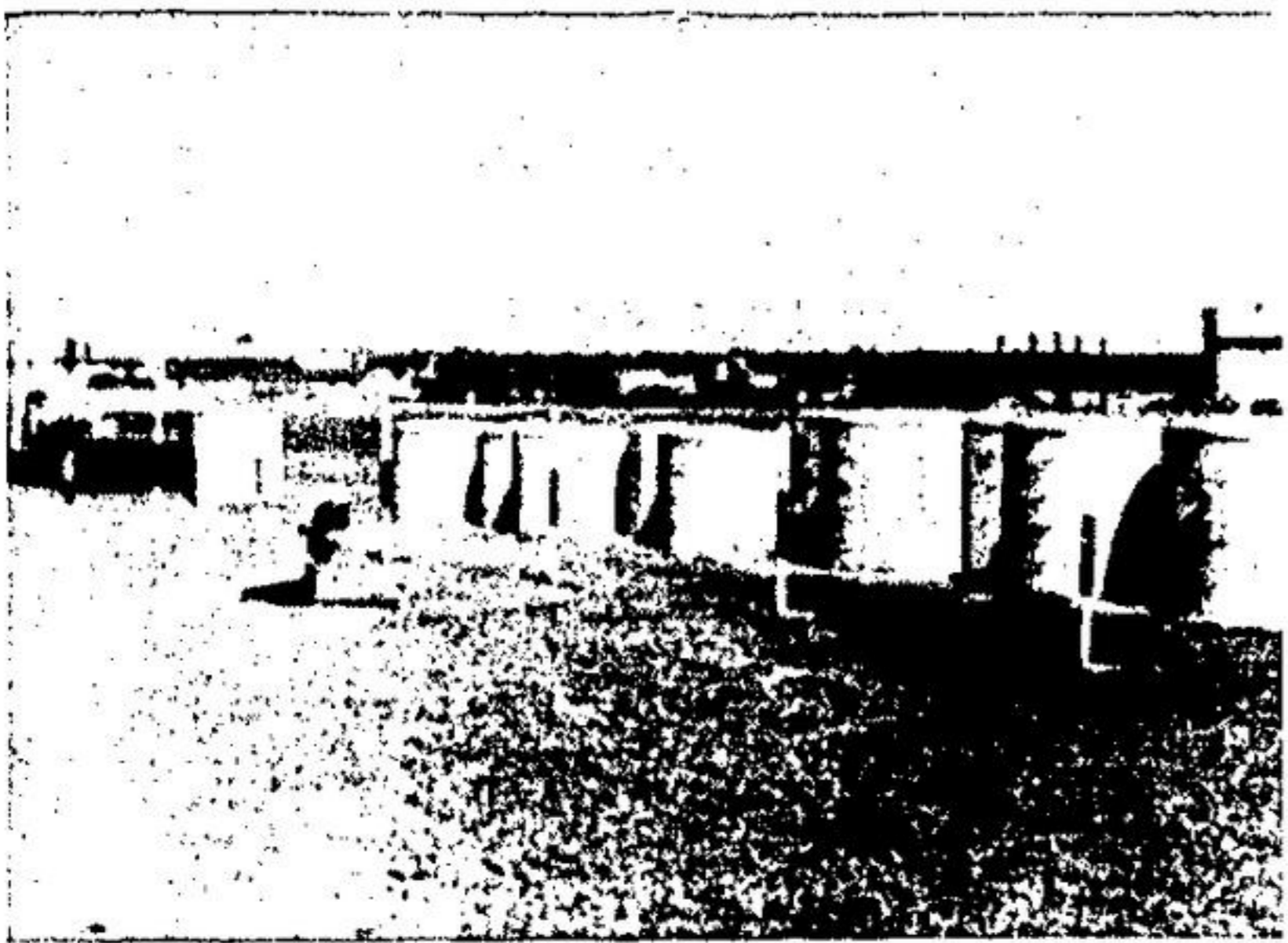


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Eagle Distribution Agent For New Safety Device

Eagle Signal Division of E. W. Bliss, on Guelph Street, are the sole distributors in Canada of a brand new safety device which Loren Puck, local Engineering and Sales manager, claims will successfully stop out-of-control cars with a minimum of damage and little injury to the occupants.

At the moment Eagle Signal does not manufacture this economical device, known as the Fitch Inertial Barrier, but plans to when the demand warrants it. Last Thursday the first Canadian installation was made at the Gardiner Expressway, and Leslie Street.

REDUCE HEAVY TOLL
Originated by race driver, John Fitch, the system is designed to substantially reduce the heavy toll on the highways caused by cars striking fixed objects such as bridge abutments, exit-ramp walls and overpass piers.

Non-Grade Schools Mean Board Must Rent Computer

The computer age isn't making life any easier for Halton Board of Education.

The board was requested Thursday to consider two proposals involving computers.

The first calls for purchase of an \$85,000 computer for instructional purposes, and the second referred to the need for \$40,200 to rent computer time for administrative purposes.

PROVIDE MONEY
Burlington trustee Bruce Edwards said the board shouldn't make a decision on either item until it decides whether it wants to provide money for a computer system which would serve both instructional and administrative needs.

However, the board approved expenditure for computer rental after Education Director James Singleton said the board could not resolve the entire computer question in time to provide computer service for administration purposes.

A NECESSITY
Singleton said when the board approved the concept of non-graded schools, "it bought a computer necessity." The computer is required to make up individual student timetables, he said.

At the present time, computer assistance is being provided for scheduling in six Halton high schools and for reporting to parents in five schools. All 13 secondary schools will be using the non-graded system beginning in September, 1970 and computer assistance will be required for their schedules. However, only one additional school — Georgetown District High — will be using the computer reporting system in September.

LOGICAL APPROACH
Members of the board's computer education council were present to support their brief which said educational effects created by student use of a computer include "an increase in motivation in all subject areas, the generation of a logical approach to problem solution, familiarity with a device which is rapidly changing our environment, and exposure to concepts not previously encountered."

B.A. DEGREE AT GUELPH



LOIS (NIVEN) WICHMAN

A Georgetown District High School graduate received her Bachelor of Arts degree at the January 30 convocation at the University of Guelph.

Mrs. Terry Wichman majored in English in her course, and graduated with honours.

The former Lois Niven, daughter of Mrs. Thomas Niven, 3 Edith Street, and the late Mr. Niven attended teachers' college then took a special course at Belleville and a summer course at Clarke School for the Deaf in Massachusetts before joining the staff of the Ontario School for the Deaf, Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wichman were married in December and are living at Applewood Towers, Mississauga. He is a chartered accountant with McDonald, Currie and Co., and she is continuing as a member of the staff of the Milton school.

Information Night For College Hopefuls

Grades 12 and 13 Georgetown District High School students and their parents have been invited to participate in a University Information Program being presented at Milton High School, Wednesday, February 18.

All 16 Ontario universities will be represented there.

Discussion will centre on the courses offered by universities, the educational requirements needed for entrance into these courses, their costs, residence fees, and other questions related to university life in general.

Bus service is being provided for those who do not have transportation to and from Milton. The bus will leave the Georgetown high school at 7 p.m. and return at 10.15 p.m.

RC School Supporters Get Tax Reprieve

Public Invited to Golf Club's Winter Fun Day

Georgetown Golf & Country Club is throwing a party in the snow Saturday and everybody and their families are welcome.

Family sports day has become an annual feature at the club which again is swinging wide the gates to allow the general public to take advantage of its 219 acres of rolling terrain.

The snow-covered acreage is ideally suited to winter sports and that's what is on Saturday's bill of fare.

TORCH PARADE
Sleds, toboggans, skis and snowmobiles will dot the hills during the fun day

the first part of which will conclude with a torch parade at 7.30 p.m.

Free sleighrides, hot dogs and hot chocolate will be popular features with the young frolickers.

Organizers have given the evening to the adults, who after depositing the kids at home, can return to the club for a casual merrymaking to the music of the Kent Trio, a suitable conclusion to Valentine's Day.

TALK WALK
The Oxfam Walk Committee met last week to begin planning the 1970 Miles for Millions walk to be held May 2.

Queens Park Saves Holy Cross Taxpayers From 85 Mill Hike

Georgetown separate school supporters have won a temporary reprieve from an 85-mill tax increase this year.

The Georgetown Separate School Board had a \$11,173 bank loan outstanding at the end of 1968 when Halton County Separate School system was created.

Provincial legislation required Georgetown to repay the entire loan in 1970.

EXTRA \$425
The county separate school board learned that an 85 mill increase on a house assessed at \$5,000 would add \$425 to the 1970 tax bill.

James Hogan, superintendent

for the Halton board, said Monday the provincial government had postponed for one year the requirements of present legislation.

He also indicated that the department of education intends to introduce new legislation this year which would permit Georgetown and other communities caught in similar dilemmas to phase out repayment of the money over several years.

"The department is aware of the complexities of the problem," he said.

BURDEN
When the board learned of

the Georgetown predicament, members indicated the necessary tax hike would be an impossible burden and suggested that relief be sought from the provincial government.

The board decided to write Education Minister William Davis and send copies of the letter to the minister of resources and management, George Kerr, Halton West MPP, and Halton East MPP James Snow.

Peter Walters, Halton Separate School Board chairman, said legislation which established the county boards was not too well prepared to deal with a situation like the one in Georgetown.

IMPOSSIBLE
He said it would be impossible for Georgetown to repay the debt and illegal for the county board to do it.

The county board must pay nearly \$9,000 a year in interest on the loan.

Teachers' Panel at Meeting of A.C.L.D.

A panel of 5 teachers of special education held the attention of the audience at the recent meeting of the Association for Children with Learning Disabilities.

Moderated by Mrs. Richard Perrott, they panel consisted of Mrs. Sandra Duffy, Georgetown High School, Mrs. E. Musick, Pineview School, Wayne Edmundson, Chapel Street, David McFarlane, Stewarttown School and Mike Homer, Harrison School.

SLOW LEARNERS
Mrs. Duffy, who teaches Grade 9 and 10 in occupations class told the group her Grade 9 class this year was not perceptually handicapped since these children were now attending General Brack, but were slow learners. She pointed out many had become defeated through years of failure in regular classes.

"Our aim is to teach them to live with their fellow man," she stated. "Most are quite capable of holding a job," said Mrs. Duffy, "and some progress to the point of entering the 4 year Commercial course."

ENVIRONMENT
David McFarlane said he felt the senior public school offered a better environment for the students in special classes, since they are not as obviously bigger and older than the rest of the students.

Mike Homer, chairman of a special education committee for Halton County, explained that new methods of teaching are constantly being investigated and tried.

President of the Association Doug Creswick, announced his resignation, since he has moved to Brampton. A new executive will be chosen at

the next general meeting, February 28.

Three Injured When Two Cars Collide
Three people were treated in Georgetown hospital Sunday afternoon for injuries received in a two car accident on the Georgetown Market lot. Police said Dorothy Davad, of 19 Weber Drive suffered fractured ribs, Brenda Short, of Feversham, a bruised right hand and Joyce Short of Feversham a bruised hip in the accident.

They were all taken to hospital in a private car.

Dorothy Davad was the driver of one of the cars involved. The other was operated by Gerald Willis of 84 Duncannon Drive.

Police said the Willis car was westbound in the plaza when the Davad car entered from Highway 7. Property damage was \$300 and \$600 respectively.

Mrs. Blackburn spoke about natural dyeing. Using sheep wool from her own farm and dyes extracted from native Ontario plants such as ragweed, marigold, and Queen Ann's Lace, Mrs. Blackburn spins and weaves her own clothes and rugs.

All present at the meeting were members of the Burlington Rug Hookers' Guild and Georgetown Weavers Guild.

12 Room Moore Park School Ready for September Classes

The open concept school in Moore Park named after the late Mayor Joseph Gibbons, is slated to open September of this year for students from kindergarten to Grade 6.

The school now under construction by A. Peterson Ltd., sits at Jocelyn and Moore Park Avenue. The principal will be appointed this month, according to Ron Campbell, assistant supervisor for this area.

OPEN AREA CLASSROOMS
Upon completion, there will be 12 open area classrooms, a general purpose room, used also as a gym, a music room, a double kindergarten, two small health rooms, change rooms and office area.

It will bring eight the number of elementary schools in Georgetown.

WORTH \$50 PRIZE

Ferguson - Collier Team Jaycee Car Rally Winners

Winner of the first place \$50 prize in the Jaycee sponsored car rally Sunday, was the team of Graham Ferguson and John Collier, in a Toyota Corolla.

The \$25 second prize went to Dave Patterson and Donna McKeown and the \$15 third prize to John Nurse and Sid Chartier.

The 14 cars wound over an

80 mile course of back roads check points too early or too late resulted in point penalties. Headlights on during the rally identified the cars taking val, and back to the starting point.

HEADLIGHTS ON
Each car carried a driver and navigator who had to stop at the various check points along the way. Arriving at the

Jaycee Brian (Inder) headed the rally committee.



Winning rally team of Graham Ferguson, left, and John Collier.