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Editorial Comment

Enrolments Decline

Directors of education in Ontario's county boards of education, along with superintendents of separate school boards will be scratching their heads these days trying to figure out long-range planning regarding school enrolment.

The problem is that elementary school populations are decreasing yet secondary school enrolments are increasing.

According to the Ministry of Education, enrolment in Ontario's elementary schools will continue to drop until 1979. The drop in enrolment last year was the first in the past 26 years.

Education Minister Thomas Wells said elementary school enrolment totaled 1,456,840 last year and will decrease by about 148,000 to a low of 1,308,000 in 1979. Lower enrolment is expected in both the public schools and the Roman Catholic separate schools.

The trend is expected to reverse by 1980 and will have increased by more than 30,000 in 1982.

While the elementary school enrolment declines, enrolment in secondary schools is expected to increase to about 628,000 in 1977. But, by September 1982 it is expected enrolment will fall back to 539,000.

It appears that for the next decade, education administrators will have to become clever jugglers at trying to cut back on space and teachers at the elementary level, while also doing the exact opposite at the secondary level, then by 1980 reversing the entire procedure.

Rockford Personals

A number of 4-H Club members went on a bus trip Saturday. They visited points of interest at Hamilton, Niagara on the Lake and Niagara Falls. John Smith of Ottawa spent several days last week with his mother, Mrs. Bernard Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marsh, Trevor and Tracie of Welland had Sunday supper with Mr. and Mrs. William Lemery and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Golding had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Wally Kirkwood of Burlington and visited their daughter, Mrs. Norma Ribble who is very ill in the Joseph Brant Hospital, Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cooper of Greensville visited on Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howard.

On Friday evening, friends and neighbours of Mrs. Bernard Smith met at her home for a farewell party. Mrs. Smith left Saturday to make her home in Simcoe at the Oakmount Apartments, West St. During the evening, Joe Bernard, on behalf of the people, spoke of his

Births

CORRECTION

MEHLENBACHER - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mehlenbacher of R.R. 2 Hagersville announce the birth of their baby girl Leslie Joanne 7 lb. 6 oz. on Sept. 24. First grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mehlenbacher, Sr.

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Nanticoke News

Mrs. Kieth Banfield, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. William Meade spent the weekend at the Grand Old Oprey in Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Sadie Awde has returned home after spending two weeks with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Banfield and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Field attended the International Plowing match and spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leo Barry in Mount Clemens, Mich.

Rev. and Mrs. H.H. Lackey, Warkworth, Ont. and Rev. and Mrs. H.C. Vaclarik, St. Catharines were guests of

Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Creaser and family at the United Church manse.

Mrs. Russell Weaver, Mrs. Harry Evans, Mrs. Doug Nunn, Mrs. Jack Field Mrs. Wayne Lindsay and Mrs. Blake Field attended the A.C.W. Deanery meeting at St. John's Anglican Church, Cayuga, Wednesday, Oct. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Saunders visited his mother Mrs. Alta Saunders Sunday after returning from Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lindsay of Cobourg spent the weekend with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lindsay and family.

Lamb's Corners WI

Lamb's Corners and Sandusky Womens Institutes co-hosted the Grandview Lodge birthday party in Dunnville on Sept. 27.

Mrs. Merrill Nield in hymn singing accompanied by Mrs. Hartley Mattice at the organ, followed by piano, accordion and vocal duet numbers by Mr. and Mrs. Keith Lofthouse.

Rev. E. M. Sider brought greetings to the guests at Grandview Lodge. A fashion show was presented when members of the branches modeled exotic hats designed by Mrs. Howard Nicklin and members of the Sand-

usk W.I. with Mrs. Clifton McLean as commentator.

A social hour was enjoyed by all when the W.I. members served cake, ice cream and tea.

The Lambs Corners W.I. members were guests of Sims Locks Branch held at York Community Hall on Thursday, Oct. 4. The meeting was conducted and guests welcomed by the president Mrs. Gordon McClung.

The highlight of the program was a book review given by Mrs. Marjorie Marshall who chose the book - McNab of Dundurn.

Letter Box

Municipal election time is drawing near. This year we all have a vote so let's get out and cast our ballot. We must remember that it takes more than being a nice guy to make a good councilman - such as business acumen and a knowledge of the needs of the community.

At the Aug. 25 meeting with council, it was obvious that most property owners deferred to the Walpole clerk on township matters.

Too many decisions are made in the office of the township clerk. For instance, my property is in one of three or four new subdivisions. Our roads are adjacent to the main road but are used publicly. We are told we must maintain them ourselves despite the fact that they are part of only 10 miles of lake front roads while the township services approximately 400 miles.

We pay a road tax so if our request for stone had been referred to the Works Department I see no reason why the roads should not be serviced.

I consider taxes a necessary expense to maintain our standard of living and do not object to paying my fair share. However, isn't it ironic that at a time

when our government is admitting hundreds of immigrants at great expense to all taxpayers, our Canadian born children appear to be unwelcome in our own township school systems.

These immigrants are free to settle where ever they please and nothing is said about the cost of educating their children. Mrs. Irene Bakty, Selkirk, Ontario.

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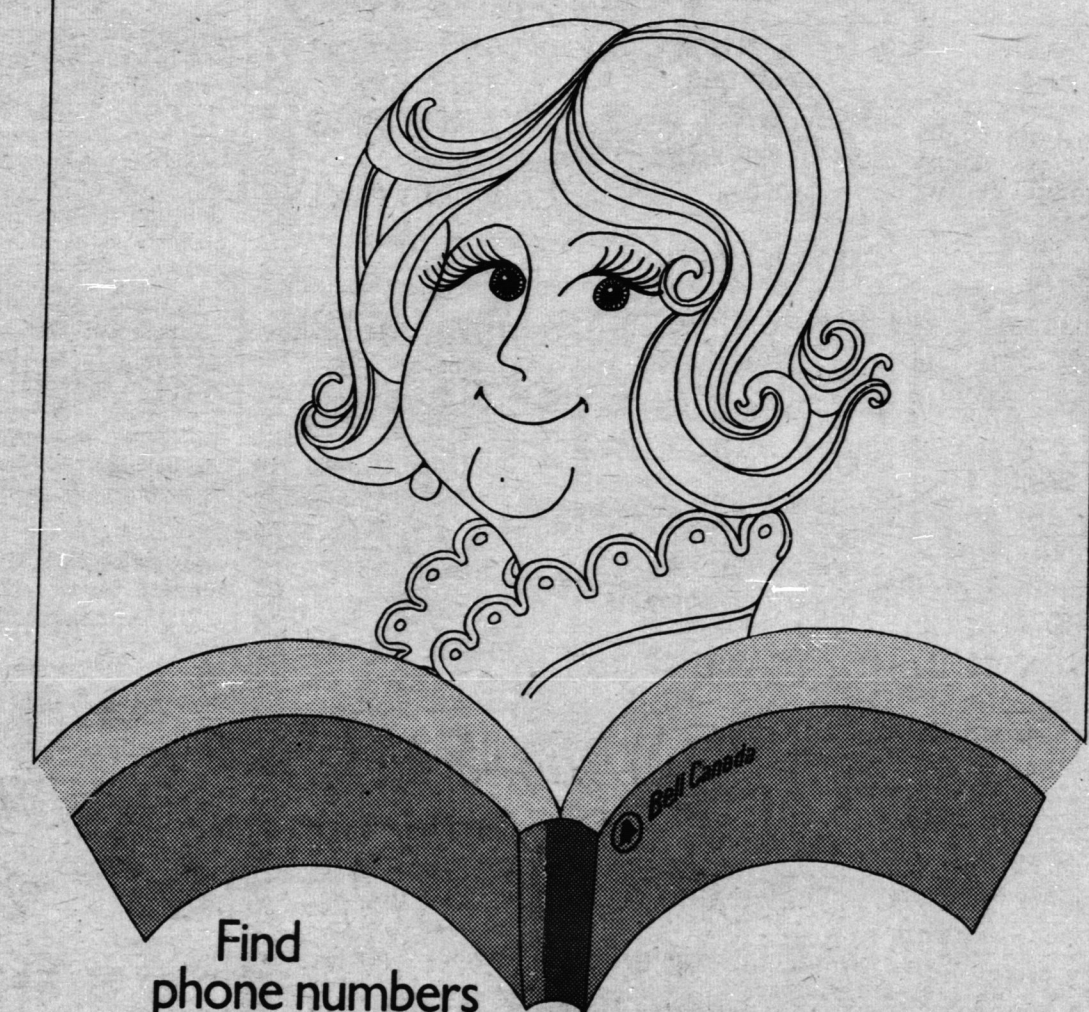
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All us girls joined the "book club."



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