

Study 'Open Concept' Before More Schools Built in Halton

A special sub-committee of Halton County Board of Education on teachers has recommended the board give further study to its present system of open concept schools before embarking on building more of the schools without interior walls.

Georgetown's newest school, Joseph Gibbons on Joyceelyn Crescent is open concept.

And where the schools are retained, the sub-committee wants them equipped with some traditionally-walled classrooms, or at least portable dividers, for students unable to cope with open concept learning.

The report by the Open Area Program sub-committee of the English Program Council recommends that teachers have more training and help in handling both them and individual teaching in the open schools, which have large open teaching areas used by several classes at once with no walls and corridors between them.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Among the sub-committee's 11 recommendations is one that open concept schools should be built with some self-contained areas for use by students who do not function well under open concept.

One of the 11 disadvantages of open concept listed on two of the 49 questionnaires re-

turned to the sub-committee was that many students shirk responsibility and 'hide' in the large group where it is difficult for a teacher to keep constant track of one person.

MORE HELP

The recommendations emphasize the need for all teachers, and especially newcomers to open concept, to have more consultation and help.

TRAINING

One major recommendation calls for a formal teacher training course for those going into open concept teaching.

The committee noted in conclusion that a study is necessary "to investigate the success of the open area with the purpose of determining whether or not the open area be continued" a study which is now starting under the Halton County Public School Principals' Association.

Among the advantages of open concept listed by the nearly 140 teachers who answered 49 questionnaires for the committee are the flexibility of grouping because the children can be moved about easily and the opportunity for teaching teams to provide more individualized programs.

Other frequently mentioned advantages of open concept are the better ideas and lessons resulting from pooling the talents of several teachers,

the better evaluation of students and reduction of personality clashes when the young people can work with more than one adult, and the greater opportunity for youngsters to work at their own individual levels.

DISADVANTAGES

The most prominent disadvantages named were the overflow of noise from one group

Sunshine Students Are Prizewinners In CNE Crafts

Two students from the Sunshine School for the Mentally Retarded at Hornby were winners in the all-Ontario School Art and Handicraft Competition sponsored by the Women's division of the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto.

Tommy Cramer, 12, and Charles Aldwell, 10, submitted entries in picture making and simple crafts categories, and both youngsters emerged victorious. Tommy's picture making project was a farm scene including fences, barn and fields, made from cloth. Charles submitted a carry-all bag made from wool.

Entries were received for 62 categories in the competition. Winning entries will be on display at the CNE from August 19 through to September 6.

to another when they are working on different topics, the resulting tendency to stick to "non-disturbing" activities reduction of teacher rapport with individual students, and difficulties in keeping track of texts and supplies.

A few teachers also complained poor control of discipline by one teacher would upset the work of surrounding groups. The net floor space per class is less in open concept than in regular classes and intricate planning required for team teaching tends to destroy spontaneity. Team work also requires members to get along exceptionally well together.

Old Homes Here Illustrate Zeta Phi Architecture Talk

Architecture was the program topic presented by Mrs. Pauline Hughes and Mrs. Eleanor Cawley at the June 1 meeting of Zeta Phi Chapter at the home of Mrs. Lynda Tyrell.

Mrs. Hughes began the program, fully illustrated with pictures, by explaining that architecture can be defined as a blending of the useful with the beautiful in building. The Egyptians were the first to develop a form of architecture by building great temples to their gods. The vast pillars upheld massive stone beams, known as a post and lintel construction.

DEVELOPED ARCH

As stone is not found along

the Euphrates River, the Babylonians made their buildings from baked and sundried clay bricks. Having no stone for beams they had to devise a way of using bricks to span a doorway so the arch was developed.

The Greek's intellectual vitality resulted in the evolution of the columns, copied even today in buildings all over the world.

The Romans borrowed the forms of Greek architecture, but did not understand the spirit which inspired them. However, they did carry "dome" ceilings to an unsurpassed degree of excellence.

It was pointed out that through the ages the buildings of a nation are a sure indication of their weaknesses and their strength.

LOG CABIN

Mrs. Cawley began her segment of the program with the illustration of the crude one room log cabin first constructed in Canada and gradually expanding with additions and hallways, through the Georgian, Loyalist and Regency vernacular into modern stylings.

The final high point of this presentation was actual photographs taken by the girls of very old homes in the Georgetown district. Here it was clearly illustrated the various styles of architecture, previously described in the program.

This program was most illuminating and so impressed its audience that it was decided to submit it into the International Program Contest of Beta Sigma Phi.

During the business meeting Ways and Means Chairman, Mrs. Pauline Hughes, announced tentative plans for a Strawberry Social. Social committee chairman, Lois Rogers, has made plans for the final social event of the season, a scavenger hunt, barbecue and pool party.

It was mentioned that the prize money won by the Chapter in this year's International Cook Book Contest has been set aside towards next year's service project.

Even Pickled Mice in Ashgrove Auction Sale

Who'll give me six? Going once, twice, SOLD, to the lady with the white floppy hat.

These and other similar chants brought people from as far away as northern Toronto, Willowdale and Burlington to the second church auction held at Hillcrest United Church, Ashgrove, within the last two years.

More than 100 articles were consigned to the auction by people from the Hillcrest congregation and several others were donated by people from Georgetown and other nearby congregations. Young and old alike came from miles around to mingle in the atmosphere of a good 'ol country auction.

AROMA BECKONS

The aroma of steaming wienies and fresh brewed coffee attracted everyone to the food booth set up outside the church, and members of the Hillcrest Young People's Society served double decker ice cream cones and cans of multi-flavoured cold pop to the youngsters.

Adults and children enjoyed breathing the country air and several spread out blankets and enjoyed a family picnic on the church grounds during the auction.

Several prospective buyers were attracted to a mantel clock that was well over 100 years old. "I'm waiting around until this gem is sold," an old farmer quipped. "It reminds me of the one my granddaddy used to have."

The mantel clock sold for \$90, a fair price for the century old masterpiece. "Just listen to the tone of the chiming," the proud buyer noted.

Certainly Satisfactory A grand total of \$300 was recorded after expenses had been paid and auctioneer Ward Brownridge said the total was better than he expected. "It certainly was a satisfactory effort on everyone's part. Several consignments came in late Saturday morning and there was sufficient help with loading the articles on the hay grounds.

Mr. Brownridge also revealed several prices which articles sold for. His short list included a horse drawn cutter for \$35, set of swings at \$18, two spool beds at \$33 each, a cider press for \$25, a sugar kettle at \$37, two Victorian chairs at \$21 each, one Flo-

Blue dinner plate for \$6, a harness maker's bench at \$16, brass light fixtures for \$16, an old time boot scraper for \$8 and three homestead quilts at \$10 each.

He also noted an old gallon wine jug stamped Dominion Winery, Oakville Ltd. sold for \$2. "The funny part of the jug was the fact that some of the wine had been left in the bottom of the jug and two mice had crawled in and died inside. Those two mice, well I'd hate to say how old they might be, but they were pickled solid in the pure alcohol," he laughed.

Heading the committee in charge of the auction were Ashgrove residents Jim Carney, John Wallace and Ward Brownridge. Clerks for the day were Mrs. John McNabb and Tom Blackett.

The last auction sale sponsored by the church was held in 1969. "I believe we raise more money by holding the auction every two years" one spokesman said.

Records showed many of the buyers after the antiques were from the Toronto, Woodbridge and Burlington area.

— Janet Braida

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NORVAL

Public Meeting Hears Plea For Norval School Retention

The annual pot luck supper of Norval Women's Institute was enjoyed on Thursday evening June 3 at the home of Mrs. Elgin Terry followed by a short business meeting. It was decided to have a picnic in July and Mrs. Kathy Chester, Mrs. Terry and Mrs. Green were appointed to arrange the details.

The supper was followed with a public meeting in the parish hall at which the ratepayers' Committee presented their outstanding brief that they had presented to the Halton School Board regarding the board's proposal to close Norval School.

Peter Hughes, chairman of the committee, was assisted in presenting the brief by Norman Guthrie, Wray Youmans, Julian Reed, Bob Crawford and Dick Marshall, using their maps, drawings, etc. All were favourably impressed by the brief. Questions were answered by the committee.

Mrs. Graydon Chester, president, welcomed those present and turned the meeting over to Mrs. Ed McLean, education convener who had been assisted by Mrs. Kathy Chester in planning the meeting.

Mrs. Keith Webb gave the courtesies, thanking the committee for their time and efforts and also St. Paul's Anglican Church for the use of the parish hall.

Following the W. I. sponsored part of the public meeting a discussion was held on a brick plant that plans to locate near the village as some opposition to it has been voiced by some ratepayers. Dick Marshall and Mrs. Lynda Swackhamer were added to the ratepayers committee to assist Norman Guthrie in look-

ing into this matter.

Norval Presbyterian Church celebrated its 133rd anniversary on Sunday, June 6, with Rev. Wayne Smith, assistant secretary of the Board of Evangelism and Social Action as the guest minister. His sermon was entitled "The Church at the Crossroads."

Guest soloist was Mr. Vincent Rosa of Burlington, formerly from Bermuda. The choir sang two anthems during the service with Mr. D. Van Ravens of Terra Cotta as organist. Rev. Howard Smith conducted the service.

The Most Rev. G.F.C. Jackson, Archbishop of Qu'Appelle assisted Rev. R. Ruggie, on Sunday, June 6, at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Norval, to celebrate their 125th anniversary. The liturgy form of the communion service was the one used by Rev. Jackson's diocese. He was a former rector at Norval in the '30's.

The boy's choir and a combined adult choir from St. Paul's and St. Alban's Anglican Church, Glen Williams, under the direction of Andrew Dewhurst and Mrs. Williams provided special music.

The service was followed by lunch served by the Ladies Guild in the parish hall and a social time enjoyed.

Norval Guides and the 1st Norval Browdie Pack enjoyed a bus and ferry trip to Centre Island on Saturday, June 5. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jarvie and children and Browdie leader Mrs. Dean Robinson and Mrs. Anna Ewan. They had a picnic lunch and enjoyed the activities and

sight-seeing of the island such as the animals, the rides, the haunted house, etc.

Gordon Fendley, son of Mrs. Lois Fendley and the late Fred Fendley, received word that he has been chosen to play his guitar and sing some of his own compositions at Ontario Place, Toronto. He will be notified of the date and time later. The auditions were held on May 1st. Congratulations Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ormie Carter returned home by plane from London, England, on Tuesday, June 1st, following an enjoyable 23 days in Europe.

They enjoyed a visit with their daughter Janice and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hughes and their little 8 months old daughter Helen, of London and also a visit with their daughter Kathy who is working in London.

They enjoyed a 9 day European tour crossing the channel from London to Ostend, Belgium. Some of the places they visited on the tour were Cologne, Neuremburg, 2 days in Vienna, Salzburg, Regensburg, Munich and Durene.

Several friends of Martin Woollett went to Malton airport on Sunday afternoon, June 13th to see him off to England. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Woollett have sold their home on the town line south of the village and are returning to England to live. Mr. Woollett and Martin left on Sunday and Mrs. Woollett will follow in a couple of weeks.

— Mrs. Ed McLean

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