

Vocational Emotional Problems Involved in School Guidance

"What is this new-fangled deal at the school called 'Guidance' and 'Is it any good?' are questions a parent, feeling burdened down with taxation, might ask.

It is exactly what the name suggests — a place where the student can come for guidance, not only vocational but emotional.

The students themselves usually make the appointment to see Mr. Alan Prouse, the Guidance Director, who holds their discussions in strictest confidence.

Combat 'Trapped' Feeling

It is hoped through Guidance Departments to combat the trapped feeling of regret and failure, which contributes largely to the much publicized "drop-outs" of students. In a course instituted by the Guidance Department, each time a student fails, he is counseled to try again. He is not allowed to give up until, at last, he is convinced he is a failure.

By channelling students into courses or subjects better suited to them, Mr. Prouse feels their self-respect is lifted and they stay to complete their training. However, Mr. Prouse emphasized, his role is that of an advisor only, he cannot and would not wish to transfer a student from one course to another without the parents' consent. Herein lies a stumbling block. Many parents, and teachers too, it must be confessed, look with a jaundiced condescending eye on some courses, and push the student toward a course of their choice. The public must be educated to the value of technical, commercial and industrial courses.

REBELLIOUS STUDENT

In addition, Mr. Prouse gives aptitude and interest tests, but warns that one isolated test proves very little and that the tests and interpretations must be done by trained personnel. When confronted with a rebellious student, whose parents or relatives wish him to choose a career he himself does not want, Mr. Prouse reminds him they may know him better than anyone else. However, he does not criticize either view, but tries to lead the student to make his own decision, after talking freely.

"Guidance is simply specialized understanding and help," says Mr. Prouse, "and many teachers have been doing this long before Guidance departments were ever thought of." Guidance programs should be in both public and high schools, according to Mr. Prouse. He feels that many children are already delinquent when they arrive in High School. But with a Guidance teacher in Public School to spot the problem early, it might be overcome. Sometimes the problem child is well above average in intelligence but develops poor work habits, and a hostile attitude.



Guidance Director A. C. Prouse talks with Grade 13 student Jeanette Smith.

Cancer Society Seeking New Workroom Facilities

A notice to vacate their Reg. Broomhead, Vice President, Mr. Terry Baines; secretary, Mrs. B. Armstrong; Treasurer, Mr. Don Powers; Education Chairman, Mr. Douglas Lalimer with Mr. Dennis Brown as assistant; Mrs. R. Wicks, Women's Service Chairman; Mrs. Don Powers, Transportation; Mrs. Aileen Bradley, publicity with Mrs. R. Wicks as assistant, and Mr. Terry Baines nominating committee chairman.

Mr. Alan Norton, Victoria Street, was appointed Campaign Chairman for 1963 and the week set for the campaign was April 14th to 20th. Plans were discussed for the Annual Ballroom Tea and the date was set for April 6th.

At the conclusion of business, the Women's Service Group served a delicious luncheon in a beautifully arranged hall decorated with lighted candles and centred with a floral arrangement given by Mrs. Floral. This was later given to one of the local patients.

Halton Roads O.K. Drifting in North

All country roads are clear and snowplows are running their normal shifts says Roy F. Smith, road superintendent.

"There is some drifting in the north half of the county, but the plows are out day and night," he declared. "There are no roads blocked. There never has been."

He said the drifting was worse in the northwest part of the county, but not serious, and plows were running two and three times a day over the bad spots.

Smith said the county has six snowplows. They work nine and a half hour shifts, day and night, but not all of them are always in operation.

Recent snow has just required routine clearing, he said.

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The trail will pass through this area at Lipshouse.

He said the project is intended to encourage young people to hike and camp by providing a well-marked trail through some of the most attractive parts of Ontario.

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Hockey Referee is Interviewed on TV

On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 3rd, local TV viewers were pleased to see Mr. Pat Paterson, Referee in Chief of the O.H.A., being interviewed between periods of the St. Albans key game at Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto. It is good to see someone from the old home town on television.

Play Korean Games When Children Meet

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Town of Georgetown Notice of Discount On Prepayment of 1963 Taxes

AS AUTHORIZED BY BY-LAW NO. 59-34

The following discounts will be allowed on 1963 Taxes:

Two per cent (2%) on taxes paid on or before Jan. 15th, 1963.

One and one half per cent (1 1/2%) on taxes paid on or before Feb. 15th, 1963.

One per cent (1%) on taxes paid on or before March 15, 1963.

One half per cent (1/2%) on taxes paid on or before May 15th, 1963.

The above discounts will be based on the amount of Realty Taxes levied in the year 1962 and do not apply to any Local Improvement Charges.

A. C. McBRIDE,
Collector of Taxes,
Municipal Offices,
36 Main Street North,
Georgetown, Ont.

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