

"You'll All Have Jobs" Teachers Assured Tues.

Teachers from all North Halton schools will be assured the high school system, Tuesday afternoon, when the new County Board of Education system explained to them.

In a brief welcoming speech principal M. Furlong stated he hoped any fears or misapprehensions teachers might have would be allayed by the afternoon's meeting.

Chairman Tom Hammarling, introduced William Lawson, chairman of the Board of Education and a member of the Interim School Organization Committee, who outlined the function of the ISOC.

"Our main role was to pave the way for the new board," said W. Lawson, "and try to bring about an orderly transfer of duties."

He recalled the job became too big for one group so the staff advisory committee was formed to help out. Area supervisors made up this committee.

In conclusion Mr. Lawson stressed the need of communication between students, teachers, principals and board.

H. B. Playfair told of the work of the Ontario Teachers' Federation Advisory Committee and W. L. McNeill of the work of the Staff Advisory Committee.

O. G. McDowell area supervisor for North Halton, pointed out the dramatic decrease in the number of school boards in the province over the past twenty years, from 5,600 in 1945 to

1,467 in 1967, and likely down to 125 in 1969.

The three Retarded School Authorities will be dissolved, said the speaker, and will come under the County Board. After listing the number of members on the Board from each municipality, he reassured teachers they would still have jobs in 1969.

"Every teacher now employed by a school board in the county becomes an employee of the county Board," he concluded.

A description of program and special services presently available in schools in the county showed Georgetown schools to be well down the list. Only Burlington and Oakville have any psychological services whatsoever.

A. F. Robinson, who presented the figures, hoped these inequalities would be overcome under the new system.

J. W. Singleton demonstrated a recommended model of the administration to avoid the possibility of the new Board gradually losing touch with the public.

He showed how lines of communication must be kept open between students, teachers, principals and board. "It is important teachers are heard and included in group presentations to the board," said area superintendent Robinson. He stressed the necessity of student groups being able to talk to the board.

At the conclusion of the meeting Esqueing supervising principal Eric Balkind thanked the speakers and the organizers.

Historic Berwick Hall Will Go For New Building

A number of applications for apartments and rezoning were dealt with Monday night by council.

Council went along with Planning Board's recommendation that Harold Developments be allowed to build a thirty suite apartment building on the site of the present Berwick Hall, on Main Street South. The present building would be demolished.

Cr. Roy Ballentine explained that the present use is an apartment building, and the adjacent area down to Main and Park Street is proposed as a high density area in the new official plan.

Not so lucky was W.D. Ackerman who wanted to build five houses, two on River Drive and three on the road which was used as a detour road when the Mountainview bridge was built. The Planning Board claimed it did not conform to the amended plan or to the amended plan. On the amended plan this is designated an Industrial area.

Camilla Developments, who proposed a 48 suite apartment on Mountainview Road, just south of the railroad tracks, also had their application denied.

Cr. Ballentine explained that they should apply for rezoning rather than a building permit.

Council showed little favour for a recommendation by Planning Board that "approval in principle" be given to an apartment at 104 Main Street North,

the site of the present nursing home.

The request came from Aler Investments Ltd., but the land is owned by Malcolm Swim, now in Nova Scotia.

Council agreed with the new amendment zoning this parcel high density, but disapproved of the "in principle" idea.

Robert Francis branded the term ambiguous, and Reeve Hunter claimed it meant "a gentleman's agreement," difficult to get out of, if later plans are found to be inadequate.

The motion was withdrawn, until a more detailed plan is submitted.

George Town Lags Says ISOC Report

The Interim School Organization Committee came to face with an example of why it was set up Monday night.

It was presented with a report on programs in the present seven systems across the county which showed that one northern high school, Georgetown's, is lagging far behind most others in the number of experimental programs it is supporting.

Georgetown High School offers only one of a range of 19 experimental programs now offered throughout the county. Students there get supervised evening study if they want it.

None of the high schools offer all of the experimental programs. Oakville's Blacklock offers four, Oakville-Trafalgar offers eight, Burlington's Nelson High School offers 10.

Milton High School students can take "work experience" and "experimental science."

Some of the others are: computer science, filming, mass media, seminar-instruction, creative writing, and oral German.

"That's a perfect example of why the minister of education decided to do all this," said one senior staffer referring to the re-organization of schools jurisdiction along county lines.

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ARTHRITIS: BLITZ SPONSORED BY COLUMBUS KNIGHTS

A combined meeting of representatives of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Youth organization was held in Holy Cross auditorium Sunday to discuss the formation of a campaign for the arthritis and rheumatism association of Canada.

An association representative showed a film on the treatment of these crippling diseases and spoke on the association's work.

A committee was formed to make detailed plans for proposed blitz and Thursday, November 7 was set as the tentative date. Committee members are Clarence Doyle, Delbert Estromont, John Kavanagh, William E. Kent, and Killian Kent.

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He stated this was the first time a campaign has been asked to solicit help from Georgetown, though many people in this area had received free treatment from the clinic.

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Highway Danger Spot

Parents Petition for Guard or Traffic Lights

Esqueing council will seek Department of Highway approval for a set of traffic control lights in Norval as a result of a delegation at Monday's council meeting. But according to a DOH spokesman present at the meeting chances for success are almost nil.

Mrs. G. Brown and Mrs. J. Carter both mothers of Norval school children, said they were appearing before council after the Esqueing school board told them they could take no action on their petition for a crossing guard or traffic lights. When they presented their request and a list of 44 signatures at a recent school board meeting they were directed to council with assurance that the board would write council explaining their position.

Deputy Clerk Delmer French said no such letter had been received to date.

"This is definitely school board business," claimed Cr. Bob Lawson.

"But they said they could do nothing," replied Mrs. Carter.

"It would look foolish for us to be doing the school board's job," said Cr. Pat Patterson.

Reeve George Currie pointed out the crossing guards in Georgetown are hired and supervised by the Georgetown public school.

When the alternative request for traffic lights came up the Dept. of Highways men in the council chambers to discuss another matter said lights opposite the school as the petition suggested would stand little chance.

of getting DOH subsidy because they would benefit pedestrians rather than vehicular traffic.

"Then let's approach the Department about a set of lights at the main intersection in the village," suggested Deputy Reeve Hill. "We would have a better chance of gaining approval, and the children could cross there."

The delegation stressed the need for some kind of crossing assistance for school children on the Highway in the vicinity of the school stating the early morning hours were particularly hazardous because of commuters ignoring the speed limit while hurrying to work.

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URBAN BOARD TOURS AREA TO BE ANNEXED

About 60 councillors, civic officials and their wives from Aclon and Georgetown were guests at Milton for the annual North Halton Urban Board tour last week.

The group was welcomed to Milton by Board Chairman Ron Harris who is also Milton's Deputy Reeve. Two buses took the group on a tour of the areas to be annexed to Milton with Reeve A. Ledwith and Deputy Reeve Harris acting as guides.

Two films were shown at the Ontario School for the Deaf and the visitors and Milton hosts were accompanied on a tour of the school.

A wine and cheese party at the Curling Club climaxed the evening where Warden W. F. Hunter spoke briefly on behalf Mayor Leslie Duby expressed of the Georgetown group and Aclon's appreciation.

Chairman Ron Harris noted in his remarks reviewing history of the North Halton Urban Board, that Jack McGeachie had been secretary of the Board a majority of the time and was the only representative from the original group that piloted the three town group.

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