

Teachers To Protest Report Urging Fewer Department Heads

Teachers will be at tonight's meeting of the Halton County Board of Education in large numbers to show the depth of their concern and to protest to a report submitted last week recommending fewer department heads and more non-professional assistants.

Tom Ramataursingh of the Georgetown District High School teaching staff, president of the Halton District 9 Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, told The Herald that his executive also plans to meet with the board tonight and present a position paper.

A large number of teachers were on hand in the board room when assistant director of education for Halton, Emerson Lavender, presented the report and its 24 recommendations. The board's administrators have been asking teachers for their views on staff reorganization since last spring, and according to Lavender the "warfare" has been generally favourable.

Part of the preamble to the report reads: "Serious staff change is difficult to implement unless the change has some measure of staff support and the effects of unilateral or sudden moves can be disruptive."

"Once a plan of staff reorganization has been developed it is necessary usually to consult with all concerned during the decision-making process. The front page of the Halton County Handbook for Schools indicates that prior discussion will take place before any staff policy is changed."

"Extreme care is essential lest the gains to be made for the students by the change are not offset by the emotional

disruption created among the staff.

Such reassurances have not allayed the concerns of teachers, said Tom Ramataursingh. "Teachers are uneasy," he said. "There is a deep sense of low morale among the staff."

Teachers will definitely be demotivated by the reduction in number of department heads, he added, reiterating a comment made by Tinsley at the board meeting.

Ramataursingh has sent two letters to the board, trustee Fred Armitage spoke up immediately to oppose the

moratorium be declared on staff reorganization.

The second one, potentially more far reaching in its implications, asks that teachers representatives be allowed to meet with trustees without senior administrators being present.

Senior official Jim Singleton, author of the report, is included among those whom teachers do not want present if such a meeting is called.

When Ramataursingh's letter was read to the board, trustee Fred Armitage spoke up immediately to oppose the

precedent-setting request. "We've never met without inviting our senior administrators to join us except when we've been discussing their personal salaries," said Armitage. "The author of the report should be present at this meeting to clarify his intent".

Ramataursingh said he was afraid that if senior officials were also at the meeting, it would result in two groups against one, trustees and administration versus the teachers.

"And besides, it's high time the trustees get to meet the

teachers and hear what we have to say," he added.

Some of the more important recommendations in the report are:

- A reduction in the number of department heads and the gradual elimination of minor and assistant heads.
- An increase in the number of paraprofessionals
- Classroom personnel who are not qualified teachers but who may be experts in other fields-and a corresponding decrease in the number of regular teachers.

-Renewable term appointments, with a first-year probationary period, for assistant superintendents, four years; consultants, three years; vice-principals, four years; department heads, three years.

-A minimum period of appointment for principals before they change schools or positions-four years in the elementary schools and eight years in the high schools.

The reasons for staff reorganization are financial

and come in wake of increasing public concern about the high cost of education. The provincial government has responded by placing spending ceilings on the individual boards.

"There are many more things to do than we have the resources to do," said Lavender. "Either we must provide a better program for students for the same money or get the same program for less money."

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Appreciative Crowds Clap Long and Loud for Jackson

Donald Jackson, former world champion figure skater, dazzled the crowds in the jammed Memorial Arena at all three performances of the Georgetown Figure Skating Club's "Carnival on Ice" Saturday and Sunday. His speed and triple jumps had the crowd hushed and wildly applauding alternately.

His appearance concluded each of the three hour carnivals featuring 300 skaters from toddlers, slipping, sliding, and falling to graceful, accomplished senior skaters.

The familiar tale of "Alice in Wonderland", with the characters whose names have become a byword for illogical behaviour, featured three beautiful "Alices". Sandra Sanderson, the tall one, Cydney Sherry, the medium sized one, and Gail Annett, the tiny one, when Alice had shrunk the farthest. Heather Duff was her sister.

The White Rabbit, Sherry Smeaton, the Baby, a somewhat large infant, played by a dimpled Bobby Hall, the Duchess, Eileen Hancock; the Walrus, Richard Norris; the carpenter, Tommy Simpson; the cat, Colleen Howard, brought the pages of Lewis Carroll's timeless tale alive.

The Tea Party, perhaps the most familiar scene in the book, had Kris Barker as the Mad Hatter, David Watson as the Hare and Norma Charette as

the Dormouse. Janice Snow and Jo-Anne Shannon were the frog doormen.

Surrounded by a pack of cards, the King, Patrick Shanks, Queen Julie Freestone, and Knave Hobbie Masson, led the courtly procession, took part in the crazy croquet game, where skaters formed the croquet hoops, and finished with the "Off with their heads" trial scene.

Pages in this scene were Hugo Dittfach, Jim Massena, Jason Mogg and Mark Snow. John Haarsma led the Caterpillars.

Guest skaters Debbie and John Dowding, took the starring roles in the interpretation of Jesus Christ Superstar, with John playing Jesus and Debbie as Mary Magdalene. The role of Pilate was taken by Patrick Shanks.

The applause was particularly loud for Debbie at the conclusion of her Sunday matinee performance. Despite a cut on one of her legs, inflicted by a skate blade during the performance, she completed the act, blood streaming down her leg. The wound had to be stitched closed.

A skating carnival depends heavily on behind-the-scenes efforts, and many willing workers lent their efforts to it.

Anna Annett and Tony Corbett were co-ordinators; Gail Verhaegen was in charge of music and sound; Uta Pet-

tingill and Jim Montgomery, backdrop design; Ed Elslinger and the Denny Shepherd family, props and erection; Bob Hall, ice decoration.

Ed Elslinger and Bill Watson handled lighting. Roy Ballentine, communications; Marion Smeaton and Leah Mogg, costumes.

Ticket sales were in charge of Hazel Hall, Vera Shepherd, Mary Aree, Mary Argie and Jane Hoddinott; dressing rooms, Donna Massena and Lillian Fudge; backstage, Shirley Lovell and Glen Skuce.

Sheila Shanks looked after the guest skaters. Carole MacLeod, Mary Simpson, Joy Watson, Jane Hoddinott, Linda Pritchard, Cathy Buckrell and Marilyn Serjeantson handled publicity and programs. Doug Hauser took charge of ushers.

The Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service was on hand for first aid if needed.

Tony Corbett heads the figure skating club executive, with Ed Elslinger, vice-president, Sheila Shanks, secretary, and Leah Mogg, treasurer.

Directors include Hazel Hall, Shirley Lovell, Donna Massena, Jane Hoddinott, Carole MacLeod, Marian Smeaton, Denny Shepherd, Anna Annett, Doug Hauser and Glen Skuce.

The skaters are trained by Gail Verhaegen, Janet Fell, Sharon Dwyer and Rick Dowding.

Advance Green Gets Nod

The Department of Transportation and Communications have given the okay to an advanced green light at Maple and Guelph Streets.

They said such a light was warranted according to their survey.

The total cost would be \$1,100, which will be subsidized 90 percent since this is a highway connecting link.

The advance green light is planned to reduce the waiting time of motorists turning south onto Maple Avenue from Guelph.

Skill, Guts and Determination Midgets' Championship Formula

"Three times and in" is the slogan of Georgetown's Sunny Acre Farms major midget hockey team.

For the third year, they competed in the Drummondville, Quebec, tournament.

And in the grand finals with Thetford Mines, they overcame a 5-2 loss to win the championship 7-6 on Sunday.

The team flew Air Canada, courtesy of sponsor Walter

Blanchi, owner and manager of Sunny Acres. He travelled with them and entertained team and fans at a gala victory dinner at the Manor-Drummond Hotel.

Throughout the tournament, telegrams of encouragement were received from Georgetown Minor Hockey Support group and several fans.

MIDNIGHT PARADE
Arriving home Sunday night, there was a midnight parade

around town, complete with police escort, wailing sirens and a 60 car entourage.

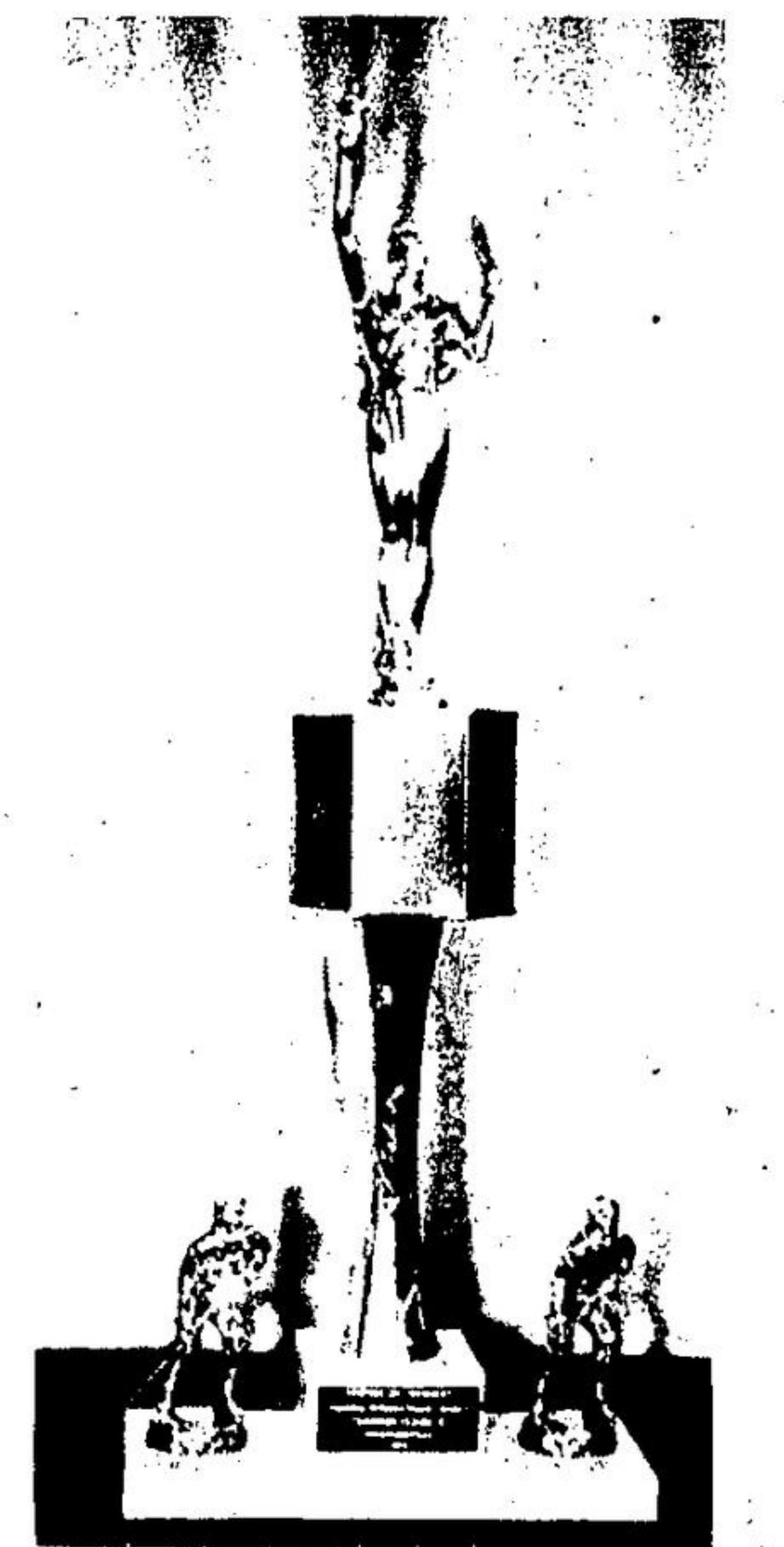
The final game was a cliff-hanger.

With the series tied, and only 27 seconds to go, Dick Popeil rammed in the winning goal.

Georgetown outchecked and outshot Thetford, with Blake Shortill breaking up their attack time after time with hard checks. Gary McFadyen and Kevin Reeks killed several Georgetown penalties and Paul Thompson showed offensive, as well as defensive skill.

Georgetown's first match was with Mount Royal, Tied 1-1 at the end of two periods. Georgetown fired 25 shots and scored twice in the third to win.

Gary McFadyen worked hard, killing all Georgetown's penalties, setting up the opening goal and scoring the clincher. Mike Forbes impressed with strong defensive play and offensive rushes.



Drummondville Trophy Georgetown's To Keep

Sod Turning Ceremony Officially Starts Maplehurst Centre

Former Maple Leaf centre, Syl Apps, now Minister of Correctional Services for Ontario, traded his hockey stick for a power shovel, Friday morning, when he and Hon. Jim Snow, Minister of Government Services, donned hard hats, and scooped up shovels of earth in the sod turning ceremony for the \$13.5 million Maplehurst Centre for Adults, near Milton.

Mr. Snow said 60 acres of the 90 acre site had been public property, with the remaining 30 acres purchased from the Harrop farm. In the second phase of construction, the centre would replace the Brampton and Milton Jails, said Snow.

Mr. Apps said Maplehurst would replace the out-of-date Mimico Correctional Centre, and relieve the pressure at Guelph Correctional Centre. "It will enable us to have better programs and do a better job in rehabilitating people sent to us by courts of the province," he added.

NATURAL SEPARATION
The training centre is designed to accommodate 200 young offenders between the ages of 18 and 25 with provision for dormitories, academic and vocational training and public visiting facilities. The correctional centre will house 200 short term repeaters from 18 years up, with similar facilities.

The two units will be separated by existing natural separations provided by trees, land grades, and creeks, plus the design of the building. Alternating use of the central facilities will be established.

In addition to the central facilities such as kitchen, dining room, chapel social and medical services, laundry and administration offices, sports facilities will include a quarter mile track, soccer field, hockey rink, horseshoe pit two baseball diamonds and wash and change rooms.

MAKE PLATES
All automobile licence plates in the province will be made in the centre's shops.

Mr. J. C. Thatcher, Deputy Minister of Government Services, introduced the guests, who in addition to Hon. Jim Snow, and Hon. Syl Apps, included Mayor Brian Best of Milton, Desmond Aitken, of the architects and Engineering firm of Dunlop, Farrow and Aitken, Jean Suret of Janin Building and Civil Works Ltd. builders of Maplehurst.

ALLAYED FEARS
He allayed the fears of persons who might be concerned about having a centre

such as Maplehurst so close to the built-up area of Milton.

He said, "In Kingston I live near the penitentiary, and I wonder why people are concerned."

Mr. Apps is no stranger to Milton. For two years he was president of Milton Brick Co. Ltd., before going into the brick business for himself in Kingston, which he now represents in the Ontario legislature.

ONLY LOSS
A tired club, playing their second game that day, met a fresh Thetford Mines team for their only loss of the series.

Several players were hurting badly. Both Popeils, Rick Becker and Kevin Reeks all had charleyhorses from stopping hard shots or being kneed.

Mike Forbes goal, scored on a



Donald Jackson, centre, was the guest of the Georgetown Figure Skating Club at the home of president Tony Corbett on the weekend. At a buffet there Saturday night, Jackson (centre), chats with carnival co-ordinator Mrs. Anna Annett and property chairman Denny Shepherd.

Four Lanes Would Solve Bus Problem

Guelph Street may be widened to four lanes from Queen Street to east of the high school, as a result of the board of education's rejection of a town plan to take the school buses on a lane behind Wrigglesworth school.

The engineer told the works committee, Monday night, the school board would not hear of a road, with a half moon turning circle running off Maple Avenue on to Wrigglesworth property. The intent of the road had been to relieve the congestion on Maple Avenue where some school buses load and unload.

Cr. Ern Hyde suggested the four lanes on Guelph from Queen to east of the high school to alleviate the traffic at that point.

Ernie Bodnar to a meeting to discuss it, but suggested the plan for the road widening include the fourth lane in case they were turned down again.

The rest of the committee agreed to recommend this to council.

Accept Knitting Mill Effluent Into Sewers

"We're damned if we do, and damned if we don't," was chairman Deputy Reeve Ernie Syke's comment, when works committee decided to accept the effluent from the washing operation at Beaumont Knitting Co. Glen Williams, in the town's sewage treatment plant.

The deputy reeve said the plant would be shut down by the Ministry of the Environment if they could not dispose of their waste any other way. The same Ministry said the effluent would have no adverse effect on the town's plant.

1500 GALLONS
The letter from Beaumont Knitting Co. said they would dump 1500 gallons a day.

Engineer Willis said it was negligible compared to the



SYL APPS AND JIM SNOW MAN THE SHOVEL.



Confident Midgets flashing victory signs aboard their departure bus last Wednesday morning turned out to be prophets.

MOVE FENCE
Works superintendent Frank Morette wondered if the school board would move the fence back to allow room for a pull-off spot on Maple Avenue, for the buses.

Reeve Ric Morrow urged having Georgetown trustee