WATCH WINNER

Monique Agnes, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Agnes of RR4 Acton, was the March winner of the watch given as the

monthly prize in the McDonald's colouring contest. Paul Patterson presented her prize. (Herald photo)

Separate school board awards merit award

A former trustee of the Burlington and Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Boards has been named as the recipient of the Ontario Separate School Trustee's Association's annual "Award of Merit"

for 1979. Reverend Blake J. Ryan will receive the award at the annual banquet of the 49th Annual Conference of the Ontario Separate School Trustee's Asosciation, April 5. The award is presented annually in recognition of contributions towards Catholic education in

Father Ryan has been involved in Catholic education for almost 41 years. Following his ordination in 1936, he was assigned to Cathedral Boys' High School in Hamilton as a teacher, and later as a viceprincipal. In 1949, he was appointed principal, a position he held until 1953.

WAS TREASURER Father Ryan was treasurer of the Board of Governors for

Cathedral High School and

served as the business manager for the Canadian Register, Hamilton edition, from 1940 to

Father Ryan was elected to the Burlington Separate School Board in 1958, following a period as a separate school trustee representative for the Township of East Flamborough. He served as a trustee on the Burlington board until 1969. He was elected chairman of the board in 1964. When the county-regional boards were

formed in 1969, Father Ryan was elected trustee for Ward 6 in Burlington, and served continuously as its representative until 1978.

Father Ryan was appointed the first chairman, board of governors, for Assumption High School in 1976, and served in that capacity until 1978. He is now treasurer of the Board of Governors, Assumption High School. He retired as trustee of Ward 6 for heatlh reasons in 1978.

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Sorority consumer night packed as new store opening is announced

Georgetown's new Miracle Mart is set for a May 30 opening according to a company representative addressing over 200 people at a-"consumer evening" held last Wednesday night and sponsored by a number of local sorori-

Bob Dudgeon, who will be the manager of the New Miracle Food Mart store in Georgetown, Jane Langdon and Ed McIntosh, also from Miracle Food Mart, and Arthur Buck, who teaches butchering at George Brown College, were on hand to talk about topics as varied as butchering, generic products (products which sell for less money because of their less expensive packaging) and electronic scanners which will replace cash registers in the new store.

During the course of the evening, the ladies and a few gentlemen, enjoyed dessert from the in-store bakery at Miracle Food Mart, and a number of baked goods, parcels of meat and household products were given out as door prizes.

SOME SLIDES Mr. Dudgeon showed some slides of a Miracle Food Mart store in Mississauga which is identical to the one being built

Ed McIntosh explained the use of an electornic scanner. and assured the consumers present that the machine could not overcharge them without their knowing. There are a number of safety guards built into the system so that new prices will not be charged until after the manager has checked everything over first.

The scanner will make use of the universal product code which has been put on almost every product. The only products which don't have a price

tag on them, didn't have a price tag under the old system either, he said. Each product will have a price on it, so that the consumer doesn't have to wait to see the price on the scanner before knowing the cost of an item.

The scanner will work with a computer in the store, but if

that computer should break down, the store can set up a link with the computer in head office, or in another store, over the telephone lines. If the power fails, the store will have a mini-generator which will cut in automatically to provide emergency lighting and operate the scanner, Mr. McIntosh

There will be 600 scanner stores in North American by the end of 1979, Mr. McIntosh said, and another 600 by the end of the next year.

"There's nothing to be afraid of with scanning," he said. Mr. Buck also urged consumers not to be afraid-not to

be afraid to tell the butcher how they want their meat cut, and not to be afraid to do some fancy work with the meat once they get it home.

Mr. Buck showed how to make a number of different cuts of meat from a loin of pork, a brisket of beef and a small frying chicken.

New Halton police uniforms will have short sleeve shirts

The Halton Regional Police Commission has voted to adopt a new style of uniform for officers with the rank of sergeant or less, who are on active

patrol duty. The old-style uniform consisted of a tunic, over which the officers wore a pea jacket during cold weather. In the warmer summer months, the officers worked in shirt-sleev-

With the new uniforms, officers will no longer wear tunics. Instead, they will wear a patrol jacket which has a heavy lining which can be zipped in place during cold weather, and taken out in warmer weather. The winter lining includes a heavier collar

Selected memers of the force have been wearing the newstyle patrol jackets since November, and reported to the commission that the new style, with the heavy lining, was comfortable in the cold winter weather, and provided much more freedom of movement than the old pea jackets, which were worn over the tunics.

LESS BULK The officers said the new jackets mean less bulk, and side vents in the jacket permit the officers' portable radios and guns to be worn on the outside of the jacket for easy access in an emergency situat-

The new patrol jackets cost \$99.50 each, while the pea jackets cost \$47.75 and the tunics cost \$78 each. The tunics are replaced every year and a half now, while pea jackets are replaced every three or four years.

Commissioner Glenn Magnuson said from a public relations point of view, he preferred the tunic and pea jacket combination, saying it looks "nenter and signifies the position of the officer much better".

The Halton Regional Police Association said that in talking with officers from other forces while attending courses at the police college in Aylmer, the officers have learned that these patrol jackets are coming into more widespread use.

Mr. Magnuson said it was possibly because he is "a traditionalist", but he said the

new patrol jackets never look pressed while the old uniforms look "sharp".

The commission decided to issue the new-style jackets only to those of a rank of sergeant or below, who had requested new tunics or jackets this year, with the proviso that the old jackets and tunics must be turned in when the new ones are issued. The commission also requested a

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