

Holy Rosary's principal Sister Alexander retires

After 35 years of teaching, the last five of them in Milton, Sister Alexander principal of Holy Rosary Separate School, is retiring in September.

Her successor will be Sister Francis of Dundas, at present principal of St. Augustus School in Dundas. Sister Francis has been principal there for four years.

Works on thesis

Sister Alexander will return to St. Joseph's Convent in Hamilton in the fall and await further posting. At present she is finishing work at Holy Rosary and preparing a book for publication. The book is to be a revision of the thesis she completed during her studies in post graduate work at the University of Toronto.

She taught senior high school at

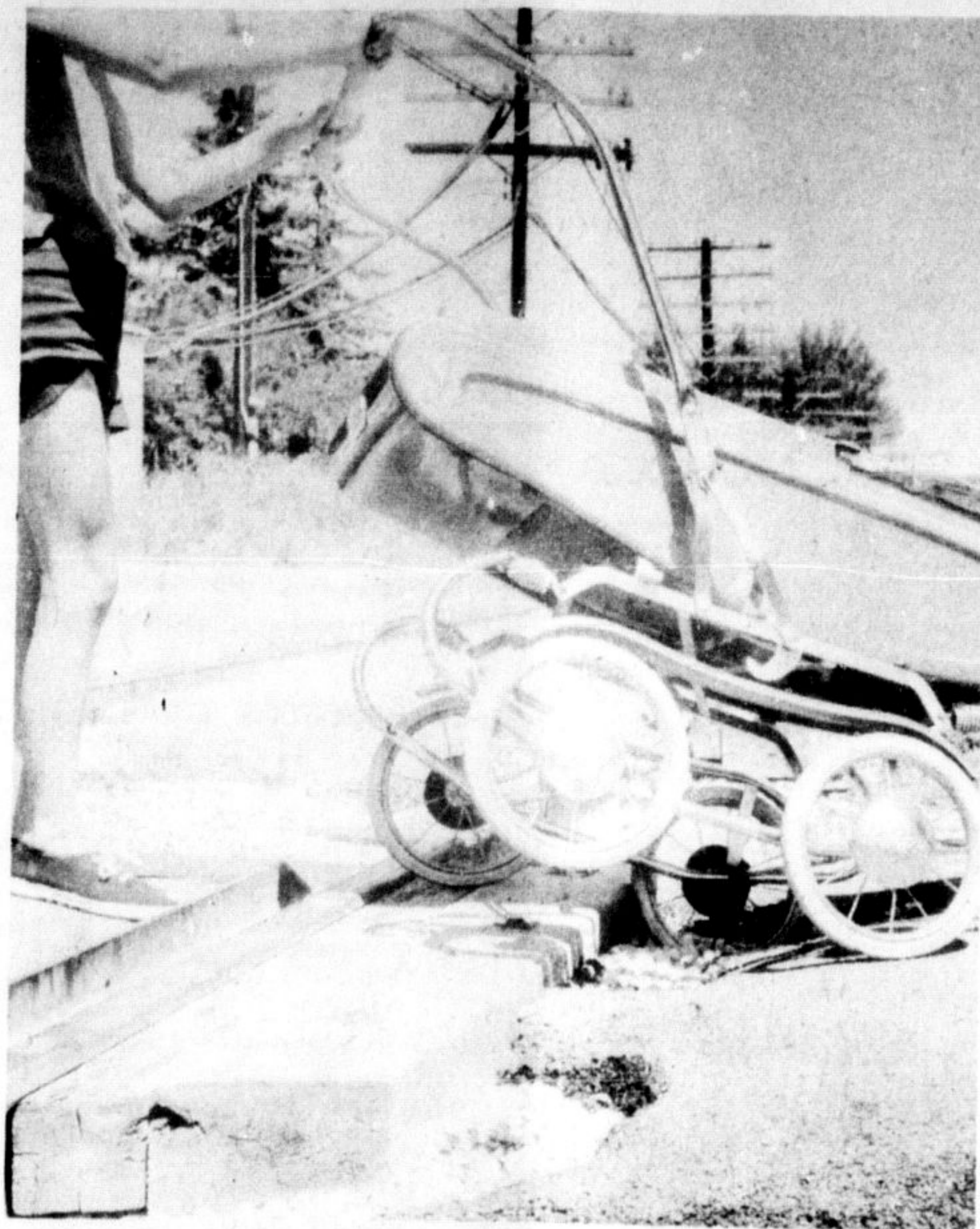
Cathedral Girls High School in Hamilton for 19 years (in two separate sessions) and at St. John's College in Brantford. Prior to this Sister taught grade school at St. Lawrence School Hamilton for 10 years. She refrained from teaching in June 1963 and attended the University of Toronto on Roberts Scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to successful high school teachers who wish to continue with post-graduate study. Sister Alexander attended the U of T for three years and received her Masters Degree in Arts and her Phil M. Degree. She was then appointed to Holy Rosary in Milton "where the community needed her." She replaced Sister Antoinette who retired in 1966.

Sister noted the accomplishment made in the library at the

school during the last five to seven years. "Sister Antoinette was interested in library work and during the last several years the library here has expanded into an efficient resource centre. It took the hard work and co-operation of both staff and students working together to mould the library into what it is today."

She also expressed sincere thanks to service clubs in town for their co-operation in school programs and projects and noted "the A-1 attitude" of the Catholic Women's League, Milton District Hospital, Milton doctors and the police force towards staff and students at the school.

Sister Alexander will be missed by all the pupils of Holy Rosary who will remember her for her perseverance and "quick wit."



A TRICKY MANOEUVRE . . . no, it's not an obstacle course for prambulators, it's the pedestrian crosswalk at the CPR tracks on Martin St. in Milton. Milton Council is upset about the rough condition of the crossing and has asked the railway to fix it, quick. Mayor Brian Best said it was so bad, "I defy any average person to push a baby carriage across that crossing." The Champion tried it, fortunately without the baby in the buggy—or the baby might have been tossed out. The photo shows how bumpy the crossing can be. —(Staff Photo)

Chamber hopes

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Chamber decide against it.

Needs support

President DiCola said the highly successful February "Snow Festival" parade indicates a Christmas parade would not be as costly as originally estimated. (The Chamber had a lavishly-decorated float in the Festival parade which cost a little over \$50). He said there were also indications of sufficient support from the business community, industries and service clubs in town to make a parade worthwhile.

The committee was urged to meet in the near future and bring

in a report for a future executive meeting. While the staging of a pre-Christmas Santa Claus parade was not yet definite, directors were enthusiastic over the prospects. They also instructed the committee to see if Santa himself could visit local stores during December.

When entering the freeway, do so at the speed of traffic.

Forest tent caterpillar epidemics rarely kill healthy trees but can retard growth.

Various types of weevils eat terminal buds and cause trees to fork.

Rain, temperature, humidity

Kelso checks weather

In 1871, when Professor Kingston started to make meteorological observations at Toronto, he worked with a staff of four. This year, as the service celebrates its 100th birthday, it retains some 2,300 full time employees, in a network of stations and offices that covers all of Canada and links into meteorological services throughout the world.

There are in fact two main types of weather observing networks being operated in Canada. One is the synoptic network of about 275 stations transmitting their observations by some rapid means of communication such as teletype, telegraph or radio to main collection centres. From these centres, the observations are sent onwards to weather forecast offices in Canada and other countries for weather forecasting purposes.

One unit at Kelso

In addition to weather forecasting for which the synoptic observing network is designed, the service has a responsibility for recording data in more detail for the study of Canada's climate. This climatological station network is made up of about 2,000 units, of which the Halton Region Conservation Authority's Kelso weather station is one.

The twice-daily readings made of rainfall, temperature and humidity levels are recorded automatically on charts and forwarded to the Federal Department of Transport. Information is also made available to the flood forecast unit of the Ontario Department of Energy and Resources Management for use in the prediction of watershed run-off conditions. The data is also used in determining the water levels of the Authority's reservoirs before and after large storms.

Study disturbances

Because the Authority's reports are transmitted by mail, no use is made of them in the weather forecasting operation. The data is however, used in the study of large weather

disturbances after they have occurred and are published monthly as weather data for Canada and circulated to all meteorological services in the world.

The data also permits the calculation of the averages and extremes of temperature and precipitation that are needed for the design of buildings and drainage, air conditioning and heating systems in the area.

When driving off a freeway, slow down on the exit ramp and be prepared to face two-way traffic.



On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Milton Community Credit Union, Jim Langedyk, president, announces the appointment of Mr. Warren McLay to loan officer.

Mr. McLay's background in banking and consumer loans will be a great asset in the loan department of the Credit Union.

Mr. McLay is twenty-nine years of age and has spent ten years with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, and during that time was transferred into seven different communities. The last three of these years were spent in the Milton Branch.

Mr. McLay is an executive member of the Georgetown Kinsmen and is active in local sports activities. He is married and has two boys aged six and three.

Board tells its side

Charge OSSTF president turns defeat into victory

In a bid to have their side of the story told, the Halton County Board of Education has replied to statements made by Halton OSSTF president Tom Ramautarsingh concerning negotiations between the Board and the Halton OSSTF.

In the Tuesday release the board said the teachers were offered a merit pay plan similar to the one accepted in Metro but the plan was rejected without study.

According to the board on May 3 the teachers' committee and the teachers rejected by a large percentage a two-year contract similar to the one accepted by Toronto teachers.

June 24 the board committee came to an agreement with the teachers' committee and the negotiator from the provincial organization. According to the Board the negotiator and the committee of teachers recommended the settlement to the teachers on June 29 but it was rejected by a narrow margin when 32 per cent of those voting, voted to reject it.

Changed position

The release read "It would appear that the District President has withdrawn his approval of the salary package, has enumerated a number of reasons why he thinks the board offer was not accepted and has converted his members' rejection of his recommendation into a vote of support."

The board reply questions the OSSTF president's statement saying 20 per cent of the teachers get no salary increase other than increment. The board says 10 per cent of the teachers would have received a 4.5 to 5.5 per cent increase through increments. All of those teachers are in their first year. Minimum salaries remain relatively unchanged this year.

Not true now

Referring to a statement by Ramautarsingh charging the board with not taking advantage of an additional \$75,000 in grants, the board explained 50 per cent of that figure would have to be paid by the ratepayers in Halton and the remainder by the province. The board claims they have exceeded the original salary budget figure in the last offer. "The implication that \$75,000 remains below the ceiling is no longer true."

The board denied any part in delaying negotiations. "Considerable time was spent moving both the teachers' and the board's position closer to common ground. Unfortunately a gap still existed which appeared to be unbridgeable."

"The district president has urged that we progress to a discussion of working conditions", said the release.

"By agreement between board and teachers' committees, salary was to be negotiated to a conclusion before any discussion took place on working conditions. To urge that they now occur simultaneously is to retract

unilaterally an agreement already made," it read.

Lack of confidence

"The board committee had every reason to expect that this salary offer which is acceptable to the O.S.S.T.F. negotiator and the district executive would be acceptable to the secondary teachers of Halton County. They regret that the teachers did not have enough confidence to accept

the executive recommendation," said the board.

"Unfortunately, Mr. Ramautarsingh has stated in the press that he is unable to reopen negotiations until September. The board committee is prepared, as it always has been, to meet and to negotiate the difficulties to a mutually satisfactory conclusion," the board statement said.

Mystery fire . . .

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Several pigs were roaming around between the barn and the house, while firefighters were bringing the house fire under control. A dog, believed to have belonged to Mr. Lapointe, was recovered unharmed.

Witnesses at the fire reported seeing Mr. Lapointe in the Reliable Snack Bar in Acton about 1.30 a.m. the same morning. Proprietor Don Grein said he believed Mr. Lapointe

had names for all the animals on his farm.

Rented farm

It is believed Mr. Lapointe had been renting the farm from four Toronto men. Mr. Foster estimated he had been there about a year and a half. According to Mr. Foster, another couple Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson had lived there as well for some time, but had left about four months ago. Mr. Lapointe had worked for a period of time at the Facelle-Royale plant in Toronto, Mr. Foster said.

He described the dead man as a friendly, easy going character, who joked about frequently.

The OPP located the man's brother, Joseph Edward Lapointe in Toronto Sunday.

Deputy-chief Van Fleet said he is not yet able to estimate the amount of damage that resulted from the fire. Flames from the barn fire could be seen easily from Acton.

Second phase of industrial mall begins

Milton Building Inspector Ray Olan recently issued a permit for the second building at the Alliance Industrial Plaza complex on Steeles Ave. in Milton.

The building will contain nine units and a total of 2,200 square feet, slightly smaller than the initial building which includes an area of 2,400 square feet.

The first building, just recently completed, has been rented and the owner has had inquiries concerning the second one. Construction is expected to begin soon.

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