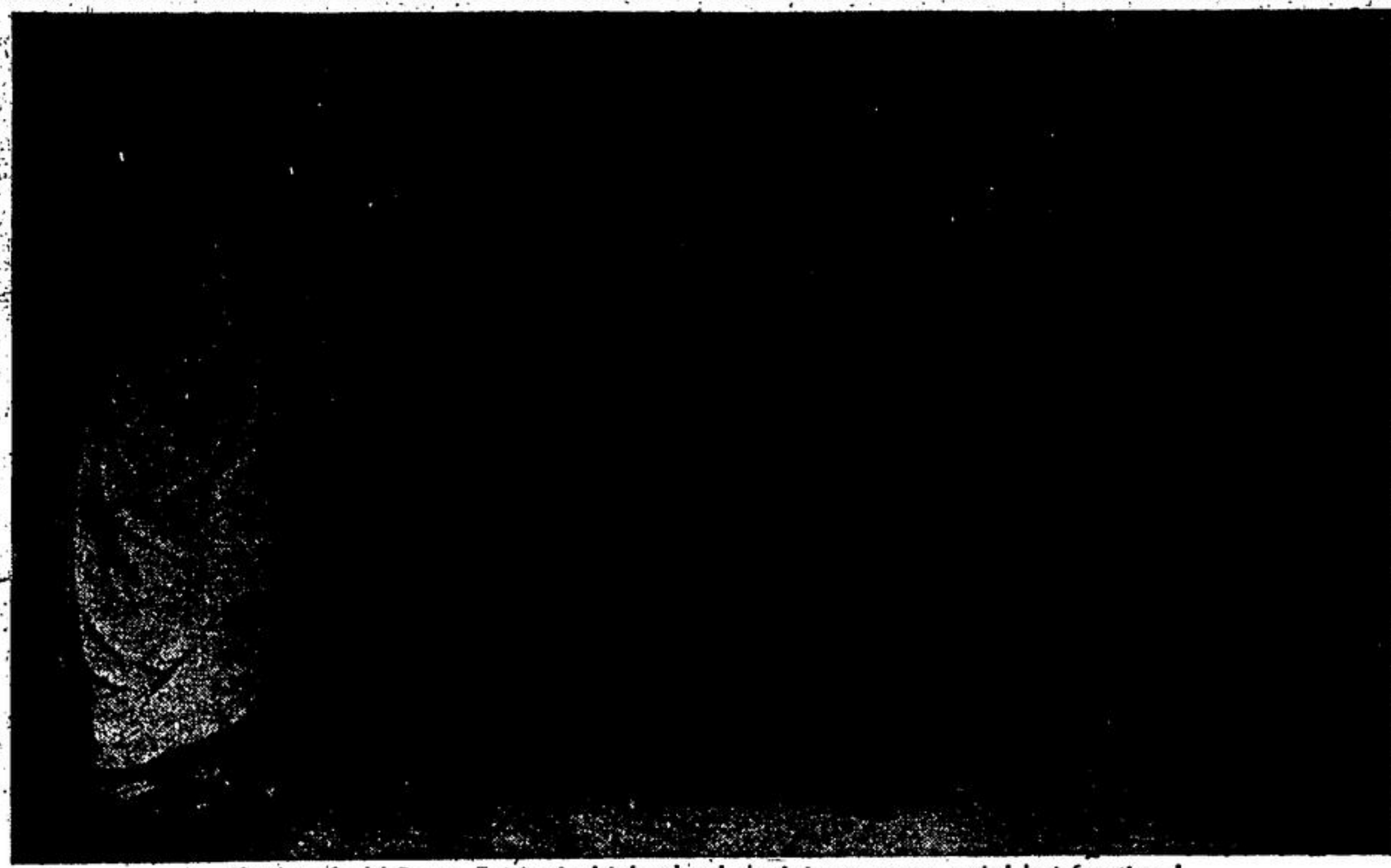




Where's the soap? Charioteers John Layman and Janice Cox in prize winning tub.



Shades of old Rome. Entries in high school chariot race were weird but functional.

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Chariots Roll Up \$1132 For Rehabilitation Fund

The Roman style chariot race in the park Friday afternoon by Georgetown high school students, yielded \$1,132.60 for the Ontario Rehabilitation Foundation.

This tremendous achievement by the students topped all expectations, and saw the students organize the event, make the chariots, round up sponsors and race so that the Foundation could benefit. Many local merchants, police and private citizens backed the entrants win or lose.

The idea was first broached by Johnny Meyer, campaign chairman for the Foundation,

with Georgetown the first high school to take up the challenge. With the success of the race, Ridgeway high school has followed suit, and now has thrown down the gauntlet to Georgetown winners. The Foundation hopes the idea will spread all across Ontario from Georgetown's beginning.

Thirty-one chariots of varied and unusual design entered the race with first place going to driver Norm Ferguson, and horses Doug Hills and Bill Dwyer.

The best decorated float, a bathtub with a horse rampant on a boat trailer, was pulled by

Dave Underhill and John Layman, and driven by Janice Cox, charioteer.

The team of David Stafford, Paul McMullen, and Don Hill garnered the largest sponsorship, \$132.

The high school staff entry with driver Marg Cowan, and horses Keith Craig and Principal Michael Furlong were disqualified in the final heat, on some faint suspicion of skulduggery, a charge which, of course, was never proven.

The winners, the race organizer John Riley and Jan Laforet, 'After Four' representative for the Toronto Telegram, will accompany Mrs. Mary Cooper, local representative of the Rehabilitation Foundation, on a tour of the headquarters and workshops. The workshops named "Operation Reliance," train students to re-enter the competitive world of business.

PUPIL COUNT DIPS TEACHER SURPLUS

Campers Hold Auction, View Outdoor Films

Georgetown Fire Flies offers a good attendance took part in the sale and viewed three films for which John Booth was projectionist. They dealt with Toronto's traffic division, the Kingston-Ottawa vacation area, and sight seeing in northern Ontario.

Guests at the meeting were CFCE field officers Mr. and Mrs. W. Holden of the Brampton Ramblers branch. Fire Flies will be together next on October 25 when they hold a family bowling party at Georgetown Bowl.

Unexpected Drop in Enrolment Will Mean a Shaved Budget

Halton education officials have over-estimated their student enrolment and supply teachers claim they are paying the price of the statistical shortfall.

Administration officials with the Halton Board of Education have confirmed actual enrolment in county schools this year is 1,240 less than expected.

Douglas Lawless assistant director of education, said he is at a loss to explain the shortfall which has left the education board with over 20 teachers who have no pupils to teach. These teachers are under contract and therefore receive full salary until they can be placed.

Board officials said the surplus teachers are being used in place of part-time supply teachers who fill in for regular classroom teachers absent from school.

"The result of this error in planning is that supply teachers in the county are not getting any work," said a supply teacher.

The main reason for the county-wide surplus of teachers

under contract is the shortfall in student enrolment. When reporting the drop in enrolment to education trustees this week, Lawless said:

TEMPORARY UPSET
"Although this has caused a temporary upset, it has a brighter side," said Lawless.

Namely that the current capital budget will be reduced by at least \$500,000 next year, with further cuts in subsequent years.

The drop in enrolment will mean a reduction in the building program and therefore a reduction in the budget Lawless explained.

Accommodation needs over the next five years will have to be reassessed, the board heard.

Also the dramatic change in enrolment trends will require an adjustment in factors used in forecasting enrolments, Lawless added.

"Until new patterns are established accurate enrolment projections will be extremely difficult. Conservative estimates

will have to be made until new factors can be established," the assistant director said.

Officials believed current growth trends in Burlington and Georgetown would produce most of the expected new students. The growth in those areas was on schedule but more than 1,000 fewer elementary pupils showed up for school.

New Housing
Lawless said: "The changing nature of the community and the type of new housing" must have thrown the projected figures out.

The rising cost of housing in this area is changing the types of families settling here, Lawless conjectured.

The board heard that the greatest loss in students came from the high density areas of his-rise apartments.

Lawless said school reductions have not only occurred in Halton but in the entire Golden Horseshoe area between Toronto and Hamilton.

The number of children in an average family living in these urban areas has dropped, trustees noted. People with large families cannot afford the high cost of housing, the board heard.

The drop in enrolment has freed 20 teachers across the county from full-time duties and they can now be used in supply teaching positions.

Some \$85,000 remains in the elementary supply teaching budget; and we do not expect to use any of this amount," Lawless said.

Accident Victim Faces Long Recovery Period
It will be at least three months before fourteen year old Theresa Thompson, hurt in a traffic accident last week, will return to Georgetown High School, her mother told the Herald today.

She suffered, a broken hip and pelvis and multiple cuts on her leg, when hit by a truck on Guelph Street opposite the high school.

While she is coming along well say the doctors at the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, it will be at least three months before she is well again.

She was transferred to the Sick Children's Hospital Wednesday of last week, a short time after being admitted to Georgetown hospital. The same crew of the Georgetown Ambulance Corps who took her to this hospital, took her into Toronto.

Religion in Schools Harmful? A Committee Will Investigate

Eighteen people from Halton County, ranging from senior education official to a Grade 8 student were named last week to study the place of religious instruction in public schools.

The committee was formed after several county residents demanded the Halton education board abolish compulsory religious instruction in the schools.

The wave of opposition to religion in public schools has been growing steadily until now there is a special report before the Ontario government calling for the abolition of all religious education in the schools.

The new Halton committee will make its first report to the education board next month with further reports in January and March of next year.

Action resident Charles Rea wrote to the board and said compulsory religion in the public schools does more harm than good. It can fill young minds with an attitude of docility and subservience derived from the implicit demand for unquestioning obedience to awesome supernatural powers," he wrote.

Public Money
Other protesters have told

Driver, Passenger Treated for Cuts

Two Guelph men were hurt in a single car accident on Highway 7 a half mile east of Georgetown limits late Thursday night.

North Halton OPP said Albert Zinger was treated in Georgetown hospital for facial cuts after the car he was driving left the road and hit a ditch. A passenger, Donald Carter received cuts to his face and left arm.

Damage to the car was placed at \$500.

Constable Pearson of the North Halton OPP investigated the accident at 11:45 p.m.

A car and a school bus collided at the corner of the 8th Line and the Base Line Friday doing \$1500 damage to the car driven by Maurice Emond of Oakville and \$300 to the bus driven by Leslie Lafferty of Mississauga. There were no injuries.

the board public schools have no business teaching young children to accept the religious doctrine as a matter of unquestionable fact. Using public money to do this is wrong, the board has been told. Parents who oppose religion in the schools say it is a violation of their personal freedom and private right.

Trustee Bill Priestner said he hopes the special Halton committee to study the matter will make sure it receives all briefs and submissions on religion from every interested party.

The board looked for "open minds" in selecting the eighteen men, women and children to sit on the special committee, said trustee Tom Watson.

Watson added that he thinks people who protest strongly against school religion are in the minority.

North Halton
He cited one north Halton resident who told the board he doesn't want his child being forced to sing Jesus Loves Me.

"Most people believe in God or in something higher than themselves," said Watson.

Watson's opinion that the objectors are in the minority is not supported by the increasing movement to get religion out of the public school altogether, the board heard. Majority of the protesters are from the professions, including teachers.

Jayettes Host to Two Servicewomen Groups

The distaff sides of two local service clubs were guests of the Georgetown Jayettes when they hosted the Kinettes and Rotary Annexes at a dinner meet at North Halton Golf and Country Club Wednesday, Oct. 8.

The "Meet the Ladies" night even had a woman speaker in Councillor Donna Denison who spoke on recreation, stressing the need for co-ordination and planning for better recreation.

WATCH WET LEAVES
—Colourful autumn leaves can make a beautiful picture, but wet slippery leaves can be like grease on the roadway, warns North Halton OPP.

FIRE INSPECTION... Clear Schools Under Stopwatch

Fire drills conducted in every school in town last week, under the stop-watches of the fire department, showed excellent results, according to Fire Chief Jack Cunningham.

The fire drills, inspection of boilers, stair wells, panic bars, trash removal, and fire extinguishers, were all part of the Fire Prevention Week program.

"The schools were evacuated in orderly fashion, and in good time," said the Chief.

Concluding the week, a church parade in Oakville was attended by the firemen of Halton County, with six Georgetown firemen representing the town.



Georgetown Firefighter Jim Valentine inspects emergency equipment at George Kennedy Public School on Weber Drive.

County Roads Claim 28 Lives This Year

Twenty-eight people have died on Halton County roads so far this year, five of them in the past two weeks.

The last five deaths all occurred in the Milton area.

The highest number of fatalities so far this year has been in the north Halton area covered by the North Halton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police.

Nine people have died in highway crashes in this area. There have been eight people killed on Oakville roads, six in the area covered by the Oakville detachment of the OPP, three in Burlington and two in Acton.

Cruiser, Car Damaged In Downtown Collision

Five hundred dollars damage was done to a Georgetown police cruiser and the same amount to another car in a collision in the downtown area just past midnight on Monday.

Police said the cruiser, driven by Constable Paul Robertson collided with a 1969 Chevrolet driven by Ron McAllister of 107 Moore Park Cres., as it was turning around near Church street.

Sergeant Rod Donaldson made the investigation.

Road deaths in Halton County last year claimed 42 lives.

Three men have been killed in three separate accidents in Burlington this year, one of them in March and two in June.

Police departments in Georgetown and Milton (the town proper) are the only two in the county to have no fatalities on their books so far this year. Georgetown has only had one person killed in the past seven years. Milton had one fatality last year.

St. John's Men's Club Start Active Season

St. John's United Church A.T.O.S Men's Club met last Tuesday night for their monthly dinner meeting. President Jack Layman presided, and Ernie Forgrave gave the devotional.

The men agreed to decorate the church for Thanksgiving and also to take the Laymen's Sunday service October 19th.

Plans were made for the annual Christmas tree project and members were given order forms to start canvassing. The club will supply a record player for the Sunday school and will also look after a treat for the children between the Christmas holidays.

Alex Berzish closed the evening with slides from a trip he had taken through Greece.