

Seven Year Dream is Culminated in School

A dream which began in a small corner of the Milton fire hall seven years ago became a reality Saturday, with the opening of the new Sunshine School for the Retarded on the 7th Line.

Guest speaker Mr. W. K. Clarke, assistant superintendent, Ontario Dept. of Education, paid tribute to those whose efforts made the \$40,000 building possible. The money was raised by public subscription from the Milton, Acton, and Georgetown areas, and by Provincial and County grants.

The establishment and success of schools for the Retarded may well go down in history books as the greatest achievement in education in the past twenty years, the speaker declared. He went on to express the pride of the Department for their part in the development. From 1953 till June, 1962, over \$4,000,000 in grants have been given, according to Mr. Clarke. He added that the 1962-63 budget called for grants of \$1,100,000, to serve approximately 2,500 children.

In speaking of the aims of the schools, he said: "Helping them to do for themselves, and to be self-reliant, is the aim of each individual in this school, the children who have been or would be a constant failure in the ordinary school system have the chance to achieve, and feel the glow of success. He concluded by wishing the best for the help of the Retarded with providing the impetus to government and public alike.

Most Responsible.
The chairman for the day, Harold Henry, who was also chairman of the Georgetown campaign, introduced Mr. G. G. Addison, president of the North Halton Association for Retarded, as the man most responsible for the building of the new school.

Mr. Addison publicly thanked every club, organization and individual who contributed to the school. He told of gifts from young school children, from the much maligned teenage group, and from visiting commercial travellers. The public contributed \$30,000 of

Inspector of public schools, for Halton and Wentworth, and Judge George Elliott.

On a tour prior to the ceremonies, the guests inspected the charming home-like building, built to resemble a modern bungalow, rather than a public building.

The school consists of four classrooms, a home economics kitchen and a small gym, or activities room. This room, which chairman Harold Henry, as principal of a public school, kept on the bright yellow wall a plane in the corner, and the face of a clock set in tile on the floor.

Apartment-Like
The apartment-like kitchen, where the children learn simple cooking, combined with a grooming room complete with bathtub and dressing table, contributes to the non-institutional atmosphere.

Suddenly, two posters above the bathtub bring a viewer up short for here are listed "how to take a bath" with 15 instructions, and "how to shampoo your hair" with 11 instructions.

The combined humour and sadness provoked by these signs, bring home the realization that this new building is inhabited by retarded children. While the visiting officials were pleased with the design and appearance of the building, the members of the North Halton Ass'n. and Auxiliary, for Retarded Children, were delighted. Here was the fruition of all their striving. The bake sales, the raffles, the dance tickets, the campaigns, all became worthwhile with the opening of the school.

Let Them Know
"If governments and school boards seem to move too slowly," he concluded, "remember they do not know what you are willing to pay for. Let them know."

Civic greetings were extended from Georgetown, Milton, and Esqueaux by Deputy Reeve M. Denny, Mayor D. Sargent, Reeve Dr. C. Martin, and Reeve G. Leslie, respectively. From the architect J. M. Martin the keys were presented to the contractor, Mr. F. Zorge, then to the Principal, Mrs. G. Jeffares, then to Mr. G. S. Addison, president of the North Halton Association for Retarded Children.

Other well known persons in attendance were Dr. H. Harley, Halton, M.P., Mr. Brian, Holliday, vice president of the Ont. Ass'n. for Retarded Children, Bill Kirk executive director of the OARC, Mr. W. L. McNeil,

THE MAIL BAG School Secretary is in Editorial Disagreement

Georgetown, Ontario, November 8th, 1962

Dear Sir:
With great interest I read the Editorial Comment in your issue of November 1st, particularly about the solution which you suggest for the separate school question.

Your solution no doubt has the merit of being very simple, but I am afraid that this is about the only good quality I'm able to find.

1. You state that you "would welcome a government resolution enough to put its foot down and for all on this whole separate school matter, and make the public school system the only one entitled to tax money."

But how would you be able to take away the right of the Ontario Roman Catholics to their denominational public school as constitutionally guaranteed in the British North America Act, a right which was a condition for Ontario joining the Confederation?

Provincially this right was guaranteed by the Common Schools Act of 1859 and the Separate Schools Act of 1863. You may "welcome a government" which amply does away with constitutional rights dating back a hundred years and more, but I doubt whether this would be so simple.

2. Personally you "cannot accept the idea that our school system should be based on any religious concept." This of course is your right, although I doubt whether such a system is possible.

But there are many other people who personally cannot accept the idea that the education of their children (of which the school is a necessary and very important part) is not based on religious principles, they do not want a religious or pagan school, and so is their democratic right which has to be respected by a democratic government.

Since you will agree that it is the right of the parents in the first place, and not of the government, to decide in the matter of education for their children, neither you nor the government has to force a system of education (and a school system) on children which the parents do not want.

This of course does not mean that the government cannot set up standards of teaching and programs of instruction which have to be met by any school. But as long as

these are fulfilled it is the obligation of the government to finance it, whether it is for Jew or Protestant, for Hindu or Roman Catholic.

I'm glad you "would bend to the idea that if a church wished to establish its own schools, this should be allowed, providing certain standards of education were upheld." However I cannot understand where the government could find the right to withhold its subsidy from a school which measures up to these standards, simply because this school is also based on religious principles.

I don't think I can see your logic when you would require these schools to be "fully subsidized by the churches (parents) concerned."

Sincerely yours,
Ed. Malison

Tractor Accident Critical Injuries

A five year old Lincolnton district resident was rushed to Georgetown hospital in critical condition, Tuesday, after being run over by his father's tractor.

Word from hospital of press time was that Archie Martin Bos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius "Cassy" Bos has improved slightly. His injuries are internal and the nature and seriousness of them are still undetermined. He is under constant observation and tests are still being made. No bones are broken.

Mr. Bos, a Standard Products employee and part-time farmer, said he was plowing the back of his 4th line farm when his small son slipped from the running board. The back wheel passed over him before Mr. Bos could stop the tractor.

Mr. Bos carried the boy about a half mile to the farmhouse and then rushed him to hospital in his car. The accident happened shortly after 1 o'clock.

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Choose Debaters to Represent Halton

The Halton Junior Farmers' Association have selected the public speaker, and debating team to represent the County in further competitions.

This program was part of a self-help program sponsored by the Ontario Junior Farmers' Association. In Public Speaking, each County selects one delegate to compete in Public Speaking Competitions held at the time of the annual Conference in January. Marilyn Wilson of the Norval Club was selected as Halton's top public speaker. Miss Wilson outlined in her address the value of Flowing Speech. Mummer-berg was the speaker for public speaking was Joe Love, of the Milton Club. In his address he outlined the need for a realistic approach to social segregation.

In addition to a prepared address, each contestant was required to give an impromptu speech on an assigned topic. Halton's Debating team in the Inter-County Competition was selected from the County Debating Competition. This year, Kay Marshall and Mary Hunter of the Palermo club and Adrienne Nurse and Allen Brownridge of the Norval club will make up the County team.

The subject of the County debates and the first round in the Provincial competition is "Resolved that the County Council system of government is satisfactory."

Judges for the Halton County Public Speaking and Debating Competition were: Judge G. E. Elliott, J. E. Whitlock and Agricultural Representative J. A. Francis.

In announcing the awards the judges complimented the debaters and speakers on the research they had given to the subject.

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The Competitions were held at the Bayne Community Centre on Thursday evening, November 1st. The evening program had the Competition under the general direction of Ed Segsworth, President of the Halton Junior Farmers' Association.

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—Peter Jones, Georgetown

KAREN NORTON and Mrs. George Mitchell inspect the pupils' handwork in one of the classrooms in the new Sunshine School on the 7th Line.



THIS IS THE SENIOR ROOM of the new retarded children's school which was open to the public on the weekend. The mirror by the flowers is actually a one-way window from the principal's office.

Dart Ladies Take Tourney Honours

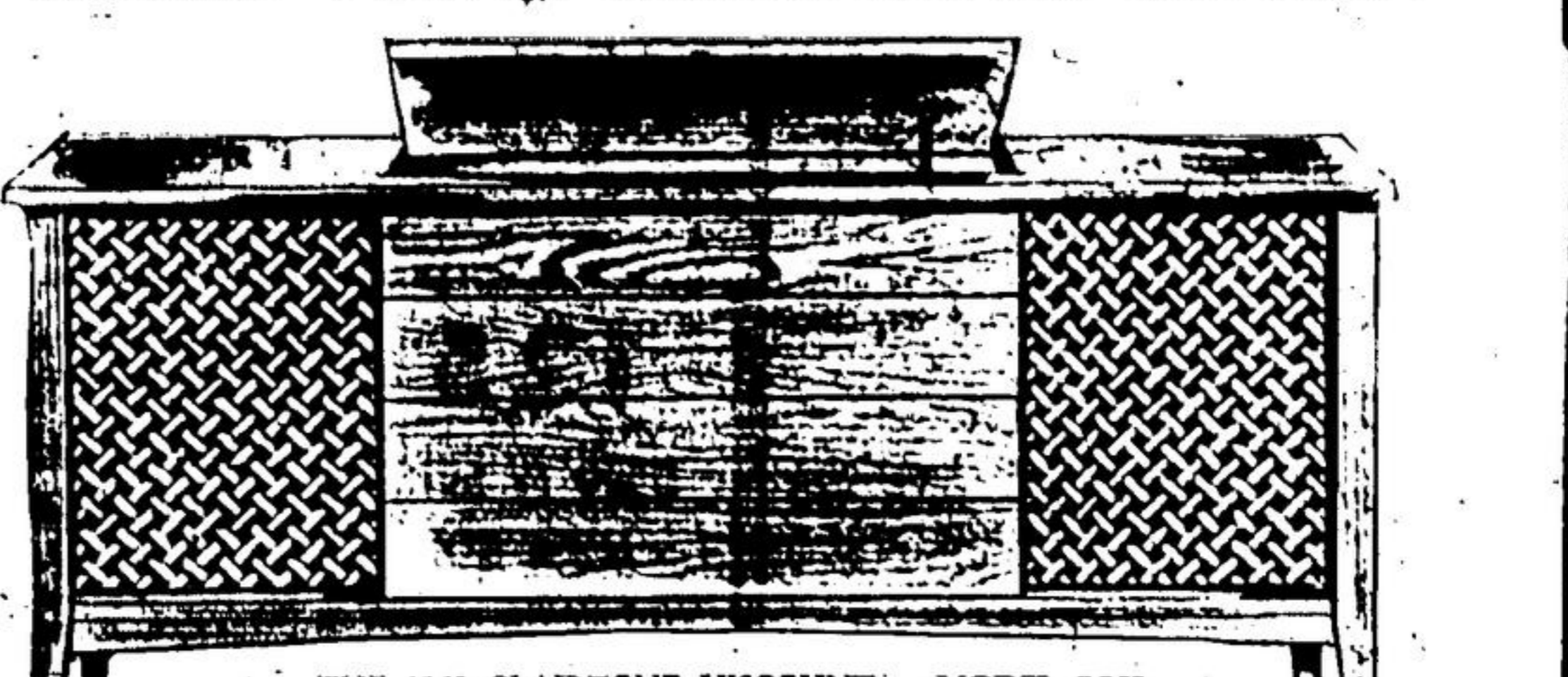
A Georgetown Ladies' Dart Team reached the finals, a Georgetown doubles team capped the championship and two other local lady targeteers had high individual scores at the Ladies Dart Tournament in Kitchener.

Eighteen teams from all over the southern part of the province contested the honours in Kitchener's Army, Navy, Air Force Club.

Community Furniture beat Discount Furniture in the semi-final but lost the big one to Brantford Blues. In the doubles competition it was Mrs. Jim Emmerson and Mrs. Roy Bilger suiting all the competition, and the high team score was registered by Mrs. E. Rubary of the Georgetown Originals with 134. High points scorer in the "ten cents a throw" competition was Mrs. M. West.

And as if Georgetown hadn't already made a clean up Mrs. Harry Bottoms won the lucky draw.

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