

At Composite School They're Racing Calendar

The work to be done at Georgetown High School to convert it into a composite school ready to accept classes will have to be completed within a month, and at the moment the rate of construction and the completion schedule are neck and neck.

Work started late on the million dollar brick labyrinth but McNally Construction so managed during the month of July closed the gap between work to be completed and work completed, and that is the way it stands now with contractor and major subcontractors keeping one eye on the calendar and the other on maintaining specifications.

Right now the high school board believes the job will be finished on time. If they are right the students who left OHS in June will on Sept. 4th

be walking into the most modern place of education in Halton County, offering technical and occupational training which, but for the 75 per cent federal grant program, probably would have not been available here for another decade.

Through the grants from the federal and provincial governments the huge learning centre and equipment will cost the town only a fraction of the almost two million it will cost, and will include a business machine shop, two typing rooms, an industrial chemistry lab, another laboratory, a drafting room, a machine shop, a carpentry and millwork shop, an auto mechanics shop, an electricity shop, an electronics shop, an occupational training shop for girls, another gymnasium, a

cafeteria, and an extension to the boiler-room.

The ultimate school will accommodate 1,055 pupils and will require a teaching staff of 42.



Old Maps For New

One section of Saskatchewan's prairie is having its face lifted by the furrows of almost a century of dry farming. Its surface is being gouged and shifted by great earth movers to create the fourth largest earth dam in the world. This project on the South Saskatchewan River, little more than ninety miles from Regina, will not only change the map of this area, but much of the buying, playing and producing pattern of its taxpayers.

Through the years wheat crops have been the victims of great droughts and the people of this prairie province have had few recreational facilities. Sloughs were for the most part their only still water areas. They are good for nothing, not even watering cattle because of their high alkaline content. This great project is often referred to as Prairie Farm Rehabilitation, which is misleading in some respects for it has a threefold purpose. Not only will the dam provide irrigation for parched farm areas, it will be the first security such cities as Regina and Moose Jaw have had of an adequate water supply for domestic and industrial purposes. Its promoters expect in the not-too-distant future, this will be the entire kingdom of Canada and citizens are already booking lots for summer cottages on the fringe of the lake that will be created when the dam is finished and the water backed up.

The whole undertaking was beyond my feminine capacity to absorb. I could picture the cottages beside the lake, children on a beach, crops always as healthy and green as they were this summer when we drove from Saskatoon to the dam site. I could vision the industries that will be attracted to this province by the provision of cheap power. I could even vision the fat, sleek cattle that will graze on well nourished pastures, but the statistics of the undertaking floured me.

Not so Ricky. He drank in the romance of Capt. John Palliser's three-year expedition (1857-1860) when this famous explorer reached the South Saskatchewan and dismissed the surrounding area as a drought-ridden desert. Peter Wall, who is doing an excellent job of pub-

licating the history of the project, was found of late to be a good deal of a young Ricky's nature country. He seemed to instinctively know that young Canada must relate to its own past and to its own future.

Added to us here that Capt. Palliser did envision the river as a potential navigation route to Fort Garry and that it could be channelled into the Qu'Appelle River.

It is almost a century since Henry Hind, explorer and geologist, proposed building a dam 80 feet high and 800 feet long to divert the South Saskatchewan into the Qu'Appelle. This idea was abandoned because of the fear that the resulting flood might sweep Fort Garry into Lake Winnipeg.

Ricky learned that there are two dams planned in the present construction, the main dam being 210 feet high with an overall length of 16,700 feet, the largest rolled earth dam ever built in Canada. Cost of the first stage of development is estimated at about 29 million dollars, but the project is ahead of schedule and may cost less.

My grandson, who in his association with his newspaper grandfather had learned to eschew everything but headlines, seemed to know how many men were employed (1,300); how many miles of CM track would be installed (22); how big the lake would be (140 miles long by one to three miles wide or 500 miles of shoreline), and naturally, what was the capacity load of the huge Earth dam masonry.

This lad will remember 25 years from now, when he benefits as all Canadians will from prosperity on the prairie, that he walked where boats sail, watched thousands of tons of gravel found on the site being processed into concrete for the job and ran around in the gigantic steel cylinders, 20 feet in diameter which were lined up like an army ready to be lowered into the tunnel.

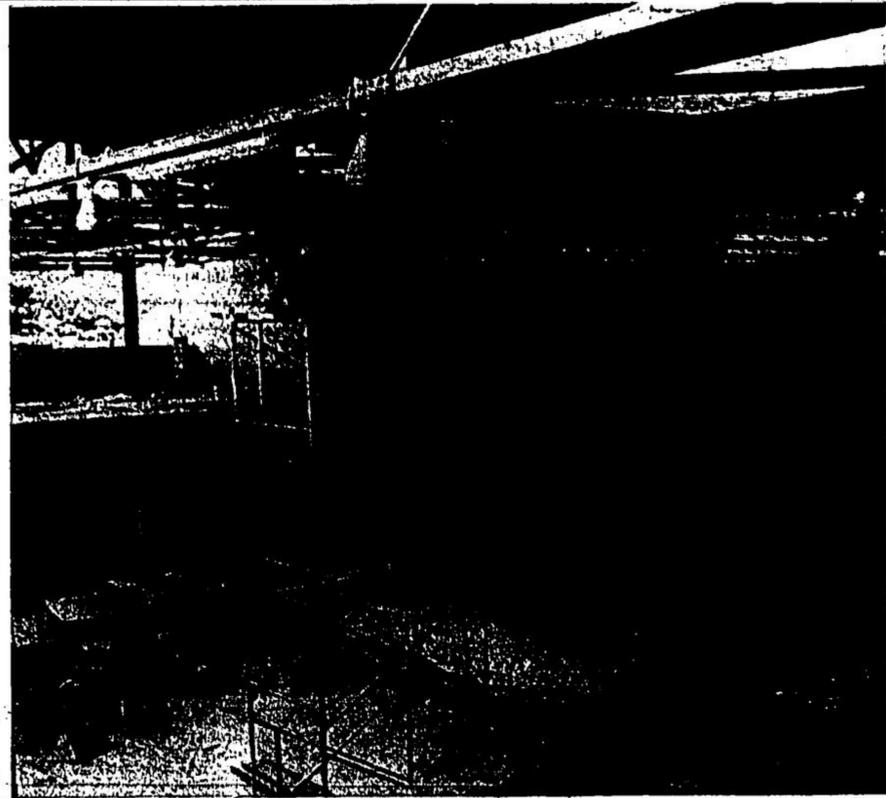
This was the answer to a little boy's dream of importance and participation in the magic world of construction.



Peter Jones, Georgetown

TERAZZO MAN'S JOB A DAILY GRIND

LOOKING FOR ALL THE world like an H. G. Wells character, this skilled terrazzo floor expert grinds away the rough surface of the hardened mixture revealing the multicoloured stones which make this finished product so attractive. The imported stone chips are mixed into coloured concrete which is then poured, allowed to harden and then ground smooth and polished.



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GYMNASTIUMS MARKED 'HIS' AND 'HERS'

THE MASSIVE WINDOW of glass blocks which formed the high school gym's south wall has been taken out and the gym extended to double size. When a new partition is built boys and girls will have separate gymnastiums. Here electricians work on installing the lighting system.

Picnic, Surprise Party For Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Madill observed their 25th wedding anniversary on Tuesday of last week and on Friday night a goodly number of their neighbors and friends gathered in their home for a surprise party. Mrs. Perryman and Mrs. Mary Matthews were responsible for the lovely evening and Don Matthews acted as master of ceremonies for a variety program which included musical numbers by Mrs. O'Rourke and her two daughters, Mr. Perryman playing the "bones", humorous readings by Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Wm. McDonald and also a lively song with Mrs. F. J. Shortall at the piano. A suitable presentation address was read by Mrs. Bob Landay and a gift of an electric fry pan and pop-up toaster was given to Mr. and Mrs. Madill. On the Sunday previous a family picnic was held at The Breezes park at Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jamieson open last week on a camping trip in Algonquin Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg French and family were holidaying last week in Midland.

The Sandersons enjoyed a trip up north for a few days.

Nephew Seriously Injured at Ottawa

Mrs. Walter Lawson received word that her nephew, Glen Laughlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Laughlin of Caledon had recently been in a serious accident near Ottawa. Glen is in hospital in Ottawa, and at time of writing had not regained consciousness.

Miss Susan Cook of Georgetown visited this past week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Humphreys, sister Carol joining her on Thursday.

Miss Judy McCrae of Georgetown visited this past week with her friend Miss Linda Barclay, and on Sunday motored to Midland with Mr. and Mrs. Barclay and the girls, to visit their cottage.

Choir leaders of St. John's church, Mr. Thomas Warnas and Mrs. Warnas leave on Saturday for a vacation in England. Their many friends in Stewarttown wish them a happy holiday and a safe return.

Name Omitted School Results

Steven Ford was omitted by error from the Chapel Street Public School results in the Herald last week. Steven was a pupil of Miss June Lyon and was promoted from Grade two to Grade three.

TON OF GOLD

The Jersey cow, LINDALE, BIF JOU PINN RISE 289500 classed excellent on the herd of Maurice (Windsor), Milton, has just been awarded a Ton of Gold certificate. In 7403 days she has produced 2011 lbs of fat. She is a daughter of the Supreme Sir Brampton Sir Bijou Hador, 124107, and a winner of 2 Silver Medals.

To qualify for this award a cow must produce at least 2000 lbs of fat in 4 consecutive years.



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"WHO ORDERED THAT CHANDELIER?"

TECHNICAL TRAINING DIRECTOR Oscar Robb and board secretary Ernie Forgrave keep a close watch on the work as it progresses and check and recheck the new building against architect's specifications. Here they talk over a point regarding a ceiling installation.



THESE WORKMEN WILL STICK AROUND

Some high school students are literally building their future. At left one of them, David Underhill, works with the heating contractor and here assists a workman in installing some of the miles of pipe incorporated in the new wing. Below, another high school student spending the holidays as a labourer at the school, is David McNally.

About half a dozen students have chosen to work through the summer within a few yards of the classrooms they happily vacated in June.

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Local Horseman At Western Show

A local horse breeder, Reg Ianson, attended a western horse show at Carlisle on Saturday. He entered one event and placed fourth in it. Ianson operates a quarter horse ranch at R.R. 3, Georgetown.

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