



PORTABLE CLASSROOM arrived yesterday (Tuesday) at St. Joseph's school to accommodate rising enrollment. The room is located west of the school just past the swings

## Add portable room for St. Joseph's school

The grades five and six students at St. Joseph's Separate school will be attending classes in a portable classroom when school resumes next week.

The portable was brought in yesterday (Tuesday) to accommodate the increased enrollment in the school. More than 160 are expected to be present on the first day of school next Wednesday. When the school was first opened last September, only 100 students were expected, which the building could readily house.

Complications arose in the installation of the portable when Douglas Hunter Construction Ltd. brought the structure to the school yard.

Apparently, a drawing done by the separate school board showing the men where to put the room failed to show a maple tree, in the middle of where the building was to go, according to workmen. Investigations showed the designated area was the only available spot.

Principal Sean Briggs soon contacted the school board, who in turn contacted the Halton (public) Board of Education. (St. Joseph's is located on the school grounds of Robert Little public school.)

Word was finally received to cut the fairly young tree down. Workmen also found it necessary to move a hydro pole. Fortunately, this had not had any wires connected

and slide, diagonally across from the Scout hall. A maple tree had to be cut down before the structure could be backed onto the designated site.

to it, but was waiting for the portable. The portable was brought from Milton.

### Cars collide

About \$450 in damage resulted from a two car collision near the intersection of the First Line and Mill Street West Saturday afternoon.

Halton Regional Police estimate the damage to the vehicle driven by Richard Mills, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, at \$300. Damage to the auto driven by Donna Manto of 311 Main St. Rockwood is about \$150, according to police.

### R. Bilodeau hearing set

Robert Bilodeau of Milton will appear at a preliminary hearing before a provincial court judge in Milton on Wednesday, Nov. 1 in connection with 14 charges of fraud.

He appeared before Judge Brown in the Milton court Monday and the date was established for a preliminary hearing of the evidence, a plea and a decision on how the case will be tried.

Bilodeau is the former director of Countryside, a residence at Hornby which houses 16 mentally handicapped adults. The charges involved over \$5,000 police said appears to have been "misappropriated" from residents' monthly allowances.

## St. Joseph's growing expect more than 160

More than 160 students are expected to start back to classes at St. Joseph's separate school next Wednesday.

Principal Sean Briggs told the Free Press he was pleased with this figure. There are currently 150 registered, including last year's students and kindergarten children. However, he said, he knows of at least ten more youngsters who will be attending the school but have not yet registered.

When the school first opened last September only 100 were expected. On the first day of school, 116 were registered and the total increased throughout the year. A projected figure of 160 is extremely good, he said.

New families in town could be part of the reason for the increase, Mr. Briggs said. However, he did not rule out the possibility that with the school just opening in 1977-78, some parents in town might have been reluctant to send their children to a newly formed school. Registrations will be taken the rest of this week and on the first day of school.

A portable classroom has

been moved to the school grounds on School Lane to accommodate the grades five and six students. This will be Mr. McGeagle's class.

A new teacher, Brian Morris, has been transferred from Holy Cross in Georgetown to teach the grades 7 and 8's. He will be replacing Rudy Lipp and Mr. Briggs who shared the job. Mr. Lipp taught for half the day in Acton, and the other half in Georgetown. Mr. Briggs kept up with his principal's duties when not teaching. Mr. Lipp will go back to Holy Cross full time, and Mr. Briggs will become reading resources teacher. Another new teacher, Miss Elizabeth Crins will head grades 4 and 5.

St. Joseph's students will share six Professional Activity Days (P.A. Days) with the public schools. These will be September 5, November 27, January 26, and May 4.

Other days off will be September 29 (P.A. Day), October 9, (Thanksgiving), December 23 to January 2, (Christmas vacation), February 19, (P.A. Day), March 19 to 23, (March break), April 13, (Good

Friday), April 16, (Easter Monday), May 21, (Victoria Day), and June 18, (P.A. Day). There will be one float day in the fall term which will be October and a P.A. Day.

The school bus route has added one stop at Acton Blvd. and Norman Avenue. Mr. Briggs says this is primarily for Bovis subdivision and area residents, who would normally have to walk to Mill and George St.

The following is subject to revision and times are approximate:

The bus will stop at 25 Sideroad west of Highway 25 at 7:37 a.m. It will make two stops at the town line at 7:41 and 7:43. A fourth stop will be made on 17 Sideroad at 7:45, and on 15 Sideroad at 7:48. At 7:50, the bus will stop on Highway 25 S. north of 15 Sideroad. Students along the First Line north of 17 Sideroad can board a public school bus, also at 7:50.

The St. Joseph's school bus stops at 25 Highway S at 7:55 and again on Highway 25, south of the town line at 8 a.m. At the Fifth Line south of the town line will be the next stop when it heads up Highway 25 north at 8:03. By 8:05 the bus is on Highway 25 in Wellington county and five minutes later at the Rockwood town line. The 14th stop is the town line at 8:15. At 8:20 a.m., the bus stops on the Fourth Line north of Highway 7. It stops on the same road two minutes later.

At 8:25, the students head down Churchill Rd., arriving at Churchill and Westcott at 8:27 a.m. It then goes over to the new stop at Norman and Acton Blvd. two minutes later and makes its last stop at George and Mill Streets at 8:30.

Anyone who would like further information may contact the school.



ST. JOSEPH'S separate school principal Sean Briggs and secretary Helen Lenisky go over this year's enrolment figures. Registration for new students was held yesterday (Tuesday), but names will be taken for the rest of the week and on the first day of school, next Wednesday.

## Town to go metric

The conversion to metric measurements has hit the planning departments of municipalities. By the beginning of next year Official Plans must be metric and the end of 1979 so must zoning bylaws.

The metric conversion applies to plans of subdivision, surveys, site plans and Committee of Adjustment applications.

Councillor Pat Patterson is opposed to the change, saying in the whole of United States there are no metric measurements. He termed it a political move which costs a fortune.

Halton Hills finance committee conceded there is little they can do about it.

## Hinton's plea to reduce administration rejected

A bid by Acton-Esqueping Trustee Bert Hinton not to have a senior Halton Board of Education administrator replaced failed Thursday. Not a single trustee supported Hinton's call to streamline the administration when a superintendent leaves in October.

Hinton suggested duties now handled by Superintendent of Program Bruce Mather be spread out among the remaining administrators and Mather not be replaced. Mather is leaving in October to become Director of Education of the Hastings school board.

Hinton, who has suggested similar administration reorganizations in the past said it was necessary to demonstrate to Halton taxpayers that the board is doing everything possible to reduce costs.

He didn't think streamlining the administration would add a great work burden to other administrators.

Hinton said in a time of declining enrolment costs must be cut and streamlining the administration would be a step in the right direction.

Burlington Trustee Bill Priestner pointed out the board has reorganized its administration four times in nine years and joked that only the Hamilton Tiger Cats change personnel quicker.

The only reason Oakville member Len Crosier seconded Hinton's motion was so it would at least be discussed, he said. Crosier said he didn't support Hinton's idea.

Hinton said the fact there have been administrative reorganizations in the past was no reason to shy away from another now. He said the board should be ready to deal with reorganization at any time.

Director of Education Em Lavender said the senior administration has been reviewed and the position of Superintendent of Program is

## Charges pend in assault

Charges are pending against a 30-year-old Kingham Road man who is accused of using a broken beer glass to cut the hand of another man in the Dominion Hotel sometime Friday or Saturday.

He noted over the years the board's administration has been reduced.

Lavender concluded the only way to reduce the administration now would be if trustees reduced their expectations for the public school system in Halton.

## Commitments heavy

Claiming already-heavy work loads, councillors sitting on the Regional Health and Social Services Committee were reluctant to volunteer when openings for regional representatives to two other bodies were announced.

Vacancies exist on the School Health Services Committee and the District Health Council.

The School Health Services Committee provides liaison between the Health Unit and the Board of Education. Stewart Cramp, provincial appointee to the recently-dissolved Board of Health, formerly sat on this committee.

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