



**WHEAT KING** — World wheat champion Douglas Mackintosh, 38-year-old schoolboy from Timmins, Algonquin, Ontario, Canadian Wheat King. The trophy was presented by Mr. L. T. Toole, assisted by Miss C.R.H. Oleg Metrometz. The new wheat king is a 4-H Club member who first entered the wheat competition in 1956.

## "No Blame" Jurors Report In Hillsburgh Fatalities

A coroner's jury, last week recommended vast changes in regulations governing the operation and maintenance of school buses. The report attached no blame in the enquiry into the death of Karen Awes, 14-year-old school girl, one of four killed when a school bus collided with a CPR train at Hillsburgh January 26th.

Following a three day session during which the jury heard 71 witnesses give evidence, and after deliberating five hours the jurors stated the collision was due to limited sight at the crossing and unusual winter road conditions.

During the inquest children who escaped from the flaming bus after it had collided with the freight train, testified the driver of the bus, Calvin Leitch, who died as a result of burns, suddenly stopped at a crossing but did on occasion slow down.

Several witnesses were of the opinion the train was traveling faster than usual the day of the accident. Frank Bunker, engineer of the CPR diesel who was a spare man replacing the regular engineer, estimated the speed of the engine at 20 miles per hour. He had not checked the speed with the speedometer.

Following are the recommendations made by the jury:

That drivers of all school buses be required to stop at all railway crossings which are not protected by gates or barriers, and be required to open the front door, select a proper gear and proceed in that gear across the railway.

That the character qualifications and capabilities of all school bus operators should be more thoroughly supervised and that more supervision of the conduct between the local school board and the transportation committee.

That because of the inquest inspection of school buses is an important responsibility shared by many officials involved with the railroads, experience in the field of school bus safety is more important.

That, since the investigation showed the driver of the bus, one of the most important criteria affecting safety, vehicles should be maintained in accordance with the best engineering practices to determine their fitness for driving.

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## Will Purchase Slide For School Playground

Workers at the Institute with the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jamieson on Saturday night were Mrs. J. W. Snow, Mrs. R. McLean, Mrs. E. Marshall and Mr. E. Snow.

On Wednesday evening of last week the parent teacher group met in the Blue Mountain school with Mrs. Brock Miller as chairman and Mrs. Roy, secretary. It was decided to buy a slide for the school playground, and Mrs. Shortill spoke briefly about the work being done by the Junior Red Cross and commended the work being done and reponsibility being taken by the pupils themselves. The group planned to have the health nurse speak at their next meeting which will be some time in April.

The CGIT Group enjoyed a toboggan party last Monday night on the hill at the back of Mr. Elwood Snow's farm. The weather was ideal and after an hour's outdoor fun Mrs. Snow served the lunch and hot chocolate to the girls at her home. Each one brought a boxed lunch and the prize for the best box suitably decorated for Valentine day went to Jean Lawr, the president.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Snellie of Fergus are visiting this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Black along with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lawson of Stewartstown, attended the annual meeting and dinner of the Canadian Millers Mutual Insurance Company in Hamilton on Thursday.

## Musical Marks Jubilee for 3rd Georgetown Guides

Girl Guides across Canada are celebrating the golden jubilee of the organization in many different ways this year.

The 3rd Georgetown Company decided on a musical, and it was presented on Friday in St. John's United Church under direction of Kenneth R. Harrison.

Mrs. Robert Wyatt, company captain, thanked Mr. Harrison for his help in her introductory speech and the program was introduced by Maureen Watt, David Farrell and Bob McCumber, representing brownies, cubs and scouts, who sang from the platform as the guides marched up the aisle, singing their marching song.

An hour of choral selections and solos followed. Solos included Carol McGivern, Herberta Hawes, Bob McCumber, David Farrell and Barbara Evans. Barbara Hildebrandt and Roberta Hawes sang a duet. Barbara Evans, David Farrell and Bob McCumber, a trio.

Jill Runham played a piano solo, and Mary Evans played the organ in an organ duet with Mr. Harrison. Another piano organ duet was played by Mr. Harrison and Carroll Farrell. The program ended with singing a stirring selection. Canada Our Heritage.

That the proper department of the government should issue a booklet or circular with rules and regulations for the use of school bus drivers.

That modern signs be installed at all railway crossings where right of way are located.

That a better agreement be arranged between road and rail way patrols to eliminate the accumulation of snow and ice on the road adjacent to the railway.

That sanding done at the proper time, and thoroughly done, is a very necessary procedure on winter roads and that the operation should not be confined to the low assessment areas with the same belt, more provincial grants should be made available for such conditions.

That consideration be given to erecting of black and yellow reflector signs which designate the number of tracks and the direction of the railway in relation to the road or highway.

Eric Silk, assistant deputy attorney general, commented the jurors for their verdict. He told them their five hours of deliberation reflected the kind of thought they put into the case.

That the court have a hearing.

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