



A Tidy visit

Tidy, the turkey vulture pays a visit to Glen Eden Ski Area. The Authority announced that five Molstar races will be held this winter with the first scheduled for Jan. 10. Special lessons will also be available.

More competition for Kelso skiers

Skiers who took part in competition at Glen Eden Ski Area last winter can look forward to the addition of new events. Five Molstar races are planned beginning with the first on Jan. 10. Molstar is a recreational ski rating program for all skiers, from novice to expert, and allows the skier to be rated on a 20 gate slalom course against Canada's best—Steve Podborski. Labatt's Brewery is also sponsoring a special alpine test, "Ski Test International." The test consists of manoeuvres performed by a candidate on a trail classified according to an established scale and includes the three levels—bronze, silver and gold.

Parents meet Beevor

About 80 people from Halton took advantage of a chance to meet the incoming director of education for Halton, Wally Beevor, recently at a special gathering in Burlington. Parents attending were able to sit down and talk to their school board trustees and Beevor and discuss the role of the citizen to help school boards make decisions. Parents and trustees learned that home and school associations are not reactionary groups, nor are they just fund raising groups, but concerned parents who want to keep in touch with what their children are doing in the classrooms. Home and school members want to keep up with the new directions in education and have an opportunity in home and school associations to examine and discuss these things and gather an opinion on what is coming in the education system.

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Salary increase for superintendents

The 10 area superintendents and four superintendents of the Halton Board of Education will receive a salary increase of just over 9 per cent retroactive to July 1, 1981, even though trustee Bill Priestner unsuccessfully tried to change the effective date of the raises to Jan. 1, 1982. "Making the increase retroactive to July is totally the wrong direction to go in. The board's own salary increases (meaning the trustees) are not put into motion right away," said Priestner. Vice chairman of the board, Elaine Riehm, disagreed. "I am against changing the date from July to January. We were to do work in the spring on reviewing salaries for this group, but were too busy. Now that the work has been done, we are penalizing them, by not giving them the retroactive pay, for something that is not their fault. I don't think this is fair and it would be bad for morale," she said. Burlington trustee, Marg Bullock, pointed out that other employees had received pay increases retroactive to July 1 and that "we should treat all employees alike."

Orientation for new trustees

The Halton Board of Education will form a committee to plan an orientation program for newly-elected trustees after the 1982 election, it was decided at the board's regular meeting, Thursday. The committee, which will be made up of the chairman, a past chairman, all freshman trustees and the director of education, was the idea of Elaine Riehm, vice chairman of the board. Riehm suggested to the board that although the Ontario School Trustees' Council holds a biannual conference for new trustees, a more local orientation, program would be worthwhile. Riehm said the orientation sessions could be spaced over a few months.

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Gifted children seminar

For the second time in two years, the Halton Board of Education will host an international conference on gifted children at Sheridan College. Trustee Florence Meares of Burlington, expressed concern however at the board's meeting Thursday, that board staff members were spending too much time organizing the conference. "I am thinking that the time spent on the conference is time taken away from time spent actively with students and teachers in our board," said the trustee. Meares suggested that three years between conferences, instead of two, would be more suitable. The conference will be held May 19, 20, and 21, 1982 and is titled The Gifted—Children Whose Time Has Come. Educators from across Canada, the United States, Europe and the United Kingdom are expected to attend. The board will contribute \$2,800 to support the conference.

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 If you believe you have been improperly assessed in any way, you may file a formal complaint with the Assessment Review Court. The final date for filing an appeal is January 12, 1982. Information on appeal procedures is provided on the back of your Assessment Notice and Information Insert.
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