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**LATE MAYOR'S PORTRAIT WILL HANG IN SCHOOL NAMED FOR HIM**



Joseph Gibbons Public School principal Logan MacDonald and Mrs. Gibbons with portrait of the former Georgetown mayor which was presented to the school at the official opening last week.

## 8-YEAR-OLD BOY DROWNS IN ABANDONED QUARRY

### Raccoon Responsible for Major Hydro Interruption

A raccoon that tangled with a 3,000 kilowatt Ontario Hydro transformer bank threw hundreds of Chinguacousy Township residents into a lizze for up to 1 1/2 hours Friday.

The raccoon is being listed by the Ontario Hydro as the cause of a fire in two trans-

former units at the distributing station located north of Brampton.

The fire, quickly extinguished by the Chinguacousy township fire department, caused a power outage which affected 200 to 300 homes in the township for up to 1 1/2 hours.

Charles Macintosh, Ontario Hydro public relations officer, said the Brampton office dispatched a crew to the distributing station and managed to transfer the electrical load to the Snelgrove and Norval distributing stations to restore power around 6:30 p.m.

He said an extensive rural area was affected by the outage but there was little damage to the transformer station.

### Cut by Rock Dropped From Rail Overpass

Playing on the Canadian National Railway tracks is a dangerous past-time to start with, but dropping rocks from the railway onto people and cars using the John Street culvert makes it more so.

One woman who uses the John Street underpass told The Herald Tuesday she had to have stitches to close a cut in her head when hit by one of the stones dropped by children. She said cars have also been bombed by the kids who obviously don't realize the seriousness of their game.

Wayne Thomas Weatherall of R. R. 1, Georgetown drowned Saturday in a small abandoned quarry near his R. R. 1, Georgetown home. He was eight years old in January.

An autopsy report ruled his death accidental due to drowning, though no water was found in his lungs. It is believed the shock to his system when he jumped into the cold water

caused his unconsciousness and suffocation which is still classified as drowning.

**HEARD SCREAMS**

North Halton OPP Constable Doug Ormsby said the boy was accompanied to the quarry by his sister Sherry and friends Paul Bilton and Gary Rolfe.

When the boy failed to surface, the others attempted to rescue him without success. Sherry Weatherall was almost pulled under by the weight of her brother while trying to get him to shore.

The body was eventually located by Andrew Spiece also of Georgetown. He was nearby and attracted by the screams of the children. He dove into the water and located the boy within minutes.

**GRADE THREE PUPIL**

Wayne was rushed to Georgetown Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead by Dr. Engelbrecht.

The quarry is owned by Bruce Patterson of Mississauga. Wayne was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Weatherall, and a grade three pupil at Limehouse Public School.

He also leaves brothers Bob and Kevin as well as his sister Sherry, and grandmothers Mrs. Olive Brown and Mrs. Frances Louden.

**UNCLES PALLBEARERS**

Rev. Kelvin Johnston of Ballinacod United Church conducted the funeral service Monday at the H. McClure Funeral Home. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Four uncles, Lindsay and Winston Weatherall, Ray Ekstrom and Fred Corley were pallbearers. Vicki and Wendy Ekstrom, Dinne and Pamela Vogan, and Tammy Weatherall were flower bearers for their cousin.

**"Conservation Costing Too Much Money", Says Hill**

Reeve Tom Hill blasted two Halton Region Conservation Authority proposals to spend \$2,500 on enlarged ski facilities at Kelso and \$125,000 to acquire land near Bronte.

The proposals were outlined in a letter to council, Tuesday night. The Authority claimed the ski facilities to be paid off over five years at \$18,500 a year, would be self-supporting through increased revenue. The land acquisitions would cover 117 acres of valley and table land near Queen, Elizabeth Highway and Bronte Road.

**"NEVER"**

Reeve Hill snorted "never" when the last sentence of the letter asked when a representative of the Authority could meet with council.

Cr. Len Cox, a member of the Authority defended the proposals, pointing out the ski tow would be self liquidating and would draw a lot of people from Toronto. He claimed 35,000 used the existing ski tow last year.

**FAR ENOUGH**

"This conservation has gone far enough," retorted the reeve, "and is costing the taxpayer too much money."

"It's hard for me to believe the money is badly spent," replied Cr. Cox, "when I see the damage done to land by the quarries."

**SHOT MOUTHS OFF**

"The quarries have been working there for years and nobody from this area said a word about it," the reeve shot back. "Then the newspapers shot their mouths off, and everybody got on the bandwagon."

Finally council agreed to see the Halton Region Conservation Authority representatives, next Monday night.

**JULY 1st FIREWORKS**

The fireworks display, cancelled because of rain, May 24, will be held on Canada Day, July 1, Mayor Bill Smith told a committee of council, last Thursday night.

The mayor suggested a program should also be organized with perhaps a band concert and other entertainment. Cr. Donna Denison will consult the recreation committee about the July 1st celebration.

## Elementary Teachers Settle Get 7.2 Per Cent Pay Raise

Halton Elementary School teachers settled for a 7.2% wage increase last week, but the Secondary School teachers and the Halton County Board of Education are stalled in an impasse, following Monday night's meeting.

The secondary school teachers now plan to refer the negotiations to the executive of the O.S.S.T. District 9.

Monday night's offer to the secondary school teachers was a 7.37% increase including fringe benefits, according to Ernie

Bodnar, chairman of the negotiating committee.

The 7.2% increase to the elementary school teachers sees the minimum, through the seven levels unchanged from last year, but the maximums are up varying amounts.

The differences between the existing agreement and the new agreement are shown below:

**EXISTING AGREEMENT**

Level	Minimum	Maximum
1:	\$5,500	\$7,103
2:	\$5,900	\$8,800
3:	\$6,300	\$10,500
4:	\$7,200	\$11,800
5:	\$7,500	\$12,600
6:	\$8,300	\$14,200
7:	\$8,800	\$15,100

**NEW AGREEMENT**

Level	Minimum	Maximum
1:	\$5,500	\$7,400
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3:	\$6,300	\$10,900
4:	\$7,200	\$12,000
5:	\$7,500	\$12,900
6:	\$8,300	\$14,600
7:	\$8,800	\$15,500

**MERIT PAY COMING**

Bodnar noted few teachers are rated in the top three levels so few will earn more than \$12,100.

Although the board did not improve its two-thirds OHSIP payments for teachers, it in-

creased hospitalization from 50% to 60 2/3% and extended health care and group insurance to one-third of present costs from all last year.

A \$600 increment after two years, when the permanent teaching certificate is issued will help those close to the bottom of the schedule.

The Georgetown trustee said the \$600 jump after two years is a preliminary step in shaping the schedule for possible inclusion of some kind of merit pay.

**PRINCIPALS GAIN**

A major gain for principals was the change from their traditional four classifications to three.

Principals of schools with 6 to 13 rooms get salaries ranging from \$15,500 to \$17,500 in \$500 increments.

Principals of schools with between 14-18 rooms get up to \$18,500, and principals with 19 or more rooms get up to \$20,000.

Vice principals get a salary as outlined in the teacher schedule plus \$1,750 provided the total is not less than \$12,750. Their salaries range to a maximum of \$14,750 in \$500 increments.

**FOUR MONTHS**

Co-ordinators and assistants' salaries range from \$17,750 to \$20,000, \$18,500 to \$18,000 respectively. Consultants get the appropriate teacher salary plus \$2,000, unchanged from last year except in the salary schedule.

Teachers and some other classifications can also earn an extra \$500 for a post graduate degree.

The elementary school teachers wage settlement came after four months of negotiations.

## D.O.T. Gives Green Light To Maple-Guelph Signals

The Department of Transport has finally agreed there is enough traffic at the corner of Maple Avenue and Guelph St. to warrant traffic lights.

Council received the word with enthusiasm, so much so that Cr. Donna Denison was prompted to write in verso to let Cec. Davidson, who wrote in verse when he complained of the corner, know of the happy turn of events.

The poem reads like this:

The Department of Transport has surveyed day and night; And now has laid council, "Let there be light." At the main intersection of Maple and Guelph, Council's establic, and as for yourself, We're sure you'll be pleased with council's endeavour; For soon there'll be lights and controlled traffic for ever.

**UPHELD TRADITION**

The change of command ceremony was held at Brampton Secondary School at 2 p.m. and was witnessed by 200 guests.

Brigadier General B. J. Legge inspecting officer, told the unit Col. Lince had upheld all the best in Canadian military tradition, and asked the men to serve as effectively under Col. Egan. He told the men belonging to a Scottish regiment is something special, providing a special kind of military training.

"The volunteer soldier is very important to Canada today," said the inspecting officer as

claymore was taken from the retiring C.O. and given to the incoming C.O. by Col. John R. Barber, who was substituting for the C.O. of the 48th Highlanders, Lt. Col. R. L. Egan.

Lt. Col. Lince, commanding officer for the past three years, stood alone on the dais, as he took the salute for the last time, while 200 Lorne Scots, led by the Lorne Scots' Pipe Band marched past.

A tradition of the regiment was upheld when the C.O.'s

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Lt. Col. Lince reviews his old company, C Coy, during change of command ceremony, Sunday

## What was Said About High School Pay Offers

"The Halton County Board of Education has obstinately refused to consider any of the facts that are currently governing salary settlements in education and industry," Georgetown high school teacher Tom Ramautarsingh has charged. He is president of Halton District 9 Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, who are stalemated in contract talks with the Halton board.

He made the charge in a press release issued this week. He said many teachers in surrounding areas have achieved settlement in the 6-8 percent range and a large number of industrial settlements are in the 9-11 percent range.

"The board's present offer is less than five percent," he stated.

**LOWER PROPOSAL**

"In order to demonstrate our continued faith, the executive of District 9 has decided to request negotiations assistance from our provincial organization," said Ramautarsingh.

He said the Halton high school teachers have put before the Halton board an offer "considerably below its original proposal."

Ernest Bodnar, Georgetown's trustee on the Halton board and chairman of the salary negotiating committee, said in a press release that the teachers had broken an agreement not to make public statements about salary negotiation, "and since the areas of disagreement will now become public, the board's salary committee is concerned about putting its case to the taxpayers."

He said the increased cost to the board in instructional salaries is estimated at 6.9 percent not including the increases offered in the fringe benefit package. Increased board contributions to hospital and medical plans makes the total board offer 7.38 percent.

"The board is aware of the need to pay fair and reasonable salaries to its teachers. It is also aware of its responsibilities to the taxpaying citizens of this county," Bodnar said. "It is the opinion of the board's salary committee that its salary offer is fair, reasonable and responsible to all concerned."



Lt. Col. and Mrs. Earl Lince