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WEATHER WARRENING - David Warren, who, with Roger Smith, keeps tabs on Georgetown's weather statistics takes a reading on a precipitation gauge outside his Edith St. home. A summary of Georgetown's weather during 1968 compiled by the pair shows locally the mean temperature was slightly below normal last year, and the precipitation was up. Georgetown residents experienced a variance in temperatures of 111 degrees. A 95 was recorded June 9th, and minus 16 January 8th. A report in detail appears next week.

School Board Blow-Up

JUDGE WALKS OUT PROTESTS SALARIES

Twenty-One Enrol in Home Nursing Class

Twenty-one students enrolled in the Red Cross home nursing course which started this month in St. John's United Church hall. Six would-be enrollees had to be turned away for lack of space. The course is again known as 'Home Nursing' - not care in the Home as it has been for the past couple of years. The Red Cross felt they should revert to the old familiar name, known all over.

Quadruple Centennial School Facilities With New Wing

Final approval from the Ontario Municipal Board is the only hurdle to be cleared before construction starts on the long-awaited Centennial School addition - an addition four times larger than the existing school. The Dept. of Education, and the Halton County Board of Education have given their official blessing, to the three quarter of a million dollar project. For the first time in town,

Judge John Ord Resigns Georgetown Committee

Judge John Ord, walked out of a Halton County Board of Education meeting in Milton, Thursday, after announcing his resignation in protest over the \$4,000 salary hike given the new top administrators.



JUDGE JOHN ORD Walks Out

The judge, a member of the Georgetown District High School Board recently appointed a "continuing committee" by the Halton board, told The Herald he would make his resignation official at Georgetown council meeting this coming Monday.

Judge Ord is a council appointee to the high school board.

The Halton board announced last week that the salaries for the county's top education officials would be: \$31,500 for administrator J. W. Singleton; \$29,000 for assistant director Douglas Lawless, and \$25,500 for each of the three academic superintendents.

The salaries were approved by a 10-8 vote in a committee-of-the-whole session.

Ord's announcement came after James W. Singleton, outlined the terms of reference for six proposed continuing committees of the new board.

"I cannot serve a board whose first act, at a 45 minute meeting was to raise the salaries of the director of education and assistant director by \$4,000 each," Judge Ord said. "Teachers all over this county are going to want to relate to the same salary scale."

He said the pay increases will add to inflation in the county.

Singleton said after the meeting that Judge Ord is fully entitled to his point of view, and emphasized that the meeting was "only an invitation to the former boards to continue operations."

"The judge didn't really resign as he was never under any obligation to serve. He tried to make it a dramatic affair in public."

The chairman of the new county board of education, Fred Armitage admitted "the salaries may be a bit out of line" but added, "these are the people who are going to get the county moving along at the pace needed for equality of education opportunity in Halton."

After thanking the chairman for his remarks, Judge Ord held to his word and strode from the meeting in the county administration building.

The Georgetown continuing committee member has since received support in his protest.

from a member of the county board, Richard Goodin of Oakville said this week it will cost millions of dollars to put together the administrative machine planned for operating the county school system.

"I'm absolutely shocked at the money we're spending on salaries for members of the administration," said Goodin who topped the polls in the December 2 election of trustees.

Goodin says he joins with John Ord in protesting the high salary schedules being set.

In a statement this week, Goodin said that his objection involves the full range of salaries and position.

He noted that administration also includes four superintendents, 13 assistant superintendents, six co-ordinators, six assistant co-ordinators, 29 consultants and 20 on the administrative staff.

"The salaries are so high that some of those receiving them are embarrassed," said Goodin.

Georgetown's representative on the county board, Ernest Bodnar, was one of the 10 who voted in the salary setup. He defended it in a conversation with The Herald saying, "these salaries are paid in accordance with what you should expect to pay for these kind of positions. They are in line with salaries paid in systems of equivalent size, and it has to be remembered that this man (Singleton) is considered to be one of the best in the province. He was well paid in his former job with the Burlington board and in assuming more duties and responsibility warrants a considerable increase."

Bodnar said that, at five per cent of budget, the cost of public school administration in the county is still in line with any system in Ontario.

Bridge Bypass Traffic Lights Need Correction

Inauguration of one-way traffic over the Main Street North bridge which will be used during reconstruction of the overhead highway bridge, is causing some problems, Cr. Ern Hyde told council on Monday.

The traffic light control is not adjusted properly, he said and a car can enter the one-way area on a green light without sufficient time to be out of the one-way zone before oncoming traffic starts.

He suggested the engineering office should study this and synchronize lights to avoid such traffic problems.

He also pointed out that snow fence used on the bridge is not strong enough and just that day a gaping hole had been discovered where a child could slip through onto the railway tracks below.

Deputy Reeve Speight said he had also been alerted to this danger by a mother whose child almost slipped through the hole. Mr. Speight immediately contacted the engineering office and was told it would be corrected right away.

Safety Body Censures Contractors, Works Dpt.

At the first meeting of the Municipal Safety Committee this year, Chairman Colin Blight, charged regulations governing the fencing of open excavations were being "flagrantly ignored" by building contractors and town works department alike.

He stated it was the duty of the committee to take necessary action to ensure that existing regulations are obeyed, by constantly harassing the town building inspector, Safety Officer and newly-elected town council.

He criticized the building inspection department, claiming it was "ineffectual, inefficient, and under-staffed," thus allowing local contractors to ignore the by-laws.

Admitting the building inspection department is overworked and understaffed the Safety Committee agreed to approach council to see if conditions could be improved. Council will also be urged to hasten the installation of traffic lights at Guelph and Mountainview Rd., Guelph and Maple, and Guelph and Delrex.

The Committee decided to ask Bell Telephone about the feasibility of establishing a single emergency phone number with only three digits.

Among the many other safety hazards discussed were the high snow piles on the sides of the roads, obstructing vision, rotting elm trees, lack of sidewalks, dangerous roadside ditches, and methods of instructing children on bicycle safety.

Existing firearm regulations will also be reviewed, with the aim of tightening restrictions if deemed necessary.

Ann Street Woman Spots Mystery Bird

The unidentified large bird which Georgetown district farmer Ed Osborne blames for the loss of some small pets from his farm has been sighted on the town's northern limits according to an Ann Street resident.

Mrs. Seifried told The Herald she sighted a bird in a neighbourhood tree last Wednesday, which fitted the description.

"I've never seen a bird so big," she said. "At first I thought it was an owl, but it was too big. Its head was the size of a small dog's."

Mrs. Seifried said while she watched the bird it moved from one tree to another, and she brought her cat into the house.

The next day she said she noticed the story about Mr. Osborne's experiences and decided this must have been the same bird which had been giving him problems.

200 Marching Mothers to Seek \$25,000 Debenture Issue for Water Project

Over 200 mothers, marching through Georgetown for the March of Dimes, Monday, are hoping to find streets aglow with inviting porch lights when they start their blitz.

Chairman Mrs. Mary Cooper and vice chairman Mrs. Donna Robbins have divided the town into 25 areas the responsibilities of area captains Marlene Harley, Sylvia Oprica, Joan Aggless, Heather Hunter, Marg Willoughby, Pat Bell, Mae Sacco, Vivian Martins, Nancy Ellis, Jeanine Ellis, Sonja Bell, Tib Runham, Betty Mackenzie, Jan Laforet, Milree Armstrong, Phyllis Stevens, Cathy Hunt, Eleanor Donaldson, Pat Mundy, Joan Thoms, Ann Truman, Bev McCauley, Sylvia Dearley, Vera Sheppard and Mary Barnes.

Behind the scenes, Shirley Somerville, Marg Higgins, Dorcen Brant, and Eva Middleton

have been working on correspondence, publicly, posters and making sure the public are aware of the aims of the rehabilitation Foundation for the Disabled.

Anyone knowing of someone qualifying for help from the Foundation should write, 12 Overlea Blvd., Toronto 17, to have a rehabilitation worker look into the case.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Mr. Milton McCann a resident of Halton Manor had the misfortune to fall and break his hip. He is presently in Joseph Brant Hospital, Burlington. Mr. McCann is a brother of Mrs. Lily Maybanks, Riverview Cres.

Mr. and Mrs. William Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. Bob McMenemy of Shelley Street travelled to Troy, N.Y. for the week end to see the Rensselaer Poly-

technic Institute hockey teams play, and visit with Mr. and Mrs. McMenemy's son, David who is a student there, and a member of the RPI freshman team.

Georgetown's new water commission is already at work, and on Monday asked council to seek Ontario Municipal Board approval for a \$250,000 debenture issue for capital works planned this year. The debenture would include \$95,000 for exploration and work on No. 4 water well; \$55,000 for a planned No. 5 well; \$20,000 for relocating waterlines in the Main St. bridge reconstruction; \$50,000 for reconstruction on Maple Ave.; and \$30,000 for waterlines on Mountainview Rd. S.

Queried about the expenditures by Cr. Ern Hyde, Reeve

Wm. F. Hunter said that the No. 4 well money has already been spent. The project was so necessary, he said that the town could not wait for approval and used current funds to cover the cost, and now wants to recover this from a debenture issue.

When Cr. Donna Denison asked why the OMB had refused to approve it, Mayor Emerson explained that the town had submitted a capital works budget of three million dollars and had been asked to reconsider in an economy move by the municipal board. The No. 4 well had then been dropped when \$400,000 was lopped from the forecast.

Council decided to have a debenture bylaw prepared for the \$230,000, with further debate allowed when it comes to a council vote.



EMBRACEABLE U? - This could be a classroom scene from good old Embraceable U. - But it's not. It's good old Georgetown District High School where the wrestling team is prepping for the All-Ontario Matches in North Bay in March. Here, members of the team watch coach Joe Ingerozza demonstrate a hold on Searl Bilsborrow.



J. W. SINGLETON Education Administrator