

Separate schools protected by BNA Act threatened by costs

Schools with a difference. That's how the Ontario English Catholic Teacher's Association's brochure dubs separate schools.

"If you believe Christ has a relevant role in the education of a human being, in this province, then you're different," said Paul Glynn of the OECTRA during his slide presentation at Holy Cross School, Georgetown, Wednesday night.

Glynn joined forces with Georgetown trustee Hartly Sherk and Halton Separate School Board Director of Education Cliff Brynes to explain the differences between public schools and separate schools to a handful of parents and teachers.

Glynn explained the reason for the open meeting. "We have to make a personal commitment to the values of the separate school system, but we have to know what they are first."

Here's the situation today. Catholic parents are paying taxes to support the public high school system plus paying between \$250 and \$400 an-

nually, said Brynes, to send their children to separate schools for grades 11 to 13. The tuition fee varies, depending on the amount of money raised by the separate high school through lotteries, chocolate bar sales, and donations made by parishes and legacies by individuals.

The separate high school in Hamilton was cited by Brynes as a good example of a well-supported institution, run by professional people (a lawyer, an accountant) who invest their time and knowledge into its operation.

The reasons why separate high schools are not tax supported are historical.

The British North American Act protected the rights of denominational schools—the only one at the time being Roman Catholic—in Upper Canada (Ontario) and Lower Canada (Quebec).

Education at that time was limited to elementary, thus only Catholic grade schools receive full tax support, with the exemption of corporate tax dollars since it is difficult for the government to determine

the number of Roman Catholic shareholders, Brynes explained.

Equality diminishes as the grades are higher.

The Public School Act, pushed by Egerton Ryerson at the time of Confederation, unified schools into a non-denominational system to be tax supported, isolating Catholic high schools as private institutions. Then in 1969, the High School Act restructured the boards of education by amalgamating the public and high school boards when strengthened the separate identity of the separate school board.

The results of those legislative changes were primarily financial in Ontario, it was clearly established that separate public schools would be tax supported; grades nine and 10 would be reimbursed by government grants; and grades 11 to 13 would be on their own.

The main problem presented, aside from economic worries, is the lack of continuum. In other words the spiritual side of separate school curriculum is terminated when a child enters a public high school serving Ontario.

To Glynn, interruption in religious education is just as serious as interruption as interference in studying any other subject.

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Hornby home for the mentally retarded

Countryside is open

The official opening of "Countryside", a home for mentally retarded adults on Trafalgar Road in Hornby, took place Sunday afternoon.

Before the cutting of the red ribbon, residents of the home greeted visitors and took them on a tour of their home, showing them the seven single rooms, four doubles, five bathrooms, dining room, kitchen, TV room, administration office, a small self-contained apartment where the staff write reports and the tiny administration office.

In the bedrooms and in the commonrooms as well are 29 framed prints made by Percy Saxe, of RR2 Georgetown, proprietor of the Oxford Picture Frame Co. in Toronto.

The women's auxiliaries from Acton, Georgetown, and Milton were present to give the 12 residents of the home a hand hosting the affair.

The ribbon of the \$233,000 home, which sits on five acres, was cut by Brian Vickery, manager of the Community Accommodation Resources branch of the ministry of community and social services. Assisting him were Leo Virus, chairman of the residential services, Bob Bilodeau, director of "Countryside", Russ Hunt, president of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded and Julian Reed, MPP for Halton-Burlington.

The residence, which has a capacity of 15, was first oc-

cupied in January 1976, and is part of a province-wide network of homes which has grown from 25 with 500 residents in 1974 to 1,200 residents in 76 homes, said Brian Vickery as he was about to cut the ribbon.

The name "Countryside" was that entered by Patti Kean in a contest to name the building and she was introduced to the assembly by Leo Virus who made a presentation in her honor.

At "Countryside" the residents live in a home-like atmosphere rather than that of an institution. And like home living, they are responsible for making their own beds, setting and cleaning up the table, doing the laundry, cleaning their own rooms and taking care of themselves.

Most of them work down the road at ARC Industries and take part in trips to libraries or to shopping centres.

The ministry of community and social services paid 60 percent.

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RIBBON CUTTING ceremony at Countryside, Sunday afternoon is done by Brian Vickery of the ministry of community and social services. Assisting him is (from left) Leo Virus, Bob Bilodeau, MPP Julian Reed and Russ Hunt.



SOLOIST at the 22nd annual Remembrance Service at the Glen Williams Cemetery, Mrs. Jean Hancock, talks with Mayor Tom Hill, director of the board governing the cemetery.

Time to honour our forefathers says Mayor Hill

Mayor Tom Hill, a member of the original board of directors of the Glen Williams Cemetery Board, was guest speaker at the 22nd Annual Remembrance Service Sunday afternoon at the cemetery.

The mayor noted that it was time to pause briefly in the confusion of hectic days to pay homage to our forefathers who sowed by their toil what we harvest today.

Remarking that the cemetery exists because of the community service in the village, Mayor Hill went on to reminisce of 24 years ago when weeds and sweet clover seven feet high covered the cemetery lot.

He said it was his last year on the cemetery board and asked the 120 people attending to support the cemetery. He said he was asking not only as mayor but also "as a boy who has grown up in the Glen."

The cemetery board will have to put up part of the "remedial" costs of running the cemetery, Mayor Hill said, costs which are due partly to a "new form of government" and to the stabilization of the slopes of the land. The cemetery is on top of a hill outside Glen Williams.

Library Olympics

Summer Olympics for reading athletes are being held right here in Halton Hills at considerably less expense than the rival event in Montreal. In fact, it's free!

The Junior Library staffs in Georgetown and Acton are accepting entries from readers up to and including the age of fourteen, right now.

Qualification is ridiculously easy, just come in and sign up. Earning a medal is another thing however. So is earning a place on the bus that will take the successful athletes to view the Rothman's Grand Prix horse show at the Ex on Aug. 28. In order to complete this



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Hi-Los debut before Halton Manor residents

In spite of weather more suited to raincoats and umbrellas than parasols and sun hats, the ladies of the "Hi-Los", a choir from the Georgetown Y's Blue Triangle Club debuted at the Seventh Annual Lawn Party at Halton Centennial Manor Saturday afternoon.

The bus carrying the 12-voice choir from Georgetown to Milton was late arriving but a rain-washed lawn party calls for ingenuity and the organizers of the event had moved into the auditorium on the grounds, re-arranged the entertainment schedule and packed the hall with about 500 people.

Because there was not enough room for everyone in the auditorium, the "Hi-Los", conducted by Marilyn Milton, first went to Martin House on the grounds to sing to occupants on the third floor.

During their performance at Martin House and later at the Manor's auditorium, the choir took a break to allow four-year-old Janet Milton to sing a solo. Janet's mother, Marilyn said, Janet, who has never really sung before an audience before, "Never flinched."

And it was the first time for the Hi-Los themselves before an audience other than members of their own Blue Triangle Club, Marilyn said. They have been practicing about an hour every two weeks since last October, Marilyn added.

Members of the choir attending the lawn party were: Mrs. M. Allen, Mrs. M. Doherty, Mrs. S. Donald, Mrs. R. Ellison, Mrs. E. Hackett,

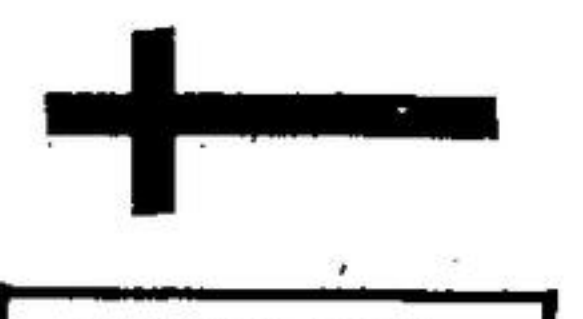
Mrs. M. Hurley, Mrs. F. Kooy, Mrs. M. Leslie, Mrs. M. Lewis, Mrs. S. Macdonald, Mrs. E. Peck and Mrs. E. Weston. Missing from the choir was Mrs. W. Eason.

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DOES IT FIT? Three-year-old Lesley May tries to find the answer at the Hornby Co-op Nursery's rummage sale Saturday when she tried on a pair of rubber sandals. After getting them on the right feet, they did, indeed fit.

Veteran newspaperman, George Lake, started with the Herald

Former Georgetown Herald publisher Walter Biehn recently had a chance to reminisce with his long-time friend, George Lake.

Biehn was one of 250 guests at a garden party hosted by Lake on the grounds of his Thornhill home.

The casual afternoon affair provided an opportunity for the two veteran newspapermen to discuss "the good old days" when Lake began his career working for the Georgetown Herald for \$1. a week.

After years in the journalism business, Lake retired as publisher of the Timmins Porcupine Advance in 1939 when he purchased his place in Thornhill. It was a nostalgic occasion for 86-year-old Lake when his friends and family gathered under the canopy in his yard to enjoy lemonade and box lunches and conversation.

Elks mark year four

Georgetown's Elks Lodge finally have a place of their own.

After using the Oddfellows Hall for four years, they are leasing, with an option to buy, the new Elks Lodge on Mountainview Road, Georgetown.

Last Saturday night was a double celebration for the Elks—their fourth anniversary and the grand opening of their new meeting place.

A 25-pound cake, garnished with the Elk Emblem, was enjoyed by the 42 members and their guests during the dance.

Zeta Phi discusses working women

Submitted by Wendy Warren, Publicity Chairman.

The Zeta Phi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority began its new year in May with a meeting at Wendy Warren's home at which the new executive was installed. The past president, Beverly Wheatcroft, was presented with a table centerpiece and a corsage as a token of appreciation for her efforts in adding to a successful year just completed.

The chapter sisters who participated in the puppet show at the Founder's Day dinner were thanked, and also the girls who were donating baked goods to the Halton Manor bake sale. For the evening's program, Norma Marshall and Lynda Griffin introduced their guest speaker, Carol Brisbane, a guidance counsellor with the Peel Board of Education, who led a discussion regarding women in the work force, and discipline in the schools.

At the second meeting in May, at Beverly Wheatcroft's home, women in the work force were again discussed with Jean Elloff from Sheridan College as guest speaker. She also spoke of the women's centres that have proven so successful but which have received a setback due to the government's anti-inflation measures. Mrs. Elloff was invited by program coordinators Rosemarie Gill and Etta Mills.

Lucky draw gifts for May were donated by Cheryl Beaton and Nancy Snyder and were won by Lynda Griffin and Norma Marshall. Co-hostesses for the month were Claudia Rintoul, Donna Reid, Eileen Quackenbush, and Jeanne-Marie Hesney.

In early June Eileen Quackenbush hosted the chapter birthday party at which was held a fancy hat competition. Lynda Griffin won first prize for her creation, and Daine Allis won second for hers. Sigrid Robson was congratulated on the recent birth of her baby daughter, Karen Alyne, and was presented the traditional baby spoon. Presented with silver coffee spoons were the girls transferring from the chapter to form the new Acton chapter.

Secret sisters for the past year exchanged gifts and the identities were discovered by guessing from each sister's baby photo. New secret sister names were drawn for the coming year.

The year end wind-up for the girls and their husbands was held at Diane Allis' new home in Erin where she and Allan were charming hosts for a barbecue evening, and dancing.

The coming weeks will see the new executive busy drawing up a calendar of programs and other events to encourage success for the cultural, social, and services nature of Beta Sigma Phi.

The Cougars best at Centennial

Monday, June 21 saw 135 Centennial School students enjoying the first day of summer at Toronto Island.

House 2, dubbed "The Cougars", qualified for the trip by accumulating the most points throughout the school year: 9000.

The House System is like a league, consisting of houses or teams composed of students from grades six to eight. They compete for points in athletic and club activities, academic studies and performance in the arts. Extra-curricular activities are offered at Centennial before and after classes and at noon hour.

Besides being an efficient form of organization, the House System creates an "esprit de corps" between members of the same house and provides a healthy outlet for competitive drives.

Town employees holiday

All town employees will be working on the up-coming holiday and holidaying on the work day.

As a result of a request from Local 73 CUPE to be allowed to work next Thursday, July 1, which is actually Dominion Day and then take Friday, July 2, off council Monday night approved similar plans for all town employees.

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