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## Consolidated School Proposed for District

Not many tax payers in Haileybury were willing to pay their 1959 bill without at least allowing themselves the luxury of a sigh. Some were even more emphatic and made their disapproval public by publishing letters in the newspapers and sending letters to the council.

Mayor Arthur Cooke noting wide public interest in the rise of taxes explained the council's problem by saying, "Most tax payers don't seem to realize that the rise in taxes has nothing to do with an increase in assessment, but rather they must calculate it relative to the increase in the cost of living. Aside from the tiny rise in general taxation this year, which fluctuates according to improvements going on in the town, the largest increase in the tax was due directly to the increase in the cost of education." He said, "Just this year the school teachers in town received an overall increase of \$12,000.00, this increase is not set by council but is determined by the Haileybury Board of Education."

Officials in Haileybury have been probing recently the possibility of combining the High Schools in Haileybury and Cobalt so that one school could serve the two communities and keep the cost to each municipality at a minimum.

At present both the high schools in Cobalt and in Haileybury are approaching the point of overflow and new additions will be needed. Haileybury has not had a high school building since the original school burnt down some years ago

but has been able to carry on in a larger-than-needed public school building.

Cobalt has a fairly modern high school but it soon will be overcrowded.

The plan which is being proposed is to either expand one of the present schools and have it serve both towns, or to build a new school in a location convenient to both towns and all the pupils would commute by school buses.

Authorities in the two towns believe that if this were done and the one school supplied the needs of the two towns, the high cost of education would be substantially reduced.

## The Weather

Week ending August 18, 1959.

	Max.	Min
Wednesday .....	84	61
Thursday .....	74	59
Friday .....	89	65
Saturday .....	70	62
Sunday .....	71	59
Monday .....	79	64
Tuesday .....	70	60

## Road Improved To Upper Notch

Curious Cobalt people who are wondering who are doing the surface blasting on the other side of Cobalt Lake last week had their interest pacified when they learned that engineers are widening the road through to the Upper Notch where the new Hydro development is getting under way.

Rock cuts are being opened up and fill emptied into the lower areas so that the heavy trucks which will be carrying the materials for building the development can have better access.

Hydro officials announced three months ago that they were planning to do survey work in the Lower Notch area to find if there is sufficient hydro potential there to warrant the construction of a new dam. Apparently the survey showed that the site showed enough potential to warrant the project as they are preparing the road in for the construction crews.



Left to right Fred Janere and Don Scott, representatives of the Department of Lands and Forests who accompanied the travelling biologists on their plant hunt through the bush lands west of New Liskeard last week. Lands and Forests people are hopeful that the scientists will come up with some information about plant characteristics which will aid them in their conservation schemes.

## Haileybury - Liskeard Swim Competition

Swimmers from Haileybury and New Liskeard assembled this week at the Haileybury Rotary Beach for a meet which New Liskeard Recreation Director, Ken Edgar, termed, "A bit of friendly competition."

The results of the highly successful meet are as follows:

Boys 8 years and under 15 yds free style — Bruce Sweet and Yvon Rivard.

Girls and boys kick board, 15 yds., 8 years and under — Bruce Sweet, Yvon Rivard, Larry O'Hara.

Girls and boys, 10 years and under, 20 yds. kick board — Gary Fleming and Nancy Sockett, Timmy Chapman and Heather Airdire, George Kemp.

Girls 10 years and under, 20 yds., free style — Carmen Landry, Heather Airdire.

Boys 10 years and under, 20 yds., free style — Gary Fleming,

George Kemp, Jimmy Chapman.

Girls 13 and under 30 yds. free style — Jeannette Ayotte, Nancy Sockett.

Boys 13 and under, 30 yds. free style — Steve Fleming, Walter Adams.

Girls 15 years and under, 40 yds., free style — Cathy O'Grady, Jeannette Ayotte, Nancy Sockett. Boys 15 years and under, 40 yds., free style, Steve Fleming, John Grise, John Neilson.

Girls 13 years and under, breast stroke, 30 yds. — Jeannette Ayotte, Nancy Sockett.

Boys 13 years and under, breast stroke, 30 yds. — Walter Adams, Pat Culhane.

Girls 15 years and under, 40 yds., breast stroke — Cathy O'Grady, Nancy Sockett, Jeannette Ayotte.

Boys 15 years and under, 40 yds. breast stroke — Bob Farrow, Bill Sipperell.

Girls open free style, 50 yds. — Cathy O'Grady, Jeannette Ayotte. Boys open free style, 50 yds. — Steve Fleming, Bob Farrow.

Girls open breast stroke, 50 yds. — Cathy O'Grady Nancy Sockett, Jeannette Ayotte.

Boys open breast stroke, 50 yds. — Bob Farrow, Walter Adams. (Continued on Page Seven)

## Famous Botanists Tour District

Twenty distinguished scientists from all parts of the world were in the district this week, on the final leg of the journey, which took them as far north as James Bay.

The group is an off-shoot of the much larger International Botanical Congress being held at McGill University in Montreal. These imminent botanists chose an excursion to the Boreal Forest Region in Northern Ontario and Quebec from a number offered to those who are attending the congress. The tour was planned and arranged by Dr. W. K. W. Baldwin, National Museum of Canada, who is no stranger to these parts, and who has written an authoritative book on "Plants of the Clay Belt".

The tour first called at Mount Tremblant in Quebec and from there travelled to Amos, Iroquois Falls, Kapuskasing and Moosonee. Their final stop in the tour was in the New Liskeard area, staying at the Haileybury Hotel during their visit here.

On Monday morning the group visited the stand of ash and elm on the Dawson Point Road, and gathered specimens of the weeds and undergrowth in that place.

After lunch, served by the Harris Ladies' Institute, they toured the Demonstration Farm and saw operations there. They were welcomed to the district by Milford Cook, Agricultural Representative for Temiskaming, his assistant, Garnet Mills, and Demonstration Farm superintendent, John Butler.

Following this they left for the gravel pit at Windy Point, on the shores of Lake Temiskaming, where they again gathered samples of fauna and soil samples from (Continued on Page Seven)

## Cobalt Gets Gas

Northern Ontario Natural Gas Company scotched rumors that no service would be available in Cobalt when they started trenching in the Silvertown, in preparation for installations to be completed this year.

Bud Wynn, sales representative in the district, told the Speaker that the company is presently laying 6,000 feet of main in a grid contained by Prosepect, Galena, Miller and Jamieson Streets, with short offshoots where necessary.

The ditching is being done as possible, and the workers listened to the pleas of the Horticultural Society, and carefully avoided their Rock Garden.

The work is presenting more problems than encountered in Haileybury and New Liskeard, there will be 25 per cent or more of the ground which will have to be blasted to remove rock.

## Polio

With the polio epidemic in Montreal, many persons in the district are wondering just how effective the Salk Polio shots are, and if there is any danger of a similar situation in Temiskaming.

It is worth noting that the last case of polio occurred in Temiskaming in 1954. Polio shots were introduced and administered by the Health Units and doctors in private practice numbering close to 50,000. Since they were started there has been no cases of polio in the district.



Swimmers that participated in the Red Cross classes held at the New Liskeard and Haileybury beaches during the summer had a chance to show their stuff when they met for a swim meet at the Haileybury Rotary beach, last week. The meet was topped off by free cokes supplied by the recreation clubs of the two towns, for all who participated in the day long meet.

## Haileybury Swimmer In Marathon Test

Leith Hellens, 11 years of age, who learned to swim at Rotary Beach in Haileybury has profited by those lessons, and has moved on to greater things, in the swimming line.

Holidaying with his uncle Gordon Hellens at Can-Met, Elliot Lake, Leith swam across Quirke Lake from the Can-Met side to the Panel shore, a distance of 1.7 miles.

He was accompanied by his uncle Gordon, purchasing agent at Can-Met, Fred McDonald and sis-

ter Jane, who doubted Leith's ability to complete the long swim.

When young Leith landed on the opposite shore he became the youngest, and possibly the only swimmer to conquer Quirke Lake.

He is the son of mining engineer Danny Hellens, who is presently living in Scarborough, near Toronto. The swim took one hour and 35 minutes, and the young swimmer used a strong side stroke for most of the journey. He finished with a burst of speed in a crawl stroke.

Said uncle Gordon, "The boy finished the course quite fresh."