affirmation of its principles, its objectives, and in support of the strong commitment and effort of its staff in attaining those objectives. It is for these reasons that we now rebuke Rev. Campbell and the Renaissance Committee for persistent dishonesty and personal abuse in the deliberate misinformation of the public."

The board also noted in the statement

that possible results of "such deliberate misinformation and personal vilification" could include "risk of uninformed public abuse of classroom teachers resulting in reduced teaching effectiveness, damage to the openness of dialogue between the board and the public, restriction of general freedom by imposing the will of one group on all in education."

The statement was made by Miss Robinson as chairman of a special ad hoc committee investigating allegations made by Rev. Campbell in a letter sent to education minister Tom Wells, another MPP's and the regional press.

That letter was sharply critical of a statement reportedly made by Dr. John Meyers, who is heading up the board's values education program, at an Oakville home and school meeting.

The ad hoc committee of the board was set up to investigate Dr. Meyer's reported statement and Rev. Campbell's subsequent use of it in his letter to the education minister. After speaking to 20 people who attended that Oakville meeting the ad hoc committee concluded that Rev. Campbell's letter "contains at least one untrue statement and several misrepresentations of facts."

That was contested by Rev. Campbell who was present to hear the report but did not reply to the board.

Later, angrily calling the board's statement "utterly ridiculous" Rev. Camp-

bell said that he hadn't been contacted by the ad hoc committee during its three weeks of investigation of Dr. Meyer's reported statement.

"They call that a fact-finding committee when they haven't even contacted me to comment about the statements I made? They haven't even talked to either Mrs. Read or Mrs. Hansford who claim that Dr. Meyers made those statements."

"They were just looking for the facts they wanted to find."

He termed the report "the kangaroo situation that's bouncing tonight...It's despicable to be worthy of a reply."

"I had hoped for better things."

Rev. Campbell did say that he was not planning to take any immediate action against the board for their statements. In a recorded vote the trustees unanimously supported the resolution.

In a letter to board chairman Judy Alexander a copy of which was released to the press Monday morning, Rev. Campbell requested that he receive a hearing before the board at its next meeting this Thursday evening "so that we might have the basic Canadian right to a trial before being condemned...or at least, having been condemned without a trial, a hearing before we're hanged."

The trustee, Rev. Campbell believes, did not have enough time to consider the facts in his case.



**HOW DOES THAT LOOK?** Roy Booth, owner of the Boar's Head Butcher Shop in the Moore Park Plaza has expanded his services to meet the needs of the downtown business section. Roy's second location is the former Hawkins Fish Mart. Roy will continue to carry the exact lines which the fish store carried as well as

carrying the same lines he carries in Moore Park. A specialty for this butcher shop downtown will be gourmet and hors d'oeuvres trays. Helping Roy out in putting the finishing touches in his new store is his wife Marlon. The store opened Tuesday of this week.

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## Pilutti proposes six homes

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consider developing the six homes under a developer's agreement rather than the standard subdivision agreement required by the town for any development of two or more homes. The plan was passed on by the board to the town planning staff for a report.

Explaining his plans to the planning board last week Mr. Pilutti noted that each lot would have 125 feet of frontage and would be 200 feet deep. Each lot would be approximately 3 acres in size and the houses would be a minimum of 1,500 square feet. The land is currently scheduled in the Esquaging Official Plan for residential development.

Water samples, Mr. Pilutti pointed out, have been conducted and they show that the water supply is good. Each lot would have its own well and septic tank. The proposal would not require any roads or services he said.

Because of that provision Mr. Pilutti asked the board to

## Moving fire dept.

The Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department will be moving their facilities from their present Guelph and Chapel Streets location to the works garage at 53 Maple Avenue.

Council Monday night set aside a reserve of \$10,000 for renovations to the works garage to allow the move.

Council also Monday approved the appointments of Bob Hyde as district fire chief

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## Red Cross still \$725 short of goal

Unable to reach the goal for 1975 the Georgetown and District Red Cross Society is \$725 short of their anticipated \$10,000 goal. The branch does hope that some returns will come in before the end of this year narrowing the gap somewhat.

Due to the recent mail strike notices of the post-campaign meeting were not mailed, thus a poor turnout attended the annual gathering.

The Red Cross pointed out that because Georgetown does not contribute towards divisional, or national overhead costs or international aid, services may have to be cut down if the yearly campaigns do not face improvements.

Approximately 50 percent of

residents in Halton donate either through the door-to-door or mailing canvass or United Way returns. However, these monies are mainly used in the area.

The 1976 goal is \$12,000 which will include a possible door-to-door canvass in Acton.

Next year every householder will receive an envelope with the yearly mailed information sheet and will be asked to have their donation ready when the

canvasser calls in the week starting Tuesday, March 9. Esquaging residents will be asked to either be ready for the canvassers or mail their donations. The small villages of Norval, Glen Williams etc., will be canvassed.

However amongst the Red Cross society's many needs, is the need for volunteer, canvassers, area captains, drivers and all those other needed to make 1976 a successful year for the Red Cross. The Red Cross hopes

residents of Halton Hills will understand the reasons for more co-operation, money-wise as their function as a humanitarian organization is to prevent and alleviate human suffering, wherever it may be found, at home or abroad. To fulfill this duty everyone's help is needed, they note.

Campaign Chairman for the Red Cross Society Branch in Georgetown is Paul Farkas with John Wickens as Branch president.

## Thieves net two snowmobiles

Sherry Hazen of Guelph Street reported to police that sometime between Thursday and Friday, two snow machines and a trailer valued at \$1,800 were stolen.

A wallet from the locker room in the gym at the Georgetown District High School was reported to be stolen last Wednesday. The wallet contained an instruction permit, insurance card and \$17 in cash.

The Firestone Store in the Moore Park Plaza seems to be having its rash of bad luck the past few weeks. During store hours on Nov. 14 one radio, six

transistors and ten truck tires were stolen. The police have a suspect in the theft.

Last week the Firestone Store reported to police that they received a N.S.F. cheque from a former employee. A suspect is also being questioned for the fraud case.

A resident of Ann Street reported to police that while snowmobiling in a field he was struck broadside by another snowmobile. The driver of the other vehicle asked if he was hurt and drove away without giving his name. The only description police have is a white Yamaha snowmobile.



**CHORUS OF CAROLS**—Guides from the complex on Sargent Road last Thursday Fifth Georgetown East Guide Company night. Besides their songs the Guides also had presented a special program of Christmas carols for the residents of the senior citizens

## Limehouse residents still object to yard

The residents of Limehouse are still not relegating themselves to accepting the auto wrecking yard located in the heart of the little village.

A small delegation of Limehouse residents were present for Monday night's council meeting to ask councilors to consider long-term steps in removing the yard.

Jim Stansbury, spokesman for the residents, told the

council that "we feel that it would be unreasonable to expect that sort of land use to be perpetuated forever." He said that he would like a member of council, working with the Limehouse residents, to seek a long-term solution to the problem.

The residents will appear before the works committee at their first meeting in the new year to further discuss the problem.

## Works committee shake-up

The new year will see a slight change in the works committee of the town of Halton Hills. Georgetown Councillor Mike Armstrong will replace Acton Councillor Joe Hurst as chairman of the works committee.

Councillor Ern Hyde of Georgetown was to fill the chair as next year's chairman however Councillor Hyde declined for fear that he would not have enough time to properly devote to the duties.

Councillor Hyde is kept busy as the chairman of the town's special building committee taking care of municipal development.

Councillor Armstrong accepted the position at a recent meeting of the works com-

mittee and complimented a job well done by Councillor Hurst

whose predecessor was the late Councillor Len Cox.

## Veterinary club starts

A meeting will be held in the Agriculture Office, 181 Main Street, Milton, on Thursday Dec. 18 to organize the Halton 4-H Veterinary Science Club. The club is for senior members, 14 years old as of January 1, 1976.

Diseases and other health problems associated with livestock will be part of the agenda. Field trips will be conducted. Starting time for the meeting will be 8 p.m.

### New to library board

The Halton Hills Public Library Board has two new members, courtesy of the Halton Hills council. Councillor Pat McKenzie will act as council's representative while

Susan J. Henry of Knox Avenue, Acton will serve a three-year term as an appointed representative from the public.

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