



Annual art show

The Georgetown Palette and Pencil Club opened its annual show and sale Wednesday at the Cultural Centre in Georgetown. Club President and artist Frank Anthony (right) is seen here showing one of his works entitled Kim, to art lover Una O'Callaghan. There are 54 paintings on display, done by the club's 21 artists. The show runs until Feb. 24. (Herald photo)

Special church meeting

"Give the lamps to the women..." Third World women are fighting back, as they and their families suffer the rushing effects of their countries' huge debts to northern banks. Gertrude Kapuma, an experienced educator and development worker from Malawi, will speak about the effects of the debt crisis on women in particular at a public meeting presented by the 10 local churches of "Ten Days for World Development" Sunday, February 10 at St. George's Anglican Church on Guelph Street, Georgetown. Potluck dinner at 5:30 (simple foods), presentation and discussion at 7:30. All are welcome.



School skits presentation

Kindergarten students at Harrison Public School in Georgetown put on a play for their school Wednesday. Pictured above, Samantha Ballantine (left) and Laura Redekop (right) read an introduc-

tion to one of the skits in the presentation. Other kindergarten students were snowflakes, kittens, polar bears and busy building Frosty the Snowman. (Herald photo)

Hydro helping clean school air

In response to concerns over poor air quality in portables, the Halton Roman Catholic School Board, in conjunction with Ontario Hydro, recently completed the installation of energy efficient ventilation units in all of its 78 portables in the system, including St. Joseph's School in Acton. These new convenient control modules provide necessary fresh air to the classrooms and the heat recovery option reduces the cost of providing the required air.

As part of an ongoing 'Savings By Design' program to improve the energy efficiency of regional schools, Ontario Hydro has provided a financial incentive of \$117,000 to directly subsidize the cost of this project. A cheque in the amount of this grant, which covers approximately 35% of the cost of the air quality ventilation units, will be presented to the Halton Roman Catholic School Board at its January 29 Board meeting by Mr. Jack Raftis, Manager, Customer Energy Services, and Mr. Paul Dilda, Commercial Energy Supervisor, of Ontario Hydro (Hamilton/Burlington).

Last year the Board was made aware of air quality problems through testing conducted by an external consultant at a number of schools in the region, with portables being of particular concern. In order to reduce present carbon dioxide levels, a method of introducing fresh air into the classrooms was required, particularly in winter when windows are generally kept closed.

The VanEE ECM (Environmental Control Module) unit selected was easily retrofit into the existing portables. These units meet the fresh air requirements of the classroom, and combine excellent heat recovery and programmable thermostatic controls to minimize the cost of heating this air.

Ontario Hydro's interest in this project lies in the energy efficiency of the new ventilation units. By installing units with a heat recovery option (which preheats the incoming fresh air with the warmer exhaust air) the amount of electric heating required to bring air to room temperature is significantly reduced. Expected

electrical savings for the project are 390 kW (kilowatts), or roughly \$28,000 per year in electrical savings, with additional savings expected from reduced use of the existing baseboard heaters.

"The Board and its students and staff benefit from the improved air quality," noted Cliff Byrnes, Director of Education. "The greatly reduced operating costs and the improved payback for the installation further save the Board money and assists us in meeting the financial realities of the '90s."

Ontario Hydro benefits by the improved electrical efficiency of their system.

Ontario Hydro's participation is part of its energy management direction. The aim is to substantially reduce consumer electrical demand by means of a variety of information and incentive programs. The Savings By Design program, which funded this project, offers funding to cover the cost of feasibility studies for energy efficiency improvements and to subsidize the cost of implementation. The amount of funding available is determined based on potential energy savings.

The Board is committed to providing a healthy and safe environment in all of its facilities for its staff and students. It is currently investigating making further use of this and other Hydro programs in an effort to improve the operation of its facilities. This includes evaluating energy effi-

cient lighting systems which has the potential to provide in excess of 700 kW (kilowatts) of electrical savings.

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