



## Students participate in unique dental experiment

Grade 6, 7 and 8 students at Robert Little school participated in an unique experiment in dental health on Tuesday.

Students brushed their teeth with a special type fluoride toothpaste, which contains a stain-removing ingredient, under

the direction of dental hygienist Mrs. Mary Ludzik and assistant Mrs. Cindy Asselin, both of the Halton County Health Unit.

Although similar brush-ins have been conducted in Ottawa and in the Muskoka district, Robert Little was the first school in Halton County to be chosen for the clinic.

Tooth brushes and paste were provided by the Health Unit and students brushed their teeth in groups according to Mrs. Ludzik's instructions. The special toothpaste is similar to the paste dentists use to polish teeth.

The health unit's dental staff has given topical fluoride applications before, spending about 15 minutes with each

student. Under the new method, an entire class can be done in 30 minutes.

The special toothpaste has been tried in schools, factories and in the armed forces of the United States over the last five years. Surveys have noted a 50% reduction in tooth decay.

The Canadian Army introduced it at Camp Borden three years ago and the results have been astonishing. After three years the Army has been able to reduce their staff of dentists at the base from 15 to four.

The brush-ins, however, are not intended to replace regular check-ups by the dentist. Only students who have their parents' consent take part.

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## Board of Education HIGHLIGHTS

During a regular meeting of the Halton County Board of Education Thursday members:

be considered at the next meeting.

- Agreed to consider at their next meeting the possibility of occasional meetings in other areas of the county, similar to those held early this year in Milton, Georgetown and Acton. Chairman F. Arncliffe observed he would like to see interest in education the year round, rather than just at budget time.

- Approved membership in the Central Ontario Regional Development Council at \$1,000 for the next two years. Halton chairman of the CORDC is Mayor L. Doby of Acton.

- Approved 1970 membership in the Ontario School Trustees Association and affiliation with the Ontario School Trustees Council at a fee of \$4,587.

- Named trustees Harold Thorpe, John Noble and R.E. Goodin to meet with representatives of local 1011 Canadian Union of Public Employees.

- Approved preparation of an annual report on the board's programs and activities. Estimated cost for the preparation of a 32 page, 3,500 copy publication was \$3,000.

Every 15 minutes in this nation, a child is accidentally poisoned. Every five minutes, a child is needlessly injured.

ROBERT LITTLE GRADE 6, 7 and 8 STUDENTS participated in the Halton County Health Unit's first ever "Brush-In" Tuesday. Dental hygienist Mary Ludzik directed the experiment in which students brushed their teeth

with a special type of fluoride toothpaste, containing a stain-removing ingredient. The toothpaste was found to reduce tooth decay by 50 per cent in tests taken in the United States over the last five years. —(Staff Photo)

### Tree burning still nixed

An ad in today's paper calls attention to changed dates for garbage pickup during the holiday season. There'll be normal pickup next Monday, then a special collection Boxing Day; normal pickup on the 29th and then a special collection on Friday, January 2.

No plans have been made yet for special pick-up of Christmas trees. One thing is certain — there'll be no Twelfth Night Christmas tree bonfire. Due to new provincial anti-pollution legislation, the event was cancelled last year.

### Free Press Personals

The Rotary club sponsored a very successful dance in the band hall Friday evening, with a Chinese meal.

Friends are sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Harold Morris's mother in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leatherland of Toronto holidayed in Mexico.

Reeve Frank Oakes and Mrs. Oakes entertained council, town associates and the press at their home Friday evening.

Last Sunday the staffs of Acton and Woodbridge I.G.A. stores enjoyed a Christmas get-together with bowling and then a dinner in the scout hall here.

Agreed in principle to a North York proposal that those over 21, whether taxpayers or not, could vote for school trustees where the municipal franchise has been extended by the municipality. A resolution is to

### ESQUUSSING Township Council NEWS

At their regular meeting, Monday December 1, Esquussing Council:

- Accepted the tenders of Nellis Construction and Jennings Excavating for snow plowing at the rate of \$12 per hour and \$12 per day standby time from December 15, 1969 until March 15, 1970, subject to the approval of the Department of Highways.

- Accepted the tenders of Jennings Excavating and W.G.M. Browns to each supply a truck for sanding at \$5 per hour and \$5 per day standby time from December 15, 1969 until March 15, 1970 subject to the approval of the Department of Highways.

- Instructed the treasurer to pay road accounts in the amount of \$12,614.26, as presented by the roads superintendent.

- Resolved that the township offices be closed from Wednesday December 24 at 5 p.m. until Monday December 29 at 9 a.m. and from Wednesday December 31, 1969 at 5 p.m. until Monday January 5, 1970 at 9 a.m. and that the clerk be instructed to purchase a Christmas turkey for each of the township employees.

### Y's Menettes enjoy dinner

A delicious Christmas dinner party was enjoyed by Acton Y's Menettes for the final meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. G. W. McKenzie.

Twelve ladies answered the roll, how to decorate for Christmas.

A baby spoon was presented to Mrs. Norman Elliott for her new daughter.

A motion was passed that signs be bought and located at the edges of town stating "Y's Men's Club here."

Several U.C.W. members attended the candle-light service given by the girls at the Galt Training School on Friday.

Mr. Albert Roppel of Everton was visiting here last week with his daughter, Mrs. Russell Matthews, Mr. Matthews and family, Church St.

Patricia Bittorf, has been transferred from the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto to the Ontario Crippled Children's Centre for further treatment.

A feast of moose meat was enjoyed by hydro commissioners after their last meeting of the year Thursday. The moose was brought home from the north by hydro superintendent Doug Mason. The same night, planning board member Sid Saitz entertained the other members of the board at his home after their last meeting.

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