

Christian School

Approve addition work starts soon

Construction of a \$95,000 addition to the Georgetown District Christian School will begin as soon as the weather breaks, according to board member Jake Kulken.

Plans for a \$40,000 gymnasium in the school were approved by members, donors and supporters of the School Society at Monday's general membership meeting.

At the last such meeting in the fall the membership approved the addition of two classrooms at a cost of \$55,000. It was decided at Monday's meeting to have the gym and classrooms built at the same time.

Mr. Kulken said also that a gift of \$20,000 had been given to the Society from a private individual, with the money specified for the gym.

The present school, with seven classrooms, has 215 students attending classes there. Society president, Bill Gerrits

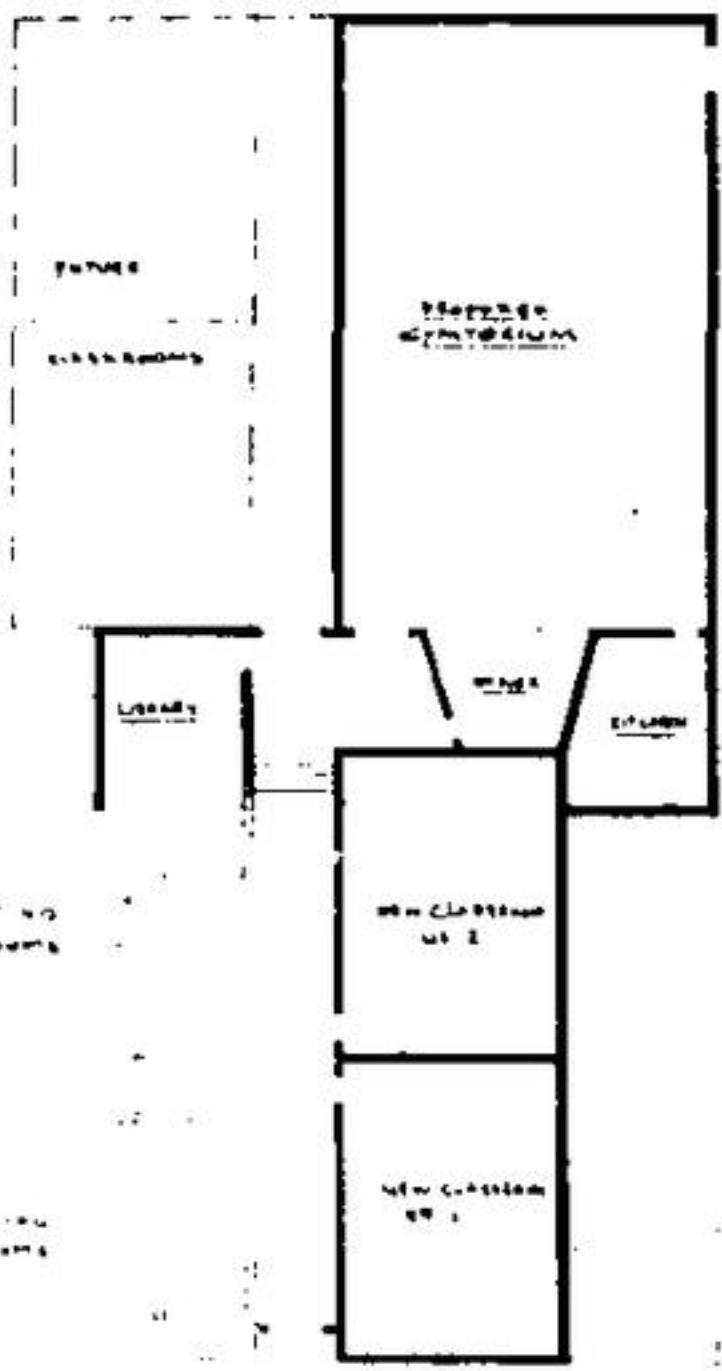
emphasized that children of all denominations go to the school, including Baptist, Pentecostal and Anglican.

Mr. Kulken said in the Acton Christian Reformed Church, there are 75 families. He said approximately half of this figure belonged to the school society. However, the Acton furniture store owner said when it comes to fund raising, 90 per cent of the 75 families were willing to give some form of donation.

In Georgetown, he said, 180 families belong to the church, with also 90 per cent, Mr. Kulken said, who co-operate when it comes to a special fund-raising drive.

Students will be in the new classrooms when school starts in September, Mr. Kulken said. At the present time, he pointed out, the grades seven and eights are sharing the same room. The new addition will alleviate this problem.

Approximately 200 people attended the general membership meeting.



ALTHOUGH NOT THE official plans for the new addition to the Georgetown District Christian school, the heavy black line shows the two classrooms and gymnasium. Blueprints have not yet been drawn up.

Ebenezer

See slides of trip at joint meeting

By Mrs. Ron McLean Rev. R. Finley's topic was "The Way of the Thorn", dealing with the life of St. Paul. He had energy, enthusiasm and the determination never to stop in spite of obstacles.

Festival at Elora

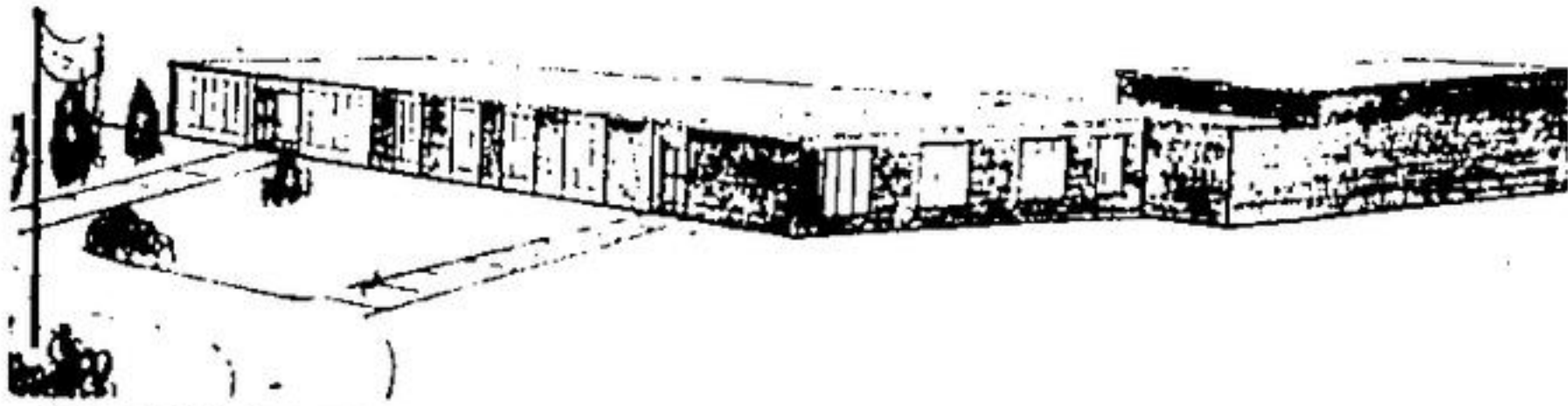
The Grand River area is one of the scenic spots in Ontario, and it is almost undisputed that one of the most beautiful locations in the watershed is the famous Elora Gorge.

never be taken away from you, and there is a reason. Paul's affliction made him humble and it also taught him patience. God has His own timetable; if we wait upon Him, things will unfold in their spiritual beauty in His own time.

Area news Mrs. Lillian Thomas is a patient in Milton hospital. The World Day of Prayer is being planned for the evening of March 5.

HALTON and PEEL PORK PRODUCERS ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER AT THE Christian Reformed Church, Georgetown. Feb. 20th at 12:30 p.m. sharp. Complimentary meal for those present.

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SKETCH OF THE exterior of the proposed new addition of the Georgetown Christian School shows where the existing school is and where the two classrooms and gymnasium will be.

Premier backs McKeough on rural statements

Premier Bill Davis says he is in full agreement with statements Ontario Treasurer Darcy McKeough made regarding rural areas which were published in this newspaper last week.

In a letter to William A. Johnson, president of the Nassagaweya Ratepayers Association, Premier Davis said that Mr. McKeough's exact words might not necessarily have been mine, but "I can say that I am in full agreement with the points he makes."

McKeough said the free ride for rural areas is over and they must pay for services rendered. Mr. Johnson rejected Mr. McKeough's attitudes in an exchange of

letters published in this newspaper last week.

The Premier continues: "I realize, though, that this is a perspective which not everyone—for any number of reasons—is willing to adopt. This reasoning for instance, would not necessarily apply with equal force in other areas of the Province as it does in the areas where regional government has been instituted."

"I hope, therefore, that Mr. McKeough's letter and this note will serve to re-clarify, for the consideration of your neighbours and yourself, some of the thinking behind our willingness to sponsor these changes."

Ospringe

District correspondent tells the good news

by Doris Fines We always hear so much about the wicked things people do I like to turn the tables and tell of the good things. There are so many nice people in the world.

I was shovelling snow again last week when a little truck went by with a snow scraper on the front. It stopped, and backing up, the driver asked if I'd like him to shove that snow out. I agreed that would be very nice. When I thanked him for doing the job he said "No problem at all."

He was a complete stranger to me, but said he used to live in Hillsburgh and now lives in

Rockwood. The kindness of people sometimes overwhelms me.

But don't ask me about the weather, my comments might not be so favourable.

Open house My mother, Mrs. Thomas Fines, is celebrating her 90th birthday on Sat. Feb. 14. Open house is being held from 2 to 4 and from 7 to 9 p.m. She doesn't want any gifts, she says she doesn't need anything. She has received messages of congratulations from Harry Worton MPP, and Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, and a plaque from Premier William Davis.

Churchill

No church due to snow-filled roads

By Mrs. Fred MacArthur There was no church at Churchill Community church last Sunday due to the bad roads and many driveways filled with snow. We hope to have a good number present as it will be communion service this coming Sunday, February 15.

The congregation of the community church wishes to express their appreciation at the Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Forsbury for the years of their service of love and Christian leadership in the community at large by holding a pot luck dinner after the regular morning service this Sunday. All the church friends are urged to attend. Sacrament will be held also next Sunday morning.

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Joshua Thompson underwent surgery on Wednesday, February 4 in St. Joseph's hospital Guelph. He is improving nicely.

Mrs. W. J. McDonald has returned last week from a very enjoyable two week trip to Hawaii.

Miss Irene Nyholt of Ospringe spent the weekend with her friend and schoolmate Julianne Turner.

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Ospringe

Allan Walma recovering, Scout Troop investiture

(Intended for last week) by Doris Fines Allan Walma, who was in a car accident last week, is still in serious condition in Kitchener hospital. At last report he is holding his own and more hope is expressed for his recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Berry of Acton visited last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howes.

The pond in the field back of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wynne's house was a happy gathering place for the Brownies skating party on Saturday. Robbie Pankratz brought his snowmobile and took the girls for rides over the snowbanks.

Last week proved to be a short school week for the children. The school buses didn't run on Monday on account of the storm, and there were only six pupils at school. And then Friday was a Professional Development day for the teachers, so the pupils had a holiday that day.

ment were some of the subjects the teachers were studying up on that day.

On January 28, the principals of Area I held their meeting at Ospringe School, with a good attendance.

Monday evening, Jan. 25, was investiture for the 1st Ospringe Scout Troop, at the school auditorium. Alec Morrison, chairman of the Group Committee, welcomed everyone, and introduced Donald Tough, district representative, Scouter Glen Jackson, Councillor Blaine Campbell, and Councillor Peter Schroeder.

Councillors Peter Schroeder and Blaine Campbell then presented their respective patrols with a sash, Ontario Badge, year badge, troop flash, and patrol emblem. Lunch was served following the ceremony. Members of the Indian patrol are Neil Campbell, War-

ren Campbell, Fred Clarke, Brian Leuschner, Mark Jackson, Jeff Beck and Chris Howard.

Members of the Eagle patrol are Joe Beck, Chris Stewart, Ricky Nyholt, Ted Leuschner, Kevin McKittrick,

Danny Hindley, and Brenden Mann.



A few weeks ago I was reminiscing about Ottawa Valley winters - I must have jinxed something because we're having one right now in southern Ontario!

How's the snow up your way? Most of the Acton quota is in our front paddock making riding impossible even for the hardest of our Girls.

Young Lynn took Mack's big tank mare, Nina, out in the arena last week to break trail for her own lighter legged horse. Three times around the tank was puffing. She kept balancing on the crust and crashing through up to her knees. She wasn't too happy about the whole thing so Lynn put her away and gave up riding till the spring.

Just what do you do when the snow is too deep for riding and the roads are too icy? Well, you can put ice shoes on your horse so he can travel on slippery surfaces, but you must be very careful on the roads.

Wiping will do a lot to keep his muscles in shape - and yours. Make a hard pad of twisted hay and vigorously rub and hit the horse all over for a least twenty minutes, kind of a Swedish massage. Keep everybody fighting fit.

And cheer up - spring will be here soon and you can ride through knee deep mud.

Please send letters to Jennifer Barr, R.R. 2, Acton

Moffat fire costs \$25,000

An investigator from the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, Toronto is continuing investigation into a mysterious fire that destroyed a Moffat area home Monday evening, Feb. 2.

Milton Fire Department was called by a neighbor when the flames were spotted but firefighters were unable to reach the house because the laneway was blocked by snow.

The fire was well underway when we were called," said Fire Chief A. E. Clement.

Owner of the home Mathias Jaeklein of R.R. 1 Moffat was away at the time. The fire chief said there appeared to have been some contents in the home but it was hard to tell the value as the building was gutted. The loss estimated at \$25,000. The Jaeklein home was located on the First Line of Nassagaweya in Lot 11.

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