

Betty Fisher's not afraid of tackling the board

Prospects of tangling with the Halton Board of Education across the board table week-in and week-out doesn't bother Betty Fisher, the first announced candidate in this year's board of education election.

She's been waging a battle with the board unofficially now for one year, first as a representative of the Concerned Parents of Georgetown, later with the Halton Renaissance Committee and presently with the Halton Educational Action League (HEAL).

The idea of being the "devil's advocate" on the board hadn't really occurred to her, she told the Herald in a weekend interview. "We've already got some trustees who do speak up for the people."

"Bill Priestner, Jim Clelland and Tony Godyear are all excellent trustees. Mrs.

Gooble is quiet but she also stands up when there's an important issue.

"We need more trustees of the calibre of those people."

During the past year, Mrs. Fisher continued, pressure has been subtly put on her to run by many parents and teachers she had met.

People, she said, have been turning to her instead of Georgetown's incumbent trustee, Edna Bodnar to get help in dealing with the board. "It might as well be calling me as their trustee."

Communication between parents, teachers and the board will be the key in her campaign platform. "It's always better to know before something comes up how parents and teachers feel about it instead of dealing with it strictly as a foregone conclusion."

She would promote active

parent-teachers associations in every school to provide her with a large "research team" of concerned parents and teachers.

Getting back to the basics is a second major concern of Mrs. Fisher. Creativity, she added, would not, however, be sacrificed in doing so. "Children can learn to be creative in whatever they are doing, but there must also be a constant balance maintained through proper standards."

The problems presently being experienced by students graduating to colleges and universities without adequate knowledge of the basics "is not a fault of the teachers. It's the fault of the curriculum and the standards set by the board...and it's the kids who are suffering in the end."

Mrs. Fisher will also continue to question the board's reserve fund which is being

used to finance expansion to the board's offices. "They're cutting the budget in which we already have the lowest cost per pupil rate in the province so that they can have money sitting in the reserve fund, drawing interest but not being spent on educating our kids."

"What is it for? It's like putting money away for a rainy day that never comes."

She claimed that "there's no way the public can get the specifics on that money."

Mrs. Fisher also called for putting the consultants hired by the board to develop special programs "back into the classrooms."

Teachers, she said, have encouraged her to run.

"They're getting so frustrated caught in the position that they are in."

The board, she continued, has set a very poor "master-servant" tone for its current

negotiations with Halton's teachers. "How can you have good relations with a board that is uptight and suspicious of everyone?"

North Halton, Mrs. Fisher stated, has been getting the short end of the stick when it comes to educational spending. She pointed to one example affecting Georgetown District High School.

"Whenever they need to replace a worn out stove or other piece of equipment, the chances are pretty high that they won't get a new stove, they'll get a used one."

"Where does that used one come from? Most likely some school in the south."

"All money is being spent in the south," she said, "and all promotions from the south are coming up here. Our people are not being promoted."

"It's all very Burlington-oriented."



Betty Fisher

Brownie - Guide news

by Joan Gillespie

The 5th Georgetown East Brownies held a mother and daughter banquet recently which was held "Monk Style". This means that during the meal, whenever someone spoke, they had to put a penny into a container on the table. These pennies went towards the World Friendship Fund and lots of pennies were collected that evening.

The 7th Georgetown Brownie Pack had a special meeting during Thinking Day week. Each Brownie had been given a country to do homework on and asked to learn something about their country which would interest the pack.

The Pikes each won a prize for having the best inspection record since September and the other sixes receive a small prize each for trying so hard.

Over the past month the following girls have earned badges: Kirsten Bjerkelund, Singer; Cathy Beecham, Booklovers; Amy Johnson, Skater; Janet Cummings, Golden Bar and Alexia Dinder, Golden Ladder.

The 9th Georgetown East

Brownies have been doing a lot of work getting their songs up to date for the fashion show which the ladies auxiliary are sponsoring on March 9.

The 11th Georgetown East Brownies made scrapbooks of different countries especially for Thinking Day. Their Thinking Day meeting saw the mothers attend and were shown the scrapbooks by the Brownies who also explained about customs, food etc.

Badges earned include: Johanne Delroy, Artist; Janice Jickling, Writer, Thrift; Julie Nipper, Writer; Kiersten Humphrey, Writer and Sandra Wilson, Artist.

The 5th Girl Guide Company have been working hard on test work and various interest badges. Badges earned include: Sally Balnes, Child Care; Ardana Brands, Cook; Jeanette Brown, Child Care, Emergency Helper; Lisa Chatlin, Child Care, Collector; Lyn Cox, Creative Craft, Petkeeper; Debbie Gillespie, Emergency Helper, Athlete, Skier, Photographer, Challenge Emblem; Elizabeth Groskorth, Baker.

Becky Halonen, Hostess, Laundress, Seamstress, Singer, Team Sport; Cindy Halonen, Laundress; Karen Kennedy, Team Sport, Baker; Sharon Laughlin, Singer; Wendy Lepine, Child Care; Susan Murray, Physical Fitness Emblem; Jennifer Pepper, Collector, Skier; Debbie Sunucks, Child Care; Susan Waldrum, Writer, Laundress; Heather Wallace, Team Sport; Karen White, Athlete, Gymnast, Collector.

This Girl Guide Company also worked on craft day. For Thinking Day the girls made flags from different countries of the world and pinned them on a map of the world. They donated pennies according to their ages to the World Friendship Fund.

The 6th Girl Guide Company re-opened at George Kennedy School on Monday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. If there are girls between the ages of ten and 14 years of age who might be interested in joining Girl Guides you would be most welcome to come out Monday night at the above time.

Legion Lines



By Irma Timpson

Two members are in hospital this week comrades. Tommy Harlow and Joe Martin. We hope you will be home very soon. By the way how are you feeling now Joe Emmerson. Much better we hope.

We extend our sincere sympathies to Roy Bradley and family on the loss of his mother last week.

Our bridge players were in Sudbury this past Saturday and placed a respectable 2nd. Nice going fellows. That's a tough competition you were competing in.

Our Ladies Auxiliary were bowling last Saturday in Oakville and they were first which comes as no surprise to us. This was for the Inner Zone Trophy which will be presented to them later on at our zone rally.

Darts are the order of the day this Saturday when our gals will be doing their best at Byron Bing Legion in Toronto to place in the Regional competition so they can go on to Provincials in Waterloo. Is there any doubt in your mind that they will make it? Good luck.

Saturday evening was our popular Membership and Initiation Night. There was a good crowd to see the Initiation ceremonies and to see eight of our members (where were all the members that had their name on the list down stairs) receive their 30 year pins. Quite a night. I must say.

As the evening wore on there were a great many who came up from down stairs to take part in the Dancing (music provided by Jim Meeklan The Arrow) and a lovely buffet was enjoyed later on.

Certainly congratulations must go to Tom Clarke who has taken on the top job of the Initiation Team as president, since Harry Savings retired after many years in that position. Tom did a sterling job in his first big night as we all knew he would. Another important job, stating objects and purposes of Legion, was capably done by Jim Collier, vice-president.

There were nine new members initiated; R. Simpton, T. Hicken K. McHugh, R. Ackroyd A. Carline, J. Frederickson, N. Marchment, H. Percival and J. Jack. We hope all of you will enjoy your membership and as you must know by now we always have something to do at Branch 120.

A good way to get to know other members is to get involved with them and join in on what ever is going on. If you can contribute to the betterment of our Branch by all means let us know. If on occasion you are asked to do something please do it.

If your wife would like to join the Ladies Auxiliary have her get in touch with Edna Rippon, ladies membership chairman or Jan Emmerson Ladies Auxiliary president for particulars.

The L.A. have a large membership and before you get the idea that you are going to join for darts, cards or bowling that is secondary. The L.A. have similar rules to the branch members but they differ in respect to what is expected of us.

There is a ruling that states you must come to a certain amount of meetings and help when asked to be able to participate in sports event.

Hazel Dumper is our Sports Officer for the Branch Auxiliary events who in turn is responsible to an Auxiliary Zone Sports officer which is governed by Regional and Provincial Sports Officers.

we welcome him and hope he enjoys being with out band and that he stays for a long time). Donny Burns, Gord Grozier, Joan McLean Doug Weir, Drummers out were Bob Denham, Doug Grieg, Tom Wolfe and Joe Goudie.

Our band will be going to Delhi in April for the District Convention Parade April 25th where they will be in competition with many other bands. They have been very successful on many occasions when they have placed first...and rightly so.

Celebrants at the dance on Saturday were Alvin Grieves and Jim Bishop who were celebrating birthdays and Betty and George Sandifer who were celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary. They started out the "Anniversary Waltz" together and it is always a pleasure to watch them as they dance so

family we offer our sincere sympathies.

In our branch sports last Saturday we also had our darters off to Port Credit where in singles, George Gaskill qualified to go on District finals and the team of Bruce McCartney, Dennis Booth, Art Hall, George O'Neill and Albert Leitch led for first with 2 other teams, but had to disqualify themselves as it meant playing off and they didn't have time as several of them were in the initiation team and had to be back before 8 bells.

Thanks fellows, a very nice gesture. We really couldn't have done without you on the team.

Do you know who makes up our team? They are, Ernie Peasey, Bruce McCartney, Albert Leitch, Art Hall, Wright Smith, George Sandifer, Joe Martin, Art Lawrence, Tom

Munt, Jimmy Valentine, Roy Rudiger and Rae Clarke. Alvin Grieves is marker. Harry Bottoms Sgt. at arms, Jim Johnston, Greg Ball, Denis McCartney are standard bearers.

Rummage committee say they are quite short on children's clothing for their sale on Saturday March 20th 10am to 12 noon. Please call 877-9438, 2535 or 3635 for pickup. Don't forget to buy your tickets on our draw.

At a recent night out at the Invitation of the Lionettes, three of our gals were prize winners. Jan Emmerson an apron, Jean Reid a box of groceries and Hazel Dumper a bottle of wine.

Sorry to tell you that Lorraine Stephens is in hospital (Brampton) with a heart attack. Speedy recovery Lorraine.

Engineer couldn't find the problem

Town engineer Bob Austin admitted to the works committee Monday night that a complaint about improper elevation of an Acton street and subsequent reportedly hazardous ice formation there were, in fact, so minor that "I couldn't find it."

C.R. Heard, in a letter to the works department, complained that when Church Street was reconstructed last year the elevation of the street was raised too much, with the end result that its driveway is now below street and sidewalks levels.

During the recent thawing and freezing periods a considerable ice formation existed which caused a dangerous situation when backing out onto the street, he said.

"You wouldn't believe how little the problem is," commented Austin. "The first time I heard about the problem I went to have a look at it but couldn't find it."

The works committee will investigate the complaint during their annual spring tour.

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ALL PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR. The initiation team of the Georgetown Legion were called out Saturday night to initiate members into the branch. Three of the pictures displayed by the initiation team were painted by Miss Dorothy Stone, honorary member of the Legion. The branch is one of the few to have an initiation team and is often called out by other branches to perform the initiation ceremony.

Serving at weddings banquets, helping at rummage sales and bazaars can be a lot of fun really as the L.A. are a 'really good group'.

Over 30 year members totaled only eight although there were many more names on our list down stairs. Sorry you weren't here but those that attended were: Miss Fanny Weaver, Albert 'Nick' Carter, Stan McHugh, Alvin Grieves, Bruce McCartney, Ernie Peasey, Tom Givens and Chubby Stapleton.

I guess you folks have seen a lot of changes in the past 30 years and I'm sure they were for the best judging the fine place it is now.

Continued good health to all of you and many more happy years in your Legion. (Both papers covered our Membership night and pictures will appear else where)

Our Pipe Band were out on Saturday to perform twice and as always they were well received as they are so popular with us. Nice to see many of their wives out also enjoying the evening. Pipers out were Gord Johnston, George Greig, Bill Greig, Alex MacArthur (Alex is new to the band and

beautifully together. Many happy years ahead for all of you.

Ralph Hawes now has the tickets for the Elimination Draw for the Ladies which is to be held Saturday April 10th. Tickets are \$15.00 a couple and there will be prizes, dancing and a buffet. This fund raising venture of the Imperial Section sounds like it will be fun and there are only 80 tickets so don't wait too long in picking up yours if you want in on this enjoyable evening the fellows have lined up for us. (Save me a ticket Ralph.)

Tickets made out in ladies name only, winners, ladies only.

She could always see the funny side of things and yet was warm and understanding when warmth and understanding was needed. We have spent many happy times together and had many a laugh.

That's one of the happy memories I will always recall of Dot. I feel, as no doubt many of you do, that our life as been enriched, just having known her.

To Denny, Dennis and Joyce, to Patty and Bob and all the

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OXFAM trade fair moves to arena

A trade fair held by the Acton branch of OXFAM will be held May 15 in the upper floor room in the Acton arena, providing town council approves the recommendation made by the general administration committee.

A representative for the Acton OXFAM branch appearing before the committee Monday evening explained that last year's trade fair was held in the St. Alban's Parish hall in Acton. However it was the feeling of the organization that this year a larger area for the trade fair would be beneficial.

It was also pointed out at the meeting that not only crafts from countries of the third world would be for sale but various local arts and crafts organizations have been contacted and their products would also be sold at the trade fair to raise needed monies for the OXFAM organization.

The committee made a recommendation that council approve the proposal of holding the trade fair in the upstairs of the Acton arena at a rental rate of \$5, the same

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