

Expect Decision on Norval School Later This Month

A ratepayers' group fighting to save and improve Norval three-room school slated for closure after next year may get an answer from the Halton County Board of Education before the end of this month.

Esquering trustee Bill Lawson, who represents the Norval area, says he expects the trustees to discuss it further by the end of May.

The education administration has recommended closing the school because it is uneconomical and does not provide equality compared with other county schools.

CAN AND SHOULD

The ratepayers committee headed by Peter Hughes, Julian Reed and Wray Youmans, say the school can and should be saved for the local virtues it offers.

Among these are the sense of community gained by attending school right near home; the

HINTS OF OPPOSITION

It is small surprise to find the ratepayers' committee is not happy with Lawson's representation of Norval on the board. Several members offered hints of opposition in the next board elections in December, '72.

"We are categorically not prepared to accept a continuation of the present situation," says Reed.

He says the Lawson survey is "like asking, 'What do you want — potatoes or beans?' when in actual fact we asked for corn."

POOR COUSIN

Reed says the hamlet is tired of being a "poor cousin" in Halton because it is located on the border with Peel County. He adds that schools everywhere else in the county have improved and expanded but not in Norval.

"We're not asking anything more," he stresses.

Hughes says that administrators admitted at the original ratepayers meeting in Norval, February 2 that the closing was not basically a question of finances, and that in fact no significant saving for the board was involved.

TWO CHOICES

In response to a survey by the ratepayers' group that showed most of the parents in the area would like to keep their children in a local school, Lawson decided to prepare his own survey covering every parent who sends a child to the Norval school.

The survey will not mention improving or expanding the existing school, a proposal Lawson says was turned down twice already by the old township school board.

He says he will offer the parents two choices: keep the school open as it is after September, 1972 or have the children go by bus to one of several possible schools in Georgetown.

MISLEADING

Assistant to the Halton education director, Em Lavender, says the arguments about busing are somewhat misleading because over half the students attending Norval already take the bus to get there.

He says only 37 of the children in all six grades live in Norval within the two-mile walking limit set by the board; the others are coming in by bus already from outlying areas and it would mean very little to them in terms of bus time to continue on to a school in Georgetown.

Lawson expects the results of his survey to be available for fellow trustees soon.

SINCERELY INTERESTED

The essence of the fight over Norval school is really a definition of the quality of an education, explained Reed.

He says the board is obviously sincerely interested in improving the quality of education — as it sees it.

But it is equally obvious that the ratepayers group has a different point of view on what constitutes quality, and there seems no way that both can win out.

ASHGROVE

Garden Club Newest 4-H Project

The first meeting of the Ashgrove Garden Club was held recently at the home of Grace and Carolyn Bird. Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Wickson are the leaders. The meeting opened with the 4-H pledge and was followed by greetings from Mrs. Bird, and selection of officers.

They are — president Karen Wickson; vice president, Margaret Robinson; secretary treasurer, Carolyn Bird; press reporter, Ann McClure; lunch convener, Grace Bird.

Mrs. Bird told the members that Achievement day is to be held in late August and that the exhibit is to be on 'Let's Toss a Salad.' She also said that gardens are to consist of 10 vegetables and 4 annual flower seeds. The girls then had a discussion on how to plant the garden. Lunch was served by Grace and Carolyn Bird.

The second meeting of the Ashgrove Garden Club was held at the home of Karen Wickson. The 4-H pledge was followed by the secretary's report. The roll call My favourite flower and why was answered by all members present. The club name and cover design is to be settled at the next meeting. Mrs. Wickson gave some notes on gardens. Mrs. Bird gave a demonstration on how to plant seeds in flats. She also handed out pamphlets to do with gardens. Grace and Lois McNabb served lunch.

The Friendship Unit of the UCW met on Tuesday evening, May 11, in the fellowship room of Hillcrest United Church with

fifteen women present. Assistant leader Mrs. Robert Cunningham opened the meeting with a hymn and prayer. Worship was in charge of Mrs. M. McLaughlin on Mary, mother of Jesus. Mrs. Vern Pickett read scripture, a solo Mother's Prayer was sweetly sung by Mrs. Fred Wickson, and a story 'The Meaneast Mother in the World' was told by Mrs. George Wilson. The study was given by Mrs. John McNabb on economics, how it affects people and the hemisphere. Money is used constantly, it makes the world go round and we can buy everything we need and want with it. Two stories were read. A Mennonite camp on a weekend brought across what it's like to be in need and not get all you want. The second, the Cheat's Remorse, told of a young man, broke and no job, but by a bit of cheating acquired a little something for himself. A very interesting question and answer period followed. Roll call, your favourite flower, brought out many lovely ones, but the rose seemed the most popular. There was a business discussion, Mrs. Harvey Nurse gave the courtesies, and hostess Mrs. Clayton Wilson and assistant Mrs. B. Elliot served lunch.

Congratulations to Miss Debbie Elliot who won the championship for accordion playing in Guelph, in the Canadian Music League recently. She is now the regional champion. The end of June, Debbie is playing in Hamilton with six others and if she wins she will be grand champion. We all wish her the best of luck that day.

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EMPHYSEMA PROBLEM ACUTE — Tough Campaign Urged to Warn Youth of Disease

The newly-elected president of Halton County Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association urged a strong educational campaign aimed at young people to help them live longer.

"What interests me these days is the emphysema problem," H. H. Hinton of Acton told the Association's annual meeting.

"It seems to me urgent that we point out to young people what they can do to relieve themselves of this hazard to their older days."

OPPORTUNITY

"We have to reach the younger generation to give them the opportunity to defend themselves," he said.

Emphysema is a disease of

the lungs and is aggravated by, among other things, smoking and air pollution.

Ewart Carberry, representing the Ontario Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association told the meeting the Halton group is nearing its goal in expanding its activities over a wider county area.

"We in the Ontario Association are very proud of your efforts," he said.

Georgetown people on the new board of directors include Halton's MOH Dr. J. H. Chamberlain, William Kinrade, and Keith Barber.

Others include Mrs. E. Sanford, Limehouse and Mrs. Horace Blyth, Acton.

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REVENUE FUND BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1970

ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 15,868
Accounts Receivable:	
Municipalities (including under requisitions)	19,973
Government of Ontario	178,114
Other	2,918
Due from other funds	68,035
Deficit — Predecessor Boards as at January 1, 1969	62,109
TOTAL	\$ 347,017
LIABILITIES	
Bank indebtedness	\$ 90,330
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities:	
Municipalities (including over requisitions)	114,460
Other	133,237
Debt charges due and unpaid	8,990
TOTAL	\$ 347,017

Dated 15th April, 1971

DR. L. BRAIDA,
Chairman of the Board

J. D. HOGAN,
Chief Executive Officer

REVENUE FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE for the year ended December 31, 1970

REVENUE	
Local Taxation:	
Requisition and supplementary taxes, etc.	\$ 837,194
Under or over requisition to be adjusted in 1971	(114,460)
Government of Ontario	3,562,798
Government of Canada	7,569
Other	9,501
	\$ 4,302,602
EXPENDITURE	
Business administration and computer services	\$ 163,952
Instruction	2,740,420
Educational services	5,333
Attendance, health and food services	2,702
Plant operation and maintenance	370,814
Transportation	213,904
Tuition fees	43,238
Other operating expenditure	4,087
Debt charges	756,455
Non-operating expenditure	2,547
	\$ 4,302,602

CAPITAL (BUILDING) FUND BALANCE SHEET as at December 31, 1970

ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 207,027
Accounts receivable	2,575
Fixed assets	9,724,757
	\$ 9,934,359
LIABILITIES	
Due to other funds	\$ 68,038
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	1,255
Long-term debt	7,318,018
Investment in fixed assets	2,547,052
	\$ 9,934,359

STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF CAPITAL FUNDS for the year ended December 31, 1970

SOURCE	
Par value of debentures issued	\$ 1,305,000
Other	85,633
TOTAL	\$ 1,400,633
APPLICATION	
Fixed Assets:	
Buildings	\$ 1,001,624
Furniture and equipment	23,878
School sites and improvements thereto	103,645
Other	15,070
Total	1,144,217
Net change in Capital Funds	257,016
Unexpended funds or (amounts not permanently financed)	
Balance at beginning of the year	(118,703)
Balance at the end of the year	140,313


AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SUPPORTERS OF Halton County Roman Catholic Separate School Board

We have examined the Revenue Fund and Capital (Building) Fund Balance Sheets of the Halton County Roman Catholic Separate School Board as at December 31, 1970, and the Statements of Revenue Fund revenue and expenditure and Source and Application of Capital Funds for the year then ended. Our examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion these Financial Statements present fairly the financial position of the Board as at December 31, 1970, and the results of its operations and the source and application of its capital funds for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted for Ontario School Boards applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

HORNE, BOOTH, LYONS & WANDS
Auditors

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