

Elect Creswick President For New Learning Group

An election of officers last Tuesday night, saw Doug Creswick re-elected president of the Georgetown Association for Children with Learning Disabilities. John H. H. was chosen vice president, Mrs. Terry Yairo, treasurer and Mrs. Teresa Fuller and Mrs. Judy Young, co-secretaries.

At the beginning of the meeting, president Doug Creswick read a copy of a speech by the Ontario president of the association, Wm. E. Johnson. The speech, entitled "What Parents Expect from Special Education" is felt to embody the aims

and objectives of the Association. Halton County's Assistant Superintendent of Education and Student Services J.K. Graham, and Ken Trumper, principal of W.H. Morden public school in Oakville spoke briefly, and invited questions from the audience.

J.K. Graham promised there would be three classes for the perceptually handicapped in North Halton, but at present did not know where they would be located.

In answer to a question about the treatment of emotionally disturbed children, he explained they were experimenting with various methods, from one teacher to six pupils, two teachers to ten pupils, to the latest method of putting one emotionally disturbed child in a regular classroom.

In answer to another question he doubted there would be enough space in General Brock high school, which is an occupational school, for any children from Georgetown this year.

In conclusion, the assistant superintendent congratulated the group in their interest, and stated "If there had been an organization like this ten years ago, education would be vastly different by now."

One of the founders of the Association for Children with Learning Disabilities, Mrs. Chris McMonagle, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting, April 24 in Kennedy school library.

Rabies Cases In Halton
Dr. W.J. McCabe of the Health in Animals branch of the Federal Department of Agriculture said this week that a number of cases have been discovered in Halton and Dufferin County in recent months. His department is in the process of establishing anti-rabies vaccination clinics in Halton and Dufferin.

Review Georgetown's Case May Cut School Cost Share

Georgetown's share of the cost of public school education in Halton County may be lowered, it was revealed at the Halton County Board of Education meeting last Thursday.

The question was raised by Georgetown's representative to the board, Ernie Bodnar, who pointed out that last year's assessment had upped the town's assessment rolls by approximately six million dollars. The rate had originally been applied to this new assessment resulting

in a 50% increase in costs to Georgetown, now the whole question of areas reassessed is under review.

Superintendent Bruce T. Lindley stated meetings had been held with the Department of Education and the Department of Municipal Affairs who realize the problem caused by reassessment, and now were re-considering their formula. He hoped to have the official figures by Thursday night (tonight).

Ernie Bodnar reminded the Board, Georgetown was anxious to strike the mill rate.

"We expect to know the answer this week," replied Bruce T. Lindley, "but if this should prove impossible, the rate could be applied to an estimated amount and any amount above or below that, adjusted next year. We can't hold up the municipalities too long," he concluded.

Last week, Georgetown's representative had termed the amount to be paid by Georgetown "an inequity," when he spoke to council and promised to raise the question at this school board meeting.

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The review of costs will not affect the total of the budget, but will probably result in a variation in the shares to other municipalities in addition to Georgetown's.

May the great sympathy in Heaven be made up of such kindred spirits.

Sincerely,
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Former Bandsman Pays Tribute to Mr. Perrott

31 Byron Street,
Dear Sir:
In the passing of Mr. Alfred H. Perrott of Brampton on March 28, 1969 in Toronto, the country has lost one of its ablest and finest bandmasters.

Those who knew him personally will mourn the passing of this gentleman, a friend who was kindly, unassuming, and helpful on every occasion.

As a musician and bandmaster, Alf as we affectionately called him, was a real virtuoso on the clarinet and one of the finest bandmasters on the continent. His teaching abilities helped many would-be musicians on the road to the mastery of their instruments.

His temperament in the sphere of music was always calm and unruffled and never, except in special classes, he never singled out an individual who may have erred in rendition or technique, but rather took the group of instrumentalists to which the player belonged over the part which had been erroneously played.

Mr. Perrott had a long and varied career in music in the army and outside.

Many awards won at the Canadian National Exhibition and other contest centres by bands under his leadership attest to his capabilities as an outstanding bandmaster and the calibre of musician he created.

Georgetown, Acton, Milton and Streetsville will remember

TIDBIT ITEMS COST \$80,000

Tidbit items — those little extra costs that the Halton County Board of Education can't quite categorize — will cost about \$80,000 this year out of the \$32 million 1969 capital budget.

Ever wonder how much it costs to have a field day? Well for all Halton elementary and secondary schools, it will cost about \$3,400 to run the day long athletic events.

Parents' nights at county high schools will squeeze \$6,150 out of the budget — just less than the \$7,100 it will cost to run commencement.

Crossing guards to make sure elementary school students get safely to their classes will cost \$6,800 this year.

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Whiting Report

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These witnesses believed Canada was not menaced from abroad and felt that the prime danger arose from involvement in any conflict between the alliances. They felt we could play a more independent and more influential international role as a neutral or non-aligned nation.

THIS IS THE ROLE Sweden plays as they believe that defence forces must be capable of providing a balanced defence of the whole country. Sweden assumes that their country is of only marginal interest to the great powers and they depend on NATO to offset the power of the Warsaw Pact.

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IS NATO NECESSARY? Consistent arguments were presented to the Committee on this question. Some argued that

Russia remains aggressive and expansionist, e.g. the recent Czechoslovakian invasion. NATO provides more effective and economical protection than could be provided by any of the NATO countries acting individually.

IT WAS ALSO agreed that NATO's existence was particularly important because it provided security within a collective framework to West Germany. This makes it unnecessary for West Germany to seek her own security by building up military strength — a process which would alarm her neighbours and create instability in Central Europe.

OTHERS ARGUED the need for a defensive military alliance in Europe had disappeared as the threat of an all-out invasion of Western Europe had become more and more unlikely. Some even maintained that the continued existence of NATO was provocative and perpetuated the Warsaw Pact.

AFTER HAVING assessed the arguments presented to it, the Committee submitted the following recommendations with regard to Canada's future role in NATO.

1) Canada should continue to play an effective role in NATO.

2) Canada should continue to maintain forces in Europe.

3) Canada should continue its present roles in Europe until such time as the major items of equipment require replacement.

4) The future long term military roles of Canadian Forces assigned to NATO must be reviewed promptly and kept under periodic review.

5) Through NATO, Canada should use its influence to seek entente in Europe and, while maintaining security, negotiate balanced force reductions.

PARLIAMENT is expected to recess for Easter on 2nd April to 14th April. I will be home in the riding for the period of the recess and anyone wishing to contact me, can reach me at my home in Oakville. The phone number is 845-5985.

I would like to extend to all my constituents my best wishes for a Happy Easter.

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