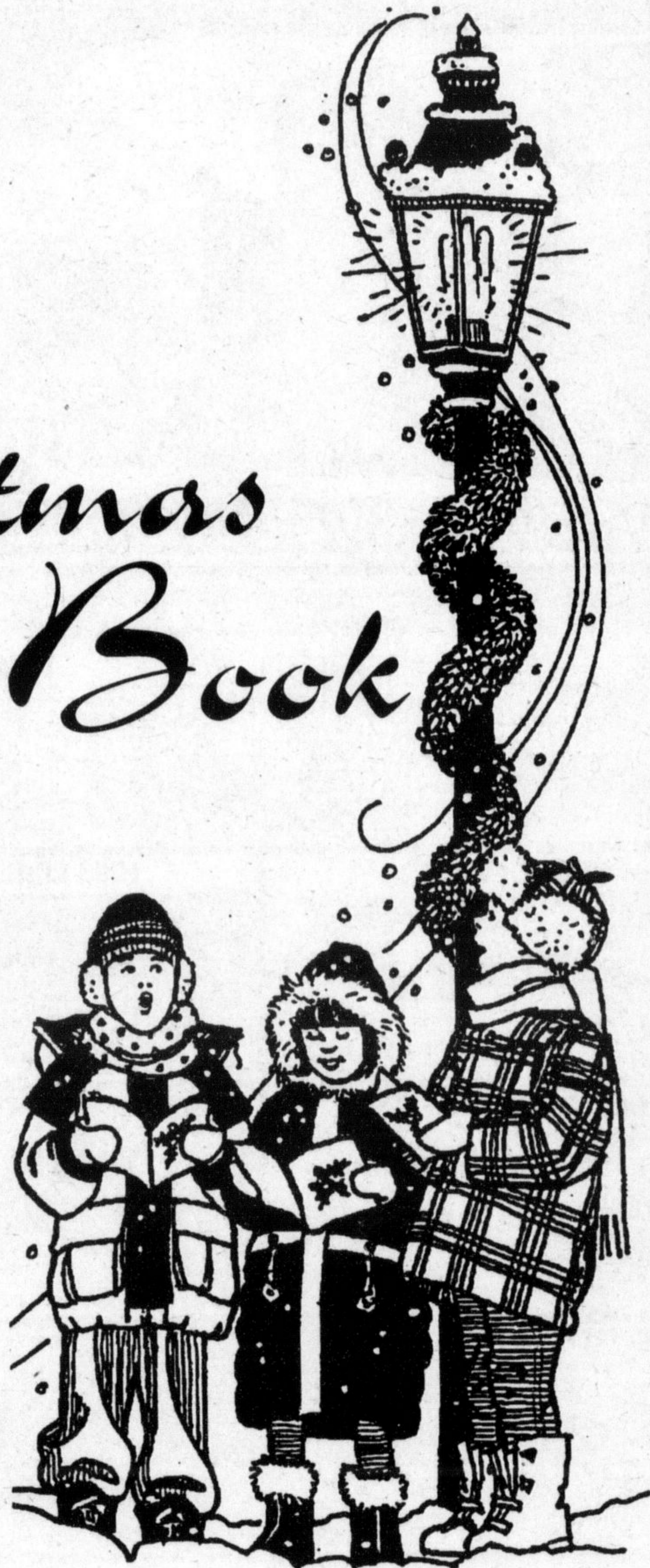


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Strike by teachers still possible

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The union head of Halton's 1,000 public high school teachers was equally as cautious as his elementary counterpart.

"I think it's too early to get really ecstatic about this," said Al Tanner. "It is good to get a fresh start, but we'll have to wait to see what their agenda is," said Mr. Tanner, adding he had heard rumours of a cabinet shakeup but was surprised by its timing.

"I hope they weren't happy with the way things were heading," he said of the government, "but as long as that bill stays in its present form we have to be prepared. Anything that delays (teacher) action will have to be arranged between the new minister and the federation presidents," Mr. Tanner noted.

Mr. Tanner and Ms Clarke said they know little about the mindset



Al Tanner

of Dave Johnson, but Federation of Women Teachers' Association (FWTAO) of Ontario president Maret Sadem-Thompson said she has heard good things about him.

"I've talked to people who have lived near him and worked with him — it makes me feel more posi-

tive about having an educated Education Minister," Ms Sadem-Thompson said of Johnson, a former mayor of East York.

"He's got a daughter in the system and his wife, I understand, is on a community school council, so it seems he has more insight and interest in the school system."

However, the FWTAO president wasn't conceding teachers' worries were over with the new appointment.

"The clock is still ticking. The pressure needs to stay on the government. We are prepared to put forward our suggestions for change," she said, noting no dates have been established for the first meeting between the five federation presidents and the new minister.

"It's up to Dave Johnson to pick up the phone," she said.

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