

# Teachers learn about multicultural education

Multicultural education is relevant regardless of whether the student currently lives in a multicultural community. Dr. Mavis Burke, a consultant with the Ministry of Education, told North Halton teachers. Dr. Burke was leader of the workshop on multi-

culturalism, one of several workshops offered to teachers during professional development day. Multicultural education begins with a state of mind, Dr. Burke said in her introductory talk. Its purpose is to prepare students to live in a multicultural society. In an

interdependent world where people move around, no one will be able to live in isolation, she pointed out. The idea is to help students become flexible enough to deal with people from a variety of backgrounds. Dr. Burke herself is almost an embodiment of multi-

culturalism. Her background is Jamaican, Irish and Jewish. "The question of visible minorities is at a critical point today," she commented. In the days of overseas missionaries, it was considered enough to collect money on Sunday "to do good work." Today, however, members of minority groups are neighbors and classmates.

People need to examine what they really feel about minorities, Dr. Burke said, and question whether they're making assumptions about others based solely on their appearance. Teachers need also to examine the curriculum for material or ideas which used to be valid but no longer are, the educator said. Christmas, for instance, has different meanings to various cultural groups.

When in doubt, "think child," Dr. Burke advised the teachers. "A child is a child." Newcomer adjustment is only one aspect of multiculturalism, she went on. "What about when the newcomers are no longer new?" she asked. "Are they 'Black-Canadian' or 'Canadian'?"

Using the Caribbean to illustrate her discussion, Dr. Burke stressed it matters where a child comes from — not just what country, but what part of the country. "The teacher has to know a great deal about the child's background."

It makes a difference, for example, whether a Jamaican child comes from a rural or urban area, from the mountains or the sea coast. The child's experience, even his language, will be different, she explained. Following Dr. Burke's talk the teachers got together to identify possible problems of adjustment for newcomers and to develop ways of meeting their needs. Teachers had a choice of two workshops during the day. In addition to multiculturalism, other offerings were sessions on creative

thinking, how we read, how we think, physical disabilities, music, drama, science, nutrition, unit planning and outdoor education. The next professional activity day for the north area is scheduled for Friday, May 12.



THE PURPOSE of multicultural education is to prepare students for living in a world where they'll have to relate with people of various backgrounds, Dr. Mavis Burke (left) told North Halton teachers. Dr. Burke and David MacDonald (centre), both from the Ministry of Education, participated in the teachers' professional development day program. J. M. Denyes vice-principal Milree Armstrong chaired the section on multiculturalism.

## Amateur hour at teen dance

Following the success of the last teen dance held at Milton Memorial Arena on Thompson Rd., a second dance has been planned for April 27. The dance is sponsored by some members of arena fund raising committee. Spokesperson Rose Harrison said the April dance would feature an amateur musicians' hour. Teen bands interested in entertaining for a short period of time will be judged by the teens attending the dance.

Those interested in taking part in the amateur contest should contact Donna at 878-7879, Rose at 878-2185 or Louise at 878-8316. All three people are available after 6 p.m. during the week.

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Youth Centre. Organizers report a profit of about \$7,000 on the club's recent Sports Celebrity Roast, where NHL referee Bruce Hood of Milton was the brunt of many jokes.

Election night will be held later this month and Dennis Kwasiński, one of the current vice-presidents, has been nominated to assume the president's chair from retiring president Ron Hudd. Three new members were inducted last week — Vic Snow, Pat Batty and John Perrott. (Perrott is returning to Optimist work as he is a past president of the Milton club.)

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