

Maureen Walker retires

Secretary helped principals stay 'straight and narrow'

By ALAN MACKIE
The Herald

From walking through windows to keeping principals on "the straight and narrow," to dancing the "Health Hustle," Maureen Walker has had 20 years of fun - if not unusual - 20 years of service at Joseph Gibbons Public School.

Maureen actually started her career at the school a year before she arrived when she was hired to work as the secretary to Logan

MacDonald, principal of Harrison Public School 21 years ago.

Mr. MacDonald said, at a recent retirement party held in the Gallery of the Halton Hills Cultural Centre, "Many times I thought I was fortunate that I hired her (Ms. Walker)."

The head office asked Ms. Walker to stay at Harrison, and Mr. MacDonald had to fight to keep her as his secretary since he was moving to the "new" Joseph Gibbons School. At the retirement party he thanked Ms. Walker because she "kept me on the straight and narrow."

He noted at the beginning of Joseph Gibbons school there was no library or gymnasium and just a "little bit of mud."

Another former Joseph Gibbons principal, Doug Magwood, related a rumour that had been circulating throughout the school for 20 years that Ms. Walker's first entrance into the school was through a window. Rumour also has it that she said "That's one small step for a secretary ... one giant leap for Joseph Gibbons," Mr. Magwood quipped.

Ms. Walker later confirmed at least part of the rumour and said going through the window opening was quicker than going through the doors.

"Maureen was a tremendous organizer," another former principal of Joseph Gibbons, Tom Gibson, said.

She was mother and nurse for the students, staff and "most of all the principal," he said.

One of the more unusual activities that Mr. Gibson and Ms. Walker took part in was something called the "Health Hustle," he said. It was part of a keep fit campaign by the Halton School Board, he explained.

It started with a simple rolling of

the head from side to side, then rotating the shoulders, waist, knee, wrists, and slowly worked up to jumping back and forth. Mr. Gibson said, while demonstrating for the Gallery packed with friends and colleagues of Ms. Walker. "Can you imagine me and Maureen doing this?" laughed Mr. Gibson.

Arlene Callaghan, principal of Joseph Gibbons, called Ms. Walker a very classy lady.

Ms. Walker thanked the crowd for a time "beyond my wildest dreams for retirement."

She is now planning to continue her hobby at the Globe Theatre Productions. This includes producing the musical "Guys and Dolls."

But her retirement, effective Friday, is not the last that Joseph Gibbons will see of her. The

caretaker has taught Ms. Walker how to play the ukulele and she is planning to return every week to practice.



Maureen Walker retires this Friday but was at a retirement party held in her honor in the Gallery at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre. Ms. Walker was presented a brass anniversary clock for her 20 years of service at the Joseph Gibbons Public School. (Herald photo)



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Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 301 of the Municipal Act, being Chapter 302 of the revised statutes of Ontario, 1980, that the Council of the Town of Halton Hills, at its meeting to be held in the Civic Centre at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 28, 1990 will consider the passing of by-laws for the Bridge Rehabilitation as set out below:

Main Street Bridge over C.N.R., Georgetown

Details of this project and the proposed by-laws are available for viewing during normal business hours at the Engineering Department office. Any inquiries should be directed to the Engineering Department at 873-2600.

The Public is advised that the Bridge will be reduced to two lane traffic during the course of the rehabilitation.

The Council will hear, in person, or by his Counsel, any person who claims that his lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard. Persons wishing to be heard should notify the Clerk's Department no later than Thursday, May 10, 1990.

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Currently a preliminary design study is being carried out by the Town of Halton Hills on the above-noted section of Main Street. The study is being undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for Municipal Road Projects.

In February of 1990, alternative alignments for Main Street were reviewed with the public. Since then the alternatives have been analyzed and evaluated in order to determine a preferred alignment. A second Public Information Centre has been arranged to review the study recommendations and receive public comment. The Information Centre will be an informal drop-in centre where those who attend will be able to discuss the study with municipal representatives.

The meeting is open to all interested parties. If you are unable to attend or have any questions, please contact:

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