



Carrier of the week

Robert Little student Paul W. Paul likes hockey, lacrosse and swimming especially, and he has been on a championship hockey team. He enjoys being a carrier and hasn't had any accidents.

Parents involved Limehouse school

The latest issue of Halton Education News contains an interesting article on Limehouse school. For those who do not receive the board of education's paper, the article is reprinted here.

Limehouse—a unique community
Nestled snugly in the picturesque highlands of north eastern Halton Hills is Limehouse Public School. Within a "stone's throw" of its walls lie weathered remains of a bustling past; white markers of the Bruce Trail; rich plant and wildlife of rolling woodlands, rocky outcrops of the Niagara escarpment; and vast quarry operations which feed the ever demanding needs of the Niagara Peninsula. It is its people, however, not its historical past or geographical location, which make the Limehouse School Community unique.

88 percent of them live from one to nine miles from the school in an area running from the Wellington County boundary to No. 17 Sideroad, 14 miles to the south. They

earn their livelihoods from the land and in the offices, classrooms and factories of Halton Region and of other centres as distant as Toronto. Their children board buses as early as 7.30 a.m. for 8.15 a.m. classes.

Bad weather
Two years ago Limehouse School experienced five bad weather days when bus service was cancelled or school was closed early. Working parents expressed concern about the fact that children were arriving home to an empty, sometimes locked house after early school closings. Other parents were concerned that they had to leave for work well before the first radio announcement at 7.00 a.m. and often were unaware of bus cancellations which left their children to bear extremely wet or cold weather as they waited patiently for their buses.

In September of 1973 a group of parents in co-operation with the school established a system which guarantees that all 153 families can be contacted within 15 minutes. At 6.30 a.m. or during the school day, the principal or a designated teacher places one call to the parent co-ordinator, Mrs. Book, who in turn relays the message to a network of parent contacts.

The school phone is left open for incoming inquiries, or messages. Parent contacts relay back to the school any pertinent information regarding provisions that have been taken to ensure that every child will have a warm home to go to. When a bus breakdown occurs, the driver phones the school which in turn relays the message to the parents or neighbors of children farther along the route. Because of parental efforts a system exists which provides quick two-way communication. For a rural, somewhat isolated community like Limehouse, this is extremely important.

Library
These same parents also expressed concern regarding the lack of adequate school and community library facilities. Because of this, new school library facilities included provisions for possible future use of this facility as a community library. Negotiations between the Halton Hills Library Board and the Halton Board of Education should result in the operation of a community library at Limehouse School early in the new year.

People of this community

have a tradition of working together for a common cause. During June of 1970-72, they worked with the school staff and students to plan and present "Olde Tyme" Garden Parties. Local talent and home-cooking attracted more than 600 participants annually. Proceeds subsidized school field trips and elective programs.

These same people have booked the new gymnasium facilities for community groups four nights each week. Parents join the three men on staff for an evening of recreation each Tuesday night. Last year 73 parents of the 152 family-school community volunteered their time and talent to school programs. They served as drivers on field trips, worked directly with children, helped operate a hall library, gave leadership in electives, helped organize and man a Christmas Bazaar, or helped teachers prepare for special programs. This year Limehouse School will be presenting the musical Gulliver, again with community support.

The unique spirit of this community is reflected also in the efforts of the staff. Intra-mural programs operate each noon hour for the 185 lunch students. Teachers play with the students at recess; run with them for cross country training; and lend them in choir and elective programs.

Pride
The pupils in turn create few discipline problems and take a great personal pride in their efforts to beautify the school's landscape.

The school's program itself is unique in that children who have special needs are given specialized help. From normal staff allocation a half-time teacher, with special training, teaches a class of 12 primary children (K-3) who have learning disabilities in language; a half-time primary remedial teacher provides support for 19 other children experiencing reading difficulties; and the principal, who teaches half-time, provides a special Corrective Reading Program for Junior students who have weak decoding skills.

To the passerby, Limehouse School's lofty perch atop a rocky ledge and newly built electrically heated steps make it unique. But, to those connected with the school, it is the people—parents, children and teachers who enjoy that unique relationship so often lost to progress and modern technology.



FUNNY-FACE CLOWNS, toy tigers, monsters and pretty litte dolls were all part of the grade four production of The March of Christmas Toys with teacher Mrs. G. McHugh directing. The toys

came to life on the stage of the M. Z. Bennett public school at the Friday, Dec. 20 assembly when the play was presented in the school auditorium.

Christmas party at nursery school

Santa Claus came a few days early to the children of the Honey Pot Nursery School.

Santa's first visit was on Thursday afternoon Peter Febel, husband of teacher Lee, gave his services for a

short time and entertained the children with candy canes and a kind, understanding word.

Two parties on Friday saw the remainder of the children enjoying Santa's company. However, due to previous commitments, Mr. Febel was unable to attend. Steve Tultz of Guelph stood in for Santa.

Parents and brothers and sisters were allowed to attend the party. During this time, Christmas carols were sung and stories told. On the whole, the children were well behaved and all had a good time.

In Indian language Ontario means "rucks standing near the water", presumably a reference to the cliffs of the Niagara escarpment.



CHRISTMAS MORNING can be a disappointment as the high school theatre arts course showed the children of Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett on December 18. The class held various skits for the youngsters including the Shoemaker and the Elf and Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.



THRUMP, THRUMP, THRUMP and toy soldiers stand to attention at the sound of the drum on the stage of the M. Z. Bennett school as their grade four class presented the March of Christmas toys at the wind-up assembly held on Friday, Dec. 20. Miss G. McHugh was the teacher-director.



TOY SOLDIERS were a big feature of the grade four production of Marching Toys performed by the class of Miss Gail McHugh. The teacher is seen doing last-minute touching-up on some of the toys in the play. It was one of two seen on Friday, Dec. 20 at the M. Z. Bennett assembly held as the wind-up of the school term.

Douglas workers

Workers returned to the job Monday at Douglas Aircraft Malton after a one week lay-off.

Employees were given an extra long Christmas holiday as the plant shut-down from December 20 to the 30th. The workers were told it was because of labor problems at the Long Beach California Douglas plant and the lack of work at Malton.

The Malton plant employs over 2,500 people and over 500 of those workers live in Halton Hills.

Before they left work on December 20 employees said they found a list of between 400 and 500 names posted informing those on the list they will be let go on January 17.

Area residents who work at the plant in Malton expressed the fear they will find another long list of people due to be laid off when they return to the plant.

Name publisher Dills OWNA vice-president

Jim Dills, of Milton was elected vice-president of the Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association at a December meeting of the board in Toronto.

He succeeds Harry Stemp, publisher of the Uxbridge Times-Journal and the Lake Simcoe Advocate, who resigned during his term.

Chairs committee
He was originally elected to the Ontario association's 11-member board in 1972 and has served as chairman of the administration committee since that time.

The Association represents more than 200 community newspapers throughout the province and also operates an active group-buying program. OWNA celebrates its 25th anniversary in 1975.

Jim Dills was also named a member of the Provincial Consultative Committee for Journalism that is currently being established by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. He has been a member since 1967 of the Sheridan College Advisory Committee on Journalism.

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Thursday, January 9, 1975

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