

New policy will stress 3 R's

A new curriculum policy announced last week by Education Minister Thomas Wells for the primary and junior divisions of Ontario's public and separate schools stresses reading, writing and arithmetic.

In presenting the new policy document to a meeting of educators Mr. Wells said that it was "in part a response to general uneasiness about the basics."

"In elementary education the most publicly voiced concern is with the basics—what many parents and others often call the three R's and what the new policy document calls the basic skills fundamental to continued education."

The new document, the Minister said, will demonstrate that the schools had not lost sight of the basics and that if some had they would be put back on course.

Formative years
The document, entitled "The Formative Years," sets out four basic goals for the elementary schools. They are: to acquire the basic skills fundamental to contin-

ued learning; to gain the knowledge and attitude needed for active participation in Canadian Society; to develop and maintain confidence and a sense of self worth; and to develop the moral and aesthetic sensitivity necessary for a complete and responsible life.

Supplement
Mr. Wells said that there will be several documents which will supplement "The Formative Years". The most important of these will be one called "Education in the Primary and Junior Divisions". It will, he said, describe the rationale for the program and will recommend the methods and general approaches required to meet the program's expectations.

"The Formative Years," Mr. Wells said, will not counter every difficulty in primary/junior education, nor will it meet all of the objections of every critic of the school system. But it will provide a clear sense of direction for those who plan programs for the schools and for the classroom teachers, he said.



RECEIVING THE HIGHEST award in Guiding, the Canada Cord, are Guides Kathy Anderchek, Nancy Odorico, and Heather Coulson.

Presenting the awards was District commissioner Mrs. Margaret Baynton.

Set high standards at town sewage plant

The Ministry of the Environment will insist on a high standard of treatment at the Milton pollution control plant before the plant is

expanded to accommodate any future industrial or residential expansion in the town.

According to Ray Cripps, a

senior official in the Regional Works Department, a firm of specialists is currently working on a scheme to expand the Milton plant without causing any further pollution in the 16 Mile Creek.

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More industry
Milton Council is pushing for the expansion so the town's industrial and commercial sector can be expanded and improve the town's residential-commercial assessment ratio.

With the plant the way it is Milton can expand to a population of 18,000 and if the plant is expanded it can grow to a population of 28,000 or the equivalent of that. The population limit could be reduced to provide plant capacity for commercial developments in the town.

Force them out

"There are literally hundreds of people in our business making three or four sales a year. If brokers had to pay these people a minimum salary, they would no longer be able to support these guys. A minimum wage would force these people to either shape up or ship out," Johnson said.

Johnson said that the facts made him conclude that if a minimum wage was instituted half the people would have to go.

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Want minimum wage for real estate sales

There are too many people in the real estate business who are not depending on their commissions as their main source of income, according to A. F. Johnson, president of Johnson, Carney Ltd. of Georgetown.

He estimated that 95 per cent of salesmen in Ontario received 62 per cent of real estate commissions in 1972. About half of these people earned less than the minimum wage.

At a recent meeting of Ontario Real Estate Association in Ottawa, Mr. Johnson said that real estate brokers in Ontario should seriously consider a minimum wage for salesmen to offset the problem.

agreed with Johnson's statement and some opposed by stating that it would decrease competition. Robert Shea of Markham said a universal salary scheme would only be enforceable by a body such as the Provincial government and warned that if boards or provincial associations attempted to impose a program, they might find themselves in conflict with the federal competition legislation.

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War, and the care of veterans' memorials continues to be an important aim, also scholarships for the children of veterans, which to date total well over \$1 million dollars, assistance to young artists and writers in the way of awards, help to hospitals and help to new Canadians.

Speaks to newcomers
Mrs. R. Mackay, membership convener, a life-long resident of Milton, spoke to new residents of Milton at a Welcome Wagon meeting, about the town and about the IOOE.

Mrs. M. Rasberry, as citizenship convener has brought to our attention varied points of interest in Canada and abroad.

U.C.W. meeting

The United Church Women held a general meeting on Feb. 10, in the fellowship room, with a good attendance from the four groups.

President Mrs. Charles Thomson welcomed all the ladies and read a poem "This is to Live" followed by prayer.

After a short business session and reports from the various committees, the meeting was turned over to unit one, with Mrs. H. Magie in charge—two solos were given by Mrs. Magee accompanied on the piano by Mrs. L. McNeil.

The theme of the program was "Love as represented by the Human Heart".

An inspiring study had been prepared by Mrs. Edgar Foster—the Spectrum of Love and was presented by nine ladies.

Patience, kindness, generosity, humility, courtesy, unselfishness, good temper, guilelessness and sincerity formed the different parts of the spectrum.

A violin solo "Loves Greeting" was played by Mrs. Edgar Foster and accompanied by Mrs. L. McNeil was a real treat for the ladies.

At the January meeting, the report of the nominating committee showed the following slate of officers for 1975-76:

Regent, Mrs. E. W. Foster; first vice-regent, Mrs. C. Peacock; second vice-regent, Mrs. R. Mackay; secretary, Mrs. William Cockram; assistant secretary, Mrs. C. G. Wilson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. Mackay; treasurer, Mrs. James Sproat.

Standard-bearer, Mrs. G. Bussell; educational secretary, Mrs. D. E. Martin; IOOE services, Mrs. N. L. Pickett and Mrs. G. Bussell; citizenship secretary, Mrs. M. Rasberry; Echoes and press secretary, Mrs. G. C. Gowland; meeting notices, Mrs. M. Rasberry.

Councillors are Mrs. T. A. Hutchinson, Mrs. R. Mackay, Mrs. D. E. Martin, Mrs. G. F. Thompson, Mrs. C. R. Turner, Mrs. E. E. Yates, Mrs. C. Peacock, Mrs. H. R. Magee. To end the year, the treasurer's report by Mrs. James Sproat showed a book balance of \$672.36 in the general account, and a special education fund of \$148.37.

—Respectfully submitted, Vera Cockram, Secretary.

—World Day of Prayer services were held in St. Paul's Church Friday.

—There are plenty of eucres, rummage sales, dances and miscellaneous events listed in The Champion's "Coming Events" column.

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Good week for gym

by Andrew Willoughby
It was a good week for our gymnasts last week. Our congratulations to Evelyn Kuschnik, Debbie Appleton, Deanna Odenbach and Maria Mazzorato. They represented Milton District High School at the Halton East Gymnastics meet March 6.

Deanna Odenbach will be proceeding to the Halton Finals this week.

All girls performed very well in their various events.

Our public speakers also did very well. We congratulate Jenny and John Duignan who won the first phase of the Lions Club Public Speaking contest here at the school, March 6.

On Monday the grade 11's played the teachers in a well fought hockey game. Teachers came out on top by a 4-2 score.

Goal scorers for the teachers were C. Foster, D. Foster, Mr. Leonard and Mr. Pitt. Grade 11 scorers were Todd Corradetti and Rich Serafini.

Mr. Mitchell broke his wrist in a fall during the game. Grade 11's have re-challenged the teachers claiming they will beef up their team by letting the all-stars play.

Bottle drive

If you've been saving up old bottles and glass for the Boy Scouts of Milton bottle drive announced last fall, this Saturday is the day you can get rid of them. Scouts will tour the town starting at 9 a.m. to pick up your non-returnable bottles and glass of all descriptions. They prefer clean, de-labeled bottles. Place your glass at the street line by 9 a.m. to ensure pick-up. The glass will be recycled and proceeds will go to Scout activities.

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