



Another Scotiabank. When the Bank of Nova Scotia opened its second Milton branch in the Laurier Centre Monday, 60-year customer Mrs. Amy Merry was asked to help with the ribbon-cutting ceremony. She is flanked by District Manager Bill Cockwell (left), Mayor Gordon Krantz and branch manager Terry Morgan (right).

Sixty years a customer she snips bank ribbon

When Amy (Mrs. Percy) Merry of Drumquin opened a bank account at Milton's branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia 60 years ago, she didn't know that this week she'd be invited to help the bank open its second Milton branch.

capable job she did as she and Mayor Gordon Krantz shared ribbon-cutting chores at the BNS' newest branch in the Laurier Centre, Ontario St.

"I am just thrilled to be here," the 93-year-old told bank officials, who presented her with

flowers and opened a new account in her name in appreciation for her help.

District Manager Bill Cockwell and local branch manager Terry Morgan assisted in the ceremony. Mr. Cockwell pointed out the Bank of Nova Scotia has been serving Milton since 1903 in the downtown location.

Mr. Morgan has been in the banking industry for over seven years and transferred to Milton from a Hamilton branch. Married, he has already moved to Milton.

The bank staff includes loan officer Mary Jean Darroch, accountant Vickie Zoffranieri, teller-ledgers Helen Lombardi, teller-typist Karon Lock, and teller Deborah Prince.

The doors had hardly opened, when the first half a dozen customers showed up to open accounts.

Managers of several area branches were also on hand for the opening, including Nick Gauthier of the downtown Milton branch and former local manager Reg Dicola, now managing in Acton.

The 2,000 square foot branch is located in the centre of the new Laurier Centre at the corner of Ontario St. and Laurier Dr.

Deficit budgetting pays for noon supervision

For the first time in its history the Halton Board of Education may face a deficit to pay for noon supervision.

In spite of accusations of "irresponsible budgetting" by Oakville trustee Bill Herd, the board agreed to spend approximately \$241,000 a year for schools and communities to set up and maintain a lunch supervision program, beginning in September.

A committee was set up in March to investigate the suggestion of paid supervision.

Youngsters sitting on gym floors to eat their lunch, and teachers using their lunch hour to provide the needed supervision were concerns of parents in some Halton communities.

Burlington Trustee Marg Bullock told the board she did not feel paid supervision was necessary when the committee was first formed, but now after looking into the matter, she has seen points of view now previously considered.

Teachers, Mrs. Bullock said, will be doing their own job more adequately if they have an hour's rest and relaxation at lunch rather than looking after the children the entire day.

A letter sent to the Board from the Pineview School staff explained they run many extra curricular activities during the noon hour. "These further erode the time during which any staff member may have an opportunity to relax, eat lunch, mark papers and prepare work."

The letter stated the Pineview Parents' Association approves of the idea of paid supervision as an aid to teachers.

"The contribution of a teacher who has had 40 minutes in which to eat lunch, gather thoughts and regain their equilibrium, will undoubtedly be reflected in their work with and attitude towards each of their students," the letter

concluded. Herd pointed out the needed funds were not included in the 1981 budget.

Florence Meares of Burlington, noted the notion was defeated during budget negotiations in the spring, but the committee was directed to seek alternatives to the situation.

Although it is "completely foreign" to the board, under the circumstances Meares felt deficit budgetting was the only route.

"If you have a car and can't afford the gas, how are you going to run it?" Herd demanded.

"This board has always budgetted in a responsible fashion, but this is completely

irresponsible", he retorted.

Chairman Bill Lawson suggested budgetting for the program in 1982 and picking up deficit from 1981.

Trustee Garry Morton, Burlington, pointed out there was only four months in which it would not be budgetted for the estimated program would cost \$50,000 in that time.

Georgetown Trustee Betty Fisher pointed out there is a provincial regulation providing 40 minutes of lunch for the staff. "Therefore we are going against the law and we better put in supervisors for lunch."

Fisher also objected to the suggested number of

supervisors, saying it was too many. The guideline stated 1-60 pupils, 1 supervisor, 61-120 pupils, 2 supervisors, 121-200 pupils, 3 supervisors, etc.

The Georgetown trustee felt that if all the lunch students were sitting in one big room, a lot of supervisors were not needed. She could see many supervisors if the students eat in various classrooms.

Use discretion

The Halton Board of Education may become a member of community organizations at the discretion of the Chairman of the Board and the Director of Education, it was decided at Thursday's meeting in Burlington.

A bid by Milton Trustee Ivan Armstrong to have an old policy allowing membership in some organizations dropped failed. He said the board should belong to all community organizations in Halton such as Chambers of Commerce or one of them.

The cost of joining organizations is not to exceed \$500 a year, although according to Dr. Helen Howard-Lock, Burlington trustee, it has already cost \$230 to join the Oakville Chamber of Commerce.

Bill Priestner, separate school trustee from Burlington said the purpose of joining the various organizations was to avoid becoming isolated from the community.

Chairman Bill Lawson, also of Milton noted if no policy existed, any organization could solicit the board's mem-

bership and they (the board) would have to deal with each case individually.

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Station robbed again

A young gas attendant was held up for the second time in a year when two masked men armed with a rifle or shotgun walked into Milton Sunoco Service at 432 Steeles Ave. early Wednesday morning.

Milton handed over \$120 after being held at gunpoint.

According to Halton Regional Police the armed robbery was the second in one year at the Milton 24-hour gasoline station.

Police said they have

little description of the two men since they wore nylon stockings to hide their faces.

But police said they have reason to suspect the same pair in connection with an armed robbery at an Esso gasoline station on The Queensway in Toronto 3.30 a.m. Thursday.

Police said the suspects were driving a 1979 grey Pontiac which matched the description of a vehicle reported stolen from Peel earlier.

Students score well

The Euclid and the Descartes, Mathematics Competitions, sponsored by the University of Waterloo, were written April 23.

David Brewer, our school champion in the M.A.A. Contest, was second and Ian Ptolemy was third.

Thomas Lauck, Barry Ellis and Cleo Van Gemerden were our best three contestants, leading Milton to a fifth-place finish in Halton.

Other competitors were: Amanda Finlayson, Jens Francksen, Lisa Grazian, Peter Haller, Mike Hines, Julie Anne Hull, Sharon Laughton, Jeannette Malchin, Janet Rerechich, Anita Roncato, Santina Seminatore, Valerie Scott, Danny Watt, Adrian Zulian.

In the Descartes Competition, Milton, for the second straight year, had a student rank number one overall in Halton.

This year the best student was Tim Tyhurst. Tim also placed 200th in Canada.

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