

## Snow carnival



Rachel Rogers attempts to direct a ball around an obstacle course of pylons at the Park School winter carnival. That ball just didn't seem to go where she wanted it to go.



This demonstration of the obstacle course at the Park School winter carnival last Thursday showed the students the hard way to do it. The obstacle course involved running around trees, stepping along a ladder lying in the snow, crawling through the tube, and running around a series of flags.



Two future Park School students, Adrian and Robbie, were a little too young to take part in the events at the school's winter carnival, but they devised their own game on the wall of snow behind the school building. The game could best be called "I'm the king of the castle, and you're the dirty rascal."

# Five seek seat; deadline today

Unless an 11th hour candidate announces him or herself today (Wednesday) Halton board of education will tomorrow appoint one of five persons to fill the seat vacated by Don Long of Georgetown.

Mr. Long resigned his seat Feb. 23, citing business commitments for the next six months as his reason.

Whoever the board picks will hold the seat and draw about \$5,000 in wages until Dec. 31.

Candidates wishing to be considered have until today to get their applications into board chairman Rev. Garry Morton.

Following are brief profiles of the declared candidates.

Barry Shepherd, 33, ran opposite Don Long for the board of education seat in the December, 1976 municipal elections. He garnered about 40 per cent of the vote.

He told The Herald in an interview that he still retains his general interest in educational matters with specific interests in special education and the early detection of learning disabilities in young people.

The Mary Street resident graduated from Georgetown district high school and has lived here for a total of 13 years. He has two young sons, the eldest of which has a learning disability and is in special education classes. Mr. Shepherd works as a packaging specialist for Kodak in Brampton.

He said he has the time and energy to devote to the job and will run for the seat in the November 13 municipal election.

Mr. Shepherd said he is looking forward to getting involved in board matters even though there is not much time left in this board's term.

The twinning of small elementary schools is currently

an issue facing parents of pupils at Limehouse public school and Joseph Gibbons public school and Mr. Shepherd said he would try and get involved with those groups.

Mr. Shepherd said he was in favor of French language instruction in elementary schools but noted, too, that there are budget restraints.

"I'm interested in a strong bilingual province and communication with Quebec," he said.

Mr. Shepherd said he was studying the issue of declining enrollments and predicted the question of dealing with it will cause a lot of conflict among parents.

Harry VanGoeh, 46, told The Herald in an interview that he has never run for any municipal office before and has an idea how the educational system in Halton works.

Mr. Van Goeh has lived in Georgetown for five years and is a field engineer with Honeywell Information Systems. He lives on Main Street North in Georgetown and has two children in Georgetown and district high school and one in middle Stouartville school.

Mr. Van Goeh said he didn't believe he could do much in the remaining term of the board other than occupy the seat and represent Wards 3 and 4 in Halton Hills. And as for the operation of the board, "I would have to learn pretty quick."

Mr. Van Goeh, who speaks Dutch and some German, said he is in favor of students learning a second language. As for declining enrollment, he said either classes would have to be made smaller or teachers would lose jobs.

Mr. Van Goeh said he was not sure if he would run for a seat in the municipal election.

Douglas M. Thom, 37, is vice-principal of Thomas L.

Kennedy Secondary school in Mississauga. He has been a Georgetown resident for the past five years and also lived here for a time earlier in his career.

His 14 years of teaching have given him a good understanding of the machinations of teachers' federation, he says, and he has always been interested in the board's work.

"There are a lot of important questions going on in education now that need addressing," Mr. Thom says, "and if I have the time I should be addressing them. In order to develop totally as a teacher I think I should look at the trustee's role too."

Yvonne Mileham is a retired teacher from Limehouse who has lived in Halton for just over 12 years.

Although she has been very interested in this field she had not thought of applying for the vacant seat until friends suggested it to her, she says.

Mrs. Mileham says she is interested in the current trends in education and "can give all kinds of time" to the research she might need to do in order to keep abreast of board proposals.

She finds it interesting that the new trend in education seems to be toward doing something to help students with special needs.

"It's strange that this awareness should come when we're trying to save money. However there should be something that can be done that doesn't have to cost a lot of money," she says.

Monty Hyde, 33, is a George-

town native as well as a local lawyer. He has had a long-standing interest in the board of education and now feels he has the time to devote to being a board member.

Mr. Hyde says he would like to see a return to use of core curriculum and the removal of optional trials as one way of dealing with the problems of declining enrollments and declining funds to run the educational system.

He would also like to see moves made to establish provincial standards which would be acceptable to universities.

He is a strong advocate of neighbourhood schools to which students can walk. Reducing the costs of bussing is part of handling the declining income available to the board, he feels.

He also suggests the elimination of middle schools and the return of senior students to neighbourhood schools as another possible way of handling the declining enrollments which plague the board and threaten to close a number of smaller schools.

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## Ashgrove social notes

By MRS. JOHN BELL-BODDY

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er, Skier, Friend to birds, Marilyn Midwinter - Collector, Sandra Heaton - Collector, Thrift, Jester, Friend to birds, Dancer, Space and Gardener.

The Canadian Flag had its 13th birthday celebrated at the Feb. 15 meeting. Dr. Philbrook's office supplied flag lapel pins for all the Brownies and Guides.

Brown Owl decorated a cake like the flag which we all enjoyed eating.

Feb. 22 was Thinking Day and to celebrate Lord and Lady Baden-Powell's birthdays the parents joined us for presentation on Brownies in other lands.

Marilyn Midwinter's project was Brownies in Sri Lanka, Valerie Barnes presented New Zealand, Janet Annable did West Germany, Janet Kemp-ton was British Columbia, Sandra Heaton showed United Kingdom.

Brownies Pennies for the World Friendship fund were collected, they are used for the promotion of Guiding around the world.

Tracking A satellite is currently tracking a huge iceberg off the coast of Antarctica. The iceberg is almost as big as the state of Rhode Island and contains enough fresh water to supply the needs of Washington D.C. for more than 3,000 years.

## Track considered again

Halton Hills planning committee will be dealing with a proposal to build a go-cart track near 10 Sideroad south of Norval that area residents are objecting to.

Halton Hills council was to have heard John Malecki, who wants to build the track, at its meeting Monday, but he was unable to make it.

Coun. Roy Booth, chairman of the planning committee, said he had received a letter from Mr. Malecki that contained new information that the planning board did not have.

Coun. Booth said he the information but it would be better if Mr. Malecki were to make the presentation himself.

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