

START IN GRADE SIX

Increase French Studies in Elementary Schools

Halton Board of Education approved last week to eliminate one of the disparity in elementary school French programs offered in the county.

Subject to budget approval, the board has agreed to institute French programs in grades 6 and 7 across the county, in Grade 8 in schools in which a French program already exists, and in Grade 8 in schools of the East Education Area.

The board's decision came as a result of recommendations from the French Languages Program Council which was established by the board to study varied programs offered by former systems before the amalgamated Halton board came into operation.

Wornby W.I. Meet at Ms. Stan May's

The February meeting of the Wornby Women's Institute was held on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 11, at the home of Mrs. Stan May. The public relations officer, Mrs. Lew Sampson, was in charge of the program which opened with a short poem titled "To My Neighbour" followed by a story of a bus trip to Mousonice which was written in poetry form. The next speaker, Miss Gladys Festerone was introduced and she and her friend Miss Lindy, took the ladies on an imaginary trip to Hawaii. They told of their flight there and so showed a number of souvenirs which they brought back with them. A number of lovely slides in colour were also shown, and questions were answered. Mrs. William McPherson thanked the speaker and presented her with a gift. The program closed with a verse entitled "If you can diet while all you won't try it — then you'll be slim." The president, Creil Patterson was in charge of the business.

STARTING POINT

The council was to determine the starting point for the French program in elementary schools and recommend courses and materials for development of a program.

A brief setting out the council's recommendations was tabled at a board meeting on Jan. 15.

Major recommendation in the brief called for starting French studies at the Grade 5 level in all Halton schools.

A request to approve this plan in principle was turned down by the board last week.

In its brief, the council outlined an alternative proposal, the plan approved by the board.

FLEE WINTER'S GRIP

Spain, Portugal, Canaries Popular with Vacationers

Following the festive season of Christmas and New Year's the winter exodus of sun seekers began, with most of the local vacationers this year heading for Spain, Portugal, and the Canary Islands. Next in popularity now, is the Caribbean, with the Barbados topping the list of islands.

Despite the distance, Hawaii is now coming into its own with Eastern Canadians, and a few Georgetownians headed for the land of the hula.

GOING FURTHER AFIELD

A few years ago Florida, Nassau, and Jamaica was as far as most winter holidayers went, but now with horizons broadened, the spots further afield are attracting more and more refugees from Canadian winters.

One of the many lures of the south of Spain and Portugal is the cost. Accommodation is still cheaper in that area than most other resort spots.

Musts in any tour of Southern Spain area are Costa Del Sol, Algrave Coast in Portugal, known as the 'Garden of Portugal', and Tenerife in the Canaries.

FEW BOOKINGS FOR EXPO '70

Morocco, right across from Spain, is included in most of the tours with a visit to the Casbah, and added attraction for the adventurous bargain-seeker.

As yet only a few bookings for Expo '70 in Japan, have been handled by Barber and Bentley, Georgetown travel agents. They warn accommodation is scarce, on a private basis, but a number of tours are still available. A sidetrip to Hong Kong is included in most of these tours.

Canvassers Needed

March is Red Cross Month in Canada, the time when the Canadian Red Cross makes its annual appeal for funds. Canvassers, 16 or older, are urgently needed for this year's campaign. Be a good citizen. Volunteer as a canvasser for the Red Cross in our community. The more canvassers there are the less time and effort it will take to meet this year's objective. Help spread the work load.

"WORKING FAIRLY WELL"

Rebuts Claims Halton Doctors Kept Waiting for OHSIP Cheques

Charges that the gross income of many Halton doctors are down by more than 70 per cent because of slow payment of claims made to OHSIP has drawn a rebuttal from Rob Brownridge, assistant secretary of the Ontario Medical Association.

Mr. Brownridge said this week the mechanism of OHSIP is now working fairly well and doctors' complaints over late payments have generally been settled.

Dr. Milwaski said he knew of one doctor who had drawn \$11,000 from the bank since Oct. 1.

"The entire problem hinges on the fact that so many patients still don't have OHSIP numbers," he said.

Dr. Milwaski was not available for comment on Mr. Brownridge's statement, this week. His receptionist said he is holidaying for two weeks in Acapulco, Mexico.

SINKING INTO DEBT

The president of the Halton Medical Society, Dr. William Milwaski, said earlier that Halton doctors are sinking farther into debt because many have not had a payment from OHSIP for more than eight weeks.

Brownridge admitted the delay in payment caused some difficulties for doctors. He said some had to borrow money to meet overhead expenses such as salaries. He added most of these doctors have now received their overdue payments.

DON'T HAVE NUMBERS

The Halton Medical Society

Hints Jail Terms for LSD Possession

A former Georgetown Judge, John D. Ord, indicated this week jail terms may be given persons convicted of possessing LSD.

In Brampton court, Judge Ord refused bail to a 17 year old youth who pleaded guilty to possessing the drug.

FOOTHOLD

Ord said youths are "being coerced by people shrugging their shoulders at marijuana to think all drugs are not harmful."

"LSD is a very serious drug, and it is gaining a foothold in this community," he said.

APPROVE NINE AS TAXI DRIVERS

Taxi drivers are one commodity which isn't in short supply in Georgetown.

Nine men were approved by town council on Monday to receive taxi driving licences.

They are: David Harley, 21 Ewing Street; David McLeod, 52 Main St. S.; Pierre Lucker, 20 Sarah St.; Maurice Hutchins, 55 Stevens Cres.; Donald Lancaster, 17 Eden Place; Herb Robinson, 27 Arletta St.; James Timleck, 45 Ann St.; John Shail, 87 Raylawn Cres.; and Philip Hayes, 21 Temple Rd.

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KATING CLUB'S SPECTACULAR

Yellow Brick Wall Will Lead Carnival Crowd to Oz

The wonderful land of Oz will come to life on Memorial arena ice Saturday when the Georgetown Figure Skating Club waves its magic wand to create the wizard and all the other Ozites for matinee and evening audiences.

The story of Dorothy and her adventures along the yellow brick road will occupy the first half of the carnival program. The second half will feature guest skaters Robert Rubs of the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club, Diane Hall and Debbie Jones of the Toronto Granite Club.

The Georgetown club professionals are Gale Verhaegen, Aaron Dwyer, and Mary Jane Robinson.

Major rolls in The Wizard of Oz will be taken by Debbie Jones as Dorothy, Kathy Sue Cassiter as Toto, Sharon Walton as the scarecrow, Sharon Swift as the tin man, Lisa Ilett as the cowardly lion, Heather Moores as the good witch, Linda Finney as the wicked witch, and Kris Barrow as the wizard.

They will be supported by a cast of 200 young skaters as munchkins, poppies, children of Oz, guards of the wizard, fighting trees, quaddings, and winged monkeys.



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"Wonder if I'll be discovered."



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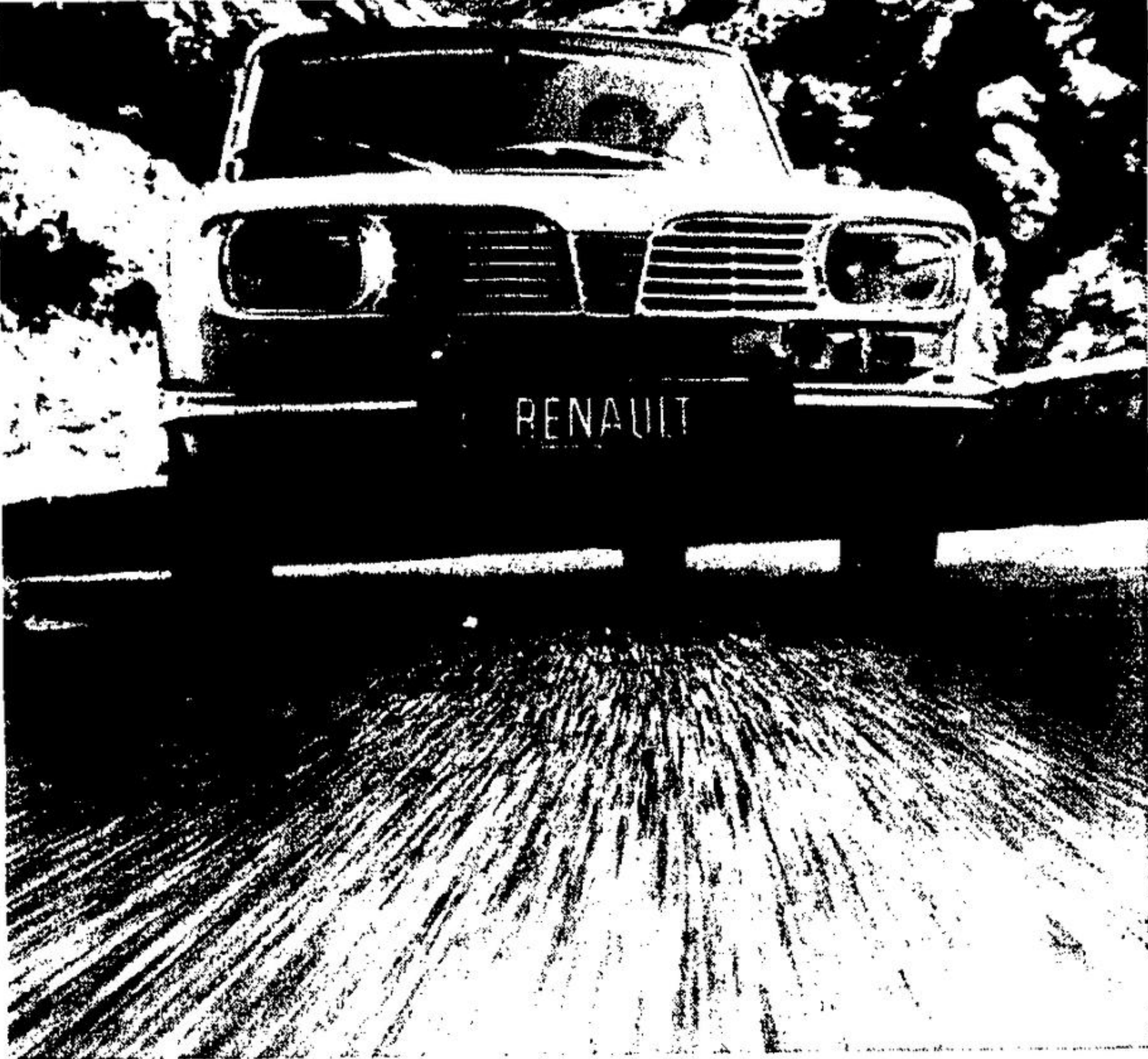
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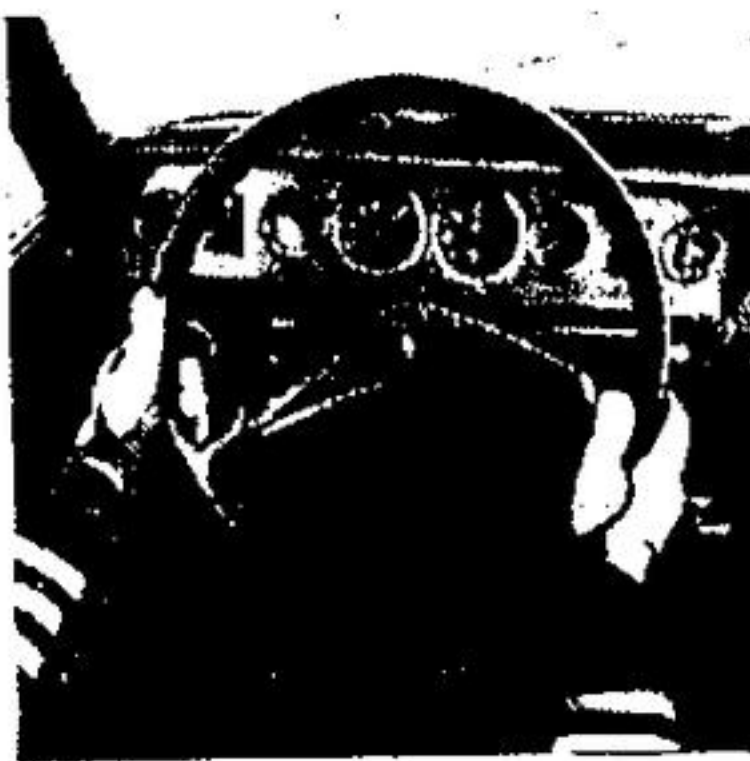
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