

# The choice is theirs



CENTENNIAL SENIOR PUBLIC School student David Bell discusses with a teacher one of the many courses available for the September semester at the high school.

Georgetown Grade Eight students are now making one of the most important decisions of their lives.

For the last three weeks, the senior students of Stewarttown, Centennial and Holy Cross Schools have been thinking about what the future will be holding for them as they choose courses for the September semester in high school.

"Now is the time to carefully consider ability and interest when considering courses for high school," said Mike Furlong, principal of Georgetown and District High School.

Students have been supplied with a detailed book to guide in the selection of courses and options. The book, written by Mr. Furlong, outlines the courses offered and where they will lead in terms of future studies at university or college.

"When selecting courses," Mr. Furlong noted, "it is wise to keep as many doors open to future education as possible and thus we encourage the selection of Level 5 subjects if the students and parents feel the end result will be university."

All courses have been computer-coded to aid in the selection preparation in timetables and teacher and classroom scheduling. The code represents the subject, the level of difficulty, the elective choice within that subject and the year for that course.

An example would be, ENH15. The EN represents English, H is the code for honour which is one of the three choices available to

Grade Nine students this year. The 1 indicates that this subject is taken during the first year and the five indicates that this subject will lead to an Honor Graduation Diploma in year five. Under the old system it would be called a five-year course.

Three levels in the course selection are available to students. Enrichment, Advanced and General. The Enrichment courses are designed to appeal to a student who demonstrates a high level of proficiency and interest in the subject. Careful consideration by the principal of the graduating student's school and the guidance staff at the high school will be made for the recommendation prior to placement in this level. Students may request this level, but placement will be at the discretion of the school.

Enrichment courses have been coded as six. A level five subject will lead to graduation at a Grade 13 level and the level four, general, leads to a graduation diploma at the end of four years or Grade 12, but does not lead to Grade 13.

Students wishing to continue their education in university are encouraged to study English, Mathematics, Science and French, beginning at year one and following through until graduation.

The option sheet used in the selection of courses indicates at a glance where the subjects lead in the current curriculum. All

subjects and levels have been printed on the sheet to show where the course leads in terms of graduation at the four- or five-year level. "Parents have been urged to sit down with their child and discuss the student's future interests," Mr. Furlong added, "There is no point in forcing a child to work at a high level when he is having trouble with it."

"Now is the time for students and parents to get together and talk over the future and also think of past performances within school," said Mr. Furlong. "Our level five subjects lead to university, but if the student has difficulty at that level he may not even graduate, or, should he reach university, the work load may be too much."

The expression, "keeping as many doors open as possible" is important. Ability and interest are two very important considerations to make. Students and parents are urged to call the high school or the principal of their own school to aid in selecting appropriate courses.

Students have been tuned in to the needs and requirements for many of the courses. Parents have also had an opportunity to attend talks on the courses offered and a special open house held last Monday to permit teachers and parents, along with the students, to see, first hand, the operation of some of these courses and get the teachers' views of where the subject will lead.

## Mind your own business

**Mind your own business**  
Teaching people to mind their own business is their business. Industrial Development Bank Advisory Services held an all-day seminar at the North Halton Golf and Country Club last week to talk "small business" with Georgetown and area business men.

In a slide presentation Mr. Goebelle analyzed a financial statement for his colleagues. Later delegates were divided into groups to examine case studies and relate them to their own specific problems.

Canadian businesses. During those years the firm came to the realization that their clients needed other kinds of help besides financial. Information, training, and advice about the special problems of managing a small enterprise proved equally important, so in 1972 they introduced an advisory services department, the main purpose being to promote good management practices. Similar management seminars have been conducted in cities and towns across Canada.

Whether to lease, buy or build; how to finance; estimating costs; lawyers' fees, advertising, taxes, paving and landscaping are important considerations often overlooked when budgeting for a new or expanding enterprise.

Guest speaker, Graeme Goebelle, a local chartered accountant and representative of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce discussed the pros and cons of incorporating a business. He said the advantages of going limited are many; the disadvantages are few.

International Development Bank was started 30 years ago as a loan company to assist small and medium-sized

Each of the 60 branch offices throughout the country has a reference library of reference

Two Halton Hills businessmen, Ed Swetman, a shoemaker proprietor for less than a year, and Paul Nielsen, who has had a men and women's clothing store for 15 years, noted as they came away from the seminar that they had learned something.

## Poll points to decline

The opinion poll that many of us have been waiting for has finally been taken. And it has confirmed what most observers have believed has been happening.

According to it the Conservatives have been slipping in Ontario. But it has confirmed it in spades. For the extent of the drop is shocking. As you probably have read, the results of the poll showed the Liberals with 41 percent of the vote and the Davis PC's with only 33 percent. This result must have been stunning to the Conservative leadership.

second in a poll. A few times it was close.

In the 1968 election the John Winlermeyer Liberals at the start were only two points back, 41 percent to 43 percent as I recall it. And according to my memory in the 1961 election, when the Liberals were led by Walter Thomson and Leslie Frost was running his first campaign as PC leader, the two parties were also close.

But in each case the Liberals quickly dropped off and within a couple of weeks there was a gap of a dozen points between the two parties. But aside from these two occasions there normally has been a gap of at least 10 points between the two and usually it has been 15 or 20.

This poll, of course, doesn't mean that the Liberals are home free for the election.

One factor is that in this poll a large 28 percent of those surveyed were undecided. Then there is no question that with a good many people Liberal leader Bob Nixon still lacks credibility, and we don't know whether when it comes to actual ballot-marking time whether, even if they have Liberal leanings, they will vote for him.

Again, even if they got 41 percent of the vote the Liberals, under the percentages and Ontario voting patterns, would probably only be returned with minority government. Then, finally, the PC's have the chance to come back to

rebuild. And though they have never had to try this from a runner-up position they have shown in the past that they can quickly build back.

There is, of course, some question about the worth of opinion polls.

Some people are inclined to dismiss them, particularly when they are against them. However, personally, over the years I have found them a pretty useful tool. And at least some politicians, and particularly perhaps the best politician we have had, Leslie Frost, have believed in them.

I know, for in two elections I had to get the findings to Frost as soon as we had them in the Thomson office. He wanted them avidly.

## Limehouse Many on hand for library meeting

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. George Brown of 20 Sideroad on the recent arrival of a little sister for Ian. The newest addition is still in hospital gaining weight.

We are pleased that Mr. A. C. Patterson is home from tests in hospital in Georgetown. Mr. Sam Milham is home following several weeks in Toronto General where he underwent an operation on his hip joint. We hope they both continue to make good progress.

It was nice to see so many in attendance at the opening of the Limehouse Library. We hope that it will be wisely used, but not abused. It will be open to the public from 7 to 9 on Mondays and Wednesday evenings and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Mrs. A. C. Patterson attended the funeral of Mr. Patterson's sister-in-law, Mrs. Ross Patterson, in Guelph Monday.

## Arts and Crafts First meeting

Mrs. Betty Chamberlain opened her Market Street home on January 23 for the annual meeting of the Arts and Crafts of Georgetown. There were 38 members present for the special meeting.

After a review of a very successful year Mrs. Charlotte Ironside was invited to conduct the election of officers. Mrs. Peggy Stevens presented the new slate of officers for the coming year which was approved by the membership.

Dorothy Goodwin is the president for 1975 continuing in the footsteps of past president Mrs. Helen Agg. First vice-

president is Mrs. Ruth Campin; second vice-president, Mrs. Pat Harrington; treasurer, Mrs. Dorothy Brandford; recording secretary, Miss Wilma Stull; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Agnes Olive; craft convener, Mrs. Ruth Campin; social convener, Mrs. Pat Beer; program convener, Mrs. Alice Watson.

After the completion of the business the meeting's guest speaker, a long-time member of the organization, Dorothy Stone, was introduced by the president, Dorothy Goodwin. Miss Stone, who has recently been granted a life membership in the Heraldry Society of Canada, addressed the group on the origin and development in the western hemisphere of the science of heraldry. She outlined the history through seven centuries up to and including, modern times.

Using a model she demonstrated the difference between a coat-of-arms and a crest. Many books from her personal library were on display.

Mrs. Alice Watson voiced the group's appreciation to the speaker and presented her with a sheaf of roses.

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