

Board problems in 1980's

Population affects enrollment

Herald special
Halton board of education's progress report from the long-term plan steering committee cites economics as the major problem facing the board for the 1980's.

Education director E.M. Lavender, chairman of the steering committee, has listed it above declining enrollment, changing population, unemployment prospects and employee relations as an issue.

From 1973 to 1976 per pupil costs for ordinary expenses in Halton increased from \$602 to \$1257 for elementary students, \$1,077 to \$1,834 for secondary students and \$2,207 to \$4,535 for the trainable mentally handicapped.

At the same time, the ratio of provincial funding to municipal has decreased, leading to a virtual doubling of the mill rate from 32.5 to 60.6 in 1979. "We need to plan, to prioritize,

we need to do first things first, keeping in mind that we should be doing what is best for children, we need to admit that some good things won't get done," Mr. Lavender wrote. Halton's population is changing two ways, according to the

report. It is both aging and shifting northward. "The most significant decline in enrollment is south of the Queen Elizabeth Way in Burlington and Oakville," it states. This forces the board to

decide whether to bus students from the north into the south, or build new schools. "The ministry of education has been steadily increasing its expectations, according to the report. Because academic training

does not automatically lead to a job anymore, parents and students will have to "face the reality that the good life can more likely be achieved through technological or technical vocations than through academic pursuits."



ROTARY WINNERS

Georgetown Rotary Club recently presented awards to Georgetown high school students who won a contest to design a new banner recognizing their 25th year in town. At the presentation were front row from left: Georgetown high school teacher Norm MacPhail, and winners Ian MacLaren and Paul Stevens. Back row: teacher Bill Halfour and Rotary president Peter Barrow. (Herald photo)

Former principal is chosen superintendent by board

The Halton board of education has chosen Iae Stoness to replace its superintendent of instruction, John Boich, who resignation takes effect at the end of December.

Mr. Boich will be taking the post of executive director of the Ontario Association of Education Administrative Officials.

Mr. Stoness has held the positions of teacher, vice-principal, principal, administra-

tive assistance and area superintendent in Halton since 1962. He was the unanimous choice of the selection committee, which had 14 applications, 12 men and two women, to choose from.

Mr. Stoness spent three years with the Ministry of Education's education relations allocation system, serving as associate director for two of those years.

The board decided against

appointing an assistant director of education, but decided to appoint a manager of personnel and employee relations. Colin Campbell was named to the post at last week

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