

THE HOMEMAKER SERVES THE BREADWINNER

Role reversal a success and a worthwhile experience

By GEORGE EVASHUK Herald staff writer

A Georgetown couple, who a year ago switched the traditional roles of man the breadwinner, woman the homemaker, enter their second year of challenge and change convinced it is a worthwhile experience.

Beverley Whatmough, 41, as sole breadwinner of her family began her fist job as a Grade 3 teacher at George Kennedy public school last September. Her husband Read, 38, gave up a \$24,000 a year job as a research and development engineer with Ontario Hydro to mind their children, Janice,

Each credits the other for making the arrangement work during a per lod

11, and Ken, 8 and their Jessop Court

when demands on other family members increased.

"The first year of teaching is notoriously heavy," Bev said in an interview. She described how taking immediate responsibility for a class was at first "really scary."

"After three days of school, I told him I didn't think I'd make it," she said. But by putting in 80 hours a week before Christmas and 60 hours a week after to get a handle on the job and the responsibility of supporting her family, the class "all survived and so did I." she sald. PLANNING

"If Read hadn't been home it would have been far harder," Bev said. "he did the meals, the planning, the shopping the housework," she added.

"It would have been a real blow to me if he had been a fantastic housekeeper." She laughed. "But he dldn't."

Read, whose year away from Ontario Hydro means the loss of certain seniority rights said: "A lot of credit for making this thing work should go to the kids."

For Read it is a long way from a research and development post to the kitchen sink, the bathroom floor, the laundry machine and the checkout counter of a supermarket.

"I don't miss the driving on Highway 401," he said, "and I don't miss going to work five days a week although I liked my job."

Although he admits with a qualifying "maybe" that he misses the chance to be creative on the job. "I find lots of challenges of different types

"There certainly is no chance to get bored," Read said, in contrast with the opportunity to do so on the job when work was held up. "Here at home there's always something to do." **APPRECIATES JOB**

"I have more appreciation for what housewives face," Read said. "Like most husbands I thought it (housework) would take a couple hours a day. It takes a lot more time than I would have thought." Askedif housewives should get wages

Read said that with the exception of getting wages in order to be on Canada Pension, "there's no point,"

"She hands her cheque over to me and I am in a sense getting a wage," he

The couple met in 1961 during a prebreakfast swim at a YMCA young peoples camp and married two years later. About four years ago Bev realized that other than houswork she was not trained for any kind of work despite her university degree.

For two years she commuted with Read until she earned her teaching certificate at Lakeshore Teacher's College and was offered a job. "We went into it with the idea to try

for a year," Bev said, "... a year has come and gone."

TRANSITION As for the transition, "the only thing that surprised us," Bev said, "was how casy it was. Read felt he would really have a hard time. We're both conservative and talked about it for a couple of years. It surprised us that there were no surprises."

"We've tried not to take anything for granted and kept checking with each other throughout the year," she

Role reversal "doesn't seem to be any blg deal," Read aid. "It would have been grim if we'd both worked last year." He said he chuckles at the situation when a woman comes to read the water meter. Role reversal, he said "would have been more work when the kids were younger."

What he dislikes about housework is the routine of doing the dishes, Read sald, "but not with cleaning house. It will come with time," he predicted. "Doing it for a year is not like doing it

for 10 or 20." "It makes a big difference with the kids in school," he said. "Bev outgrew the challenge (of homemaking) along

with the kids." "I was most glad to give It up," Bev said. "Being a housewife is very repetitious. Even if you get the washing done you know four people are wearing clothes and getting them dirty."

OUTSIDE INTEREST With the housework last year, "I helped," Bey said, "but not as much as he helped me . . . This year I hope to do

more and give him time to develop things on his own." Asked if being a homemaker stagnates the mind, Read replied:

"I haven't found that, but, over a period of time, if you didn't have outside interests, it would. I expect to do more things outside the home. If you have an opportunity to get out, it won't happen but it can if you have two or three kids, all pre-school. You don't have much time for anything else."

An en'islastic hiker member of the Bruce ...ail Association and cyclist Read took a one week vaction in August without the rest of the family. While on a camping trip in the Gaspe Peninsula area he met one other man who had switched roles with his lawyer wife. Bev sald they were both working on the principle that a spouse needs time alone to develop as an individual.

The reaction of family and friends to their arrangement has been mixed, Bey said.

IN-LAWS "We're both well blessed with good in-laws," Bev said, adding that although the in-laws express their thoughts and comment on their offspring's action they do not interfere. "But they couldn't see we had traded one set of security for another."

"I think our close friends are very enthusiastic and supportive," Bev said, "but so far no one has done it." When acquaintances learn of their arrangement, "sometimes the reaction is absolute silence," she added, "I find women are less able to accept it then men. Some say: 'For beaven's sake don't tell my husband; a a nave to go to work'."

"It's fine," said Ken of the arrangement, "but It also seems different when my mum was preparing

"I don't make the fancy things," his father said, although he collects recipes from magazines and from the wives of ordinary couples they visit. Janice said that when she is asked what her father does, she replies: "Father is a house spouse." Her friends don't say much, she added. "They just sort of say, 'Oh,"

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Chess mess by The Doubled Pawns

Last year an interesting match took place between two of Georgetown's best players, Bob Gillanders and Steve MacLeod. It is the only match among our players of which there is any record. The match took place at the GDHS chess club and ran from Feb. 28 to July 14.

The time limit was 50 moves in 2 hrs. and 25 moves per hour thereafter. The results were as follows: 12345678910111213141516WLDT S. MacLeod 10110 12 1/2 11 1/2 1 1/2 1 0 1 1 9 3 4 11 B. Gillanders 01001134001401301003945 Opening QSBPFNBPVSBFFNRVK

Q-Queen's Gambit Declined, S-Sicilian Defence, B-Bishop's Opening, P-Philidor's Def. F-French Defense, N-Nimzovitch Defense, V-Vienna Game, FN-Four Knight's Game, R-Ruy Lopez, K-King's Gambit. Game 5

White: B. Gillanders

Black S. MacLeod French Defense

1, e4 e6 2, d4 d5 3, Nc3 Nf6 4, Bg4 Bo7 5,e5 Nfd7 6, Bxe7 Qxe7 7.f4 c5? (This usually thematic move is premature here as # weakens the d6 square. 7...0-0 was correct.) 8. Nb5! Q8 9.Nd6 ch Ke7 10. Qh5! g6 11. Qh4 ch f6 12. Qh6 fe5 13: fe5 Qf8 14. Qh4 ch Ní6 15. Nxc8 ch Qxc8 16. Qxf6 ch Kd7 (Black Is obviously lost.) 17. Bb5 ch Kc7 18. Qe7 ch Kb6 19. Bd3 cd4 20. Qb4 ch Kc7 21. Qd6 mate.

The game that followed, Game 6, was the most crucial one of the match. MacLeod had what looked to be a winning position in the opening but missed Gillanders' fine Bishop sacrifice. When the game was adjourned, Gillanders seemed to have excellent chances of evening the match with a win, but missed the best line in the second session and the game was drawn.

White: S. MacLeod Black: B. Glilanders Nimzovitch Defense

1. e4 Nc6 2.d4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.c3 h6 7.Bf4 d6 8.0-0 Bb7 9. Qc2 Qd7 10, Nbd2 0-0-0 11. Bb5 d5? (as in the previous game, a pawn advance weakens a key square: e5 in this case.) 12. Ne5 Qe8 13. Qa4 Rd6 14. Nxf7 Oxf7 15. Bxd6 Bxd6 16. Bxc6 Bxh2 ch! 17. Kh1 (White is so surprised by Black's last move he declines the sacrifice. But 17. Kxh2 Qh5 ch 18, Kg1 Ng4 19, Nf3 Rf8! looks dangerous and 19, Re1 Qh2 ch is also rather unpleasant.) 17...Qh5 18. Bxb7 ch Kxb7 19. g3 Bxg3 ch 20. Kg2 Qh7 ch 21. Kf3 Nxe4 22. Nxe4 Rf8 ch 23. Ke3 de 24.Qc2 Bf4 ch (At this point White sealed his next move. Black will keep two pawns for the exchange as it is evident that White cannot take the e-pawn. Still, the question is, can White's King survive his forced march? Both players arrived for the second session under the impression that White was lost.) 25. Kc2 Qg2 26. Rg1 Qf3 ch. 27. Kf1 g5 (27...Qh3 ch 28. Rg2 e3! would be much harder for White to meet.) 28.Qe2 Rf6 29. Re1 Qxe2 ch 30. Kxe2 Kd6 31. Rh1 e5 32. de5 Bxc5 33. Rh3 Bd6 34. Rdh1 Bf8 35. f3 ef3 36.Rxf3 Rxf3 37. Kxf3 Kc6 (Now Black's winning chances are gone.) 38. Ke4 a5 39.b3 Kc5 40. Rh3 Kc6 41. Rh1 Kd6 42. Rh3 Ke6 43. Rf3 Bg7 44. b4 h5 45. ba5 ba5 46. Rf5 Bxc3 47. Rxg5 h4 48. Rh5 Be1 49. Kf3 Kd6 50. Ke2 Bg3 51. Rxa5 c5 52. Ra4 Kd5 53. Rg4 c4 54. Kd2 Kc5 55. Kc3 Bd8 ch 56. Kc2 c3 57. Re4 Bg3 58. Kxc3 h3 59. Re2 h2 60. Rxh2 Bxh2 61. a4 Bc7 62. Draw agreed.

Game 13 White: B. Gillanders

Black: S. MacLeod Four Knight's Game 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. Bc4 Bc5 5.0-0 d6 6.d3 h6 7.

Na4 Bg4 B c3 0-9. Nxc5 dc 10. Bc3 b6 11. Qa4 Qd6 12. Bd5? (12 Ba6 looks better.) 12...Nxd5 13.ed5 Bxf3 14. dc6 Qg6! Better than 14...Qxc6 15. Qxc6 Bxc6 with opposite coloured B's) 15.g3 Bxc6 t6. Qc2? (Pinning the d-pawn which quickly becomes an object of attack.) 16...Rfd8 17. Radi c4 18, f4 cd 19, Qb3 Qe4 20. White resigns. PROBLEMS: Last week's solution: 1 ... e42. de g43. fg f3 4. et de and Black queens.



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Students tend to support the status quo: poll

By George Evashuk And

Lynn Rhodes Herald Staff writers Last week The Herald asked adults in Halton what the greatest challenge is facing today's student and the greatest difference since they went to school. This week students were asked what they saw as their greatest challenge and what they would do if they

were principal for a day. Marg Taylor, a Grade 12 student at Georgetown and district high school felt today's student has two challenges. "It's just getting out of school plus your peer group," she said. "There's a lot of influence on you."

change. Classes are too long and boring." "Getting out of school and getting a job," said Gary Lloyd, is the greatest challenge facing today's student.

Lloyd, a Grade 12 and 13 student at GDHS, said if he was principal "I don't think I'd really change anything although they do pile on a lot of homework. They teach too

Yvonne Green, a Grade 12 student at GDIS, said the greatest challenge "is when you get out of school and get a job." But as for changes she would institute if she was principal for a day, Green said, "none really. It's OK, I guess."

JOB CONFLICT Craig Teeter, a Grade 10 student at GDHS, said "It's hard to hold down a parttime job to earn money for expenses and do homework, too."

If she was principal for a day, Teeter said: "People shouldn't have to sign out and give reasons why they have to leave school. Students are responsible by the time they get to high school." Teeter also felt that security at dances needs to be stricter. Out of town people have slipped into dances in the past and there have been violent fights, he

Hans Treviranus, a Grade 10 student at GDHS said the greatest challenge is getting a job." It's hard for students to get jobs."

"The school's run okay," he said in reply to

what he'd do if he were principal," but I'd like to divide up the lunch hours more because sometimes there's no chairs left in the cafeteria and the halls are always crowded." Chris Prufer, a Grade 10 student at GDHS, said, "trying to stay in school." was

the greatest challenge along with "trying to get along with the teachers." But if he was principal for a day, Prufer

said, "I'd quit. I wouldn't be principal for a Steve Norton, a Grade 12 student at GDHS said homework was the greatest

challenge. If he was principal for a day, Norton said, If she was principal for a day, Miss he didn't know what changes he would in-Taylor said, "I'd like to see the semester troduce.

Leslie Krass, a Grade 11 student, sees the greatest challenge as getting a job. Also, she'd rather work on her own than listen to

If she was principal for a day, Krass said she wouldn't change anything about the school. "It's well organized, " she said, but "principals have too much responsibility." Helen Kristensen, a Grade 10 student at GDHS said the greatest challenge is getting a

As principal for a day, Kristensen "would make schools smaller because here there are so many kids you can't get to know everyone."

HIGH MARKS Scott Reiss, a Grade 11 student at GDHS, said the greatest challenge "is getting high

Relss sald, "there's nothing wrong with the way the school is run" and wouldn't want to be principal even for one day because principals have "too much authority." At Acton high school, Joe Trecapelli, a

Grade 9 student, sald "getting used to teachers" was a student's greatest challenge. Trecapelli said if he was principal for a day, "I would declare a holiday."

Andrew Gregg, a grade 9 student said the greatest challenge was in "coming from being the oldest kid in school to the youngest and being initiated."

Gregg said if he was principal for a day. "I would allow swimming on the spares."

Steven Mathieson, a Grade 12 student, said "working and going to school" is the greatest challenge today's student faces. Mathleson works a 4 p.m. to midnight shift

If he was principal, Mathleson said he would have more variation in subjects every year. Mathieson sald he would like to see "better facilities for science labs and the

Cathy Turner, a Grade 9 student, said "having to get along with older people like

"parents and teachers" is today's students greatest challenge. But If she was principal for a day, Turner said: "I can't think of any change. I think it

(the school) is pretty good already." Les Winter, a Grade 12 student said homework was the greatest challenge. If he

was principal for a day, he would try to ease the crowding in the school and a shortage of lockers. Yvonne Blain, a Grade 9 student said

school work was the only challenge she could think of facing today's student. Blain said that as she had just started attending Acton high school, "I wouldn't

change anything." Kent Nielsen, a Grade 13 student, sald "co-operating with teachers to get the utmost of their ability," was the greatest challenge. FIRE TEACHERS

"If I was principal for a day," Neilsen said, "I'd start by firing a few teachers. . because they work for some students but not others."

sald "getting to know the people and work," is the greatest challenge. If she was principal, "I'd talk to each

Melody Youngmans, a Grade 9 student,

student, ask questions and get to know the people to find out more about them," she

Dale Wilkinson, a Grade 10 student, said the biggest challenge is "getting to the next class on time." Wilkison said as principal for a day she

would have longer breaks between classes. Grade ten student Mary Kroes said "trying to pass and do the homework" is the greatest challenge. If she was principal, Kroes said she would try to get a smoking area in the school.

CHANGE IN PROGRAM Rob Lenizky, a Grade 9 student, said the switch from a public school program to high .. school's was the greatest challenge.

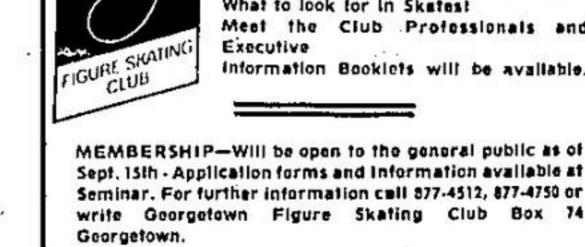
If he was principal for a day, Lenizky said: "I'd keep the school the same as it is." Mike Downey, a Grade 9 student sald "getting used to the school," was the greatest challenge and that if he was principal, "I'd have a holiday."

Grade 12 student Dave Logan said, "making it through the year" is the greatest challenge. He added that "I can't Imagine myself being a principal."

Greg Robson, a Grade 11 student said, "keeping up with your grades" was the greatest challenge but he was unsure of what he would do if he was principal.

Grade 10 student Joyce Parker who was sharing a lunch hour with a group said "putting up with the boys" was the greatest challenge. She added that if she was principal, she would have longer lunch hours.

Janet Roach, a Grade 9 student, sald that for Grade niners, the greatest challenge was the first day when "you're a munchkin. It's the name they have for new Grade niners." As principal, Roach said: "I'd try to do something about crowded halls."



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