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Bus safety is name of game

by Helen Leavell

A mutual agreement has been obtained from the three owners of the major bus lines servicing North Halton—drivers must become more aware of the laws of the road concerning school buses and when to stop.

Safety of the children is the number one concern for Esquesing bus lines, Tyler bus lines and Denny bus lines. They all must go by the rules and regulations set down by the boards of education in their particular area, and a few extra features have been added by the individual lines.

There has been quite a bit of controversy, of late, concerning the drivers on the road who are ignorant of the law. All school buses are equipped with red flashing lights which are turned on when picking up or discharging children.

bus and shall not proceed until the school bus resumes motion or the signal-lights are no longer operating. A median strip means the portion of a highway so constructed as to separate traffic travelling in one direction from traffic travelling in the opposite direction by a strip of

pavement of more than ten feet in width, a physical barrier or an unpaved strip of ground.

Requirements

There are several laws which the bus lines also have to follow. The word "school bus" must be painted in black on a yellow background. Red flashing lights must also be installed, and they must stop at every railway crossing.

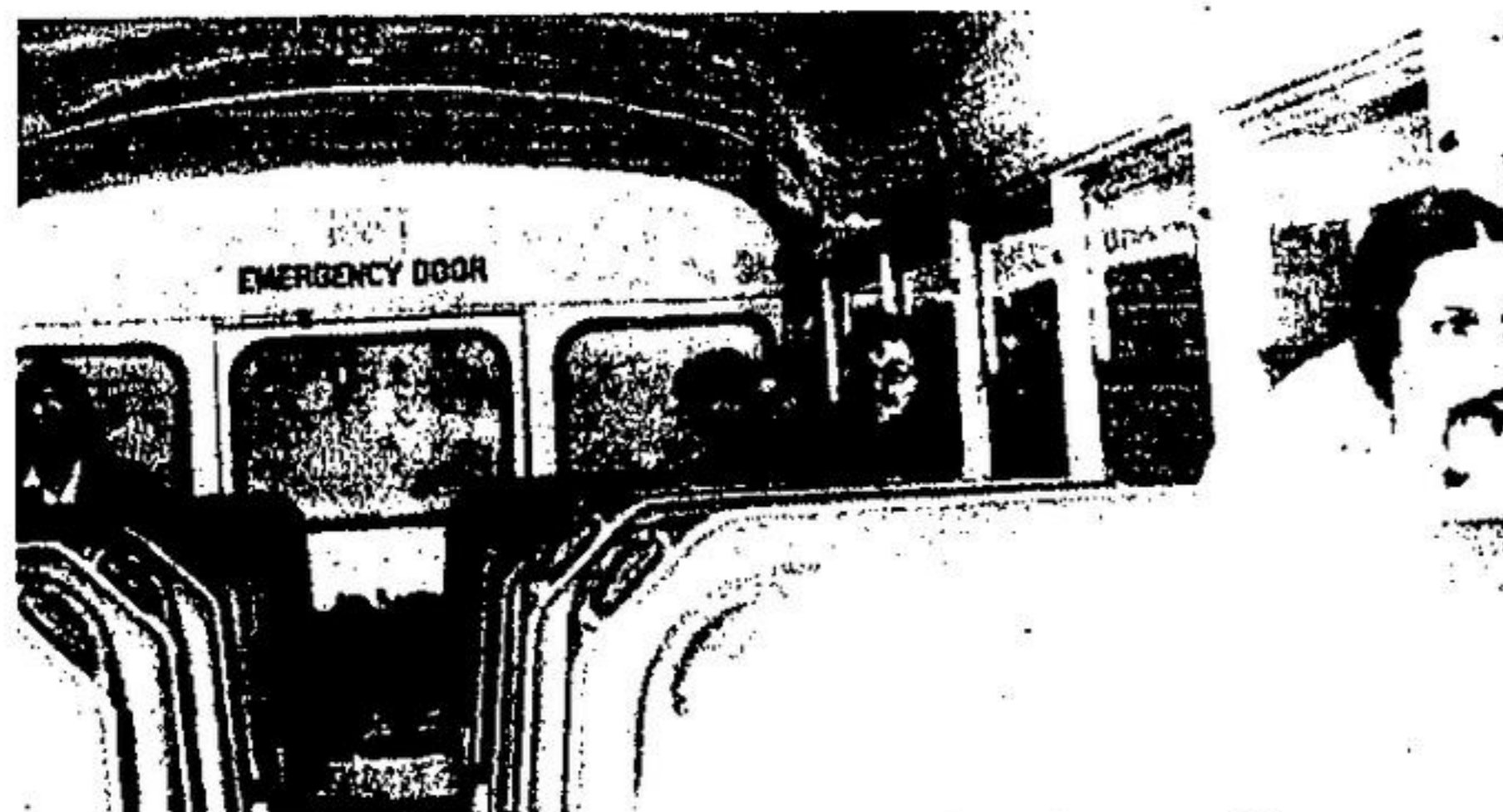
The newer model buses must have padded poles and seats. The Halton board of education can, by law, insist on three children to a seat up to grade seven. However, they are lenient with this law and leaves it up to the driver.

Both the Wellington and the Halton boards of education pay the bus owners so much per mile and so much per bus

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What the law says

The law states: "where a school bus is stopped on a highway or part of a highway on which the maximum speed limit is greater than 35 miles per hour for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children, the driver of a vehicle, (a) when overtaking a school bus on which the words "do not pass when signals flashing" are marked and two red signal-lights are illuminated by intermittent flashes; and (b) when meeting on such a highway, other than a highway with a median strip, a school bus on the front of which two red signal-lights are illuminated with intermittent flashes shall stop the vehicle before reaching the school



ACTON HIGH SCHOOL students must share buses with younger children. Safety features are updated on the newer buses, but they all still have the emergency door.

Greetings to all

Due to holidays, the Free Press is being published Monday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 30.

Today's issue contains special advertisements from many people readers do business with all year. They have chosen this way of expressing their season's greetings. Pictures and accounts of Christmas concerts, programs and parties are throughout the paper.

We hope you can take time to read and enjoy this week's issue.

Co-ordinator begins in Jan.

John Ross Cooper, 27, was hired as Area Recreation Co-ordinator for Wards One and Two, at a salary of \$10,455 and a \$50 monthly car allowance. He will start his duties shortly after the beginning of the year.

Mr. Cooper has been employed by the Etobicoke Parks and Recreation Commission since he graduated from the University of Toronto in 1972 with a Bachelor of Education.

Before that he attended McMaster University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Physical Education. He attended Prairie Johnson Collegiate in Toronto.

Athlete

An accomplished athlete he received his junior letter at Varsity as a member of the cross country track team. He has a Bronze Medallion for swimming, and was voted most dedicated athlete at high school. He jogs and plays tennis.

Mr. Cooper is unmarried and plans to move to the Acton area. Brantford is his home town.

With the Etobicoke recreation department for two years he had his office in Elmbank community school. He worked with an advisory group as he will here.

Start in Jan.

He is expected to start his duties Jan. 6 or Jan. 13. He will work first with recreation director Doug Collison in the recreation department in Georgetown, but when he is familiar with the department he'll move to the municipal building in Acton.

He was selected after many had applied for the advertised position. Interviews have been held.



ALL THE WAY from Texas, with a license plate boasting the name of his home town. Frank Fowke is back for a visit with his specially-ordered license plate, which he swept off during

Thursday night's storm. The "4" stands for 1974, the town's centennial year. "I can't believe the snow!" he exclaimed as he arrived.

L. Beattie to board

Mrs. Evelyn (Lyn) Beattie was appointed to Halton Hills Library Board, Tuesday night, to fill the one vacant spot among council appointments.

Library boards are appointed by local council, the Halton Separate School board and the Halton Board of Education.

Mrs. Beattie, 15 Union St., Georgetown, replaces Fred New, 176 Elmore Dr., Acton, whose term expires at the end of this year. No applications were received from the Acton area.

Mrs. Beattie who has her Master of Library Science degree, is assistant librarian at

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One from Acton left on town library board

An advertisement concerning reapplication of citizen members of Halton Hills boards appeared in the Free Press Dec. 11. (It was wrongly reported last week that the ad had not appeared.)

Apparently few of those on the recreation committee or library board noticed the ad, learning instead from a news story that they were required to re-apply for their posts by Dec. 16.

Not one of the recreation committee members had applied by the date. Fred New was the only library board member who had to reapply, but he had taken his Free

Press to work and assumed the deadline was the end of the year.

Mr. New last week was replaced by a Georgetown wo-

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No one answers

No one applied for positions on the Ward 1 and 2 Recreation Advisory Committee, when the December 16, deadline for applications to Halton Hills council passed.

Faced with no response, council decided to re-advertise in the hope of finding applicants for the committee who operate on one year

appointments.

Last year's recreation advisory committee consisted of G. S. Malcolm, 139 Tuley Ave., E. Wood, 208 Elmore Dr., I. Bonnette, 126 Main North, B. Insoe, 242 Arthur St., Mrs. Diane Spielvogel, 88 Bower St., G. Aherne, 51 Meadvale, and P. Papillon, 76 Elmore Dr., all of Acton.

Christmas wishes from the gingerbread house

