



Marjorie White leaving McKenzie-Smith

Retiring teacher recalls 25-year career

Herald Special
McKenzie-Smith Middle School home economics teacher Marjorie White will retire at the end of June after 25 years of teaching in Acton area schools.

Mrs. White was born in Brockville, received her bachelor of science from Macdonald Institute in Guelph

and graduated from Ottawa Teachers College. She taught in Brockville until her two daughters were born.

The Whites came to Acton from Chesterville and Mrs. White began teaching in Robert Little Public School in 1958. She taught grades 4, 5 and 6 until the school's home economics teacher wanted a

leave of absence in 1971 and she took over in the family studies course.

Mrs. White and her husband Glenn who retired earlier this year from the ministry of food and agriculture, will be moving to Belleville.

Mrs. White said she enjoys sewing and crafts and will probably do some volunteer

work once she gets settled since they will be heading south for the winters and she couldn't start full time work of any sort under those conditions.

"I don't like sitting," she said, "so I'll have to find something to keep me busy."

Asked to comment on the changes she has seen in educa-

tion over the years, Mrs. White said that while the system has changed a good deal "kids have always been kids". She questions whether they enjoy school any more now than they ever did but admits discipline is more difficult for a teacher to maintain now than it once was.

"Teachers don't have the

image they once had," she said, "and perhaps they don't have quite as much support from parents."

She couldn't think of any particularly funny incidents from her experiences although she now finds she is teaching children of pupils she had when she first came to Acton. In fact their house has been sold to former pupils, she said.

More than 50 teachers, friends, pupils and former pupils gather in the McKenzie-Smith Middle School library Thursday afternoon to say good-bye to Mrs. White and present her with a pair of lawn chairs for her new home.

Will supervise seniors' home maintenance

Centennial Manor head steps down

Halton Centennial Manor's Jack Charlton, 60, has stepped down as the Manor's administrator to assume a less demanding role as its maintenance supervisor, it was announced last week.

Mr. Charlton, who has run the senior citizens' residence in Milton for the last three and

a half years, will be honored by regional councillors next Wednesday. In a press release issued to announce his early retirement, Mr. Charlton was praised for innovative programs organized within the Manor and for his outside senior's organization. Assistant administrator of

the Manor for 11 years before becoming its director, Mr. Charlton will continue to advise his successor for the remainder of the year. Gordon Timbers, currently the Manor's assistant administrator, will take over while the region searches for a candidate to fill the vacated post.

THEY 'CAN' AND THEY DID!

Library-cultural centre fund-raising chairman Rex Heslop (centre) accepted a \$2,769.22 donation from Georgetown Choral Society president Tye Tutt and Society member Carolyn Simmons, who chaired the six-week "Yes We Can" campaign in which citizens were asked to drop donations in special cans distributed across town by the Society. By contributing to the building fund for the new arts complex under construction in the background of this photo, donors were assured they were also helping build "cultural awareness" in Halton Hills. (Herald photo by Chris Asgaard)

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