



Career Day at Georgetown and district high school was a great success, with most of the Grades 11, 12, and 13 students turning out to ask questions of the 47 professional people who attended the exhibit. Among those present were, lower left, Sgt. Graham and Const. Atleo of the RCMP, upper left, Superintendent Floyd Schwantz, Halton Regional Police, and upper right, Capt. Thomson, of the armed forces.

Kids told what to do in case of fire

The Halton Hills Fire Department held a demonstration on Operation Edith for children at the Georgetown and Acton branches of the public library last Saturday.

Operation Edith stands for Exit Drills In The Home, and was devised, firefighter Larry Brassard told the children, from Mrs. Edith O'Leary whose cow is said to have caused the Great Chicago Fire.

The children were shown two films about planning in ad-

advance the best escape routes in case of fire. In each film, the emphasis was in getting out of the house quickly, and avoiding panic. Part of the demonstration involved asking children to plan their own escape plan from their home and to return next Saturday to discuss the plan with Mr. Brassard.

Mr. Brassard discussed a list of do's and don'ts with the children in case of fire. He also showed an escape plan which he designed showing two exits

from each room.

"The odds are that you will awaken before the fire is so large that it blocks both exits from the room you're in," he said.

Mr. Brassard emphasized that the most dangerous fires occur at night. They are more dangerous because the family may be overcome by fumes before anyone awakens and realizes there is a fire.

He said the fire department is strongly recommending that everyone who can afford them should get a smoke detector, or more than one, installed in their home.

The fire department is offering demonstrations in firefighting techniques for adults as well as children. On Oct. 20, there will be a demonstration of fire extinguishers and their use. On Oct. 27, the firefighters will rescue a person "trapped" in a car. These demonstrations will be part of an open house at the fire hall on both evenings.

Limehouse tour

The Esqueving Historical Society will be holding a walking tour of Limehouse on Oct. 16.

The afternoon will begin with a slide presentation, showing older slides with pictures of the area as it was, and newer slides, showing changes in the area. The presentation will be held at the old Methodist Church.

The walk will start from the church and move on to what some people in the area know as the Gowdy property, which is part of the Bruce Trail.

The Gowdy family owned some Toronto lime works and donated the land for the church. The walk will then move on to the old lime kilns, where an explanation of how they were operated will be given.

These kilns were in use at the turn of the century. The tour will also include the old sawmill and cement factory, as well as the store, hotel,

schools and some homes in old Limehouse.

The walk is expected to take about 1 1/2 hours. It will return to the church, where the Limehouse Women's Institute will have tea and fruitcake for sale.

John McDonald, a member of the Esqueving Historical Society, says this is the fourth walking tour the society has held.



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Students at GDHS view career choices

Career Day at Georgetown District High School last week provided students with the opportunity to question a wide range of professional people about career possibilities.

The day was put together by the University Women's Club, with the co-operation of the staff at GDHS.

"The University Women's Club did most of the work, making the contacts with people, and so on," Mr. Michael Furlong principal at GDHS said. "We provided the facilities and anything else they needed."

The students from grades 11, 12 and 13 participated in the half-day event, which has been running for three years.

"We would involve the grade

9's and 10's, but the gym won't hold 1900 people at one time," Mr. Furlong said. "The project was originally set up for girls in Grades 12 and 13. But there was a lot of concern that the boys weren't getting the opportunity to talk to these people. So the program was expanded to include boys and girls, and later to include grade 11 students."

"The project was originally set up for girls during International Women's Year," said Carol Packer, vice-president of the UWC. "It's just gone on

from there. It took us from May until now to get in touch with all these people, and find substitutes in case any of them couldn't make it. But each year it's been very successful."

The career areas which attracted the most interest was the armed forces, the police force, journalism, airline stewardesses and photography.

"The student who asked, 'If we go to this thing, do we get to miss school?' was in a minority in the crowds surrounding the more popular exhibits.

More recognition for bright students

Teachers at Georgetown district high school are trying to raise standards of and attitudes towards academic achievement.

William Robinson, vice-principal at GDHS, is the chairman of a committee of academic teachers who want to gain for academic achievers the kind of recognition which has been granted to athletic achievers. They are considering enlarging the awards system for top students.

"We had a staff meeting to

air any complaints we had," said Ann Campbell, one of the members of the committee. "One of the most frequently voiced complaints was that academic achievers don't receive the recognition they deserve. So Mr. Robinson formed a committee to see what could be done about it."

The committee is still exploring ways of succeeding at the task they have set themselves. Among the suggestions made have been a hall of fame for academics, with 15 students admitted each year, and awards to the top three students in each grade, instead of the top girl and top boy students.

The teachers would also like to see students who did well in competition, such as typing contests, math contests and German contests, receive some kind of awards. There are also safety contests, and automotive contests which students can enter.

"There is still the attitude that a student who does well at his or her studies is a 'brownie' and is to be looked down on," Mrs. Campbell said. "We'd like to change that."

"We've set up this committee to promote academics. We're not trying to make athletics less important. We're just trying to make academics equally recognized."

Councillors to earn \$9,480 in 1978

Halton region councillors voted 12 to 8 to give themselves a 5.4 per cent salary increase effective 1978.

The move brings their annual salary up to \$9,480 from the current \$8,995.

In voting themselves the pay raise last Wednesday, council rejected the recommendation of its administration committee that there be no increase in favor of the 5.4 per cent boost.

Administration committee chairman Walter Mulkenich said the increase is in line with budget guidelines.

Burlington Coun. Ben Ciprietti said that the office of regional councillor is overpaid. The time and work involved does not justify the increase, he said.



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