

## Regret losing teachers from school staff

By Pam Sheldon  
The loss of two exceptionally fine, respected teachers from the staff of Speyside Public School has come as quite a surprise to the students and the community. Grade 2 teacher Mrs. Sue Gilmour and Grade 5 teacher Mrs. Marion Radford will be leaving the school mid-term at the Christmas break. Both Mrs. Gilmour and Mrs. Radford are moving out of the area, to the States and to Northern Ontario, respectively.

Often, when a community loses a member it is rather difficult to pinpoint the one outstanding quality most likely to be remembered. However, in Marion Radford's case there is no doubt in my mind that her dramatic and artistic flair will be missed. Mrs. Radford's class was most often called upon to provide the artwork or dramatic interest in the school projects or plays. She instilled in her pupils both past and present, a desire to create that could be seen immediately upon entering her classroom.

As for Sue Gilmour, she was "always the same" - approachable and loved by her young school children, admired by their parents, respected by her colleagues,

and within the community considered a "super person to know".

While chatting with Norm Howell the other day he expressed to me a feeling of deep regret in losing these two staff members and I am sure I speak for the entire community when I say "we will miss them, too". The best of luck to you both in your new ventures and whenever you are back in the neighbourhood please do not pass up the chance to pay us a visit.

In the New Year, when school re-convenes we will be welcoming two new staff members. Mrs. Ann Armstrong, who comes to us from Toronto, will be teaching the Grade 5 class and Mrs. Norma Helder from Dunnville will teach Grade 2.

**Gymnastics**

Stephanie Lister has done an excellent job. As you may recall, she took over the failing Speyside gymnastics program just six short weeks ago, and because of her obvious love of kids and expertise in her field has managed to put together a program of high calibre. Last Monday evening was the final night of the fall gym classes and parents had been invited to attend.

Stephanie and her assistants taught a regular class for the first 45 minutes, then had five young girls from her Georgetown program give a demonstration of more advanced routines. The Speyside children were thrilled with what they saw and are anxious to keep on with their gym lessons after Christmas so they may some day achieve the same grace and precision that was displayed by the guest performers. This program is a healthy, fun, rewarding experience for the children involved and I am so pleased it will continue to be offered at the Speyside school.

Registration for the winter program will be held after Christmas at the school, although at this time I do not have an exact date. However, notices will be sent home from school.

**Congratulations**

The winners and runners-up in the Halton Region Fire Prevention Poster Contest were honoured last Wednesday by the Regional Council. Speyside is proud to have been represented by two runners-up, Margaret Hall and Scott Greig, who both received desk pen sets. Congratulations to you both.



**HALTON HILLS WINNERS** in the Halton Region Fire Prevention Committee's 1975 fire prevention poster contest are pictured with Fire Chief Ken Buikema after presentations at Regional Council's Wednesday meeting. Scott Greig

(left), a student at Speyside School was a runner-up. Janine Baker (centre) of Georgetown District Christian School was girls' winner and Margaret Hall of Acton (right), a Speyside student, was one of the runners-up.

## Ospringe

## Dudniks sell business

by Doris Fines  
The country grocery store, situated at the corner of Highway 24 and 25, known as Ospringe Motors and Grocery, is once again under new management. Mr. and Mrs. George Crocker and son George opened for business Tues. Dec. 2.

The store was built in 1966 by Dave and Phyllis Robertson, when the building in which they had served the people of Ospringe and surrounding district for 41 years, on the south corner, was torn down to make a wider corner where the two highways meet.

In 1971 the Robertsons retired and moved to Acton, selling the business to Mike and Rita Dudnik, of Moffat who installed gas tanks and built a service garage adjoining the store. The Dudniks mingled in the community as the Robertsons had before them. Mrs. Dudnik joined the Women's Institute and the Ladies' Aid, and the girls organized ball games and Halloween parties.

Due to health reasons, Mr. Dudnik was unable to carry on with the garage work. He and Mrs. Dudnik, Natalie and Sandy, moved to Toronto.

Lydia having been married in August, is living in Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. Crocker are anxious to serve the community, and if first appearances are correct, this could well be known as the friendly corner store. They will remain open seven days a week, from seven to nine p.m. in the winter, fluctuating, if necessary, in the summer months. The garage will also be open for business.

The Crockers came from Downsview, and their son George, 16, will assist in the garage. They also have a married daughter, Pauline Fisher, residing in Toronto.

We wish them the very best in their venture, and welcome them to the community.

Drs. Barry and Carol Bruce, and Michael of Carp, and Garnet Bruce of Oakville, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce.

A delightful Christmas concert was enjoyed in Knox Presbyterian Church on Saturday night, following a pot luck supper in the basement. The Sunday School children performed well with their choruses, recitations, skits, dances and musical numbers. Pinch-hitting for

Santa Claus, Alan Norman appeared, to distribute gifts and candles.

There was a reception of new young communicants at the church service Sunday morning. Joining the church were Bonnie Lang, Linda Pankratz, and Robbie Pankratz. During the service

Allan Walma sang, Mary's Little Boy Child.

Paul Deeking from the Physical Education department visited the school on Friday, and demonstrated to all the classes, an apparently enjoyable group activity, involving a large parachute.

In lieu of a gift exchange, the students have voted to support their adopted boy, Gary Bolaji Akinyemi, in Lagos State, Nigeria, for another year.

## Norval school offer upped

Halton Hills upped its offer for Norval school from \$35,000 to \$59,500, Monday night.

The first offer made in November included only a portion of the property but this latest offer included all the 4.5 acres of land.

According to the offer to be presented before Thursday (tomorrow) at 4 p.m., the town would agree not to sell the land for at least five years. The purchase would be financed from the lot levels account.

Councillors Mike Armstrong and Pat McKenzie opposed the offer of purchase.

All discussion on the offer was made behind closed doors, with only the resolution and voting done in open

council.

Last Tuesday, at another closed meeting, with the school board's negotiating team of Ernie Bodnar, Georgetown's trustee, Tom Watson, Ward 1 and 2 trustee and Bill Lawson, Milton trustee, council discussed the property purchase.

Norval residents have been fighting the school board since November 1973, when the plan to close the school was first made public.

After the closing of the school in June 1974, the villagers continued their fight to keep the school as a community centre.

If the town is successful in their \$59,500 bid it is scheduled to be used as a community centre and recreation area.

## Strike settled

A combination wage hike, increased benefits and cost of living increase package, worth 20 per cent in the first year of a three year contract brought about the end of a 14 week strike at de Havilland Aircraft. The strike had affected many Halton Hills residents who work at the Downsview plant.

Over the weekend workers ratified the agreement by 99 per cent and employees began returning to the job Monday.

The new contract brings the basic rate for production workers up to \$5.39 an hour. Before the strike the minimum wage at the factory was \$3.90 an hour plus 89 cents an hour in cost-of-living protection.

The agreement will be submitted to the federal Anti-Inflation Review Board, for approval.

The three-and-a-half month strike had forced 1,700 workers off the job.

## Free Press District Page

### Churchill

## Church people busy with Christmas plans

By Mrs. Fred MacArthur  
Churchill friends extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Kerwin (Jean) McNeil and family in the death of her mother Mrs. Ivan Harris. Acton.

Church morning worship on Sunday, Dec. 7 was very well attended. Our pastor Rev. A. W. Fosbury chose for his sermon subject The Christ for All. Choir anthem was a Chinese carol Star of Ice.

Morning worship in Churchill church on Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. is White Gift Sunday. All who would like to bring a gift are welcome, and they will be

delivered.

In the evening the annual candlelight service will be presented at 7.30 p.m. Everyone is most welcome.

**Float**

Churchill Sunday School children under the leadership of Lisa Bonnell are busy preparing a float for the Santa Claus parade in Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Julian, Brampton, were Sunday guests of Norman Turner. The occasion was a triple birthday celebration, David and Juliann Turner's birthday, all the same date as their grandmother's birthday.

Members of the Churchill community church accompanied by Mrs. George Milne, Mrs. Don Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner attended the Clarkson Musical Theatre production The Music Man last Friday evening. Bus transportation was provided by Clarence Denny.

The children were enthusiastic in their appreciation of this perennial popular musical. Norm's sister Mrs. Belza Greene is a member of the cast and the children enjoyed a visit backstage afterward to see the stars and collect a few autographs.

## Dangerous prisoners escape jail

Police have issued Canada-wide warrants for the arrest of two convicted prisoners who escaped Saturday night from the Milton Provincial Jail on Brown St. by sawing through a steel window-bar. They were both described as being dangerous.

A third prisoner took part in the breakout between 9:30 and 10 p.m. but surrendered to Constable Carl Sapelak of Halton Regional Police in front of the jail at 10:15 p.m.

Halton Police reinforcements from Georgetown and Milton OPP officers rushed to the scene but a search of Milton and the surrounding area proved fruitless. A walling car may have whisked them away.

Police identified the escapees as Florent Tanguay, 26, alias James Barwell of Welland. He was awaiting sentencing after being found guilty of five counts of breaking and entering and possession of narcotics.

The other escapee was Stephen Frank Lewis, 18, of Hamilton. He had been in custody since July as a

national parole violator for failing to appear in court.

Lewis had been arrested in Hamilton in possession of a stolen Oakville car, and last Friday was convicted in an Oakville court of theft over \$200, possession of stolen goods and theft of a vehicle, police said.

Police identified the escaped convict who gave himself up as Ronald Lincoln Caine, 16 of Oakville, who was serving a sentence of two years less a day for breaking and entering, and arson.

Halton Crown Attorney Jim Treleaven said Monday that prisoners who escape legal custody are liable to up to five years in penitentiary.

**Notify CPIC**

Sgt. Keith Robertson of the Halton Police criminal investigation branch (CIB), who is directing the investigation, said all other police forces in Canada were notified through C.P.I.C. (Canadian Police Information Centre), a computer centre in Ottawa.

Jail Superintendent Ben Jongsma said in an interview Monday that 36 prisoners were accounted for at 9:30 p.m. Saturday night when medication was distributed to some.

He said the three who escaped were among five prisoners sharing a "day room" at the time. The trio's absence was noted during a routine check at 10 p.m.

Jongsma said the escapees used a hacksaw to cut through a steel bar one inch thick in a window on the south side of the jail, and forced their way through a wire-mesh fence. The hacksaw was not one of the jail's tools.

"Messy" in 1969

"No staff or other inmates were bothered—it was a clean go," he said.

By comparison, Jongsma said, the last breakout at Milton Jail in 1969 was a "messy affair with guards being overpowered."

Sgt. Len Pickett and Cst. Ron Oswald of Milton Precinct were the first officers on the scene at 19:08 p.m.

Police said at first jail guards thought the escaped trio might be in another part of the building or on the roof, so the two policemen maintained surveillance outside the walls until the inside search proved negative.

Police reinforcements then started arriving and one of the escapees surrendered out front.

The police C.P.I.C. computer hookup works this way. A motorist is stopped by police in Halifax for speeding. The officer obtains the

driver's name and the car license number and calls police headquarters on his radio. The information is punched into a computer terminal and in seconds the Ottawa computer advises whether the driver is wanted somewhere or whether the car is stolen.

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