

# Norval group challenges move to close school

The battle to keep Norval School open is far from being over yet. A group of Norval ratepayers has organized a committee to prepare a presentation to the Halton County Board of Education about a month from now.

"We'll attack on two points. We'll attempt to prove there will be no savings by bussing the students away and we'll try to convince the board that expansion is possible," said Julian Reed who is among the leaders in the Norval campaign. Mr. Reed, the father of two boys at Norval School said the board argues there are not enough students in the village and there is no room to expand. Mr. Reed said his committee would study the possibility of buying additional land and recommend that political boundaries be ignored.

**Line separates village**  
He points out the county line separates the village. He said if this line were extended to include the homes in the community there would be sufficient children to warrant a school in the village. The Norval committee of ratepayers will approach both the minister of education and minister of municipal affairs Darcy McKeough. Reed said he would try to convince McKeough that educational boundaries shouldn't be made to adhere to political boundaries. "This ruling should be flexible enough in the province so that communities in a similar predicament could exist," he said.

**Strong case**  
"We think we have a strong case. Feb. 8 William Davis, premier-elect expressed concern in North Bay about small communities being eliminated. He said he'd do everything in his

power to save small communities."

"We want to find out how much flexibility there is in the Department of Education's requirement on land acreage and hope they'll apply common sense instead of rule of law," Reed noted.

He and his committee see the school as an integral part of the community and feel that by closing the school, the community structure will suffer.

**Best education**  
Reed is quick to recall stories about families moving into the area. He said it takes six months for youngsters coming from other parts of the province and bigger schools to catch up with the progress Norval youngsters make. He said families moving from Norval have found their children considerably ahead of those in larger schools.

Reed attributes the superiority of the small school to the personal contact and involvement teachers have with their youngsters. "The teachers at Norval school are terrific. They really take a personal interest and they know where it is at," Reed said.

In his brief to the Board of Education, Reed notes "Jack Watkins did not become Canadian Ambassador to Moscow because of extensive library facilities. Laurie Reed did not become a geophysicist because of a well equipped

laboratory."

The brief names a series of outstanding professional people who received elementary school education at Norval and suggests it wasn't the large schools and expensive facilities but the small school that helped them on their way.

**Personal interest**  
"Could it be that our playground, largest per capita and prettiest of them all, provides a facility that has heretofore not been considered such? Could it be that the close personal relationships, both teacher-student, and student-student, provide opportunities through friendly competition, personal interest and mutual stimulation that is being completely ignored by the education policy makers?" the author queried in the report.

**Three to close**  
Norval, Campbellville and Bruce St. schools are slated for closing prior to 1975 in a tentative report of the Board. While Campbellville residents have voiced opposition to the proposal they haven't launched a sophisticated campaign that the Norval group has. Little opposition has been raised publicly to the closing of Bruce St. school.

Board of education officials have said the board has made no final decision but board members are still considering the closings.

## Free Press briefs

ASH Wednesday today.

EASTER is April 11.

THERE'S a scout and guide week display in Eaton's window.

AT KNOX church, the Rev. McKenzie is organizing a couples club.

GOLDEN Age club members are selling tickets on a quilt.

"RELIGION is the best armour that a person can wear, but it is the worst cloak."

MANY people forget there is no charge for birth, marriage and death announcements in the Free Press.

WHEN IS the government going to do something about February?

THERE SEEM to be many cases of colds and flu these cold days.

RAILWAY workmen have been working at the first line crossing this week.

THE SCHOOLS' winter holiday begins March 19.

THE ROOF is going on Becker's Milk plaza this week.

HIGH SCHOOL parent-teacher interviews were held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings this week.

THERE WILL be special events at the schools in Education Week March 7 to 13.

MONDAY WAS "change-over" day to decimal coinage in Britain.

VISITS, illnesses, parties, these make interesting reading in the "Personals" column. Just phone the Free Press and let us know.

WHAT We think is less than what we know; what we know is less than what we love; what we love is so much less than what there is. And to that precise extent we are so much less than what we are. From The Politics of Experience.

COUNTRY dwellers have found their snowmobiles the best way to travel on various occasions this winter. While friends in cars were stuck for hours, the snowmobilers got home in good time.

IT'S SAFE to drink Guelph water again, in case some people had been holding off following a story which reported the levels of cadmium in Guelph water. O.W.R.C. tests showed little or no cadmium in the water there.

### Tug-o-war contests prove exciting

By Lynn Bender  
Last Friday a tug-o-war contest was held at the high school during winter carnival activities. The first of the competitions was between junior girls. Wendy Hannah's team fought valiantly but was defeated in two straight games by Karen Pierce's team. Next on the agenda was junior boys' teams. Bob Beerman's team was defeated by the powerful team of Russ Coultrup. They were followed by the senior girls with Denise Drinkwater's team which was victorious over Debbie Bagby's squad.

### Beardmore fire

A fire in the finishing room at Beardmore's was extinguished by the company brigade Monday afternoon. The Beardmore whistle sounded the alarm and although Acton firefighters went to the fire hall, their assistance was not required.

### Nurses hold open house

Residents are reminded of the open house to be held at Credit Valley School of Nursing, Port Credit, this Saturday and Sunday.

### White Coral Bells and The Canoe Song

will be presented by grade four and five students of Campbellville Public School at the Performing Arts concert to be held at Acton High School auditorium on Thursday. Characters in the musical production are front row Kelly Homewood, Cam McLean, Garth Essery, Ron Wendel and Jim Pearson. At back are Phyllis Freeman, Margaret Iutzi, Autumn Watson, Earl Essery, Roger Nicholson, Herman Tarrant and Randy McLean.—(Staff Photo)



GIRL GUIDES performed a skit about a baby in an African village, as part of their program at Monday night's Guide-

Brownie mother and daughter banquet. —(Staff Photo)

## Personals

The Minor Baseball dance was held Saturday evening in the band hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner had an enjoyable three week holiday in Florida recently.

Some school classes are scheduled to see the puppet show Pinocchio in Toronto this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. James, of Burwash, visited with the latter's father, Mr. Kingsmill, last week. While here they took him and Mrs. Mary Graham to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Cam Winn at Listowel.

Mr. Ken Adamson of Ottawa visited his mother Mrs. Stella Adamson of Galt and friends in Acton during the weekend.

Publisher Jim Dills left Sunday on a two-week study tour with a group of community publishers from across Canada. The 18-man group left Ottawa by Armed Forces plane Sunday. They tour the Armed Forces base at Lahr,

### 22 boys — 70 fish

Twenty boys of the Road Runners basketball team and two guests, shepherded by Constable Roy Wood, spent almost the entire day Sunday ice fishing near Pefferlaw on Lake Simcoe. Four cars driven by Constables Wood and Kressler, Fred Bennett and Gary Bateman, left Acton at 6:30 Sunday morning, arriving at the lake at 8 a.m. There they were transported by Bombardier craft out to five huts. Seventeen of the boys were deposited about eight miles from shore while the others landed in a hut 12 miles out.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Manes and family are moving soon from Acton to Erin, where Mr. Manes purchased the IGA store. They will be living in the apartment above the store. The Manes will be missed by many Acton friends. He has been manager of the Woodbridge IGA store and the staff there had a party and presentation for them. Mrs. Manes was employed at Charles Leatherland's office and there was a presentation from her associates there. Mr. Manes will be leaving the fire brigade.

### Fish till 6

They fished until 6 p.m. when the chaperones dragged them from the huts with a catch of 70 fish, five or six of them white fish while the remainder were Perch. Champion angler was Terry Holmes. He landed 14.

The boys took lunch and a flask of coffee. They arrived home about 10 p.m.

Now they are planning another fishing trip during the school holidays, only it will be a three day junket, to a lake near Algonquin Park.

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# Palermo play wins festival

**By Hugh Cook**  
The Halton Junior Farmer Drama Festival was held on Saturday, Feb. 20 in St. Paul's United Church, Milton.

Two clubs in the county put on plays this year. The Acton Juniors put on the play "Off With His Head" and the Palermo Club enacted the play "Henry's Mail-Order Wife". Both plays were comedies.

Those taking part in the Acton play were Sharon Britton, George Henderson, Rae Blyth, Doris Burt and David Ward. Mrs. Anne Rossell was the director. Those taking part in the Palermo play were Alan Norton, Bill Sinclair, Barry Mahon, Karen Campbell, Kathy Newell and Bill Jackson. The director was Mrs. Evelyn Oates.

The adjudicator, Mrs. Vera MacDonald from the Georgetown Little Theatre, gave an excellent adjudication, pointing out the good and bad points of each play and of each member of the two casts.

**Best win trophies**  
The Margaret Elliott Trophy for the best actress to Karen Campbell for her role as Becky

Smith in the Palermo play "Henry's Mail-Order Wife". The J.E. Whitelock Trophy went to Allan Norton for his role as Abe Smithers in "Henry's Mail-Order Wife". The W.I. Dick Trophy for the best play also went to the Palermo Juniors for the play "Henry's Mail-Order Wife."

Both clubs did an excellent job and are to be congratulated for their performances. There was a good attendance as usual, and the lunch afterwards was enjoyed by all.

Doug Bousfield entertained with his guitar and Doreen Harrop and Janet Hunter led the audience in a sing song.

### Cathy Newman 4-H president

Monday, February 15, Dublin 4-H Juniors held their first meeting at the home of Mrs. Wilson. The project is Dairy Fare.

Elections were as follows: president Cathy Newman, secretary-treasurer Cathy van der Eyken, press reporter Kim van der Eyken.

Members include Linda McTrash, Sherry Ismond, Debbie Rippon, Penny Kirton, Cindy Pierce and Emily Pierce.

**Pink drink**  
The leaders Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. McCarron read a note from their book on different types of milk.

They finished the evening making a drink called Pink Panther which is made from tomato juice, buttermilk, salt and Worcestershire sauce. Most girls thought it was quite tasty.

While it was chilling they made cheese pizza to eat with it.

heater; and the regular small appliances.

ANTIQUE — 2 oak bedroom dressers with mirrors and two matching wash stands, in perfect condition; pine trunk; large pine cupboard; small pine table; round hall table; wicker arm chair; wicker rocking chair; walnut upright secretary with 3 drawers; hall rack; pine drop leaf table; child's high chair; pine flour box; upholstered rocking chair; upholstered arm chair; wicker fernery; oval and other picture frames; brass hanging lamp; gramophone; cupboard; iron-ironing pans; Royal semi-porcelain set of bedroom dishes, all complete; New Haven wall clock; oil lamp; meat platters; other old glass and china; some silver; crocks; scalers; fancy wall mirror; set of dinnerware (old); cream cans etc.; and the regular small household items.

Some garden and other tools: power lawn mower.

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### Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

In the Estate of CHARLES WILLIAM LASBY, late of the Township of Nassagaweya, in the County of Halton, Farmer, deceased.

ALL parties having claims against the aforementioned Estate of Charles William Lasby, who died on or about the 19th day of September, 1970, are required to file proof thereof with the undersigned solicitor for the Executors on or before the Twelfth day of March, 1971, after which date the estate will be distributed, having regard only to the claims then filed.

DATED at Acton, Ontario, this 18th day of February, 1971.

C. F. LEATHERLAND, O.C. Barrister etc., Acton, Ontario. Solicitor for the Executors. 19337

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