Georgetown South's K-Gr. 8 public school on 1996 wish list

school in Georgetown South is \$10.2 million in Iroquois Ridge number eight on the priority list for the Halton Board of Education.

The school would house 685 students and cost an estimated \$13.6 million in 1996.

"Before we would do that, we'd get back Wrigglesworth from the French board," Ward 3 and 4 Trustee Dick Howitt said. "That forcast is a long way down the road. It's the optimum position if we have everything to our heart's desire, unless Georgetown South just goes boom, and we'd need it sooner."

The priorities for the public school board in 1993 includes three

New Sacre Coeur school top priority

Ken Norman is pleased to be representing north Halton on the Halton Separate School Board for another three years. He was acclaimed to his position.

The top priority for the French language section, which he represents, will be the construction of a new Ecole Sacre Coeur, Georgetown's French elementary school. In 1993, the separate board has to be out of Wrigglesworth School on Guelph St., Georgetown, so the board will need a place to put the new school.

A budget of \$3.7 million from the Ministry of Education has already been approved, and construction should start in June, 1992, with a completion date projected for September, 1993. The board is still trying to finalize the site, Norman

The major issue faced by the board is the budget and the disparity between the actual costs and grants from the province, Norman

"The board has little control over education costs, since teachers' salaries represent about 70 per cent of the costs. Another 20-24 per cent of costs are fixed, including heat, hydro and other things. Really only 6 to 8 per cent (of the costs) are controllable," he said. "Relatively it's a very, very small portion that's controllable."

Another problem with funding is that the board doesn't know what the revenue will be until the legislative grants are announced each spring.

"Also, Halton Separate Baord is growing. It's now the 5th or 6th largest separate board in Ontario. We've had substantial growth in the last four years," he said.

Norman has been on the board for five years, ever since provincial legislation was passed which would guarantee a minimum of three French trustees to be board. A Ballinafad resident, Norman has a daughter in Grade 5 at Sacre Coeur School and a son in Grade 9 attending school in Mississauga, which has the closest French-language high school.

Best at bridge

Winners in Monday's play of the Georgetown Duplicate Bridge Club were 1. Elsie Whitham and Karol Tobiasz, 2. Judy Rivers and Harry Arbic, and 3. Jake Timpson and Mike Lorusso. Newcomers are always welcome Mondays at 1 p.m. at the Georgetown Legion.

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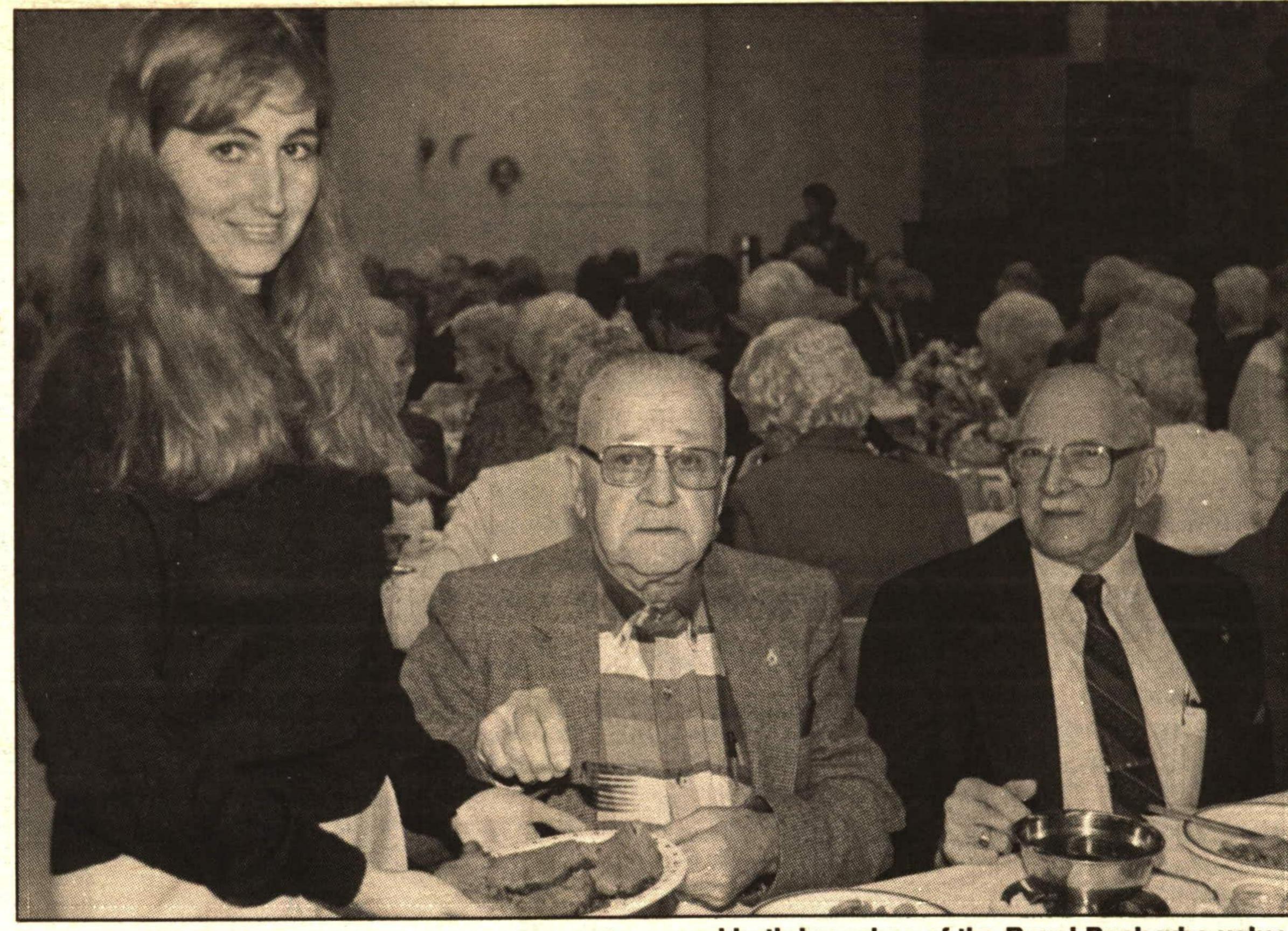
A new Kindergarten to Grade 8 K-Grade 8 schools, each costing (Oakville), Headon Forest (Burlighton) and Glen Abbey (Oakville). The board is also hoping a K-Grade 5 school for Sherwood Heights (Oakville) at a cost of \$6.4 million in 1993 too.

In 1994, the board hopes to build a K-Grade 8 school in the River Oaks part of Oakville for \$11.2 million and a similar school is planned for the Rose community of Burlington the following year.

An addition to Brookville School for 1995 at a cost of \$1 million is number seven on the priority list.

Other schools are planned for 1996, with a total cost of \$37.4 million that year, or \$63.3 million over the next two years.

The new schools are intended to accommodate new students in growth areas of Halton.



Almost 250 seniors sat down for supper at the annual Rotary Seniors' Dinner at Holy Cross Church, Monday night. The diners were served by bank employees from the CIBC Main Street branch

and both branches of the Royal Bank who volunteered their time. Above, Janice Kouyoumjian of the CIBC serves Claude Mairs of Glen Williams and Ernie Pierce of Georgetown.

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