

## Vice-Principal Here, Turnbull Will Head Oakville-Trafalgar

Most high school students are conservative and suspicious of radical change despite the rebellious tag given them by the public.

Neil J. Turnbull, who has left a vice principal's job here to become principal at Oakville, believes the majority of students is weary of sweeping changes in the present system.

He therefore sees his first year as OTHS as one of "consolidation of the gains made by my predecessor in the past few years."

He succeeds M. E. C. Clarke who is leaving OTHS after 15 years, 10 of them as principal, to take up a post with the Halton County Board of Education.

"I don't intend to rock the boat in my first year," grinned Turnbull, vice principal at Georgetown District High School for the last two years.

"I think we should give the students and teachers time to catch their breaths," he said.

In September, OTHS embarks on its third year as a non-graded school, one of six Ontario high schools which pioneered the system in 1967-68.

Used in some form or the other at the other three Oakville high schools, the non-graded system caters to individual students and allows them to progress at their own speeds.

Gone is the traditional fixed timetable.

Instead, students can choose subjects they are best fitted for and can take subjects at different grade levels concurrently.

Also in use at OTHS is a

more liberal attendance system designed to give students more responsibility.

It is unlikely that further changes will be made next year, said Turnbull.

Instead, the present system will be refined and improved.

Any radical changes in future will be made after consultation with students as well as the teaching and administrative staffs, he said.

"I believe the students should be consulted before any substantial changes are made because they are the ones who will be affected the most," said Turnbull.

"They should be given an opportunity to express themselves first."

He explained the suspicion with which most students view sweeping changes as basically a fear that change made in their own school may not be made anywhere else in the province.

"They fear they may be short-changed unless they know, through discussion with the staff, what the change entails," said Turnbull.

"For instance, if the method of student evaluation is changed at OTHS, the students are going to wonder whether they will be accepted by universities which still cling to the traditional examination system."

"Most students just don't want to take chances with their future. Any display of radicalism is usually superficial — it's expressed in hair or dress."

Turnbull also feels strongly about de-emphasis of traditional

exams and he maintains they cannot be eliminated.

"The evaluation of student progress and ability is one of the weakest areas in education and very little study has been done on it."

"It's difficult to evaluate a student because it's hard to be objective and not distort anything," he explained.

Future emphasis will be on a student's performance from day to day, he said.

The school's liberal attendance system will not become more liberal under Turnbull.

During the 1968-69 school year, parents were not telephoned every time a student was absent, although a warning notice was sent when absences could no longer be tolerated.

Daily attendance checks were not eliminated, however.

"I won't do away with them either as they are an important part of the educational system," said Turnbull.

"If students are supposed to be in school to learn something, they must be present to learn it," he said.

"With the flexible timetable system, however, students will not be in the same class at the same time and attendance checks will be difficult."

"Some students naturally take advantage of this situation."

Non-graded schools will therefore have to find some way of ensuring students attend classes.

"After all, their parents expect them to be in class and so do the taxpayers," he said.

## Kennedy Teacher Two Years, Mrs. Longstreet Retires

A teacher on the staff of George Kennedy public school for the past 2 years, Mrs. Winifred Longstreet retired from the profession on June 27th.

Mrs. Longstreet began her teaching career in 1933 as Miss Winifred Teeter at S. S. No. 10, Hamlet Township in Northern Ontario. After one year in the north she moved to her home area, Caledon Township, where she taught in S.S. No. 5, S.S. No. 6 and S.S. No. 19 for a total period of 16 years.

While teaching in Caledon Township she married Russell Longstreet and assumed the duties of a farm housewife.

In 1963 Mrs. Longstreet took a position with the former Oakville Board of Education, where she taught 4 years prior to coming to George Kennedy staff in Georgetown.

In her teaching career Mrs. Longstreet displayed a keen interest in children and an unbounded enthusiasm for her work. She was ever receptive to new methods and changing curriculum and readily adapted to them.

These characteristics made her an inspiration to her fellow teachers as well as to the pupils she taught.

Having sold their farm at Hillsburgh Mr. and Mrs. Longstreet plan on spending their retirement at their newly acquired home in Guelph and at their mobile homes at Sauble Beach and Florida.

## Newmarket Man Native Of Georgetown Area

A Georgetown district resident in his youth, Charles Rupert Near, 74, died June 29 at York County Hospital, Newmarket.

He had lived in Newmarket since 1911, when he went there as an employee of the Grand Trunk Railway.

He enlisted in the 127th York County battalion in 1915 and served overseas during the war. Returning to Newmarket he was employed with the Office Specialty firm until his retirement in 1963.

He leaves his wife, Kathleen Helmer and a sister Cora, Mrs. Chester Hill, 7 John Street W., Georgetown.

A masonic service was held by members of Tuscan Lodge, of which Mr. Near had been a member for forty years. He had also served on the board of Newmarket cemetery.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Craig Cribar in the chapel of Roadhouse & Rose. Mr. Near, who was an active elder of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, was carried to interment in Newmarket cemetery by his fellow elders of the church kirk session.

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## First Principal Speaks Last Park Graduation

by Jane Williams

Graduation for grade eight students is both a happy and sad occasion. This year I am a grade eight student and I just can't wait to get to high school but yet to leave a school that I've gone to for nine years and to say goodbye to my public school days forever — well, that's hard to do.

To have a farewell party with the teachers and class we held the traditional graduation banquet. By far, it was one of the best dinners I have ever attended.

The banquet was held at the St. John's United Church on June 18th. It was a beautiful Monday evening, and the hall was decorated with tinges of green and white (our school colours) everywhere. We owe many thanks to the mothers for this.

I was honoured to be asked to be "Madame Chairman" for the evening, but rather nervous. I don't know why I was though because the students and teachers looked lovely and handsome and the meal was delicious!

At six o'clock we began with the toast to the queen and Canada, made by Doris Lindauer and the National Anthem played by Mrs. Forgrave. We were pleased to have Rev. Scriveners with us for the evening and he gladly said grace for us. The dinner was buffet style and many people had more than one helping.

The program carried on after dinner with Mrs. Cromar making a very pleasant toast to the grade eight class, and Mrs. Moffat, our teacher of three years, gave a "motherly" good-

bye speech. Mr. Felce and Mr. Oprica both said touching farewell speeches. Shawn, Flah our valedictorian did a good job also and we congratulate her and Doris Marshall for winning their awards.

Since this is the last grade eight class ever to graduate from Park School we thought it would be right if we had the first principal of our school back to talk to us once more. Mr. Catling graciously accepted and he spoke very well. We would like to thank Mr. Catling very much for coming and making our evening complete. The class would like to thank the other people that took part in the program, the committee who made the programs, the mothers and a special thanks to Mr. Catling.

I'm sure if you could have been there you would agree with me on what a well run banquet it was. I don't think the last grade eight graduating class of Park School could have asked for anything better.

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## Wants Quarry Operations Guided By Government

Ontario's Minister of Energy & Resources Management, Hon. George Kerr, said this week he favors turning over control of development in the entire Niagara Escarpment to a provincial agency.

In an interview, Kerr said extensive quarrying on the escarpment presented cause for concern and suggested an agency such as the Niagara Parks Commission be given authority over the area.

He said that through the close cooperation of local municipalities and such a provincial agency, ways and means could be found to protect the area from defacement by numerous quarries.

The minister made the recommendations while awaiting a special report authorized by the province over two years ago on ways of protecting the escarpment from the destructive effects of quarrying.

Urges Action

Kerr has taken a great interest in the Niagara area in the past and it was partially through his urging the study was undertaken.

In 1967 he urged the province to not to preserve the present

ment from further damage at the hands of industry.

Industrial quarrying operations have been under fire by conservation authorities since 1966 as a prime factor in escarpment erosion.

The minister said Monday that the report has recently been completed and is now in the hands of Premier John Robarts.

"Although I have not yet seen the report, I expect it will be turned over to my department shortly, and we will then see exactly what action we can take," Kerr said.

The study has been under direction of Professor O. L. Gertler an expert on planning and development at University of Waterloo.

Terms of reference in the report are to delineate and analyze escarpment lands, to establish priorities for action to preserve the escarpment, and to recommend ways and means by which escarpment lands may be protected and preserved.

The Niagara Escarpment stretches from Queenston to Tobermory and Manitoulin Island. The escarpment cuts across the northern part of Halton County.

some of the most spectacular scenery in the Southern Ontario region. Rattlesnake Point and Kelso Conservation area in North Halton annually attracts thousands of tourists.

Hilton Falls, north of Milton, is one of the most beautiful natural waterfalls between here and Niagara Falls.