

Innovations, changes predicted

Board of Education outlines aims, objectives for 1970

With its first year over, Halton County Board of Education is planning its program for 1970 and how it could be best achieved. At the regular meeting of the Board in Oakville Thursday a report outlining suggested aims and objectives for 1970 was tabled with the intention of discussing it at the Board meeting this week.

The 35-page report deals with new innovations for education in Halton for 1970 as well as a rundown of curriculum changes, planned additions and new buildings as well as other pertinent information concerning the Halton education picture.

The report deals with the need for program councils. Twenty such councils were brought into being in 1969 to develop programs and offer recommendations for program changes.

Increasing importance is put on the audio-visual department of the schools and the library. It

is hoped 350 films can be added to the supply annually until the inventory reaches a supply of one film per teacher on staff.

The board will be asked to consider extending video playback facilities to each of the secondary schools in the county.

"More effective use of school libraries is a prime objective" the report notes, adding increased integration of classroom with library is most desirable. Budget allowing, it is hoped the board will appropriate \$6 per pupil for the purchase of library books and material.

In an effort to provide a sound relationship with parents and more generally the community, the board plans monthly newsletters to parents, parent-teacher workshops and invitations for parents to visit classes during school hours as well as a program whereby parents would take part in the school program as volunteers in the library and other school areas.

An effort will be made for the school to make greater use of community resources. One of the 20 program councils mentioned earlier will evaluate philosophy of outdoor education and field trips and compile environmental, human, industrial and business resources available to teachers and students of Halton County. This is being done in the belief that student will benefit from direct learning experiences.

Extracurricular activities such as student councils, team sports, drama clubs and choirs will be encouraged so the student can realize his potential.

Various curriculum changes will be considered in 1970. Courses in theatre arts and grade 12 calculus are being considered for Perdue High School, while data processing, mass media, critical and creative writing are being offered at Georgetown District High School and in Milton journalism and data processing will be offered.

Students of Acton High School have not been able to take art or music in recent years. The Board hopes to be able to offer this to grade nine students even if it means a transfer to Georgetown District High School.

A new addition at T. A. Blakelock High School will provide technical options, expression of business and commerce courses and a greater flexibility of programs.

Lord Elgin High School, slated to open in September of 1970, will utilize various facilities of the building—for example open concept areas, library resource centres and the use of the subject credit system.

The report deals extensively with special education and student services. It says programs are intended to get underway for the emotionally disturbed as well as for those perceptually handicapped.



THREE JOURNALISM STUDENTS from the first year course at Sheridan College of Applied Arts and Technology, Brampton, are working on the news staff of The Champion this week. The entire journalism class was shipped out for a week of work experience in area newspapers. During their brief sojourn at The Champion the girls are writing news stories, doing features and interviews and taking pictures for this week's paper and succeeding issues. Looking over last week's Champion are, from left, Cheryl Job of Mississauga, Ann Page of Oakville and Penny O'Driscoll of Mississauga.—(Staff Photo)

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HALTON MANOR

Manor residents have many holiday visitors

By Miss L. Moore and Mrs. M. Warbanks

A very pleasant hour was spent on Monday, Dec. 15 when the Calvinettes from Georgetown paid a visit to the Manor. Very attractive in their blue skirts and white blouses, they sang carols to the residents and eight girls did a ribbon drill which was very pretty. Councillors of the Calvinettes were Alice Dekleer, Ria Kroegen, Lucy Vandersbus, Karen Bergsma, and Gerdie Pool. Miss Moore said thanks to the visitors and the residents showed their appreciation with a hearty round of applause. A light lunch was then served.

Our Christmas party was held in the auditorium on Dec. 16 sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Manor. The party was opened by Mr. Allen who spoke to the residents and wished everyone the compliments of the season. Mrs. Allen who is president of the Auxiliary M.C.'d the afternoon. Entertainment was provided by a women's choir under the direction of Mrs. Judy Hunter and six boys playing flutes from the Kilbride Public School. Everyone received party hats and Santa and his helpers from the Auxiliary handed out gifts and fruit to the residents. A luncheon was served and Mrs. Warbanks thanked the ladies of the Auxiliary for a very wonderful party.

On the evening of Dec. 17 the Salvation Army paid a visit to the Manor and sang in the corridors of the Martin House and the Pettit House. Sunshine bags were handed out to the residents as they carolled their way through the buildings. Mrs. Peet thanked the visitors in the Martin House and Mrs. Blinn gave a vote of thanks to the singers in Pettit House.

The Legion members of Branch 486 in Bronte

entertained the residents on Dec. 19. A large crowd was on hand to enjoy the evening. Mr. Darryl Carson was the M.C. and the music was provided by Ross Brown, J. Salter and piper W. Robertson. The highlight of the show was the antics of a certain clown by the name of Basil Cormier who was certainly delightful. Santa Claus played by W. Hughes made sure that gifts of games, candy, cigarettes and fruit were handed to each of the residents. The legion also provided a lovely Christmas cake which was served after the program with tea and coffee. Mrs. Warbanks gave a hearty vote of thanks and Mr. Charlton, our assistant administrator, spoke to the residents and also thanked our visitors.

The adult fellowship of the Church of the Nazarene paid a visit to the Martin House on Dec. 20 and sang carols in the corridors. It was a great treat as many of these residents do not go to the entertainment in the auditorium. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Warbanks and the visitors promised to return at a later date.

On the afternoon of Dec. 21, the Holy Cross Lutheran Church presented a Christmas play called "The Nativity" all in song. After the concert a light lunch of cookies and drinks were served. Mrs. Small thanked the visitors for a very enjoyable afternoon.

On Dec. 21, a Christmas Concert was presented in the auditorium by the Christian Reformed Church of Burlington.

Mr. Van Eche opened the concert. Mr. DeHoan led the choir and sang the solo, "O Holy Night". A bible reading was given by Rev. Mulder, who also was the speaker for the evening. Refreshments were served following the concert and Mrs. Blinn thanked the guests.

Dec. 22 a group of girls from the Holy Rosary School, in Milton, sang Christmas carols for the residents in the auditorium. Cold drinks and cookies were served and Mrs. Warbanks thanked the children for coming.

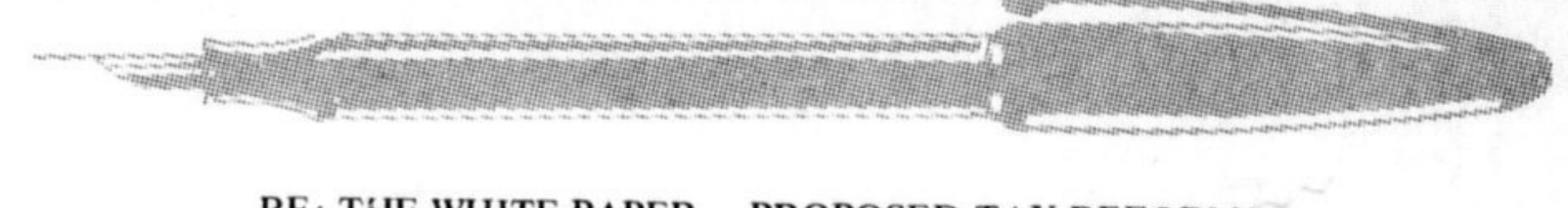
Our very good friends from the Rexdale Gospel Hall paid us a visit on Dec. 26. An enjoyable evening was spent in readings, singing and prayer. A lovely luncheon was served after the program and Miss Moore gave a vote of thanks to the visitors who presented each of the residents with a box of candy.

Dec. 29, the D. C.'s, a group of 25 people from the Calvary Church in Oakville paid a visit to the residents in Martin House. Cookies were left for the residents to enjoy with their meal. Mrs. Warbanks was again on hand to thank the visitors.

Films are again being shown in the auditorium and on Dec. 30 a film called A Star is Born featuring Judy Garland and Charles Bickford was enjoyed by the residents.

—This week is Milton Minor Hockey Week. Minor hockey officials hope to see you at the rink. Remember to take your boy, don't send him.

OUR READERS WRITE:



RE: THE WHITE PAPER - PROPOSED TAX REFORMS

Dear Sir:

May I urge all your readers to obtain a copy of this document as quickly as possible. Having done so, I would urge that they make every effort to acquaint themselves with its contents—and not rely upon the news media for their only interpretation.

It is imperative that all responsible citizens seek acquaintance and understanding on its proposals. It is essential that constructive criticism be formulated and given voice through our elected Member of Parliament, Rud Whiting.

Touching as it does, every fabric of individual relationship with senior governments, where our income and savings are concerned—fatalistic acceptance or intemperate noise-making will prove expensively unrewarding.

As citizens in Ontario, we have had a procession of Provincial Government actions superimposed on us—Boards of Education, Regional Government, etc.

There was no debate, none as issues contested before-the-fact in elections.

Whatever the individual's views may be on the Trudeau Government respecting its record, this White Paper on Tax Reform is unique as offering all Canadians an opportunity to institute full public debate—to challenge which is proposed—to press for whatever desirable alterations public consensus indicates.

In the weeks ahead I would hope to see public meetings—small and large—in halls and homes—instituted; out of which written comment, argument and suggestions will be "fired" off to our M.P. and the Minister of Finance.

The undersigned would be pleased to lend any assistance to anyone or group interested in beginning along the above lines.

Yours very truly,
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