



LITTLE CHERUB NURSERY SCHOOL CONCERT

Little Cherub Nursery School held a Christmas concert for parents, relatives and friends last week. The children gathered in a circle to sing Christmas songs and then later presented a Christmas play.

Two area trustees lauded

For school trustees Ernie Bodnar and Tom Watson, the last meeting of the Halton board of education was their last—at least until some future election—and both men received accolades from board

chairman Judy Alexander. Ernie Bodnar, who was board chairman in 1972, "is a master of the art of representing the local community," Mrs. Alexander said, "but never to the point of parochialism."

Tom Watson, who is not the oldest trustee, but the longest serving with 26 years on local boards "has been through all the committees and been chairman of a number of them. His solid continuity yet willing-

ness to make judgements on new ideas has well served the board." Mr. Watson lost his seat representing Halton Hills Wards 1 and 2 to H.H. "Bert" Hinton. Mr. Bodnar resigned his seat which was won by Don Long.

Mr. Watson later told The Herald that after 26 years, he feels "sort of let down," but at the same time "happy to be out." He wished Mr. Hinton success and said that serving the community for 26 years had been a "privilege." Being involved since 1950 in education in Acton has "been an education in itself," he said. And serving for more than a quarter of a century leaves a number of things to be proud of. Mr. Watson said naming no specific item. There has been "tremendous improvement" in education, he said, but regretted that "somehow the general public doesn't realize it; somehow the board has not been able to communicate."

"It's always with mixed feelings that you leave something you've been with so long," Mr. Bodnar said as a trustee for eight years. It's difficult to break off the association," Mr. Bodnar said.

Among a number of things he was proud of contributing to Mr. Bodnar named the teacher-education committee. "Although it needs more work; great staff—board relations... in spite of increasing militancy and running the board at lowest cost-per-pupil in Ontario."

implemented," he said. The first priority of regional council at its inaugural meeting Jan. 12 will be the election of a new chairman. Under the terms of enabling legislation which created the region three years ago, Mr. Masson was appointed by the province to act as chairman. He must now stand for election.

Nominations can be made only by council and there is no requirement that the proposed candidate be from the elected council.

Election of an elected member would create two problems. Mr. Masson said in a brief interview: the need for a by-election in the municipality concerned, and a possible bias toward the home municipality. "I think whoever gets the job as regional chairman for the next two years will be in a more favorable position and more accepted by council," he said.

He said that being a provincial appointee has created some problems for him over the past two years because "no matter how hard I fought for the region at the provincial level, I was always accused of being a provincial person."

Mr. Masson is a former councillor, reeve and mayor of Oakville.

The other rumored candidates for the job are: Burlington Coun. Jack Hafitz who will not comment unless nominated; defeated Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur who also refused to comment herself; defeated Burlington Mayor George Harrington; and former Halton County Warden James Swanborough.

Masson seeks chairman's post

Regional chairman Allan Masson will definitely stand for election into his post by the new council.

Speaking following the last council meeting of 1976, Mr. Masson said he believes he's one of five people seeking the top spot on regional council.

"I would very much like to see many works started during my term as regional chairman

It doesn't pay to be concerned, rules set over bus shelter

Sometimes it doesn't pay to get too involved in being a good citizen. At least that's probably what one Hornby resident is saying these days.

An attempt to gain permission for construction of a bus shelter at Derry and Trafalgar Roads has resulted in a series of conditions which might make any big-time developer cringe.

Regional council last week approved construction of the shelter subject to:

- construction cost and maintenance being responsibility of the owner.
- construction of the pathway to the shelter being carried out by the region with the owner then maintaining it.

the location is approved by the public works director.

the works director may direct removal without notice should relocation be required.

public works director will also give approval of the structural and aesthetic design of the building; and ensure that it is kept in a condition acceptable to him.

it must meet local zoning bylaws and building codes.

Halton region assumes no liability.

Milton Coun. Jim Watson sought but did not receive approval of council for sending the citizen a letter of appreciation "in triplicate with attached conditions."

Ballinafad and District News

By Winifred Smith Herald Correspondent
The U.C.W. held their December meeting in the basement of the Church. It was the annual Christmas get-together. The home helpers along with the husbands were guests at the gathering. Tables were set up and well over fifty enjoyed a delicious pot luck supper. When tables were cleared and taken down and chairs were set around by the

men folk, ladies in the kitchen had the dishes washed. Mrs. Larose, president of the U.C.W. called the meeting to order. Mr. and Mrs. Jessup took turns reading "The Christmas Story" with all taking part in the Carol singing. Business was dispensed with. Mrs. Jamieson was in charge of the program. She first called on the Men's Choir for a number, this was followed by a fashion

parade. This brought much laughter from the audience as four gentlemen had disguised themselves as shapely fashion models. Mrs. Eileen McEnery played soft music, while Mrs. Alma Sinclair was commentator as each model appeared. They were Rebecke French, Carl Holmar, Bud Snow and Floyd Shorthill. A visitor from Quebec in the person of Mr. Stiles who really looked and acted the part of a

French Canadian. His dad much to say about the new government in his province which was told in a humorous way. To the delight of all, he ended his talk by reciting "Little Bististe". The gifts around the Christmas tree were then put up for auction. Jesse McEnery being the capable auctioneer. Bidding was brisk by the men folk. A tidy sum of money was realized by this, which was handed to the Georgetown Welfare Committee to help with Christmas hampers.

Seven members from Ballinafad W.I. attended the Summer day for the club "Festival of Dairy Foods", which was held at Ligny Hall on Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lohmann and son from Hanover, Germany are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schwarz and family.

We were pleased to see Mrs. Schwarz out to church on Sunday after recent surgery.

Also happy to report A.D. McEnery is responding to treatment in hospital and hopes to be able to return home for the holiday season.

Christmas Sunday was observed at Church with special music by both choirs. An inspiring and meaningful sermon was given by the pastor. There is to be a short service on Christmas eve with carol singing and readings. It is to be at 7:30 p.m.

We extend warm greetings to all for a happy holiday season.

From last week

The dance at the Community Centre was fairly well attended. Dancing was enjoyed with music by the "Haltonaires". There are still some tickets available for the New Years Eve Dance.

We were pleased to see that Mrs. Meta Shurtill was able to be out to church on Sunday, also Mr. Huchrell who is recovering after recent surgery.

Still, a few on the sick list. Mrs. Schwarz is recovering from an operation and expects to be home shortly. A.D. McEnery is a patient in the Georgetown Hospital. Little Ashley Bird is suffering with a severe attack of croup. Mrs. Wm. Wright suffered a fall while in hospital and will be confined there for some time. A speedy recovery is wished for these people.

LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

Rud Whiting gives a helping hand to the two winners of 10-speed bicycles presented by Royal Bank manager Noel Lewis (looking on at rear) Monday. The draw for the bicycles was held in conjunction with the Grand Opening of the bank's branch at the Guelphview Square recently. Happily preparing to pedal on their way are Adam Gray, 93 Pennington Cres., and Carol Hall (Mrs.) of 36 Byron St.

CARDS OF THANKS

Our sincere thanks to all those who sent cards, flowers, donations to the Gideon Bible Society, the Heart Fund, Every day in Some Small Way (UAW Local 142). Also grateful thanks to pallbearers, Rev. T. Brelford, Pastor Peter Ralph and all those who were so kind in many ways at this time of sudden passing of a dear loving husband, father and grandfather William E. Hill—Edna Hill, Carl, Arlene, Diane, and families. 47c

Ray and Lilian Olivier wish to thank their relatives, friends, and neighbours for attending their 50th wedding anniversary party. 47c

MEMORIALS

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