

## They hold the world record



AT THE TIME this picture was taken, the new World Record holders had been playing continuously for seven hours. Their spirits didn't flag and they went on to set the new record. From left, the new world champs are, Rod Sparks, Steve Cropper, Mark Brabant and Steve Tarp.

For the time being, Georgetown is the proud possessor of an unofficial "World Record". Four intrepid Georgetown boys took to the street at 8.00 a.m. Saturday morning determined to break the world record for continuous playing of street hockey.

About a month ago, a group of Hamilton youngsters set the record at 15 hours. A group of Brampton boys made an abortive attempt on the record two weeks ago.

At 12.05 Sunday morning, Steve Tarp, Mark Brabant, Rod Sparks and Steve Cropper ended their quest. Tired but happy, the boys made their weary way to bed as world record holders. They had eclipsed the old record and set a new street hockey standard at 16 hours and five minutes.

The boys will now be writing to the Guinness Book of Records, in an attempt to gain official recognition of their feat. Recognition notwithstanding, these hardy youngsters must be viewed as world champions for the sheer determination which allowed them to see their venture through.

## Sheridan plans close campus

A \$7.5 million community college is coming to the area, The Herald, has learned from H.H. Hinton, chairman of the building committee of Sheridan College and a member of the college's board of governors.

The new college, a campus of Sheridan College, will be established on a 101-acre site off Steeles Ave., east of Highway 10, known as the Fletcher Creek area.

Emphasis at the new campus will be a technological subjects, rather than business and arts, building chairman Hinton told The Herald.

Planned for a maximum enrolment of 5,000 students, the new community college will serve the North Halton area and Peel.

And with a little bit of luck, college officials expect the first student to

walk onto the campus in 1976.

"If the building program were highly accelerated it could be September 1975," Hinton told the Herald, "but that is not likely."

Hinton says there's a "great need" for the college facility in this area.

The master plan for the new college and some of the design work was completed three years ago but further planning was halted when the provincial government called a halt to spending. The board of governors has now received approval for the \$7.5 million venture.

Meanwhile Hinton says the new campus will be built in phases and architectural design work has already been resumed. Hinton expects tenders to be called in the near future.

## Parents can't wait for the happy medium

Three families have removed their children from Park Public School this week and placed them in other area schools following Thursday night's meeting because parents felt they were "getting nowhere."

"We've lost faith in the principal and his policies and have taken the ultimate move to show our displeasure," commented Mrs. Helen Reid whose two children have been unhappy in the present system. "We just want them to get a fresh new start where hopefully we can discuss our problems without tension."

Principal, Peter Oprica commented, "We're doing our damndest to give the best education possible to the 240 pupils enrolled in our school. But it is impossible to please everybody. We have a small minority who are making it known that they are unhappy, versus a silent majority of satisfied people. I'd like to see in print how the other 235 feel."

The parents' complaint is that the five children are being held back because of the present level grouping system, because the teacher spends time with one group while the other five are left to fend for themselves.

Mrs. Vera McDonald, a special language difficulties co-ordinator for the Halton Board of Education tried to piece together some answers. She said we always have and always will have children at both ends of the scale and that too many parents are complaining without coming and seeing how the system is operated.

Open concept is not for everybody. Nor is the closed classroom for everybody. Times are changing so rapidly and we are trying to be as innovative as possible to keep up. More effort is being made to cope with the individual."

She feels that about five years of research would give answers as to whether the system is doing harm or good, but she added, "With the present level system we are discovering there are more children who are reading very well. But there are more who are at the other end of the scale, also."

"The ideal situation would be to have both closed and open concept classrooms in one school so that we could cater to both. Eventually that is the way it will be."

## SHOUTING MATCH

# Renaissance attacks Park School system

Conflict over the open classroom system of education at Park Public School resulted in a heated shouting match of four-letter words between parents and educators last Thursday night during a meeting held at the school.

The meeting had been arranged by Peter Oprica, principal of Park, to serve as a regular information meeting for parents dealing with various aspects of the school's current curriculum. Approximately 30 members of the newly formed North Halton Renaissance Committee, however, were on hand to bring up certain parents' complaints against the school's open classroom system.

Besides parents from Park school, the North Halton Renaissance group also includes parents and teachers from George Kennedy and Harrison Public Schools. The majority of the Renaissance group were strongly opposed to the system and expressed their anger.

This led Mr. Oprica to reply

that the parents were unfairly "hassling the teachers."

Many of the teachers at Park were angered that the parents had taken the issue of open classrooms to the local Press, through a story last week in the Herald, prior to their meeting at the school.

"Attack the government, not us," one teacher angrily told the Renaissance members. "I think you're just using this issue as a stepping stone to get your name in the paper."

Earlier last week the Herald had been asked to attend a meeting at which Park school parents expressed vocal dissent with the school's open classroom system claiming "the work at your own level system" is not working.

It was at that earlier meeting that the first step towards the formation of the North Halton Renaissance Committee was taken.

During Thursday's meeting one parent explained that the group was not "here to hassle the teachers but to try to make their job easier" to which one

teacher replied, "Our job is not supposed to be easy."

Ms. D. Larsen, a Grade Four teacher at Park, however, commented "Making teachers irate is not the way to help. If you really want to help, you parents should channel some of this concern into volunteer service. You're welcome to come into my classroom and help anytime you like."

Don Fisher, a parent of a Park school student and a teacher in another public school in Halton Hills, asked "Is this the conclusion that I can draw? You teachers are all satisfied with the present level system; you like trying to handle several groups of pupils at one time and you're happy with over-crowded classes?"

The Park school staff noted that, while the system isn't perfect, it, nevertheless, is the system used at Park school.

Mr. Fisher told the meeting that the open concept system of education originated several years ago in Rochester. By the time, however, it had been adopted in a number of other

places, including locally, Rochester authorities had decided to scrap it as it had proved to be unsatisfactory.

Many schools, Mr. Fisher noted, in this area have still not adopted the system used at Park.

## Santa visits

Santa will be travelling a different route than previous years in Saturday's Santa Claus Parade.

The route will begin at Moore Park Plaza at 1.15 and proceed down Main Street to Maple Avenue and along Maple to Highway Seven. At Mountainview the parade will turn into the Georgetown Market Centre and end at the edge of the plaza grounds.

Members of the Lions Club anticipate this parade as the best yet and Santa's new float will make the ride more comfortable with his reindeer.

## It's fender bender time

Within hours of the first snow fall, accidents caused by the white stuff have begun to appear on the Halton Hills police accident blotter.

A vehicle owned by Robert Gougen suffered \$100 damage while the other vehicle owned by Shirley Reid received an estimated \$300 damage in a collision that occurred on Campbell Gate. Snow was blamed for the accident.

Another sliding car removed the yield sign from the intersection of Maple and Guelph Street. The car was driven by Gregory Bodnar.

Two hundred dollars damage was done to a parked vehicle owned by Thomas Richards of 151 Mountainview South. The other car was driven by Granville Finlay also of Mountainview Road South who police report, was driving along

the curb lane when the accident occurred.

A rear end collision, on Saturday, at the entrance to the IGA store did \$325 to the two cars involved. The cars were operated by Maurice Jean and by Isobel Maveal.

An unknown car did \$50 damage when it struck a CN Telecommunication truck parked at the CNR parking lot last Friday.

Joan H. Beaumont received damages of \$270 to her car as a result of a collision with another car driven by John Owen.

The regional planning committee endorsed a recommendation last Tuesday from the City of Mississauga requesting an amendment to the Toronto Area Transit Authority policy to include

## Halton wants into plan

selected representatives from each of the regions served by the body. The resolution is forwarded to Halton, Peel, Durham, York, Hamilton-Wentworth and Metropolitan Toronto.

# The walkway question is closed: It stays

Public protest and a surprise storm sewer won out. The walkway between Rexway Drive and McGillivray Crescent will remain open. It may be smaller but it will, nevertheless, be open for pedestrian traffic.

Town council in a regular

session of committee of the whole Monday night, approved a recommendation by Councillor Harry Levy which states that the Rexway to McGillivray walkway be left open. He also recommended that the width of the walkway be studied taking into account a storm sewer

which lies beneath or nearby the walkway.

A delegation of 10 residents, headed by Mrs. Gordon Hunt, were on hand to hear Councillor Levy report that the surprise discovery of the storm sewer beneath the walkway was a

major reason behind the recommendation. "We couldn't close it if we wanted to," Councillor Levy said.

Owners of property beside the walkway had, one month ago asked council to consider closing it because of vandalism

and noise problems by persons using the walkway.

Sal Cutrara, 28 McGillivray, who is one of those homeowners, was present at Monday's meeting. He said that one solution to the problem of noise and vandalism would be to reduce the size of the walk-

way until only pavement was left. He explained that many of the problems in the past had been caused by persons sitting on the grass along the walkway.

If the town was not going to reduce the width of the walkway, said Mr. Cutrara, he would approve of it remaining

open only if it "was properly maintained and cleaned." Otherwise, he said, "I would have to ask again that it be closed."

Council members were unanimous in accepting Councillor Levy's recommendations.



## Honoured

PIPE MAJOR VIRGINIA Hulme received a surprise presentation Saturday night at the Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band Dance for her 20 years of dedicated service to the band. She teaches the girls how to play the bagpipes and marches with them. The formal dance was held at St. George's Anglican Church hall where the girls changed into their band uniforms at midnight to entertain the guests while they enjoyed a buffet supper. Story and more pictures on page 11.

## The days of wine and holidays in Halton Hills

If you have any business with town office employees in Halton Hills you had better get it all wrapped up before noon, Dec. 24. They could be on holidays from then until Dec. 30.

Motions tentatively presented by Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill at Monday night's committee-of-the-whole meeting could give town employees, not only a five and one-half day Christmas holiday, but a wine and cheese party to boot.

The motions were to be further discussed at Tuesday night's full council meeting before being voted on. From the early expression of opinions by councillors Monday night, Mayor Hill could have a rough time getting one of the motions through.

A motion presented by Mayor Hill would close Halton Hills' municipal offices at 12.30 Tuesday, Dec. 24 in order to allow office employees to attend a wine and cheese party paid for from the council's public relations funds. "It will be good PR between the town staff and council members" said Mayor Hill.

Dissent among council members however, arose over a second motion presented by Mayor Hill. It would have given the town's inside employees holidays from the 24th to Monday, Dec. 30. Councillor Ernie Sykes commented that it had been policy in Georgetown to never close town offices for more than three days at a time.

## inside episode

The Raiders managed to come back, much to the surprise and enjoyment of Georgetown fans. See page 6 for the details.

Julian Reed has his own answer to the energy crisis. Thanks to the Brampton Daily Times we have a report on page 24.

Santa in an ambulance? Well, he arrived in town last Sunday to get in some pre-parade festivities. For a picture story turn to page 21.

What to buy this Christmas? That's the question facing many of you millionaires. Well, just to give you a hand during your last minute rush the Herald has some hints for shoppers with a million to spend. All on page 17.

Dark spots downtown? An editorial criticizes two building owners on page 4.

How did you spend your St. Andrew's Day? Two Halton Hills groups really had a fling. See pages 10 and 11.