

Georgetown, Esquesing Schools Bulge With Record 6,044 Pupils

It took a few portable classrooms, some temporary quarters and a few more, but 6,044 Georgetown and Esquesing school pupils found a place to sit Tuesday.

Half of that figure, 3,154 were swallowed up by Georgetown elementary schools.

Esquesing schools have approximately 1,700, and the high school about 11,000 with more expected.

Last year's first day total was 5,509.

A big part of the increase is due to introduction of kindergarten classes in Esquesing public schools. About 200 kindergartners in the township have helped up registration there from last year's 1,366 to approximately 1,600.

The other Esquesing schools are the Georgetown Christian School on the 7th Line west of Georgetown where the enrolment has jumped from 128 to 161,

and Sunshine School for Retarded on the 7th line south of Georgetown where 29 are registered an increase of two.

Georgetown's public schools have absorbed 2,537, another new high by about a hundred and fifty. George Kennedy in the extreme east end went up to 602, all Grade 6ers and under, which saturates that school. Footings for an addition are in, and the space situation there should be eased in early 1968.

Kennedy's 1968 enrolment was 473.

Harrison Public School also a junior school, again accepted registration with 624 representing a slight jump. Three portable classrooms are in use here for the second straight term. Kindergarten and Grade classes are bulging at the seams.

Park Public School, 281 last year has 305 pupils at the moment mainly because of a trans-

fer of Ann Street pupils from Chapel Street School. Some 23 are being bused daily from the Ann Street area.

Centennial School, the town's senior school housing only Grades 7 & 8 is accommodating 258, about the right number for facilities there. This also represents an increase of about 18.

Each of the above Georgetown public schools will probably see their enrolments continue to increase as development homes in

their areas fill up.

Wrigglesworth Public School has 16 more than last term and is using part of the auditorium there for teaching space.

Chapel Street, which lost the Ann Street pupils, is down from last term's 352 to 312.

It's a tight fit at Holy Cross Separate School where 458 have registered in the English section, and 159 in the French section for a 617 total. This increase here is about 20.

The high school total is expected to grow by about 50 before the month is out. The reason for this is because many senior graders won't check in until they have completed their summer jobs and they often trail on into mid-September.

The Esquesing school board office was not able to release enrolment figures by schools at press time because some changes are still being made in school allocations. Though

classrooms are snug, just one school, Pineview, near Hornby, has gone to portable classrooms.

Stewarttown School was converted to a senior school for grades 7 and 8 only this term, and some crowding is being experienced there until work on an addition is completed.

Space at the Township Municipal Building, Glen United Church, and Glen Town Hall has been temporarily pressed into service pending the end of Stewarttown building project.



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BACK TO THE BOOKS

SOME OF THE 3,154 PUPILS who filed into Georgetown elementary schools Tuesday cross Guelph Street to return to Wrigglesworth Public School.

Nurses, County in Agreement Expect Dispute Now Settled

After a year of hard feelings and dispute, it finally looks as if the Halton County health nurses and the county health unit have reached an agreement on working conditions and salary.

Last Saturday the nurses walked off the job in protest and the two sides had not been able to reach any agreement until Thursday when a provincial conciliation board — headed by Judge Colin Bennett of Grey County — reached a unanimous decision about a contract settlement.

NO DETAILS

Neither County Warden William Coulter nor Flora Hesson, head of the nurses group, could give any of the details of the settlement, as the lawyers for each side are still working out the fine points of the contract.

Stephen Lewis, NDP member at Queens Park, represented the nurses at Thursday's talks, and J. Graham spoke for the county. Previous attempts at conciliation talks, held in Hamilton in the middle of June, resulted in more points in dispute than there had been before the talks started.

BOTH SIDES

The new contract must still be ratified by both sides. The nurses will probably vote on it at a meeting this week.

"I think it's safe to say the nurses would approve it," Mrs. Hesson said.

County council will not get a chance to deal with the contract until the next regular meeting scheduled for September 15.

When the 23 nurses on the staff returned to their jobs after last year's two-month walk-out, they greylisted the health unit — forbidding the hiring of any more nurses until the dispute was settled. Since then, the county had refused to negotiate until the ban was lifted and the nurses refused to lift it until their demands were met.

When all else failed, the matter was sent to a provincial conciliation board.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Earlier in the summer, it was

revealed at a county council meeting that the health unit was short of nurses, and had to curtail some of its regular summer services. The county had tried to forcibly break the greylisting by hiring a newly-graduated nurse, but when she learned the situation, she did not report to work.

During the winter the county refused to negotiate because the special negotiating committee Ontario Labour Relations Board

No Sale, Won't Debate Takeover Bid: Manning

Challenge to a public debate by a Toronto holding company which has made a futile bid to takeover Halton & Peel Trust Company, O. E. Manning, president of the firm, shrugged off any such move last week.

Following a meeting of Halton-Peel directors when a purchase offer by Security Capital Corporation was unanimously turned down, Mr. Manning told The Herald:

Israel Visit is Basis For TV, Speaking Chores

John McGee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McGee RR 1, Norval returned home on Sunday, September 3, from a 2 months trip to Israel and the continent.

He arrived in Canada last Thursday and spent a few days at Expo before returning home. John won the trip through the 4-H Club and was sponsored by the Pioneer Women, a Jewish organization, who arrange exchange tours for students. A girl from Israel toured Canada while John toured Israel. Mr. and Mrs. McGee and family entertained the girl from Israel for a day.

John's travelling companion in Israel was a boy of his own age (18) who was born in Argentina but had lived in Israel for the past 2 1/2 years. This young lad could speak 5 languages and planned to study medicine. John says many of the young people there were well educated with many of them

When the nurses obtained certification, the county refused to talk until the greylisting was lifted.

When summer approached, and no signs of conciliation appeared, the 14,000 member District Labour Council threw its support behind the nurses.

G. G. Heym, president of the labour group called the county's special negotiating committee "a relic of the early thirties."

26 New Teachers in Town's Public Schools

Twenty six teachers, new to the Georgetown system but not necessarily new to teaching, started their duties Tuesday morning in the six public schools.

Park School is the only one to have a new principal, Peter Oprika from Windsor. Two others new at Park are Mrs. Marilyn Reeve from Oakville, and John R. Felce from York Township.

The four new to Harrison school are Miss Elizabeth Hay of Georgetown, Mrs. Barbara Lyons of North York, Mrs. Betty Anne Brown, Etobicoke, and J.W. Edmunds from Coppercliff.

Chapel Street sees three new faces, Mrs. Margaret Elliott from Sudbury, Miss Donna Sterritt of Georgetown, and Douglas Magwood of Oakville.

Three are also new to Centennial, Mrs. F.A. Ball from Etobicoke, Richard Hone from Sudbury, Miss Susan Orr from Weston.

Both Wrigglesworth and Kennedy have six new teachers each. At Wrigglesworth, the new comers are Mrs. Norma Jean Smith from Cookville, John Stepper from Georgetown, Mrs. Esther Smith, also from town, returning to teaching after a few years absence. Miss Ruby Barker from England, Miss E. M. Stewart from Perth, and Angus Elliott from Sudbury.

At Kennedy, there are Miss Pauline Cass from Georgetown, Mrs. Frances Hunter from Oakville, Thomas Hunter from Oakville, Mrs. Winnifred Longstreet, from Oakville, Miss Sharon MacPherson from Georgetown, and Miss Virginia Gilbert from Milton.

Mrs. Marguerite Perrott will serve as reading consultant for all schools.

MORE "NO PARKING" ORDERED BY COUNCIL

Two more areas will be banned to car parking soon. Council Tuesday voted to have no parking areas established on James Street from Main to Draper, and on John St. from the highway to just past the arena.

Both are safety measures at busy roadways, where accidents could occur if parking is allowed.

CYCLIST KILLED IN NORVAL CRASH

Civic Group Books Shulman For Talk

The controversial ex-coroner, Dr. Morton Shulman, will be the speaker in the high school auditorium Tuesday, September 19th, as guest of the Georgetown Civic Group.

Dr. Shulman now aspiring to politics as an N.D.P. candidate, has not named his topic, and will be free to talk on anything he desires.

Wide news coverage will be given the meeting and the Georgetown Civic Group is hoping for a big turnout for the well-known speaker.

ENTERTAIN PARENTS AT FAMILY DINNER

The family of Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Wilton entertained their parents at a smorgasbord dinner at Rockhaven Motel, Peterboro, on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary on August 30. Those present included their daughter Mrs. Ross McKinlay and her husband of Cobourg and their four sons with their wives — Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Wilton, Don Mills, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilton, Wilfordale, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilton, Halifax, N.S. and Rev. and Mrs. David Wilton, Yorkmouth, N.S.

George Clark, 19, Dies in Hospital After Hitting Stone Gate Post

A young Georgetown motorcyclist died in hospital here shortly before midnight Tues-

day, about an hour and a half after missing a turn and slamming into a stone gate post near Norval.

Doubts Township Has Right to Close Road

Glen Street in Glen Williams will not be closed, at least not by Esquesing Township. Township solicitor Terry Baines told council Monday night that it is very doubtful the township has the right to close the road.

It hinges on the fact, this very old road allowance dating back to 1880's on the Reesor's survey was in a subdivision, explained the lawyer. In addition as far as anyone has been able to find, the township has never maintained the road. Since the township has never assumed the road, they are presumed to have no authority over it.

Mr. Baines pointed out the applicants for the road closing would now have to apply to a judge. Then the procedure after that would be the same, with publication, and the right to objection.

Mr. Baines was no longer representing Mr. Norman Norton, the reeve explained, but only the township.

The ambulance arrived," said Mrs. Kemper. "He didn't seem to be cut, at least we could see no bleeding."

The accident happened about 10:15 p.m. Chinguacousy Township constable J. O'Kell is handling the investigation.

The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Clark, and leaves his parents, brothers John, Larry and Steven and sisters Janet and Cathy.

A former Georgetown District High School student, he has been working as a draftsman at Northern Electric, Bramalea.

Rev. Robert Scrivens of St. John's United Church will conduct the funeral service Friday at 2 o'clock at the Harold G. McClure Funeral Home, 34 Eglinton Street. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Not Committed — Halton P-C Delegates Have Free Choice

If Halton County's delegates of this week's Progressive Conservative convention in Toronto to have a favorite among the candidates for party leadership they're keeping it under their styrofoam hoopla-hats.

Doug Latimer, PC president for the federal riding of Halton and a convention delegate himself, said no local delegates as far as he knows, is going to support one of the nine announced candidates.

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Disclose Part of Route For New Belfield Freeway

Part of the route of the Belfield Freeway which will run from Georgetown to Metropolitan Toronto was disclosed last week by the Minister of Highways G. E. Gomme.

Mr. Gomme said in a news story that part of the Belfield Freeway will run along the 2nd Line east of Chinguacousy Twp. after crossing No. 10 Highway.

A map of the Freeway published when the Department of Highways made their scheme public last year indicated the general route running eastward from Georgetown's limits looping north of Brampton and dipping south to enter Metro at Rexdale.

It will cross No. 27 Highway and connect with the MacDonold Cartier Freeway approximately two miles east of 27.

A highways department representative told The Herald at that time the new Freeway may be constructed on the present No. 7 Highway section between

in-the-party: Charles Martin of Milton, representing the Young PCs; Rev. Andrew McKenzie of Acton; and Roy Brown, representing a new addition to the riding, Erin.

Also attending the convention as alternate voting delegates are Mrs. Frances Ritchie, William Sargent Jr. and John Dolphin, all of Oakville, Norman Nixon of Erin and Robert Reed, Milton.

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Abandoned Dogs, Pups Find Riverview Friend

Harold Martin was witness to an unpleasant incident last week when through his Riverview Cresc. window he saw a car stop, and dump out on the road, two grown dogs and seven pups.

"The pups were three and a half weeks and not in bad shape," said veterinarian Dr. E. B. Gaskin, when Mrs. Tony Martin took them to him.

Mrs. Martin is looking after the spaniels, and has already given four away.



ROLL OR BOWL A BALL

NORMA McCOLGAN shows a good bowling eye as she sends plastic bottle-pins flying in this game of skill at a backyard carnival at 6 George St. Friday. The carnival, the second here in a matter of a few weeks, was staged by neighbourhood children, Wendy and Pam Barrager, Heather Hamilton, Robert Roy, Kim Schenk, Carol Barber. Proceeds \$12.15, was added to the fight against muscular dystrophy.