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## NORVAL STUDENTS TO MILTON RULES AREA SCHOOL BOARD

High school students from Norval and district cannot attend Georgetown High School this year unless they are prepared to pay their own tuition fees. At a meeting of the North-Halton High School Area Board in Milton last Thursday night the Board decided that as the majority of parents in this district seemed to want their children to attend a school where transportation would be provided, there was no cause to send them to Georgetown which would make a more expensive proposition for Esqueping Township which is already paying 51 per cent of the costs of Acton and Milton high schools.

Several Norval men and women who have children of high school age attended the meeting, which was held in Milton High School. They were received prior to the regular board meeting and chairman, Dr. Carl Martin, led in a round table discussion of the question. He said that the Area board was trying to work in the best interests of schoolchildren and taxpayers and said it was the intention of the board to contact Esqueping Council if Norval wanted their higher education in Georgetown.

"We are in an awkward position," he said, "with Georgetown not seeing fit to join the area. Sending children to Georgetown would mean that Esqueping would be paying not only 51 per cent of the maintenance of the two schools but a large share of Georgetown school costs as well."

He explained that Georgetown would get no financial help from the Department of Education if they were to run a bus for neighbouring rural students. However, if the Norval and Glen public school boards should decide on a move, he believed some support would be given. The board, he said, would like to know how many Norval district students wanted to go to Georgetown, but in all fairness he felt they should not be asked to send any except those who lived north and east. He stressed that good transportation would be provided and that a shuttle service

would transport students back and forth on certain days of the week between Milton and Acton for specialized courses.

A Norval lady said that her two daughters were as much in favour of going to Milton as they were to Georgetown but she would want the move to be permanent as it was not good to be changing schools. Dr. Martin said he thought there would be better feeling if the whole group went to one school and that if Georgetown wasn't interested in sending twenty or thirty students from the area they might be more ready to join the area in the future. In answer to a question as to what time bus pick-ups would be made, he said it would probably not be before 8 a.m.

The meeting was told that if Georgetown wished to join the area now it would be 1950 before the necessary details could be arranged. There is one loophole in that a judge, on the request of a group of parents, has the power to order that pupils attend a certain school if he believes this is more advantageous. Another Norval spokesman said he thought most of the Norval students preferred going to Georgetown but that this would wear out in a short time. He did think 51 per cent was a high rate for Esqueping to pay, but it was explained to him that the rate was set on the equalized assessment and this was the correct Esqueping share.

Dr. Martin said that on Monday a meeting had been held with the Oakville school area board to try to untangle a situation where Trafalgar students were being taken by bus from the Milton vicinity to Oakville High School. No progress had been made and he believed that a majority of these were going to appeal to a judge for a ruling. A Norval man said he thought this should be done at Norval as it was ridiculous to bus children twelve miles with another school only three miles away. It was adding unnecessary expense to the taxpayer. Dr. Martin said the Department was paying 75 per cent of school costs, including transportation and that a \$67,000 addition to Milton school which is now in progress would actually cost the area only about \$16,000.

Arthur Beaumont, one of the Esqueping representatives on the board, was asked what the situation was in Glen Williams, and he said that the board did not consider it feasible this year to take these students to Milton and they would be sent to Georgetown. A Norval man thought that if the area would pay to send Glen students to Georgetown, they should be prepared to do the same for Norval.

L. W. McMillan, Namagaweya Township clerk attended the meeting with a petition from several in that end of the county asking if students who had started their courses in Guelph would be allowed to finish there. They were not asking for transportation but would like some consideration on tuition fees. He was told that if these students were taking technical training unavailable at the area schools there was no question that they could not continue.

Another Norval query was whether the bus system would allow students to take part in sports, and he was told that some arrangement would be made. The question of cost of sending individual students to Georgetown should parents have to pay, could not be answered as this depended on enrolment and it was impossible to estimate the fall enrolment in view of present circumstances.

At the regular meeting of the board, which followed this informal discussion, the decision was made to proceed with plans to take Norval students by bus to Milton, as the board gathered by the tone of the meeting that this would find favour with the majority. Glen students, as well as any others who wished to attend Georgetown school would have to make individual applications and each case would be considered separately. The application of Shirley Burt, who lives on the 7th line, within a mile of town was dealt with and permission granted for her to attend Georgetown school.

The Esqueping representatives, Arthur Beaumont and D. R. McLaughlin were delegated to interview Esqueping Council to get their feeling on any applications to come to Georgetown. A meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 2, to deal with these.

Correspondence from Georgetown High School Board was received asking the Area Board's policy on students from outlying Georgetown centres and the secretary was instructed to write that the Area Board would comply with the regulations of the Department of Education and that each case would be treated separately as the individual made application.

At various times during both meetings, reference was made to the fact that in the spring when the new plan of putting additional to recent schools rather than building a new one was being considered

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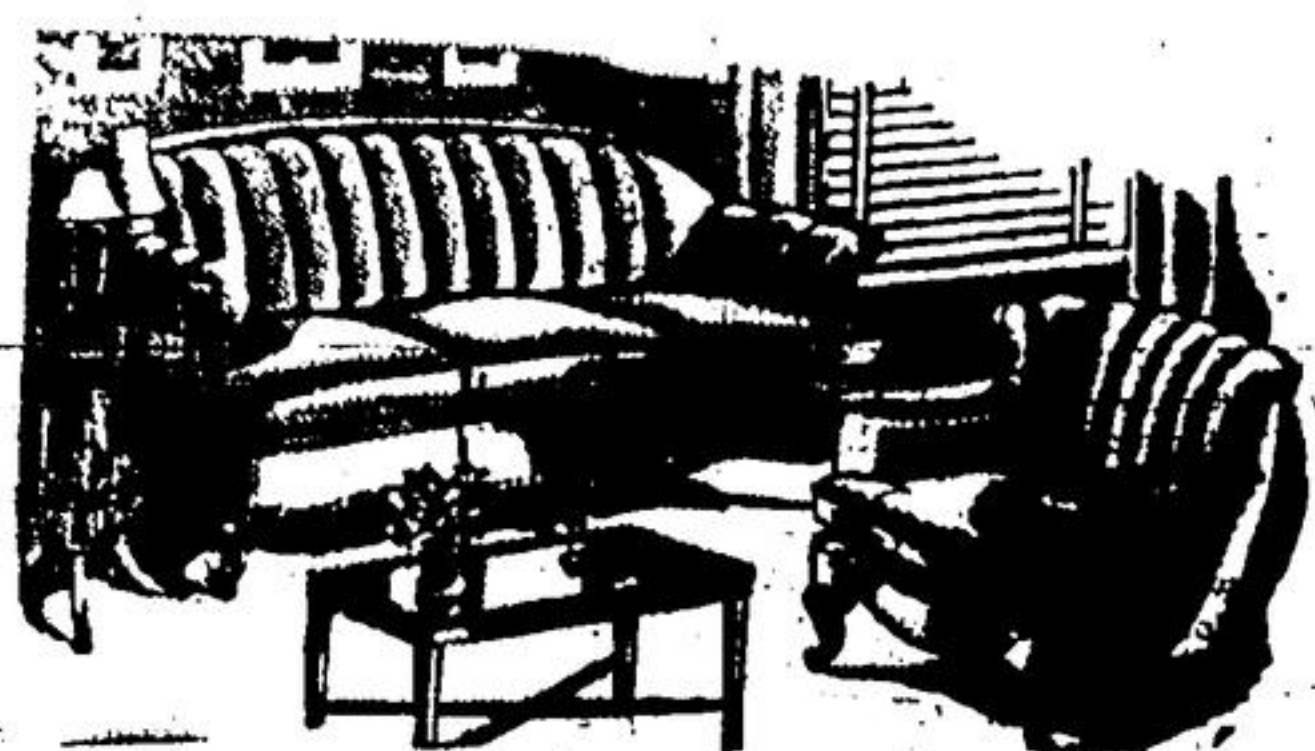
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enter the area under the new Board of their decision with an arrangement. The only stipulation would be that by entering the area, secondary education would come under the Area Board which would then include two Georgetown representatives and that Georgetown would have to abide by the same rules as the other schools in the area.