

Retiring in June, Teacher Is Honoured at Reception

Over 200 pupils, ex-pupils and colleagues, turned out at Park School, Saturday afternoon, for a farewell reunion for Mrs. Ruth Forgrave, who is retiring from the teaching profession she entered in 1929, at the end of the month.

Three of her ex-pupils, one from the thirties, one from the fifties and one from the sixties each recalled the warmth and understanding of Mrs. Forgrave as a teacher. She did not teach in the forties.

SENSE OF DUTIES
Doug Sargent, a former mayor, told the audience he was in the first class she taught at Chapel Street School, and felt her most important contribution was the ability to instill a sense of duty in her students.

Dave Kentner recalled the joy of achievement found in her pupils, and noted many of the leaders of the town and town activities had been her pupils.

Janie Williams, who acted as mistress of ceremonies for the occasion, told of the quick enthusiasm of Mrs. Forgrave for every accomplishment by her pupils. "When we put on plays Mrs. Forgrave talked as if we were Broadway material," commented Janie.

PAINTING
Present day pupils Allison Brown and Tony Smith present-

Mrs. Forgrave with a large painting by Frank Black. The gift was from everyone, some present, some absent, and was arranged by the Park Parent-School Association and teachers in both Park School, and Chapel School where Mrs. Forgrave used to teach.

Mrs. Forgrave wondered if the speakers were talking about her, "I'm just an ordinary classroom teacher, who loves children," she began.

She said she started 'Normal School' now known as Teachers College, 43 years ago this month, and started teaching in Ashgrove, S.S. 3, Esqueving in 1929, with a class ranging from beginners to Grade 9.

TEACHERS HELPED
Four years later she went to Chapel Street School, when Miss Ryan was principal, and Miss May Langdon was on the staff. "Doug Sargent was my pupil then, and I was very proud when he became mayor," she remarked. She told the group she was married in 1937 and retired from the profession. When she was widowed in 1950 she returned to teaching at Chapel Street School, then moved to Park School when it opened in 1959.

"Nowadays I sense an abiding desire of people for happiness and security and would be thrilled to think teachers had helped to bring that about,"

added Mrs. Forgrave.

HONOURED GUESTS
Miss May Langdon sat with the honoured guests, including Mayor Bill Smith, School trustee Ernie Bodnar, trustee of the old school board Ed Wilson, assistant superintendent Ron Chapman, and Park principal Peter Oprica.

While some well wishers clustered around the retiring teacher others tried to recognize themselves and classmates from old school pictures on the wall.

Fire in Abandoned House, Blame Birds

A fire at the peak of the roof of a long abandoned mansion, Thursday afternoon, may have been started by birds, according to a theory advanced by Fire Chief Jack Cunningham.

He said young birds found hopping on the floor of the house suggested the mother bird may have brought a hot cigarette butt back to the nest.

The abandoned stone house is situated on the 10th line near 27 Sideroad, and is owned by Larmar Developments.

The only other fire call was a false alarm turned in Saturday morning.

Teachers Claim Board Offer Not Comparable With Peel

A provincial officer of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation will lead the teacher bargaining committee whenever talks between the Halton County Board of Education and its 876 high school teachers resume.

Tom Ramautarsingh of the Georgetown District High School Teaching staff who is president of the Halton District 9 OSSTF teachers, told the Herald Monday that he contacted the chairman of the board's negotiating committee, Ernie Bodnar of Georgetown, and asked him to set up a meeting "anytime, anywhere."

CRITICAL
Ramautarsingh says the provincial OSSTF executive has also contacted Bodnar to say they are willing to even meet weekends to settle their salary differences.

Negotiations broke down and the teachers decided to call in their provincial officers after their committee rejected the board's final offer May 31.

In his statement Monday, Ramautarsingh was critical of some parts of the board's press release last week giving details of the offer rejected by the teachers saying it went to great lengths to compare min-

imums and maximums in each category with settlements in surrounding areas when the point of the issue was in the middle of the salary grid.

NOT COMPARABLE
He said about 50 percent of the teachers in Halton high schools are at the three to five years experience rating and the board offer would give them a range from \$8,200 for the third year in Category 1 to \$10,600 for the fifth year in Category 4.

"I emphasize, this is the area of the grid where the teachers' negotiating committee feels greatly concerned because the board's offer is not comparable with other settlements in Peel and Toronto," Ramautarsingh said.

He said the board has left the people to believe the teachers are getting more than a fair deal when they state the salary figures as "take home pay." In fact, he said, the figures given are gross pay rather than take home pay.

DIFFERENT
"What the teachers are attempting to do is simply negotiate a salary schedule for Halton secondary school teachers whose situation is different and we are attempting to

recognize these differences through our proposals," he said.

The latest offer to the Halton high school teachers as contained in the board's press release is:

Category 1: Minimum \$7,100 maximum \$12,300; Category 2: minimum \$7,500, maximum \$13,100; Category 3: \$8,300, maximum \$14,700; Category 4: minimum \$8,800, maximum \$15,800.

For comparison, settlements in other counties are listed below:

PEEL —
Category 1: \$7,100-\$12,500;

Category 2: \$7,400-\$13,100; Category 3: \$8,300-\$14,800; Category 4: \$8,800-\$15,750 plus cost of living adjustment.

LONDON —
Category 1: \$7,100-\$12,100; Category 2: \$7,400-\$12,900; Category 3: \$8,300-\$14,600; Category 4: \$8,800-\$15,600.

WINDSOR —
Category 1: \$7,600-\$12,300; Category 2: \$7,900-\$13,000; Category 3: \$8,800-\$14,500; Category 4: \$9,300-\$15,400.

TORONTO —
Category 1: \$7,200-\$12,200; Category 2: \$7,500-\$12,800; Category 3: \$8,400-\$14,500; Category 4: \$8,800-\$15,500.

Category 4: \$8,900-\$15,600.

In Metropolitan Toronto a Merit Plan was offered in addition to this schedule. For those boroughs who opted out of the merit plan, an additional \$200 is payable at the Maximum for 1971 only.

Other allowances offered in Halton County are: Schools with rated capacity: Principals, up to 1200 pupils, \$20,500-\$23,000; over 1200 pupils \$20,500-\$23,500. Vice principals up to 1200 pupils \$17,500-\$20,000. Department heads: Major \$1900; Minor \$1,100; Assistant \$850.

Co-ordinators \$17,750-\$20,000 - assistant co-ordinators \$16,500-\$18,000. Consultants - Placement on the salary grid plus \$2,000.

It Was a \$10,000 Week In Country Collisions

The North Halton Golf Club parking lot was the scene of a collision, June 3 at 1:43 p.m., where damage totalled \$900.

\$500 damage was done to a 1969 Ford station wagon driven by Tracy Barrager, 6 George Street, and \$400 damage to a '70 Plymouth driven by Raymond Steele, 58 Rexway Drive.

The following day at 11:54 a.m., a single car accident on 20 Sideroad west of the 8th line, caused \$500 to a '63 Rambler driven by Henry Breeschooten, 259 Guelph Street.

Later the same evening a collision on the 7th Line at No. 5 Sideroad, between a 1971 Firebird and 1965 Rambler caused \$1,300 damage. The Firebird driven by Beverly Slessor, Milton, received \$600 damage and the Rambler driven by Peter Vandenberg, RR 5 Milton \$700 damage.

Damage amounted to \$1,000 when a '70 Hornet and a '71 Datsun clipped each other on Highway 7, a mile east of the Peel-Halton line, June 5, at 1:35 a.m.

The Hornet driven by Elizabeth McNeil, 2 Rosefield Dr., Georgetown was damaged to the tune of \$400 and the Datsun to the tune of \$600.

Also on June 5, the 7th line and the base line was the scene of an accident when a '71 Maverick, driven by Vera Cramp, R.R. 2, Georgetown and a '64

Chrysler driven by Marie Beerman, Rockwood collided. \$900 damage was done to the Maverick and \$200 to the Chrysler.

In a single car accident on the 6th line south of 10 Sideroad, June 5, Otto Kleindorf, R.R. 3, Georgetown damaged his '70 Ford to a total of \$1,000.

When a '65 Plymouth and a '69 Dodge came together on 25 Highway north of 10 Sideroad June 6, the Plymouth driven by Frances Mitchell, Milton received \$135 damage and the '69 Dodge driven by Graham Dredge, \$120 damage.

The 20 Sideroad in Glen Williams, was the scene of an accident June 6, at 1:50 p.m. when a 1969 Meteor and a '69 Triumph collided. The Meteor driven by Arnel Rivard, 81 Murdock Street received \$100 damage, and the Triumph driven by Douglas Alton of Clarkson, \$300 damage.

When James Scott, Brantford lost control of his car on the 17 Sideroad and the 10th line, June 8, at 6:06 a.m. his 1970 Ford veered off the road and was damaged to the extent of \$100.

DID YOU KNOW?
The gardenia a tropical flower, was named in honor of Alexander Garden, a Scottish naturalist.



Allison Brown who made the gift presentation, and Ernie Forgrave look on as Mrs. Ruth Forgrave reads the accompanying card.



Verbal best wishes from members of Mrs. Forgrave's 1970-71 class at Park Public School



Three decades are represented by former pupils Dave Kentner, left (1950's), Janie Williams (1960's) and Doug Sargent (1930's) as they chat with Mrs. Forgrave.

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