



**SO LONG, KEN**

Ken Foster, superintendent of schools with the Peel board of education, was a happy man last week, surrounded as he was by the group of lovely ladies who bought his lunch in honor of his

transfer from the Snelgrove field office to another office in Brampton. The going-away party was held in the McDonald's caboose May 28.

(Herald photo)

# HEIS is for children's needs

**Herald Special**  
The Halton Board of Education Thursday adopted the Halton early identification strategies (HEIS) already in use for several years as a specific procedure to determine a child's learning needs and abilities as he enters kindergarten.

The board also passed a recommendation in connection with this which states that all kindergarten programs in Halton begin no later than the eighth school day in September each school year. Education director E.S. Lavender said the ministry adopted much of the program, which Halton has been following for several years, in 1979, but since Halton has never formally ratified the strategy it is now time to do so.

The ministry has said the school year can't be altered in June to allow kindergarten teachers time out of the classroom prior to the usual closing date, and there is no longer funds to hire supply teachers to free up kindergarten teachers for home visits, Mr.

Lavender said. Therefore the alternative is to allow kindergarten teachers time prior to the beginning of classes in September to make the home visits.

For this reason the ministry stipulated that classes must begin no later than the eighth day of the school year.

Trustee Elaine Riehm expressed concern that parents fear their children will be labelled during the teacher's home visit and the child will carry the label throughout the rest of his school life.

ent of special services, said the purpose of a home visit is to look at pupils' strengths or weaknesses, as well as social and emotional needs as he enters school. This enables the teacher to design a program to meet the student's needs. This program must be constantly re-evaluated in order to keep meeting the child's needs, and thus there is no labelling done, he said.

## About the Hills

### Milne policy chairman

Former Brampton-Georgetown MP Ross Milne has been appointed Ontario Policy Chairman for the Provincial Liberal Party. Officers and directors chosen last week for the Brampton-Georgetown Federal Liberal Association are Policy - Dave Steckley, Organization and Election Preparedness - Linda Reid, Social Events - Shirley Last, Fund Raising - Walter E. Pope, Telephone Committee - Colleen Beaumier and Youth - Maria Maffiolo.

### Rug hookers' door prizes

The Rug Hooking Guild awarded three door prizes Friday at its exhibition Friday at St. John's United Church Hall in Georgetown. Anne Boisvenue of Brampton won a hand-hooked decorated cushion, and Mrs. Len Harding of Georgetown won a hooked wall hanging. Kaye Brochie, also of Georgetown, won a tote bag.

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**Nuke Canyon**  
Archaeologists have just made a rather disturbing discovery: That 100,000 years ago, the Grand Canyon was known as Grand Mile Island.

## Board flexible enough to meet future - report

**Herald Special**  
Little change will be needed in the organization and structure of the Halton Board of Education in order to meet its needs over the next few years, according to a report presented as part of the long-term plan.

Rev. Garry Morton, chairman of the board's organization and structure committee, which prepared the report, said last week there is a need for flexibility in board structures and organizations. The Halton board already has this built into its system and Rev. Morton feels this is one of the board's strengths.

The board operates with ad hoc committees except for the ones required by provincial legislation. This system has served Halton well and should continue to do so, the report indicated.

The report recommended the deletion of several policies which are no longer in use. The decline in enrollment has meant a drastic drop in the number of new teachers entering the system annually and thus the policy on the orientation program for new teachers is no longer worth keeping. Also recommended for deletion were the policies on professional development fund, education development and leave fund, and leave of absence. It also recommended updating the list of school names as set out in a policy.

The fact that Beaver Food is cooperating on a study of the advantages and disadvantages of having a cafeteria run by school staff and students as is done at Acton high school set Milton trustee Ivan Armstrong

to questioning whether the board was intending to discontinue the system of operation used there.

Rev. Morton explained that Beaver Foods was just acting as a consultant to provide information for comparison in the study. The Acton cafeteria isn't about to be changed, he said.

When Mr. Armstrong continued to be sceptical, education director E.S. Lavender assured him that since staff supervision is required, it was

just a matter of checking up on how much staff time was involved and how profitably this is being spent.

"We aren't planning to change it," he said. "It just seems prudent to stop and look at what's happening in our system from time to time."

Rev. Morton pointed out that if the Acton system proved to be a very superior one through the study, some thought might be given to putting a similar cafeteria set-up into other Halton schools.

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