



**A YUMMY BREAK**

Mr. Stevenson, English instructor for Sheridan College, Oakville, distributed snowmen cookies to students at the campus Winter Carnival, Wednesday. Snowmen resembled Bonhomme Carnaval. If Mr. Stevenson looks familiar it may be you recognize him from television beer commercial, or the movie Silver Streak.

**French Carnival set for weekend**

Festivities for the French-Canadian Winter Carnival are under full swing this weekend. Mayor Tom Hill will officially start the danceathon and rockathon at Sacred Heart Hall, 8 pm Friday. A dance held at Holy Cross Hall, featuring La Troupe Folklorique de Toronto, will start at 8:30 pm. For sport enthusiasts, the French-Canadian Club will hold an inter-city hockey tournament at Gordon Alcott arena and a broom ball tournament at the Memorial arena. Finals start at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, weather permitting, ice sculpturing, snow painting, tobogganing, cross-country skiing will be carried on at Sacre Coeur school and church, and everyone is welcome to join in the fun. The highlights of the day, a parade, will start at 3 p.m. The procession will start at Sinclair Avenue and continue along Guelph Street to Sacre Coeur Church. Following the parade, ladies will have prepared special dishes for a dinner held at Sacred Heart Hall, Guelph Street, at 5 p.m. Generous portions will be served at a reasonable price. A dance at Holy Cross Hall will feature the coronation of a Queen at 8 pm. A dance will also be held for the hockey and broomball participants, at Sacred Heart Hall. A special mass will be held Sunday morning at Sacred Heart Church and men of the parish will prepare a pancake breakfast after mass. A log-cutting contest and bowling tournament will start at 1:30. The round-up of events will be a French-Canadian variety evening with different singing and dancing groups. A draw for \$500 will occur before Bonhomme Carnaval departs. Tickets are available at Sacre Coeur Church or from Rudy Cadioux, 877-8244, or from Jackie and Roger Primeau, 877-5615.

**Board reaffirms policy on school chairmen**

By GEORGE EVASHUK Herald staff writer  
Halton board of education is not going to back down from its policy of implementing chairmanship organization in all its high schools by Sept. 1. Despite receiving a petition signed by 881 of 1,160 Halton high school teachers opposed to the mandatory nature of the re-organization and charges from trustee Bert Hinton that its action is illegal, the board re-affirmed by a 14-6 recorded vote its policy. Although the board received the petition and accompanying position paper from District 9, Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) virtually without comment, debate on the motion to re-affirm the policy first passed in April, 1973, deteriorated at times to remarks on trustees personal characteristics. Long-time supporter of the re-organization, trustee Fred Armitage told the board that he had received conflicting legal opinions about the board's stance and had been advised by the ministry of

education that only the courts could decide whether the board had the right to re-organize. Asking trustees not to deal with side issues or consider the motion calling for re-affirmation of the policy as a softening of the board's decision, trustee Armitage said the two main issues are the quality of education and leadership, and the board's right to make changes when it feels these changes are in the best interests of the school system. He said there had been two written evaluations of the chairmanship system in Halton, one at Lord Elgin high school, in Burlington, and a hitherto unknown report of the chairmanship system in Acton high school. NO COPIES Trustees did not have copies of the Acton high school report, Mr. Armitage said. However, he described the report, prepared Jan. 27, 1976, by principal Dean Fink, as saying that chairmanship re-organization was "a boon to the school."

The 13-month-old report concluded there were definite gains trustee Armitage said. Cabinet meetings were more efficient, harmonious, and goal-oriented while there was better direction in the education of ideas as a result of appointing first-rate people with time to meet, he said. As well, money paid to teachers who previously held administrative duties was used in a variety of activities for students and teachers. Of the three committees—one external and two internal—that studied Lord Elgin school, all were in agreement that the chairmanship system should continue, Mr. Armitage said. Trustee Bert Hinton read to the board an eight-page prepared statement in which he charged that the Education Act did not give the board authority to replace headships with chairmen. If the board continues its course of implementing the chairmanship system, trustee Hinton suggested that it would be the duty of OSSTF to take the board to court over the issue.

"We are the only board in the province of Ontario which has accepted this (chairmanship) concept," trustee Hinton said. "A few others have tried it in various ways. Some have discarded it and none of the others have accepted it. Are we the only ones that are right and all the others wrong, or else 'too dumb' to know what is educationally sound and good." FIVE SUPPORTERS In his statement, Mr. Hinton attacked the premises for chairmanship re-organization and said that good teachers are being driven away from Halton. Support for trustee's Hinton's position came from five other newly-elected trustees. Don Long argued that the board's move toward chairmanship should be based on facts and careful attention to costs. "Nothing said so far indicates conclusively to abandon the headship on basis of quality of education," he said. Trustee Long told the board that Lord Elgin high school

and Georgetown and district high school, with an almost equal number of students, had 100 teachers each but that Lord Elgin also had 13 resource persons and two audio-visual technicians as well. "It does not make much sense to say costs are equal." The chairmanship system may create another level of bureaucracy in schools, Mr. Long warned. He said that in the past the board has gone from one extreme to another "and now we're on the way to ultra-liberal, do-your-own-thing. It is better to stay in the middle." He asked that there be an alternate method of organizing high schools. In favor of re-affirming the board's policy were trustees

Noel Cooper, F. Meares, John Bradley, Len Auger, Dr. Helen Howard-Lock, Judy Alexander, Jim Clelland, Irene Robinson, Bill Herd, Fred Armitage, Bill Lawson, Bill Priestner, Len Crozier and Rev. Garry Morton. Opposed were trustees Don Long, Elaine Hthem, Bert Hinton, Cam Jackson and Elsie Hilson.

Design approval expected  
Regional council is expected to approve Wednesday the installation of water and sewer lines on Highway 25, Acton, for a project which will be carried out in conjunction with the rebuilding of Highway 7. Public works committee last week approved a recommendation for the engineering and design work to proceed for the project from Mill Street to Wallace Street, north of the CNR right-of-way on Highway 25. The project will be carried out in two phases: Mill Street to School Lane, which leads into Robert Little public school; and School Lane to Wallace Street. Estimated cost of the project is \$11,800 for water and sewers. The rebuilding of the highway will be carried out by the ministry of transportation and communications with 90 per cent of the roadway cost being subsidized. Halton Hills Coun. Roy Booth urged caution in closing the north-south main artery in the town because traffic would have to be diverted five miles in some cases to avoid the construction zone. Regional officials said care would be exercised. Mr. Booth also cautioned about timing of the project and consideration of merchants in the community of \$500 saving they had lost great sums of money in sales attributed to the construction of Mill Street (Highway 7) during the Christmas shopping season.



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