

Our horrible ugly lives

GEELPH — "The best thing the university could do for the City of Geelph, for that matter, most Ontario cities and the Prairie provinces is obliterate them," said post Irving Layton in a passionate outburst addressed to the closing session of the University of Geelph's day long conference entitled Look In '69.

Mr. Layton's remarks were in reference to the evening seminar topic, The Role of the University in Society, moderated by university president, W. C. Wisnagard.

Most people in our society lead horrible, ugly, meaningless lives and we should do them the favor of wiping them off the face of the earth," suggested the poet.

The remarks by Mr. Layton came late in a panel discussion that never really got off the ground and the discussion itself was on the verge of obliteration as students in small groups drifted from the floor.

Layton himself admitted that he felt a sense of "unreality about the whole thing" as panelists Dean M. H. M. MacKinnon, Paul Cousse and Prof. Pauline Jewett groped to define the role of the university.

In an early morning panel moderated by television personality Patrick Watson the crowd was shocked by a comment from R. S. Richie, chairman of the university board of governors. He said, the recent events in Montreal in which more than \$1,000,000 in computer equipment was destroyed, should be regarded in our generation as a reasonably normal phenomenon.

Mr. Richie maintained that policy makers at the university will have to realize that action of the sort that took place at Sir George William University is to be expected and must be dealt with accordingly.

ChargeX for Georgetown

GEORGETOWN — ChargeX, a credit card system in which four chartered banks are combining, will be introduced in Georgetown later this year, probably in June.

Those attending a dinner meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at North Halton Golf & Country Club heard Eric Latimer, Toronto regional manager, explain ChargeX and how it operates.

By coincidence, Georgetown's banks are all part of the ChargeX scheme — Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Royal Bank of Canada and Toronto-Dominion. Banque Canadienne National is also in the plan.

Mr. Latimer cited advantages to retailers and to shoppers in his talk. For a service charge which varies from 3% to 6%, depending on volume and size of individual sales, a merchant eliminates a lot of book work, he said, while also getting instant cash for his sales.

Statistics show, he said, that it costs a merchant at least 4% to operate his own credit plan. A consumer gets a one-bill-per-month accounting, saving the time and money now spent in issuing individual cheques. He pays no service charge unless his account runs past 25 days. And he has an advantage in having a cash advance plan available from a participating bank if he is in need of ready cash.

Acton might be model

FERGUS — The Fergus News-Record last week carried a picture of Acton centennial library, suggesting it could be a model for Fergus. The public library board decided at the last meeting that a new library might be necessary within four years. Circulation has climbed so rapidly that space is at a premium. It was estimated the new building might cost nearly \$400,000. (Acton's cost a lot less than that in 1967 — building \$76,000, architect fee \$6,000, bridge \$1,275, equipment \$10,000.)

Fastest mayor in town

GEORGETOWN—Council passed an unusual by-law Monday night authorizing "one Weldon Emmerson, the fastest mayor in town" to enter the North Bay Snow Derby Great Snowmobile Race, open to Reeves and mayors of Ontario.

The by-law came in answer to the challenge issued by Mayor Murray Dickenson of North Bay, host of the event, which specified among other things that "no talent was necessary." Accompanying Mayor Emmerson will be Reeve William Hunter.

An original coat of arms is being drawn up for the side of the racer. It is to show a steamboat (the mayor's nickname before it became steamer), and a hunter stalking through a field of corn in honor of Reeve Hunter.

Institute plans 45th birthday

By Mrs. R. Wright. McIntosh, Mrs. R. Wright, Mrs. J. Gilbertson and Mrs. R. Roy. A contest was won by Mrs. W. McLean.

A social time was spent over a cup of tea. Mrs. H. McIntosh has returned home after a two month stay with her son Mr. and Mrs. G. Slinn at Orillia.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Mino for a few days were Mrs. S. Barnes, Carnarvon, and Barbara Barnes, Oshawa.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wright were Mr. and Mrs. Paddy Kidd and son Jimmie, London.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Wright were in Whitby Monday visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. Greenlaw.

Brenda Bruce wins contest

Brenda Bruce, R. R. 3, Acton, a grade 9 student at Erin District High school, took first place in the CWOSSA public speaking contest with a talk on LSD. She competed in the junior girls' section.

She and Dick Vanderbernt of Erin, who placed first in the senior boys' contest, will advance to the next stage—Region two of the CWOSSA contest at Arthur Feb. 26.

The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds, and the pessimist fears this is true.



CHAMPION CORRESPONDENT. Fondly referred to as "the eager beaver" by her editor, Mrs. Helen C. Gillies, Waesage Beach correspondent for the Stayner Sun, has been named 1969 winner of the Ontario Hydro Award of Merit, for excellence in rural news reporting. James A. Bley, Hydro's director of public relations, presented the Award at the Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association convention in Ottawa, in addition to reporting for The Sun over the past 10 years. Mrs. Gillies has a record of fine achievement for participation in district affairs. She also covers the Waesage Beach area for the Collingwood and Midland weeklies, Barrie radio and television stations.—(Hydro Photo).

Five acre building lots are condoned, but illegal

The acceptability of five-acre building lots in the Township of Nasagaweya was discussed again last week as Council held their regular February meeting.

Sparked by a particular case brought up by Councillor James Watson, which Committee of Adjustment secretary S. W. Savage later commented on in committee of the whole, the controversy dates back to amendments made to the Zoning by-law in early 1968.

It was learned the township's official plan condones five-acre lots in some circumstances, but this approval was not written into the amendments made to the by-law at that time.

Clerk C. McIntyre explained an amendment to the by-law is in the hands of planning board now, and will be coming to Council for consideration before long; but the five-acre-lot clause could not be included in the 1968 amendments, finally passed last fall, because amendments approved by the Ontario Municipal Board had to be inserted first.

A number of councillors, including Reeve William Hoey, felt the Committee of Adjustment should have a little more direction from Council and Planning Board.

Councillor Watson also called for more flexible, and less literal use of the zoning by-law.

"There has been just one voice for committee of adjustment for quite a while," Deputy-Reeve Mrs. Anne MacArthur noted.

A motion was made requesting Planning Board to send suggested amendments to the zoning by-law to council at their earliest convenience.

Halton County Council HIGHLIGHTS

During the regular meeting of Halton County Council last week members:

• Approved county participation in the 1969 International Plowing Match scheduled for Brant County. In recent years the county has arranged a display at neighboring match sites. The budget proposed for the project is \$3,000.

• Ordered preparation of a by-law that would authorize a grant of \$1,864,000 to the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital for a planned addition. The grant is based on \$6,000 a bed.

• Agreed to include an amount of \$280 in the budget to pay for providing coffee for members and others attending committees and council meetings. Previously county council members had agreed to pay \$20 each from their per diem allowances for this service to Halton Social Club.

• Noted the county was investigating other methods of garbage pick-up after Milton advised there would be a charge of \$15 per pick-up commencing March 1.

• Agreed to transfer to Milton ownership of the old road allowance north from the Base Line now cut off by the CNR, for a sum of \$560 provided the town gave an undertaking it would be used for public purposes only. The road, formerly a part of Highway 25, borders town park land and the O.P.P. station. The small section north of the CPR was also included.

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Regular or "free" schools? topic at Home and School

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson

Mrs. J. Hills attended the wedding of her grandson, Kirk Patrick Ir Betty Warrington at Mimosa United Church, and also the wedding reception in Hillsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken spent the weekend with their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. M. Hutchinson and sons at Kempsville.

Little Kim Ballentine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ballentine, Second Line, has been quite ill in Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto.

Friends of James Curran, Second Line, are pleased to learn there is improvement in his condition; he is a patient at Geelph Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Buck, who have been vacationing in the British West Indies, are expected home this week.

Mr. Donald McLean of Erin was a visitor in the village on Sunday.

Friends of Alvin Pither of Geelph, former resident of the community, will be sorry to learn he is ill and confined to St. Joseph's Hospital in Geelph.

Mrs. Fred Clark, Second Line, returned home during the weekend from a two weeks holiday in Florida.

Eddy Stewart and Cam Frazer were trophy winners at the

New road map now available

The Department of Highways' 1969 Official Road Map of Ontario is now available. Copies may be obtained, free of charge, from the Information Section, Department of Highways, Downsview, Ontario, and at all Department of Highways' Offices throughout the Province.

motor-ski races at Erin on Sunday afternoon. A number of enthusiasts from the community attended this increasingly popular sport.

The monthly meeting of Opeingee Home and School Association was held Thursday evening at the school with George Bradford presiding.

Debbie Swackhammer played the piano for the opening exercises.

Mrs. Jerry Boyes introduced the guest speakers Allan Rimmer of Everdale School, Hillsburgh; and Professor Benson of Geelph University. Both speakers were accompanied by a student from their respective school. Their topic was "Pros and Cons" of the regular school versus the free lance method of learning. Some interesting aspects were gleaned.

Mrs. A. McCrae thanked the speakers for their enlightening talks.

Topic for the next meeting will be "Sex Education for Children" when an informed speaker will be present.

The ladies served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

The opening meeting of the new 4-H Club "Separates for Summer" was held at the home of Mrs. R. Ellis on Feb. 17. The leaders Mrs. R. Vliestra and Mrs. R. Ellis were introduced and led in the repeating of the 4-H Pledge.

The officers elected are president Helen Johnston, vice-president Susan Jackson and secretary-treasurer Patti Ellis.

Press reporters were chosen to cover each meeting with Brenda Bruce reporting the opening meeting. Next meeting is to be at the Johnston home.

The discussion topics were Record Book and what introductory pages were needed. Style and material—the dress and shorts style suited to you

Sight wolf near Erin

A large grey wolf with white markings was sighted north of Erin in the field bordering Hwy. 24, recently.

Howard avrey of Hillsburgh saw the animal standing still in a field across the highway from the farm of Alex Parr.

He went to Parr's for a rifle, but barking dogs apparently frightened the wolf, and it headed across the field in an easterly direction. Howard tracked the animal, but failed to hunt it down.

Area farmers were warned the wolf could be rabid when it comes so close to populated areas.

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