

Former Regional Chairman says it's time to fight oil hikes

"Canada's natural resources are a God-given gift and should be shared by the whole country", Ric Morrow, former Halton Regional Chairman and Halton Hills councillor, told Regional council, Wednesday at a reception for him, hosted by regional council and staff.

"It bothers me to hear Premier Peter Loughheed, say pay our price for oil or we'll stop development of the tar sands development," stated Morrow.

He compared the change from the old county system to regional government, to changes needed in the federal system.

Morrow claimed the county system had worked well for almost 100 years but had needed overhauling and implied the federal system needed the same treatment.

He called for politicians at regional and local levels who have no party affiliations to help make Canada work as one unit. He said in his travels all over the country he sees disparities between areas. He challenged Halton Regional Chairman Jack Raftis to meet other regional chairmen to marshal forces to help forge the chains of unity.

"People don't see them as party politicians, so would have more credibility," Morrow contended.

He said people have to start thinking as Canadians and challenged the councillors and regional chairman to start the ball rolling.

The serious note was an abrupt switch from a roast of Morrow, prior to the gift of a painting of him which

was hung in the Halton Region Administration building.

Chairman Raftis launched the humorous attack by pointing out Morrow was hitting the 40 year old milestone this year, but had 10 years of politics under his belt.

He recalled he had served two years as Georgetown councillor, three as Georgetown's reeve, two as Halton Hills regional councillor and two as regional chairman.

Raftis listed as some of his accomplishments the spearheading of the hiring a business development officer, and "the present green building." He noted Morrow was in favor of Site F disposal site, "and the rest of us took the heat."

"I'll forgive him for that," shouted Milton Mayor Don Gordon.

The Mayor of Burlington Roly Bird, jested that any chairman who dumped water and sewage on the good citizens of Burlington should not have his picture hung in the regional building.

Councillor Roy Booth, Georgetown councillor said he was having misgivings about his motion to hang the portrait. "A few of us got pretty sick of looking at him on Georgetown council, don't know if we should have face looking at us here too." Booth said Morrow was responsible for the green color on the regional building.

Georgetown Councillor Mike Armstrong pointed out Morrow had a moustache in the portrait, but now he has it shaved off. He made a motion to remove the

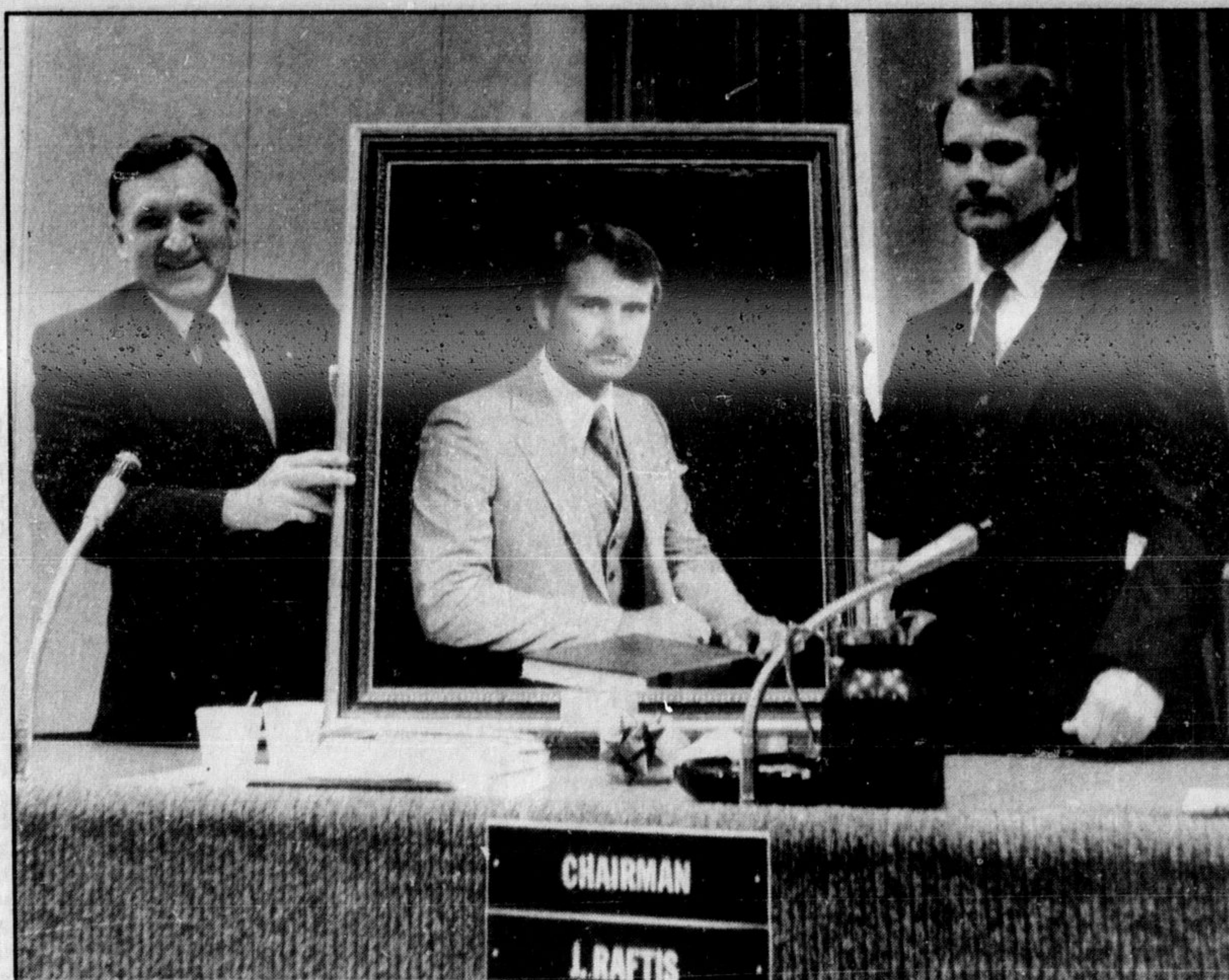
moustache from the portrait, before hanging it in the washroom. He recalled a few escapades with Morrow whom he has known for years, and concluded by praising him for an excellent job both in Halton Hills and the Region.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett said he was one of the few who served with Morrow on county council, and recalled the luncheon at the Palermo House which provoked much controversy when the amount of the bill became known. Mayor said it was appropriate the presentation was being made the same day grants were authorized at the region, since Morrow's second greatest passion was the elimination of all grants. "His first passion was Anne McArthur," said Barrett referring to a long-standing feud between them.

Former regional councillor Archie Donahue said he was disappointed he thought he was coming to Morrow's hanging, not his portrait's.

In the jocular part of Morrow's reply he denied he had chosen the controversial green color for the building and blamed it on former regional councillor Dave Coons, who was in the audience.

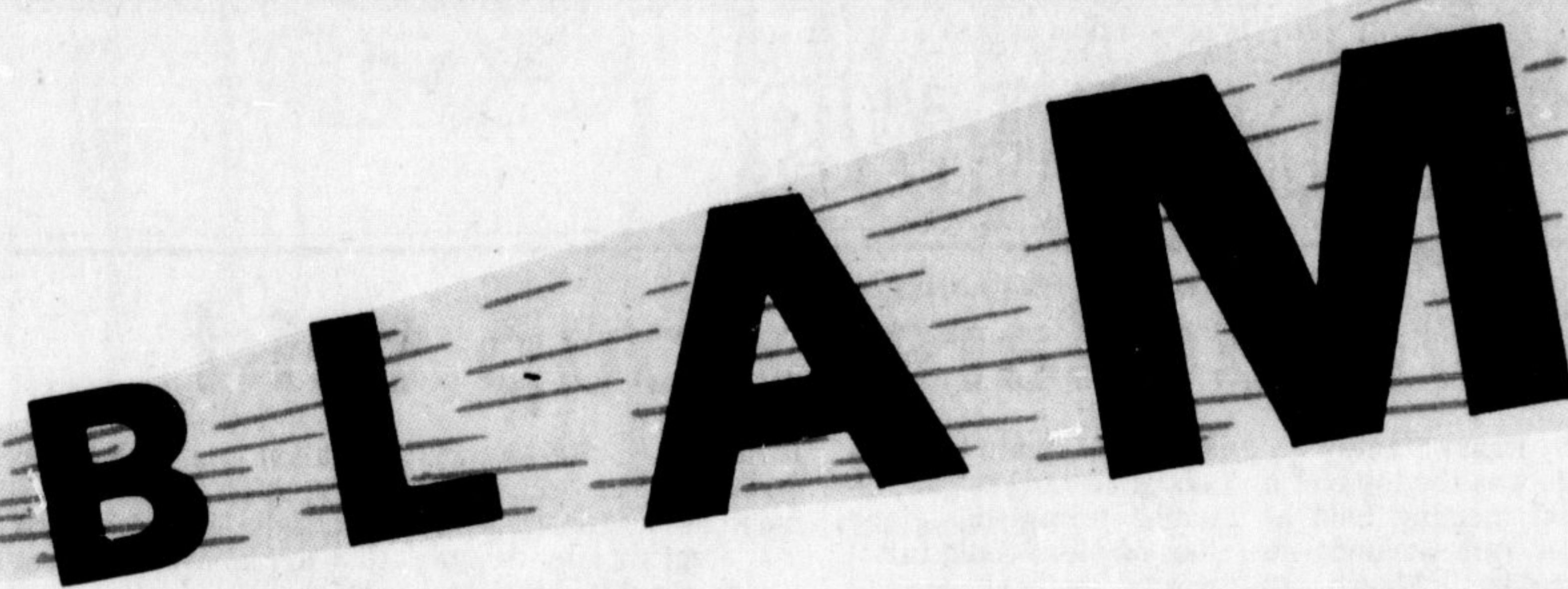
He said he had been privileged to have two careers. He loves flying and politics, and recalled when flying Opposition Leader Joe Clark on the campaign trail, the shock at being told a bomb was aboard, just out of Charlottetown. He said his friendship with Captain Bob Hill, who was also present, became a little strained, when Morrow went out to talk to the press and left Hill to look for the bomb.



FORMER REGIONAL CHAIRMAN Ric Morrow, right, was on hand as his picture was hung at Halton Regional headquarters. Mr. Morrow challenged Regional members to fight against Alberta using oil as an economic weapon within Canada. Mr. Morrow is shown with current chairman, Jack Raftis.

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Our Jane shoots for sisterhood and for dinner

by Jane Muller
There are no feathers flying, no pellet-ridden gobblers, and positively no blood shed at a turkey shoot.

No! They don't shoot turkeys do they? The turkey is the prize, not the target.

About once a month, except during the summer, the Guelph Rod and Gun Club holds a turkey shoot. Anyone can take part, and about 80 men, and one woman did just that on Sunday.

Tickets are sold throughout the day; \$1.75 for the prize of a turkey, steak, or roast, and \$1.25 for a chicken. There are 15 tickets sold for each prize, and the best shot wins.

The shooters position themselves behind a guard rail 100 feet from the target, which is a circle of paper, four inches in diameter. Each in turn then lines up the target in the sights of a 12-gauge shotgun, and fires. The object is to get as many pellet holes in the paper as possible.

Each shell contains about 200 pellets. Each participant is given a shell which has been factory manufactured, to deter them from using home-made shells into which could be put many extra pellets. This would give an obvious advantage, so everyone must use the same type of shell.

The distribution of shells is closely watched, so that the competition is a fair one. On occasion, people have been caught trying to get the edge on opponents by using home-made shells.

After the shots have been fired, the targets are retrieved, and new ones put in their place for the next relay. The scores are counted, and the winner is declared after each relay.

It takes about seven volunteers to run a turkey shoot, some of these also take part. You may shoot in as many relays as you wish to buy tickets for, but you must take your best shot because one is all you get.

A good score would be about 30 holes, but as many as 50 can sometimes be made. There is also a prize given for the highest score of the day. This is a wooden plaque stating that the recipient has achieved the highest score of the day, and has a Guelph Rod and Gun Club crest on it.

Many faces can be recognized as regulars at

turkey shoots, and these people, men mostly, become sure winners. It may seem a strange way to shop for food, but if you are good at it, you could get your meat for a week, and have some fun as well. The shoots are not attended mainly because of the meat, but for the friendly competitive atmosphere as well.

A turkey shoot is rarely cancelled due to weather. They go on in rain or shine, since hunters in the wild must often deal with adverse weather conditions. A tough lot. It all looks easy. Just sight up and fire, right? Well, it is not. You must be quite accurate in order to get a large number of the showering pellets through the paper. The shotguns are heavy, and a steady arm is needed to attain accuracy.

I had never fired a shotgun before, but Sunday's shoot gave me that opportunity. Yes, it looks easy, but... as I stood behind that rusted guard rail with the number "9" painted on it, shotgun in hand, it no longer seemed easy.

I was instructed to hold the gun tightly, and I had visions of my shoulder being dislocated with the gun's kick. I nestled the gun butt against my shoulder and held the barrel grip as tightly as my chilled fingers would allow.

Now, with my free hand near the trigger, I try to put the now tiny circle of white paper in line with the sights.

I was the only woman shooting that day, so I was shooting for sisterhood, as well as a turkey. Now my finger was on the trigger, and I felt a surge of power being in control of such a weapon. The barrel was heavy and difficult to steady, so I didn't bother.

As I squeezed the trigger, I closed my eyes, and prepared to be sent flying from the force of the shot.

My ears popped, as the shot fired, but my feet were on the ground, and my shoulder felt fine. Through the ringing in my ears I heard someone say that I had indeed hit the target!

I tried not to act surprised, and didn't mention that I hoped to take the turkey. Lucky for me, my score was six.

It was not the worst of the day, but was far from the winning score of 28 in my relay. I was content with the fact that I at least hit the target.

The Guelph Rod and Gun Club have turkey shoots scheduled for April 20 and May 25, and anyone interested is welcome. You don't even need your own gun, someone will be glad to lend one. If under the age

of 18, you must be accompanied, and supervised by an adult to comply with fire arms laws. The club currently has about 160 members, and is hoping to expand. They do a lot more than

organize turkey shoots. There are indoor and outdoor ranges for hand guns, there is a rifle shooting area, a rifle range, archery and organized hunting. There is a wild game benefit held at the end of the

hunting season, and meat is supplied by the hunters.

Family club memberships are available for \$30 per year. Interested people may visit the club 6 times for no charge, but after that

the fee must be paid. You don't need to be a member to shoot for, not at a turkey, and other area clubs hold similar shoots. The price is right, and a turkey shoot can be an enjoyable diversion for a Sunday afternoon.

Trustee sours on gratuity

Retirement gratuities, which have become sweets for high school teachers, are bitter pills for Halton Board of Education.

The board regards retirement gratuities to teachers as a liability. Retirement gratuities have become a major stumbling block to a negotiated contract settlement between the board and its nearly 1,200 high school teachers.

"Can someone make a stab at telling me what

we should be spending next year, if we forge it this year," Burlington Trustee Fred Armitage asked during discussion of the board's \$101 million budget Thursday.

Superintendent of finance Bruce Lindley said the present liability is 1.7 per cent of salary. "I think it will go up next year."

"That's \$7 million and that's quite a thing to think about," commented Armitage.

This year the board will pay \$239,000 in retirement gratuities to elementary and high school teachers. Armitage charged that a well administered retirement gratuity could create an income greater than the one earned when the teacher was working.

"It's a gift. It has no part of pensions or superannuations," said Armitage.

"It makes life a little better. It's a very nice sweetener," said Armitage.

The Burlington trustee said the board is about \$1-million short of funding retirement gratuities properly this year.

Trustee Elaine Riehm asked the board staff for a report on the present and future cost of funding retirement gratuities. She also asked the staff to recommend ways of funding the item.

Teachers first received retirement gratuities about 20 years ago, when wages and superannuation were low. Halton high school teachers are reluctant to surrender any ties to retirement gratuities because they have enjoyed them for so long and they have therefore become established, and because retirement gratuities are not a negotiable item with other school boards. Wages are better and the board contends retirement gratuities have outlived their usefulness.

Etiquette more important than ever

If you want to succeed today it takes more than technical skill and competence.

It also takes a fair amount of socializing and that can be every bit as important to your career as what you do on the job, according to Lyn Robertson.

Robertson teaches etiquette to Sheridan College students. What started out as a simple course in basic table manners has expanded to the point where "I have them sitting on the floor in one class."

Not everyone at the college shares Robertson's conviction that etiquette can be a useful tool in your climb to the top. A recent editorial in the student newspaper, for example, referred to it as an example of useless things being taught at the school.

Robertson has little time for people who think etiquette is only a concern of the social aristocrats.

"That's absolute bunko," she says flatly. "There is some very highly technical knowledge involved here and if you know how to handle yourself, you can go anywhere from McDonald's to Maxims."

The etiquette course started from an incident one night when Robertson, the head of the hotel school and a student sat down to a late dinner after working late at the college.

"I sat there and watched this student sitting across from me eat a steak with two knives. It was horrible. After that I introduced a class in basic table manners and the response was just fantastic."

Most etiquette, she admitted, is simply common sense. "But unfortunately common sense wasn't passed out to everyone in equal amounts."

Community colleges, Robertson said, are "bumping" people into the middle class, where they are going to have to socialize with both upper and lower classes.

"You will be the equivalent of an officer in the military when you hold these middle management positions and you have to know how to handle yourself," she said.

"Quite a few people," she said, "have basic good manners but they lack the sophistication to handle special situations."

What for example, should you never, ever forget to take when going to an Italian wedding?

Money. You'll need quite a bit if it's a traditional ceremony and reception.

Should you send flowers to the home of your Jewish employer when his wife dies? If he's Orthodox, never.

If you're served chicken at a dinner, do



SHERIDAN COLLEGE'S Lyn Robertson says the values of etiquette are more important than ever.

you pick it up to eat? Never.

How well should you have known a person before you send flowers or go to the funeral home?

"If you knew the person at all," Robertson says, "you should do something, either send a note, go to the funeral home or to the funeral."

"Just because you can eat at McDonald's doesn't mean they'll treat you well at Win-

ston's. What this really does is give you that one more bit of confidence that lets you go anywhere and feel comfortable."

The point of most etiquette, she said, is to avoid offending people. That is the common sense portion.

Greg Hogarth, a second year business student at Sheridan, takes the course. "I felt I needed it for my future. I didn't want

to seem like a fool."

"I think that if you know how to handle yourself, people will have a better impression of you, and that's a lot in business. If a client thinks you're a boor then he may think the same of your company."

"It has helped me with meeting new friends and being able to keep them," he added, "and I'm also meeting better people because I can recognize the qualities that I want."

CHAMPION REPORTER Jane Muller tried her hand at turkey shooting and found it was all pellet and very little bird.