

Bilingualists Boycotting School Set Up Own Classes in Old Church

LATE BULLETIN — Bishop Ryan has granted permission to L'Association Canadienne Française to use the old Holy Cross Church on Guelph St. for classrooms for the 103 bilingual students being kept out of Holy Cross Separate School since Monday.

A boycott of Holy Cross Separate School began Monday morning when 103 bilingual students of a total enrollment of 138 in the bilingual section of the school were kept out of school by their parents to protest the refusal of the Separate School Board to establish a bilingual kindergarten in a vacant classroom.

The pupils, and some parents acting as supervisors, have been gathering on the grounds of the old Holy Cross Church, but according to Mrs. G. A. Gelineau, secretary of the Bilingual Parents Committee, expect to have accommodations very soon.

"We have been offered ac-

commodation, and tuition," says Mrs. Gelineau. "Students from both the University of Toronto, and Ottawa, hearing of our problem, have offered to come up and teach our children."

Separate School Board Chairman Robert Thompson says the Board's stand is unchanged. He explained that the empty classroom wanted by the bilingual group will be needed in the fall to accommodate general enrollment expansion.

Mrs. Gelineau, on the other hand, says L'Association Canadienne Française has received permission to use one of the rooms in the basement of the new church, if it becomes necessary in the fall.

However, the Board have not received any approval of a grant for a kindergarten outside the school from the Department of Education, but have asked the Department for this information, according to Mr. Thompson.

Answering charges that the

students and parents were locked out of the old Church on Guelph Street, Father Ogar Deane pointed out that the old church had been locked since they had moved into the new one on Maple Avenue. "I didn't give them the key, simply because the first day they arrived they were already in the old church," says the pastor. "And I refused again, the next day, because this is a Board problem, and not mine." He added that the group had used the church anyway, but he didn't know how they got in.

Asked about the danger of the children in the high grades falling term exams because of the walk-out, Mrs. Gelineau replied that they will have proper teachers, and will be taught their regular subjects.

A neighbouring French Canadian Association, from the town of Galt, sent both encouragement and financial help Monday morning, when Mrs. B.

Charlebois, President of the Galt Association plus two other executive members arrived with a cheque for one hundred dollars for the Georgetown group.

The money will help pay for supplies, accommodation, and taxi fare for some of the children from the outlying areas, Mrs. Gelineau explained.

"That the action of the Bilingual Parents Committee is not endorsed by all French speaking parents is shown by the remarks of at least two parents, Mrs. Roger Pelletier, and Mrs. C. Clendinning, both of whom brand the boycott as "childish and ridiculous."

"I don't approve of the way this committee operates," said Mrs. Pelletier, "and in fact I didn't even know there was such a committee until the statements were issued." Agreeing with Mrs. Pelletier's comment, Mrs. Clendinning stated, "I never heard of the Bilingual Parents Committee. I think it was self appointed."



MRS. D. DESPRES of the Holy Cross Separate School staff teaches the handful of pupils in her bilingual Grade 1 Class. Just 7 of 41 in this class are still attending school.

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Young Plax Employee Dies in Auto Accident

A young Smith and Stone employee was killed Monday morning when his small foreign car collided with a gravel truck on Highway 24.

Spencer Adams Roden, 17, who lived with his parents near Depue, was returning from work at the Plax division of Smith and Stone. The accident happened about 9 a.m. when his car was in collision with a Wellington County gravel truck. The truck ran into a ditch and was destroyed by fire. Truck driver Ross McCormack, R.M. 3, Leamington, suffered minor injuries.

Spencer had left Eris high school in February to work in Georgetown. He lived with his family in Humber Summit before moving to Georgetown where he lived on Ann St. Later they moved north of Ballinafad and then to Oupringe.

Doctor Here 54 Years Honour Dr. McAllister

Georgetown's senior physician will be honoured at "Dr. McAllister Hour" planned for Sunday May 16, in St. John's United Church auditorium.

Friends and former patients have been invited to pay their respects to the doctor who has been attending to the health of Georgetown people since he opened his practice in September of 1911 — fifty-four years ago.

Commenting on the planned tribute, St. John's United minister Rev. Ian Fleming said, "Through all the years of healing service he has earned the respect and love of a host of friends. He also served the church faithfully as an elder and Member of Session during this long period."

At the present Dr. McAllister is an honorary elder of the church. The present Session of St. John's together with Dr. McAllister's medical colleagues will make a presentation to Dr. and Mrs. McAllister during the afternoon.

The ladies of the church will serve tea to all who attend between 2:30 and 4 o'clock.

CAN'T GET AROUND PROBLEM GDHS FACES OVERCROWDING

The next addition to the Georgetown and District High School won't come soon enough to prevent emergency steps to accommodate a swelling in enrollment being necessary next September.

At a meeting Monday the board shook off the last remnants of the pre-construction tape and officially hired the firm of Barnett and Reider, architects, to prepare and deliver sketch plans of the proposed addition to the Ontario Dept. of Education.

The new rooms will be ready to absorb the increased enrollment projected for the 1966 term, but it will take some fancy pencilwork to fit the 1,030 students expected to register this fall into the present accommodation.

Principal J. L. Lambert presented a tentative classroom schedule to the board utilizing everything resembling classroom space, including the cafeteria and teachers' dining room, Monday night but even these resources failed to offer a complete solution.

The answer may have been suggested by board chairman William Carr who suggested utilizing of the mezzanine level of the rear of the double

WHAY COUNCIL DID Disputes Permit Need "Just a Bird Cage"

Surprise appeared on the faces of the councillors, Monday night when John Cordaro stated, "I didn't know you have to have a building permit to build a bird cage."

"A bird cage?" exclaimed the mayor.

"Well, that's all it is, it's a wire covering on wooden stakes to protect my raspberries," explained Mr. Cordaro, "and I get a letter saying I had to have a building permit."

"If the building inspector calls it a house, let him try to sleep in it summer or winter, then I'll pay for a permit," he added.

He also complained of damages to the inside of the taxi stand which he owns, and asked for police protection.

The mayor assured him that he would call it to the attention of the police, but no comment was forthcoming about the "bird cage."

Accept Tender, Overhead Water Tank Is on the Way

Council Monday night accepted the \$157,405 tender of Hinton Steel Co. for the supply and erection of an elevated water tank, over the objection of the two long standing opponents of the tower, Mayor Gibbons and Cr. R. Francis.

While the actual motion was passed without comment, the subject was exhausted earlier in the evening when Gordon Proctor, of Proctor and Redfern, was cross-examined for an hour and a half on the question.

"The provision of a water tank does not necessarily make any change in the supply of water," Mr. Proctor explained, "since the wells limit the supply."

However, for short peak demand periods, the tank provides the extra to carry the town over.

The half a million gallon tank will double the storage capacity of the town, he contended. He felt the major advantages were for fire fighting purposes and the levelling off of peak demand periods.

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Transport Dept. Nixes Guelph-John Lights

Down \$1000 But Cancer Group Eyes Objective

"We're down a thousand dollars, but have a few savings about achieving their objective."

The objective for the Georgetown and District Unit, which includes Acton, was \$8,500, at the moment the total is \$5,425. However, all the canvassers have not as yet reported, since many had to make return calls.

The Society still feels they will go over the six thousand dollar mark, but have a few savings about achieving their objective.

"The people who give, give generously, but there are many who don't give at all," explains the chairman. "If those who haven't been contacted would either send their donation to me, or phone, we'll be happy to pick it up," added the campaign chairman.

Town May Ignore Recommendation And Instal Signals Anyway

In answer to a question from Coun. G. Hewan, the Mayor replied that the survey had been made on a Wednesday and Thursday. "I'm surprised they didn't make the survey on a Monday when the stores were closed," added Coun. Smith.

It was decided they would ask for legal opinion on the situation if the town goes ahead contrary to the Department's wishes.

He maintained that the cost of power was less with a water tank, since the pumps do not have to be kept going to meet top demand. "There are advantages in pumping, storage and constant supply," said the engineer, "right now a power failure can stop pumping."

"Don't we have an auxiliary pump?" queried the mayor.

"Yes," replied the engineer. "Why do the engineers stress overhead storage?" asked the mayor. "It is to regulate pressure," replied Mr. Proctor.

"As I understand it," stated the mayor, "we have three million gallons a day available, but we are just pumping one and a half million gallons a day. If we are going to expand, would it not be more important to produce more wells, rather than have a tank?" he demanded.

"At present your supply is adequate," admitted Mr. Proctor, "with continuing growth, I am not saying you will not need new water supply too, industry looks for reliability of supply, and fire protection," continued Mr. Proctor, "and at present you are solely dependent on four pumps. If something went wrong to water."

"Isn't supplying more water, much more important," insisted the mayor.

"I firmly believe from an engineer's standpoint, that the greatest need here is an overhead tank," replied the engineer.

"Why can't we use the reservoir at Silvercreek," asked the mayor. "To make a comparable facility out of Silvercreek, it would cost twice as much as an elevated tank," replied Mr. Proctor. He went on to explain that a ten inch main would not carry over a million gallons a day, and it is a ten inch line from Silvercreek, a distance of three miles, would have to be constructed, with a minimum size of 16", and perhaps 24".

The mayor claimed the taxpayers could not afford the fifteen thousand dollars a year for twenty years, which he estimated to be the cost.

"I have no intentions of being arrogant, or disrespectful," stated the mayor, "but I refuse at the moment to take an engineer's advice. I don't feel this tank is necessary, and that it is much more important to ensure a water supply."

"An elevated tank would be no insurance against water rationing, would it?" asked Coun. R. Francis.

"No, a tank has nothing to do with the lack of water," was Mr. Proctor's reply. "The trouble arises when the demand is greater than the pumping capacity," he added.

"Yes, but you have an adequate water supply now, except at the peak periods," answered the engineer.

The mayor thanked Mr. Proctor for coming and expressed the hope he had not been unable to convince most of the councillors.



STRIKING PUPILS MAKE OLD CHURCH HEADQUARTERS
SOME OF THE 103 bilingual students being kept out of Holy Cross School as the result of a dispute between the Bilingual Parents Committee and the board are read a story by one of the committee, Mrs. Dumontier, as they sit out the strike on the lawn of the old Holy Cross Church on Guelph Street.

— Peter Jones Photo

A LOOK AT THE WEATHER

	High	Low
5 Wed.	64	38
6 Thurs.	65	33
7 Fri.	68	44
8 Sat.	84	58
9 Sun.	78	50
11 Tues.	70	44

This is what we have waited six months for.
High for the week 84, low 30 Precip. .55".
Alicia F. C. Scott