

## SCHOOL HASSLE

# Residents Of Norval To Keep On Fighting

Norval residents are not ready to give up their fight to keep Norval public school open, even though the Halton board of education refused to reconsider the matter Thursday.

More than 50 residents of the village, in Halton Hills, attended the meeting, carrying placards proclaiming "We pay tax don't use the axe," and "This is Canada not Russia, dictatorship not welcome here."

Although the board would not reconsider the subject, a spokesman for the residents, Julian Reed, pointed out that "we don't intend to lose the school."

"We felt beaten six months ago, I was a beaten man, but now, I've sent a letter to the Minister of Education, Tom Wells, outlining the problem and requesting a meeting," he added.

Mr. Reed pointed out that he was shocked that the board considered the motion to reconsider during the meeting because it was not included on the agenda.

"I'm surprised that the subject was brought up, but I'm not surprised at the outcome. I don't consider it anything important because this will be a political decision," Mr. Reed added.

He and a number of other residents have tried to stop the board from closing the three room school since 1971. However, six months ago, the board passed a motion to close the school beginning in September this year.

"I feel that our civil rights have been violated, but now with the new support of the Halton Renaissance committee, we have a new lease on life," he said.

This year, some of the children of the village were bussed to schools in Georgetown, up to three miles away and involving a bus ride of 35 minutes.

Mr. Reed explained that in 1971 the school had 105 pupils, but because of the board's actions, the number was only 45 this year. The grades for the school went from two to five.

He accused the board of deliberately plotting to close the school since 1971 and claimed that new children moving to the village were not allowed to attend Norval public school.

The vitality of our community depends partly on an educational institute, just as it does from the church, business and homes," Mr. Reed said.

When the board decided to close the 20 year old structure, they listed a few reasons, including that the sewer system was inadequate. They also felt that the children were receiving an inferior education and that the school could not expand to meet the growing population.

"We'll hold a public meeting shortly to organize and plan our next step," Mr. Reed said. "I'll tell you one thing, we'll be back in August."

Board chairman William Priestner introduced the subject of reconsideration by reading a letter from the Halton Renaissance Committee, requesting the board to reconsider the decision to close the school.

Trustee Richard Goodin made the motion to reconsider the decision, and Trustee Len Crosier seconded it. However, the majority of council voted against reconsideration.

Mr. Priestner told the residents that the matter was closed for the evening, and that the decision remained to close the school.

"Perhaps in five years, from now, you'll look back on this and say it was a good decision," Mr. Priestner said.

## Await Report On Training Of Retardates

A special sub-committee is scheduled to report to the Halton board of education advising whether integration of trainable retarded students into regular schools is possible in the region.

The board tabled a motion until the report was prepared, to build passageways at two of the three trainable retarded schools in Halton. The passageways would connect the portable classrooms to the main building.

Trustee Len Crosier noted that the terms of reference for the sub-committee were "to evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of integration of retarded pupils, five to 21 into regular schools."

He explained that the report was due for Oct. 15 and would affect the future of the three schools in Halton, Bruce Lynn in Oakville, Mayfield in Burlington and Sunshine in Halton Hills.

"These are children first, and children with a special learning difficulty, and whatever we decide to do, we have got to do it right the first time to keep the atmosphere as constant as possible for the children," explained Mr. Crosier after the meeting.

He added that the report might prove that integration was possible only in certain areas, for example in Burlington and Oakville, but not in Halton Hills.

"The parents of the regular children and of the retarded children would have to decide the outcome also," Mr. Crosier said.

"We want to get something done on the issue of integration by September of 1975," he continued.

The board did approve the addition of two portable classrooms at Bruce Lynn and one each at Mayfield and Sunshine. The enrolment of the schools is over the recommended capacity, and both Bruce Lynn and Mayfield have projections for an increase of students this September.

## REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON LAND FILL SITE

### NO DUMPING AFTER HOURS

VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED



## Dump Below Standards GUARD Officer States

"The present dump is being operated below ministry of environment standards," warned Mr. Johnson. Six inches of fill are to cover the daily load of refuse. "A condition seldom met," noted Mr. Johnson.

The location of the site has been under fire since it was in the planning stages, due to its proximity to the Credit River. "Garbage can be easily blown into the river from the old and new sites," he added.

In addition the "leachate" caused by water seeping through the layers of decaying garbage has already begun to collect in a pool at the base of the site.

"It usually takes six months for leachate to form," added John Mitchell of Pollution Probe. "This water if not disposed of is a deadly pollutant."

**PUMPING**

"The pumping facility necessary to remove this contaminant is scheduled for construction shortly after the new contractors, William Menary Limited take over in September," said Len Cox regional councillor.

Construction and effective removal of the leachate can only be made in the warm months while it is in the liquid state.

Mr. Cox added "To my knowledge the site is being operated within Ministry standards. However, once reorganization is complete we will again re-evaluate operation procedures."

A three dollar per ton dumping charge will be made effective August 1 prior to Milton using the site.

"The dumping charge will be an incentive to those using the dump to consider recycling," said Mr. Johnson. "Any member of the group or myself would be more than willing to evaluate waste for reclaimables."

## Nurses At Hospital Can Expect Pay Raise

Nurses at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital can expect a pay increase as a result of the new budget proposals made by the hospital administration.

"The budget has yet to receive final approval," noted Mr. A. E. Morris, hospital administrator. The budget submitted to the ministry of health provides for increases in salaries for both the nursing staff and the service employees.

"Once approval for the budget has been given we can expect the increase to become effective immediately," said Mr. Morris.

Throughout the province nurses, members of the Ontario Nurses Association, have been staging illegal strikes in order to make their position known.

No threat of any action was made by the local nurses who are not members of the ONA. Negotiations with the union representing the service employees have been successful and the existing contract has been modified to take into consideration the needs of both parties.

A survey was conducted in order to provide the ministry with proportionate wage scales presently existing in the surrounding labor market. These recommendations will make hospital employees equal to other skilled labor in Georgetown.



Mr. Johnson will be presenting a brief to the regional chairman as prepared by the Ontario Garbage Coalition on the handling of solid wastes.

"Recycling projects in Etobicoke have reduced solid wastes by 13 per cent. Similar reductions can be expected here if we become aware of the damage these land misuse sites do," noted Mr. Mitchell.

Depots in Georgetown collecting cans, bottles and paper have been very successful.

Paper is collected by the Christian Reformed Church, cans by Pollution Probe 95 King Street and bottles at 12 McNabb Street.

## HYDRO LINES

# Fair Price Is Wanted In Land Dealings

The Halton Federation of Agriculture's main concern in any land dealings with Ontario Hydro is to get a fair price for the farmer, according to president Bruce McClure.

Mr. McClure, a Georgetown farmer, noted that on the average, an acre of land in the area is worth between 2,000 and 5,000 dollars. Somewhere within this range is a figure the farmer should receive.

"The main thing is for farmers to stick together to get a good fair price. If they decide to bargain on their own, and this is what Hydro probably

trouble," he said.

Mr. McClure explained that if Hydro bought a parcel of land for a low price they may be able to use it as a lever against other farmers asking more for their land.

"The main thing is to stick together and make Hydro pay the price we decide on. They're not known for going overboard," he added.

**NO HIRINGS**

The Federation, Mr. McClure pointed out may not hire a lawyer for the land transaction depending on how the situation develops. He added that the

transmission lines proposed to run through Halton would affect between 30 and 40 of the 250 farmers represented by the Halton Federation of Agriculture.

He said that the federation was considering sending a letter of protest to the provincial government against the proposed lines, but no plans were finalized yet.

"We haven't sent anything into the government yet and we don't know whether it's really worth it since the line is pretty well finalized now," he explained.

The route of the Hydro corridor was announced by the provincial government last week. The Halton region will be affected by transmission lines from both Nanticoke and Bruce generating stations.

**ESCARPMENT**

One of the lines will cross through Halton Hills coming the escarpment at Limehouse and travelling down approximately the middle of the fifth concession.

Another line will travel through Milton along Highway 401 to a sub-station on call I agricultural land. In discussing

payments by Hydro and the province to farmers for their land, Mr. McClure noted that he personally would "take a cash settlement."

"However, the method of payment is entirely up to the farmer. It will depend on his age and financial situation and probably all three methods of payment will be used," he explained.

Last Monday, Jim Snow, MPP for Halton East held a meeting to discuss proposed payment plans to the farmers. He outlined three different methods.

These included straight cash settlements, a special plan for agricultural land and an annual income payment based on the prime bank rate plus one-half per cent.

Mr. McClure pointed out that it would probably be a month before Hydro would do anything. "They'll have to survey the land first to find exactly where the route will be and then start buying after that," he explained.

As ancient Numidia, Algeria became a Roman colony at the close of the Punic Wars.



SUMMERTIME GAL

Bonnie Hewitt of 35 Victoria St., Georgetown expects to be busy this summer. Her

favorite hobby is camping. Later this month she plans to

take a trip out east with her parents.

## Budget Cuts Agreed Upon, End Results Not Definite

Halton regional council agreed to cut 10 per cent from each of the region's department's budgets in hopes of lowering the mill rate for taxpayers, but regional treasurer Don Farmer was not very optimistic about the end results.

Mr. Farmer noted that the 10 per cent cut would only be taken from certain budgets, which the region controlled, and did not include the conservation authorities' levies, certain social services and the police commission's budget.

He explained that the total cut would be about \$550,000 from the proposed \$9,960,116 budget which was accepted by council Wednesday.

"For the taxpayer, I would guess that it amounts to about three-quarters of a mill decrease, across the region, which isn't very much," Mr. Farmer explained after the meeting.

He pointed out that many projects were already started because of the late introduction of the budget, including the largest, most expensive road project.

The motion for the 10 per cent decrease was introduced by Coun. Mac Anderson, Oakville. He explained that it would not include children's aid, police or community services.

"I don't know of a better way than this to cut the budget. It may be an easy way out, but with the way the council is today, I doubt if hours of bickering will accomplish anything," he said.

**EXCESSIVE IMPACT**

Terry Mannell, Oakville, was not very pleased by the motion of an arbitrary cut of 10 per cent. He felt that the budget did not have "an excessive impact."

"We're not really cutting 10 per cent from the budgets, but actually 20 per cent because six months of the year have already passed," he argued.

He felt that the budget should not be changed, because it is as low as it was going. "We've gone through this everytime we get a new piece of paper on it," he added.

"This is not a responsible method of looking at a budget, at this time, I say a 10 per cent blanket cut is irresponsible or just an easy way out," Coun. Mannell said.

Coun. Carl Erikson, Oakville, agreed with Coun. Mannell. He felt the cut was "an easy way out but not a responsible way out after the work done by the treasurer and the staff."



\$1,000 WINNER

Mrs. Jack King of 20 Chapel St., Georgetown, is a \$1,000 winner in the second Olympic lottery. Mrs. King was at work when her number was announced so her husband, who was

watching the draw on television, was the one who let her know. When Mrs. King was asked what she would do with the money, she said that she has already spent it 10 times over.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**AN ACCIDENT** on Rexway Drive July 22 resulted in an estimated \$5,750 damage to three cars. A car driven by Douglas Duchin, 18, of Lyons Court collided with two parked cars outside 177 Rexway Drive. One received an estimated \$4,500 damage, and the other received an estimated \$250 damage. The car driven by Mr. Duchin received an estimated \$1,000 damage.

**THERE WAS A TWO CAR** collision at the intersection of Main Street and Mill Street last Wednesday. A car driven by Catherine Orwood of RR 5 Georgetown received an estimated \$250 and a car driven by Mabel Kaminsky of 99 Main Street North, Georgetown also received \$250 damage.

**BETWEEN JULY 18TH** and July 21st four charges of possession of marijuana and one charge of possession of narcotics have been laid by police. Charged are Anthony Moniata, Robert Duncliffe, Deborah Hollingsworth, Victor Godin and Digby Hawker.

**A NINETEEN YEAR OLD** Georgetown man was remanded in court today until Sept. 10 to stand trial on charges of abduction. Richard Wayne Boudreau of Wesleyan Street in Georgetown was charged by the Halton Regional Police in February.

**A HOUSE ON NORMANDY BLVD.** was broken into on July 19. A blue blanket, a blue necklace and a transistor radio were taken. Robert Wallace of no fixed address was arrested in Peel and admitted to the offence.

**A TOWEL AND CURTAINS** in the ladies washroom of the McGibbon Hotel were set fire to on Saturday July 20. Leslie Young of Toronto was arrested and charged with arson.

**A FIVE FOOT EIGHT INCH,** 20 year old, heavily built man received cash and food at Yong's Restaurant in Georgetown last Wednesday by means of a fraud cheque.

## Start Near To Addition

Construction of the more than \$1 million addition to the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital and Medical Arts Centre is slated to begin the end of July.

"The combination of the two facilities will represent a new approach to health care delivery," said Alfred Morris, hospital administrator.

Contractors are now on site with the official groundbreaking ceremony date as yet undecided. Once construction is fully underway the addition will have its own emergency, physiotherapy, lab and X-ray departments with a 12 bed pediatric facility and two intensive care units will be completed within 12 months.

"The on-site Medical Arts centre will permit doctors and other health professionals to integrate their health programs with those of the hospital," furthered Mr. Morris.

A new and expanded operating theatre and recovery ward plus a day room for ward patients have all been finalized. Costs for both construction and outfitting the new structure exceed \$1 million with the county absorbing one third of the amount.

Approval of the necessary financing was passed by council July 17, with Stewart Hinan Contractors being awarded the contract.

"We can expect an increase in efficiency of all health services by the integration of these facilities," reported Mr. Morris.

There will be a new in-service teaching facility as well as renovations to the business and medical records departments.

"All in all the expansion will give Georgetown the medical and health care service it has needed for a long time," said Mr. Morris.