



EXPERIENCE BUILDS NATURE TRAIL

Wrestling with an apparently knotty problem are students Jane Johnston (foreground) and Kathy Hewson. The two young women were part of a work party for the Credit-Valley Conservation Authority and Experience 77 last week that cleared nature

trails on the island in the Credit River just north of the bridge in Glen Williams. In the background carrying a pair of trunk which had fallen across a path is John Thomson. Others working on the project were Ken Russell and Scott Croucher.

69 graduate from Holy Cross

Diplomas were presented to 69 graduates of Holy Cross separate school on Monday evening following a dinner and mass at Holy Cross church.

Awards for citizenship and athletic achievement were presented for the first time this year. The Holy Cross Parents' Association donated the Citizenship awards for the boy and girl best demonstrating unselfish attitudes and service to others as well as keeping up high academic standards.

The winners were Patty Jo Cutrara and Michael Marcolini. The Athletic awards were won by Manuel Galvao and Lynne Cunningham.

Academic Achievement Awards were presented to the

outstanding male and female students. Paul Blackmore had an average of 94 per cent while Edith Otto's average was 95 per cent.

The IODE Award for the student showing the most improvement in English Expression and Language Arts went to Joe Sebalj. Joe arrived in Canada from Yugoslavia two years ago and at that time he could speak no English.

Lisa Burke won a Halton Separate School Award of Merit for a writing competition sponsored by the board. The certificate was presented at the graduation ceremonies by the school principal Barry Gowan.

Awards for promoting school

spirit went to Mark de Hueck (Knights of Columbus Award) and Lisa Burke (Catholic Women's League Award).

School crests were presented to students who had made contributions of their time for special projects. The Milk Maid Award went to Raylene Campbell and Anna-Marie Stone because they took care of milk orders throughout the year while Nancy Diamond was given the Chip Girl Award for her noon hour duties selling chips. Holly Hulme, Lynne MacKinnon and Lynne Waters earned the Coin Rollers Award for helping the principal prepare money for deposit in the school account.

AS LEGISLATURE PAGE

Bill Marchant awaits word on unique job

By KAREN WARD
Herald staff writer

Bill Marchant, 8 Park St., Georgetown, believes the best way to learn about politics is to get involved. And the best place to get involved is at Queen's Park.

He has applied to be a Page at the legislature for the fall session.

If chosen the thirteen-year-old will carry messages between speakers in the House, bring water for the thirty members, and distribute copies of Hansard to delegates. Bill is anxious and excited. He realizes that 21 Grade 7 and 8 students will be chosen out of a possible 200 students. He said if he can't get hired for the fall session, it's quite possible he would be early enough to apply

for the spring session. But he said, "I can't wait until spring to start."

Bill wrote a letter to Julian Reed, Halton-Burlington MPP, before the election campaign and told him his intentions. Mr. Reed said he would help him and Bill helped Mr. Reed throughout his election campaign, giving him an insight into politics.

His cousin from Belleville, Lyle Sutherland, will be living with the Marchants during his term as a Page. Lyle was a Page during the spring session but was laid off during the election.

Bill visited Queen's Park with his family to wait for Lyle on the night the budget was presented. He laughed as he remembered the table

pounding and yelling between members that went on that night, "just like a bunch of kids," he said.

The Pages chosen do not attend school during their session, but a tutor teaches them math, English, and history. Pages work a 9 to 5 day, with one late night.

Bill's father works in Toronto so transportation is no problem. His mother, Ruth Marchant, said the family is waiting for the reply from Queen's Park with crossed fingers and toes. Bill, she said, has reached a point in his schooling that his interest is slackening because he's bored. She said the year as a Page could perk his interest right up.

Limehouse news

By MRS. A.W. BENTON
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown and Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Brown were guests at the Graham-Brown wedding at Walkerton on Saturday.

Professor J. Farris preached at Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning, while Rev. P. Barrow was guest preacher at Anniversary Services at Ospringe.

Sunday School children, their teachers and a good number of the congregation enjoyed a picnic at the Church at noon on Sunday. Teachers Mrs. Ted Brown, Mrs. Ross Boyle and Mrs. Bert Benton were in charge of children's sports events and Bill Karn said Grace before lunch.

We regret to hear that Mrs. W. Mitchell has been moved from hospital in Georgetown to hospital in Milton where she is suffering from pneumonia.

Wolves have been seen at close range on property on the fourth line, near the heavily wooded area of the Escarpment, and a young calf was

cleaned to the bare bones in a farmer's field.

School children were dismissed for summer holidays on Friday, but teachers will attend this week. The school grounds will still be in use as the recreation department will have supervised play ground time there.

35th fete for pipeband

Georgetown Girl's Pipe Band plans to hold a reunion dinner and dance on Sept. 24 to celebrate its 35th anniversary. All former band members are invited to attend but they are urged to let the organizers know their intentions by Aug. 15. Further information on the celebration can be had by writing Mrs. Gail Bennett, R.R. 5, Georgetown, L7G 4S5, or by calling 877-8775, or 877-6398.

Parents see a moral decline, withdraw children from school

By MAGGIE HANNAH
Herald staff writer

"We're a Christian family and we want a Christian education for our children," was the reason Mrs. A. J. Lovelace gave for the decision she and her husband made to remove their two young children from the Limehouse public school.

Mrs. Lovelace stresses that they are not dissatisfied with the school or its staff; they are unhappy with the entire public education philosophy in Ontario at this time.

Mr. Lovelace is a product of the Ontario public school system having been educated in Streetsville and Mrs. Lovelace finished her high schooling in Canada, although her earlier education was received in Britain and India.

Mrs. Lovelace says the decision to move their children resulted in two years of watching and thinking about the

way the moral decline in the public education system was going to affect their children.

"They had been raised with the public system and didn't think much about the way it was changing until they returned from spending some time in Australia. Immediately they were struck by the tremendous contrast in the attitude and behavior of Canadian youngsters in comparison with their Australian contemporaries.

At first they told themselves they were overreacting, she says, and thus they did nothing about seeking an alternative school for their children.

Two years of watching local youngsters and listening to things they hear about institutions of higher learning in Halton and all over Ontario has convinced them that their children will be better off out of the public school system.

Mrs. Lovelace feels that

"society has gone downhill pretty fast in the last five years." The philosophy that puts children at the centre of their world rather than God has been going on for a few years and now we are beginning to reap the results, she says. Our culture suffers when values are no longer taught from a Christian viewpoint.

The Lovelaces feel that by not teaching Christian standards the schools are actually teaching their opposite. When you ignore Christianity it amounts to the same thing as teaching that it doesn't exist, Mrs. Lovelace says, and this is an alien philosophy which they would rather not have taught to their children.

The Lovelace children will go into Grades 2 and 3 at the Georgetown District Christian school this fall. They are being moved now before the non-Christian attitude is picked up

rather than later when they would be more sensitive to the implications of the move, their mother said.

The Lovelaces feel that the public education system has been taken out of the hands of parents to the point that there is a rude reaction to parents who try to "interfere."

"Maybe the Renaissance people didn't approach the board properly," she says, but she feels that their claims were justified.

Mrs. Lovelace feels that it is unfair that teachers are being forced into becoming socialists because there are "more and more deviate children to handle in the classroom each year."

The parents won't take the responsibility for their children's behavior and the principals are afraid to do anything about them such as expelling them, she says. Meanwhile the teachers can't do any teaching because of the problem children.

Mrs. Lovelace says that the fees required to send their two youngsters to the Christian school will stretch their finances and adds that it's time the Ontario government recognizes parents' rights to alternative educational systems the way they have in British Columbia and Alberta.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Pay cut voted down

Halton substitute teachers will not receive a pay cut and the supply teacher's group will be retained within the salary scale of the board of education following a defeat last week of recommendations calling for such action.

A recommendation of the teacher absenteeism committee calling for a 10 per cent decrease in daily rate paid supply teachers was easily voted down.

It took, however, a tie vote to prevent the teachers from being removed from the Halton board of education's proposal to remove the salary scale from the present 1,200th of basic teachers annual salary.

Chairman Rev. F. Gary

Morton called the motion defeated on a tie following board policy in defeating those proposals which do not gain a definite majority.

Dr. Howard-Locke told the board that she felt the 10 per cent pay cut and taking the salary scale off the grid were basically unfair since no other group had been asked to take a similar cut in pay. She felt that since the average relief teacher has 10 years experience they are already underpaid because they receive only a basic wage rather than what their qualifications entitle them to.

Cam Jackson felt that cutting the relief teachers' wages would be a step backward.

Recommendations that individual schools be encouraged to try alternative ways of reducing relief teacher costs; that in-service courses be held for relief teachers; that principals and staffs continue to monitor teacher absences; that personnel department modify as necessary its current record-keeping system for teacher absences; and that greater efforts be made to pay relief teachers from the appropriate account met with the board's approval.

The vote on the supply teacher salary recommendations was the third such attempt to curtail the pay rates of relief teachers in the county in five years.

No taxes for parking

A cost sharing scheme in which the town would pay half the costs of acquiring off-street parking in Acton and the merchants the other half failed to get the recommendation of finance administration committee Monday.

The town has approved the purchase of Hotchen's Bakery for \$43,000 and the money would be paid back to the town by a charge-back system from merchants in the Business Improvement Area (BIA).

Town planner Mario Venditti told the committee that with legal and demolition costs, \$70,000 is needed to turn the site into a parking lot.

Venditti recommended that a revised assessment roll listing be prepared and the Municipal Act be interpreted to compute a "fair and equitable rate" although no one knew what the term means, he said.

He said he had met merchants in downtown Acton, some of whom have provided parking at their own cost and would not want to be charged the same as merchants who haven't. However, these merchants would support the scheme if they could get a "reduced rate," he said.

Off-street parking is one of Acton's first priorities, Venditti said and he will be providing a report soon on the parking needs for the next 20 years. Taking the first step to approve the charge-back scheme is critical to the development, he added.

Venditti also recommended that the treasury department provide the actual dollar costs of the program, that the planning department provide maps of the designated BIA and that a bylaw be prepared but held in abeyance until the first four recommendations are completed.

The actual costs for the scheme would be debentured for ten years but it is up to the finance committee to set the terms of reference, Venditti said. For a commercial assessment of \$3,675, the merchant would pay \$50.20 per year and

there are 100 merchants, he said.

The planner and the treasurer, Ray King, disagreed on interpretation of the Municipal Act. Venditti felt that the act encouraged municipalities to enter into such cost-sharing agreements to keep downtown cores alive, while Mr. King felt the charge-back system is just a way the municipality could

recover the money.

Coun. Peter Marks moved that the town pay half of the cost and the merchants the other half, and urged the committee to pass the recommendation so it would get to council Monday for discussion, but committee members were loathe to use tax dollars to improve parking for merchants.

More info needed before truck ban on 17 Sideroad

Works Committee chairman Mike Armstrong told Richard Gregson and James Goodlet, representatives of 17 Sideroad residents that before an alternate truck route can be decided, or a bylaw prohibiting trucks imposed along 17 Sideroad, representatives from Ingham Ltd. should be heard at the next meeting, July 12.

Town engineer Bob Austin said the highways roads act has been amended and any licensed weight can travel on roads classified as Class B.

Mr. Gregson said the petition representing residents wishes of prohibiting truck traffic over 10,000 tons would have to be changed if a Class B road did not represent this.

Works committee will receive more information on the bylaw for the next committee meeting.

Georgetown native now a doctor

Dr. Leonard A. Landry will begin general practice at the Georgetown Medical Centre July 1.

A graduate of the University of Toronto medical faculty in 1976, Dr. Landry interned at Toronto's St. Joseph Hospital for a year. He is a Georgetown native having completed elementary school at Harrison public and Holy Cross schools. He is a graduate of Georgetown and district high school.

Married and living at RR 5, Milton, Dr. Landry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Landry of 9 Gibbons Place.



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CENTENNIAL PLAYDAY

Dennis Lonbro practised dribbling a basketball for an event at the Grade 3, 4 and 5 playday at Centennial public school on Tuesday. Students competed in a ball throw, standing broad jump, running broad jump, a shoe kicking contest and a juggling contest.

Gardens nothing but 'hor d'oeuvres' for groundhog

The gardens of two women near Edward and Guelph Street in Georgetown are nothing but "hor d'oeuvres" for a ground hog, finance and administration committee heard Monday.

"HE's cleaned off my cauliflower, cabbage and beans," Maxine Lawins said. Last year he ate the raspberries. She said she had to make her garden smaller.

Mrs. Shirley Baillie said that the groundhog is now "working his way through my peas."

The town should have traps available, Mrs. Baillie said. Last year she got a trap for two or three days from the City of Brampton and one groundhog and one cat were caught. The only captured animals and did not harm them, she

said. Committee members offered various suggestions on catching the groundhog and getting rid of it, but decided finally to ask for a report by deputy clerk administrator, Delmar French on "wild animals at large in the urban areas."

Coun. Roy Booth said once the groundhogs are caught, they can't be released in a field or a ravine because the farmers would object or the groundhog would just makes it way back to civilization. "For a wolf, the police have authority to shoot it, if they can hit it," he said.

"The women both felt that a pellet gun, as suggested, was dangerous and could possibly harm children in the next yard.

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