School poetry rates high

students Wes Glocking and

The poets themselves are

mostly students, aged six to 18,

who penned their widely-

varied compositions during

English classes at their

respectively Halton schools.

including two Acton public

and high schools. Also con-

tributing to last year's

collection were four teachers.

Mr. Henderson joined the

editorial committee in time to

help with Halton poetry's

fourth edition. Three years

earlier, Jane Coryell, a

teacher at Burlington central

high, originated the concept in

Halton with a booklet

collection of the best poems

from each school in the region.

given up asking the region's

English teachers for their

choices of the best and instead

have all poems forwarded to

them so that they themselves

"The basic criterion is

quality," Mr. Henderson

explained. "We're not trying to

publish one poem from every

school. We want everything we

publish to have some value as

poetry, while taking (the

authors') age into con-

This careful sifting of the

literally thousands of poems

submitted to the editors, he

said, underlines the book's

greatest benefit to the students

whose work is chosen for

Publication, Mr. Henderson

said, required the "acceptance

of the student's creative ef-

discriminating group

forts by an objective,

Further encouragement for

authors, he pointed out, is

provided by the actual esthetic

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beauty of the completed

The project is financed by

the board of education from

English departments budgets

and in 1976, cost ap-

proximately \$1,400, Mr.

campus.

Henderson said. The high

sideration."

publication.

collection.

can make the selection.

Since then, the editors have

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quality paper and printing, as

well as duplication and

distribution, and the recording

of poems, as read by the

authors, on a cassette, con-

tributes greatly to the ex-

penses. The recording

equipment is furnished by

astounding. The works vary as

much in style and sentiment as

February, February

Where did you go?

My mother is worrying

And I want to know.

While Glen Sadlier, 12.

The ground cleaves slowly

Through the tiny holes seeds

Scant leaves greet the world.

Perhaps the most surprising

aspect of the collection is the

extent to which these student

poems are both aware and

concerned about such nor-

mally "adult" subjects as the

decline of rail transportation,

the killing of wild animals.

the North American Indians'

Some other fine examples:

Today I have bombed the

"VIOLENCES"

Theatre, it's just

not true enough

to life, Instead

way of life.

La temme nouveaux

BY KARLEN WARD

Herald staff writer

ille, has worked hard identifying the needs of

French speaking women in the community,

and her concentrated effort has resulted in

"La Femme Nouveaux" a series of six

lectures being presented at the Oakville

women in the Georgetown area at the

legal rights of women, the health of women,

psychology of well being, and spirtuality in

communication and education. The federal

secretary of state awarded a \$1,600 grant to

ed area of Montreal, but attended French

destiny, by learning to feel in control of

opportunity to attend college, but she said

these seminars prove they can attend college

anytime. By talking to people the idea spread

to the francophone clubs in Halton and Peel,

and input from members outlined the course.

French-speaking women, because all discus-

sions are spoken in French. Mrs. Taylor

Oakville campus was a huge success. Before

the conference 125 socialized together over

nunch, and enjoyed a dinner served in the

vice-chairman of the Advisory Council on the

Status of Women (ACSW) said, "The law is

equal for both French-and English-speaking

people. Women are the minority in the work

force and francophones and angolphones

seau are marriage partnership, divorce and

related problems, and family courts. The

principles of equal rights and responsibilities

during marriage, reflect both partners shar-

acquired during the marriage should be

shared on an equal basis; provisions made

for the social security and pension coverage

of the work contributed by the homemaker,

and decisions relating to the children made in

Divorce Act to reduce the three-year separa-

tion period to one year, and to include the

concept of equal partnership in marriage.

be included in the revision of divorce laws.

Reassessment of the "fault" concept should

ACSW has recommended revision of the

If the marriage is dissolved, assets

ing in equal work-load within the family.

The three issues concerning Mrs. Rous-

must advance together.

the child's best interest.

Guest speaker, Yvette Rousseau, first

expects 100 women at each conference.

Admission to the semmars is restricted to

The first conference held April 13 at the

Mrs. Taylor lived in an English dominat-

"Women need to take hold of their

Many francophones feel they have no

Brampton campus in September.

develop the program

themselves," she said.

schools and is now hilingual.

A similar conference will be held for

Seminars will include discussions on the

Claire Taylor of Sheridan College, Oakv-

they do in subject matter.

poem, "February":

Japanese Haiku poem:

Sheridan College.

of English.

By PAUL DORSEY HALTON HILLS-in the whirlwind of controversy issues that constantly draw public attention to the Halton board of education, such noteworthy achievements as Halton Poetry, an annual collection of student-teacher writing now in its seventh year, generally goes un-

noticed. The most recent edition of Halton Poetry, the sixth, is not so remarkable as a \$1,400 anthology of poems from the region's schools, but as a distinctive and attractively bound collection of works by some truly-talented young authors.

Sadly, the edition's editor-inchief, Clare Henderson of the Acton high school staff. resigned from the project's board of directors at the beginning of this year, although he has left Hallon Poetry in the capable hands of artist and fellow teacher Doug Cockell.

Mr. Henderson this past week described the origin and development of the collection, which currently takes the form of about 40 loose pages, each one multi-colored and illustrated, gathered together in an equally-attractive box.

The 40 poems therein are carefully laid out on individual pages and aptly illustrated by teachers Cockell, Jane Coryell and Betty Goodfellow and

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DEATHS

GILLIES-Carol Frances. suddenly on Sunday. May 8, 1977 at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Carol Yales beloved wife of Jeffery Yales of Toronto, Helen (Mrs. 5 D'An drade) of Bramalea and Susan (Mrs G. Gould) of Greenfield Park, Quebec. Loved daughter of Mr and Mrs. John Yates of Port of Spain Trimidad. Resting at McClure Jones Funeral Home, 34 Edith St. Georgetown, where funeral services will be neld Wednesday evening at7 10 o'clock. Interment Lapereuse Cemetery Trinidad.

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-- I would like to thank everyone who thought of me while I was a patient at Georgetown Hospital and special thanks to Dr MacIntosh and the Nursing Staff and all other staff of the Hospital. Thankyou Charles

MEMORIAMS

HILLOCK-In loving memory of a dear Dad and Grandpa who passed away May 8, 1967 It seems so strange that those we

And those we loved the best. Are just the ones God called

And took them Home to rest But everytime I think of Dad I seem to hear God say "Have faith, trust my promise, we'll meet again, someday -Loyingly remembered daughter Dianne, Glennwright, Blayne, Graydon, Daughter in law Liz, Grandchildren Darrell, Robin, Shayne and Guy

HILLOCK -- In loving memory of my dear husband Maurice who passed away May 8, 1967 As angles keep their walch up

Please God just let him know. that I down here do not forget. I loved and miss him so. -Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by wife

Dorothy. BURNS -- In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother Elizabeth Anna, who passed away two years ago. May 12,

Tenderly we treasure the past, With memories that will always

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I will enjoy more abstract violences observing doubled-edged grass blades growing watching the spikes of Hawthorns showing under moonlight. -Olav Randoja, 16.

"LOVE" Copies of Halton Poetry are Lonly know that when sent to all schools and to each I touch a flower poet included, as well as many Or feel the sun and wind board administration workers. upon my face. Another copy has been subor hold your hand in mine mitted to the editors of Panthere is a brightness dora's Box, which annually within my soul that words offers the best student poetry can never trace. from across Canada. Pan--Debra Gagnon, 11. dora's Box is published by the

Canadian Council of Teachers "APRIL WHINE" Do we gutta? Gutta? Most teachers of English Nyah, I don wanna... must agree that the poems Hafta? Hafta, Aargh...Don found in Halton poetry, parwanna ticularly those by the youngest When we gotta do it? students, are nothing short of

Why I gutta do it? Yeh. Why? What cha trying Seven year old lan Fallas, TO DO? for example, combines humor Hev? and simplicity in his short You gonna make me do it? Are ya? Are ya? Yeh, Are ya?

Well Lain't gonna No Lain't provides a traditional

> Yah! I don't gotta do nothin.

Finally, Kathy Filman, age 10 has some words of advice for her adult tans:

Businessmen, millionaires. movie makers and conworkers all these people are

far suspended

ly jump out of the ground. Even the robins just come

grounds. Singing their glorious, "cheer up, sheer up" songs are not noticed by these people. "Do not be like these people-

like children." The little children running and skipping, climbing trees and smelling flowers, watching squirrets with a curious but intelligent nature. "Do they care if there's mall

strike-no! They are hopeful, free "tione with the wind." Paul Dorsey is a Georgetown resident and an editorial staff member of the Guelph Dady Mercury

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