



**WISHING GEORGE PAUL** many more years of contentment after retiring from the C.N.R. are left, Ken Woodman, Roadmaster Ken Rome of Kitchener and foreman Bert Urquhart. Mr. Paul retired Monday after 22 years with the railway. Fellow employees honored him with a reception at the station. (Staff Photo)

## George Paul retires

Twenty-two years as a section man with the Canadian National Railways ended for George Paul of Acton, Monday afternoon. George reached retirement age Tuesday and he'll be on vacation until the end of this month when he'll be officially retired from the railway.

George started with the C.N.R. in Listowel and spent some time in Shakespeare before being transferred to Acton. He also spent a few months working in Georgetown.

Fellow employees and friends held a reception for him at the Acton station Monday afternoon after working hours and took the opportunity to wish him happiness. George still expects to help around the station in spite of being retired.

He also expects to put in some time at his loom. He worked in a cloth factory in Listowel before joining the C.N.R. and the new loom his family purchased for him will be busy with skills he learned many years ago.

Friends and relatives from Acton, Peterborough, Toronto and Fergus attended another get-together in George's honor at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Don White (Shirley) in Georgetown last week. Also attending were daughter Sheila and her

husband (Mr. and Mrs. P. Mason). They are both attached to the Canadian navy, stationed at H.M.C.S. York, Toronto.

## Family mourns dog struck on highway

The thoughtlessness of a driver has left sorrow in a district home a little harder to bear.

Kenneth Saw, who lives with his family on highway 25 between Acton and Oshawa, found one of the family's dogs killed on the highway in front of their house. The pet had obviously been struck by a car and the family feels the driver couldn't help but have known he hit the animal.

The heart-broken child was always met after school by this particular affectionate dog.

The way in which they discovered the loss of their pet was what bothered Mrs. Saw most when she phoned the Free Press this week. They knew, when the dog was out, that he was liable to go on the road. But they wished the driver of the car had had the courage to come to tell them about the accident.

## Daughter given mother's pin

On Wednesday, February 28, seven tenderfoot guides were enrolled as full-fledged Guides. They are Mary Laughlin, Colleen Spielvogel, Barbara Fowler, Maureen Gerth, Melody Hatt, Linda Stewart and Cheryl Williams.

program was Barbara Fowler receiving her mother's original tenderfoot pin. It helped to emphasize the fact guiding is not new but is something to be joined with a sense of real pride which is felt by girls of any age. Hostess badges were successfully passed by Jean Elliott, Deb-

bie Schoonop and Colleen Houston. A word of thanks to the mothers and fathers who turned out for their daughters' enrolment was expressed by Guide Captain Mrs. Ginger.

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## Special meetings dot school board date books

Upcoming meetings and changes concerned the public school board at the regular monthly meeting Tuesday night in the Robert Little staff room. More special meetings are lined up.

The board's representative on the interim committee paving the way for the county board of education, Murray Smith reported on his first meeting. The 20-man board is heavily loaded toward the south, he said, leaving five board areas in the north with a likely representation of three men. Acton, Milton, Georgetown, Esquimesing and Nasagaweya seem to be likely to get only three seats on the new board.

The problem of representation brought a philosophical remark from area superintendent W. McNeill: "Nobody knows."

Mr. Smith felt the interim committee would work well together with fruitful discussions.

Board members jotted in their date books the place and time of a public meeting called by the North Halton Urban Board to discuss the new county system. It's March 13 in Martin St. senior school, Milton.

A course at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute early in May on uses of television and radio broadcasts in schools produced the feeling a staff member should attend. (Television circuits are being considered for the new M.Z.B. addition.)

Principal McKenzie attended a principals' meeting in Oakville last Saturday for the eventual re-organization of the principals' association, in line with the changes in county education. There were 15 at the meeting, to represent Halton's 75 principals.

Special meetings were set up for budget and salary discussions.

Two board members attended an area board meeting at Mohawk Inn to try to co-ordinate salary negotiations.

In reading the minutes, secretary Bill Middleton reported his "longest meeting in 34 years" on February 20, when a special meeting was called to deal with changes in the sketch plans for the M. Z. Bennett school and salary negotiations. The meeting continued till after 1 a.m.

Area superintendent W. McNeill and architect Skinner were present.

The salary negotiations committee, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Bristow and Mr. Heard, continues to meet with staff representatives.

Mr. Bristow commended principal McKenzie and his staff for the very worthwhile Open House Monday. Some of the people there had never been in the school before and it was an "eye opener."

Added Mr. McKenzie: "The response was beyond our fondest hopes. We achieved all our goals."

M.Z. Bennett school openhouse and teacher interviews are this Thursday.

Where will seven classrooms of pupils go while the music festival is on?

Principal G. W. McKenzie says this year, for the first time his school is completely filled when all the district choirs start pouring in for competitions on April 9. "Last year I had three empty rooms. This year all I've got left is washrooms."

The classrooms have to be cleared of loose displays and books and the pupils whisked somewhere else for a whole day. The brainstorming session produced suggestions for fieldtrips, tour of fire hall, post office, town hall, etc. and a program at the community centre. The weather might be bad for trips farther away.

During the winter vacation the R.L. auditorium will be re-decorated, a fan installed and new doors installed below the stage.

Other repairs and re-decorating were discussed.

More police supervision of safety patrols was discussed by the board. As usual, four patrol members will be selected to attend a patrol "jamboree" in Ottawa in May. How to choose the most deserving patrol members is a problem facing the principals and board. It was felt a police officer who inspected the boys and girls while on duty could perhaps make the choice.

About 50 members of the Junior Safety Patrol attended the Ice Follies in Kitchener together February 22. Jane Leader's letter to the board, thanking them for providing the "wonderful treat", was read.

Another letter from Diane Bousfield thanked the board for the pen she was awarded in the public speaking contest.

The nurse's rooms in the R.L. school is now set up in the hall back of the auditorium, and the library is moved back from one end of the kindergarten to the stone school until a new library room is built.

Chairman Cyril Bishop was late; vice-chairman Vic Bristow conducted the main part of the meeting. Others present were Doug Manning, Murray Smith, Orval Chapman and Charles Heard, the full board, with secretary Bill Middleton, the two principals and area superintendent McNeill.

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