

Strawberries in fashion

Tonight (Wednesday) Knox church will host a Strawberry Social, followed by a fashion show titled Bridal Fashions of Yesteryear.

The event runs from 5 to 7 pm at the church. Tickets are available at Village Variety on Mill Street. Cost is \$7.50 for adults, \$3 for children under 10 and \$4 for the fashion show only.

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Advisory Committee on Race & Ethnocultural Equity Issues for the Halton Board of Education

Applications are invited from those interested in being a member of this Committee. Meetings are scheduled for one evening each month from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Committee will act in an advisory capacity to the Halton Board of Education on issues of Race and Ethnocultural Equity. Members of the Committee will:

- Advise on issues with respect to the implementation and development of initiatives of the Board;
- Be a community "liaison" and foster a good working relationship between the Halton Board of Education and the community;
- Raise issues, concerns and ideas for the Board;
- Act as a resource to provide information, projects, etc.
- Provide a reviewing/monitoring role to the Board for the implementation of the various Policies related to Race and Ethnocultural Equity Issues.

Anyone interested in being a member of this Committee should pick up an application form from:

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Teacher 'ready for retirement'

BY DOUG HARRISON
The Acton Tanner

As he exited the Acton High parking lot yesterday (Tuesday) for the last time as a teacher, Roy McMillan left behind plenty of memories. But what he won't miss is a timetable.

"It will be nice when the bell rings and I won't have to be there," chuckles McMillan, who is retiring after 21 years at Acton High and 32 years in the teaching business. "There's a little mixed emotion, but I'm ready for retirement.

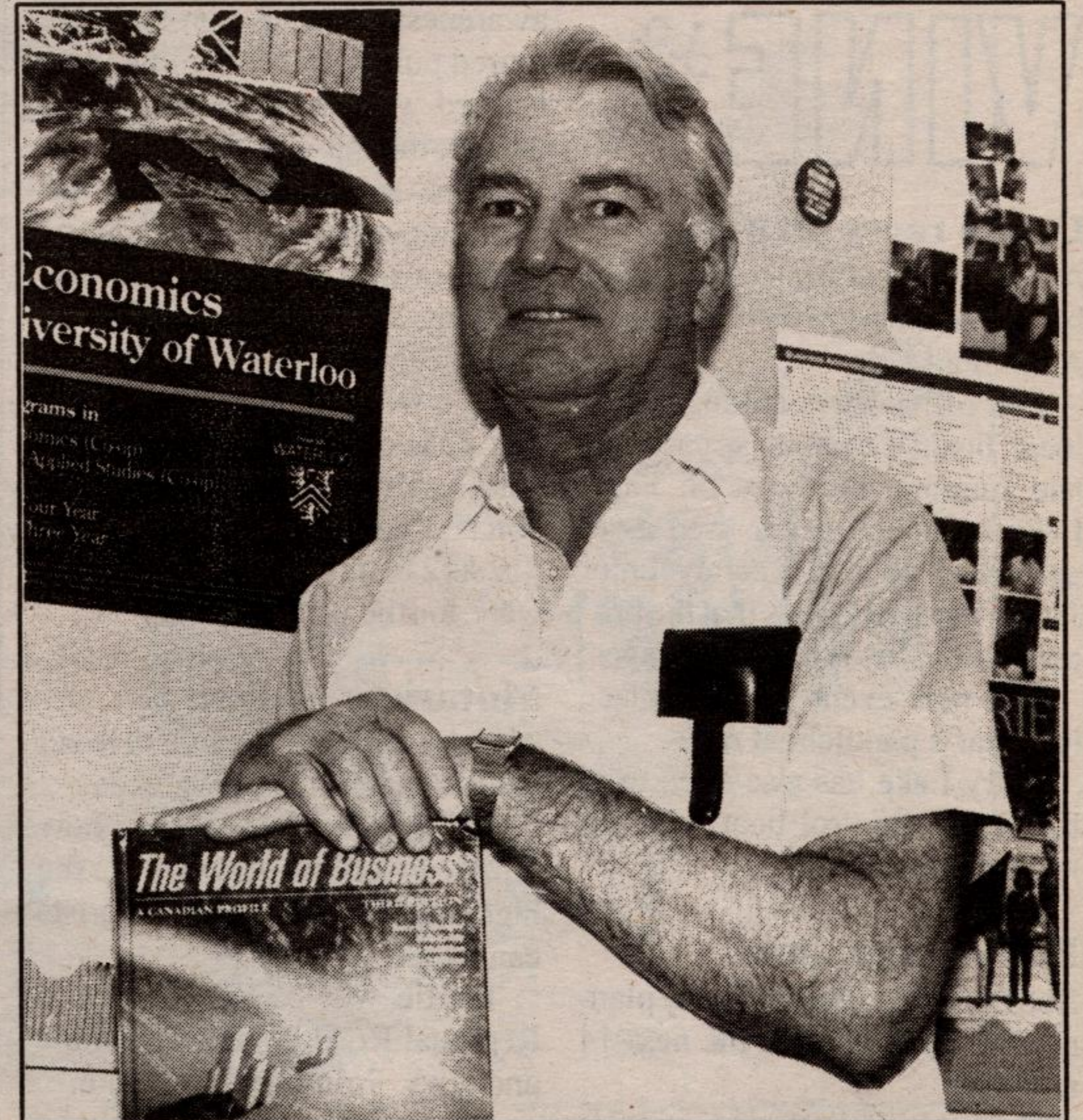
"And there's nothing to stop me from getting in my car and coming here to visit."

Instructing students, marking exams and the daily stresses that go with the job, will soon give way to slo-pitch, curling, travelling, gardening and woodworking, for the 57-year-old McMillan.

He hopes to play 50 to 60 games between the Guelph Recreational slo-pitch and Guelph Masters slo-pitch leagues during the summer and then drive to Thunder Bay in the fall to vacation with his wife of 35 years, Vera.

"Teaching has been good to me. It's opened opportunities for me," explains McMillan, who began his teaching career at Guelph's John F. Ross in 1963. "I've met a lot of fine people — staff, students and parents."

In his seven years at Ross — he left for a brief period after five years to complete his Masters of Education degree at the University of Guelph — McMillan worked in five different departments and under eight principals.



SO LONG, ROY! AHS teacher Roy McMillan — showing off his World of Business textbook — is retiring after 21 years at the school.

He says it broadened his outlook on school in general.

Peering through his crystal ball, the Guelph resident doesn't see a pretty picture for the high school system in five to 10 years.

"I think you'll see a tightening up of the curriculum in that some expensive courses won't be operating," predicts the father of two, who spent three years as an assistant co-ordinator of business at the Board before coming here. "And I think it will be hard for schools to have up-to-date equipment."

McMillan also hopes there will be more career-oriented education, such as expansion of co-op programs with outside businesses.

Noticing a gap in what business textbooks were being offered for the Grade 9 and 10 introductory courses, McMillan and three other educators — including Board director Bob Williams — wrote *World of Business*, a text that has been adopted across Canada to help introduce students to a variety of business-related topics.

"It replaced an American text, so it's good to see original Canadian content. There's even a French and Australian version," McMillan beams, adding it was first published in 1978. The second and third volumes came out in 1987 and last year.

Soon after coming to Acton High as the Head of Arts and Applied Sciences, McMillan, for 16 years, ran and hired the staff for the school's cafeteria, which five years ago was taken over by an outside company.

In that time, the school raised \$100,000 to support school teams with uniforms and equipment, the band, and new computers.

Of his many memories, McMillan lists commencement programs and kids getting involved in sports programs as the top two.

"It's always a plus to see the kids step across the stage to a major change in life," he states.

Seeing teacher Brian Downes kissing a cow, the opening of the "new" Acton High and seeing costumes in the school at Halloween are other ever-lasting memories.

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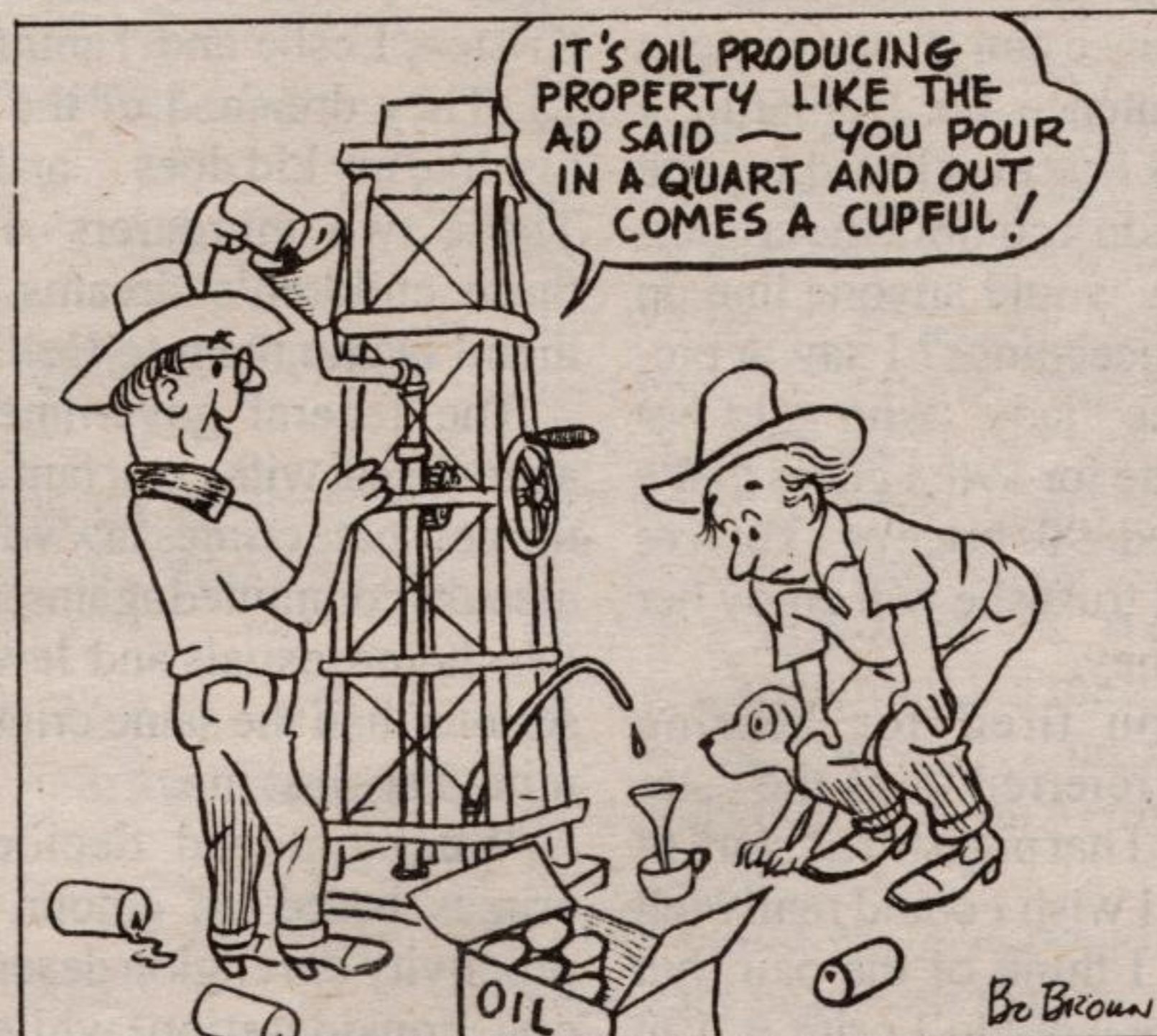
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