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SWAP A SUCCESS

Carol Pickles examines a motorcycle tire at the first Dirt Bike Swaperama held Saturday at Gordon Alcott arena. Sponsored by the Halton Off Trail Riders Association, the swap brought together riders who wanted to exchange surplus stuff from boots, helmets, tires, fenders, handlebars, riding leathers or just information. Fred Kerr, club member who organized the swap, said he expects next year's swaperama to be bigger and better.

LIMEHOUSE, SPEYSIDE

Twinning is approved for area rural schools

Halton board of education twinned two pairs of schools in Halton Hills with a mixed reaction from parents who'd urged the board not to.

Effective Sept. 1, Limehouse school will be twinned to Joseph Gibbons school in Georgetown and Speyside school with Robert Little school in Acton.

Limehouse parents vowed after the board's action that they would appeal the twinning to Education Minister Thomas Wells and perhaps Ontario Ombudsman Arthur Maloney.

A spokesman for the Speyside parents said the group there would take a wait-and-see-how-it-works-out attitude, although before the meeting she told The Herald the parents were confident that they'd got enough trustees from south Halton sympathetic to the plight of the parents and children.

The decision to twin the two pairs of schools came with approval of administration recommendations in response to a brief on the subject from the Halton Public School Principals' Association (HPSPA). The HPSPA recommendations were concerned with the problems associated with small schools, with twinned schools and with closing schools.

The anticipated savings associated with twinning the schools in Halton Hills are \$5,000 for each act of twinning. This comes from changing the administration of the school from principal to vice-principal. The board is also considering the twinning of two other pairs of schools in the region.

Reaction from the Limehouse parents after the board's recorded vote to twin was strong and heated.

David Mullins, spokesman for about 30 parents at the meeting, said the twinning decision did not come as a surprise but did leave parents "disgusted."

He said he found it incredible that the trustees who are supposed to represent the public ignored the wishes of the public opposed to twinning.

He told reporters the parents in Limehouse had received a questionnaire from the school board in which the preferred answers tended to lead toward closing of the schools.

The first question asked if the parent favored children in Grade 6 to attend a middle school of Grades 6, 7 and 8 rather than a Kindergarten to Grade 6 school. If parents answered yes to the question, it would justify the administration to send the Grade 6 at Limehouse school to a middle school, an act which could reduce enrollment at Limehouse school to within closing criteria, he indicated.

Yet criteria for de-twinning a school - an enrollment of 300 is beyond the school's potential, Mr. Mullins said. "Limehouse school wasn't built to hold 300."

The parents were not accepting the board's decision he said, and among the options they were considering was an appeal to Education Minister Thomas Wells and Ontario Ombudsman Arthur Maloney. The board members "apparently don't give a care"

about our kids or they wouldn't be withdrawing the principal," he said. Without the principal the children have no one to look to as leader of the school. The children are asking now what will happen to their principal, he said.

One parent said the board is not interested in considering fairly the impact of twinning on the community. She said the board made no effort to consider the extra social costs plus busing costs of twinning.

Another parent charged that the trustees have no real concept of what a rural school is - "the focal point of a widespread rural community." Parents moved into the rural setting to seek a sense of neighbourhood, she said. "We have found it and we want to keep it."

Spokesman for the Speyside parents, Jean Armstrong, said the parents are not angry at either the administration or the trustees.

"But the trustees may not understand the situation," she said.

"We'll wait and see what happens but try hard to get the teaching load reduced," she said.

Under the board's twinning policy is the stipulation that the vice-principal assigned to the smaller twinned school teach between 50 to 75 per cent of the time with at least a quarter of his time spent as administrator.

Twinning schools may also receive a secretary for up to two and a half days more per week at the discretion of the director of education.

John Boich, superintendent of instruction, told the board twinning is not a new concept but the complicating factor facing the board in the future is the large distances between schools. The advantages and disadvantages need to be weighed in the balance, he said.

"We do not have the ideal optimum conditions in any school and never will have," Mr. Boich said. The ideal, "is something we need to achieve."

The school system however must supply the basic minimum in teachers, resources remedial work, ensure the safety of children, discipline and allow parent access to the school, he said.

He defended the board's fiscal behaviour during "difficult economic times," adding that it has maintained standards without great changes.

In response to a HPSPA recommendation that the twinned school be seen as a short term solution prior to recommending closing, Mr. Boich said "twinning is not a short term solution prior to closing. It stands on its own."

"We believe that schools when twinned may remain so for a long period of time. It is possible that in the 1980's some schools may become untwinned while some twinned schools will close. Each school building will be considered on its own merits."

The real savings in twinning are in the additional teaching time in schools across the region, as a result of the decrease in the number of administrative persons needed. "It's not a direct saving but it sure helps in keeping class

sizes down," Mr. Boich said.

Trustee Barry Shepherd said people in north Halton are extremely concerned about school closings and twinings. The memory of the closing of Norval school is still "vivid in their minds."

He said that two weeks after he took his seat on the board he voted to close Westbourne school, but his moral values tell him to acknowledge the overwhelming concern which 70 Limehouse parents exhibited at a meeting with only two days notice. The concern was similar with the Speyside parents, he added.

Mr. Shepherd said that Limehouse school has no empty classrooms and is at 70 per cent of its capacity. The prevailing attitude is that it is a small school so therefore needs to be closed, but the quality of education is not suffering because of its size, he said.

The saving of \$5,000 will not justify the loss of the leader of the school. He suggested that the principal at a small school need not be earning \$32,000 per year but could be a less experienced one in the \$28,000 range.

Trustee Shepherd said that with the exception of enrollment falling to 200, there are no other criteria for twinning schools. If he could be convinced specifically that twinning is a cost-saving procedure, "I'd do it." But in the case of the two Halton Hills schools, "I just can't buy it."

Trustee H.H. (Bert) Hinton said he couldn't understand why the HPSPA brief, dated March 9, 1978, had been with the trustees for so many meetings but the executive position was coming on the night of the vote.

Mr. Hinton stressed that small rural schools are different from small urban schools. "It may be difficult for urban trustees to digest this fact."

"We are talking about the future of children who are in a different environment," Mr. Hinton said, and warned that the twinned students may require special education and cost the board more money in the long run. "There has to be some better argument for saving a few thousand dollars."

On a recorded vote to twin Limehouse school with Joseph Gibbons, trustees Edna Robinson, Mr. Hinton, Mr. Shepherd, Elsie Hilson, Helen Howard-Lock and Bill Herd were opposed. In favor were trustees Judy Alexander, Jim Clelland, Cameron Jackson, Florence Meares, Ivan Armstrong, Elaine Rhuem, Noel Cooper, Bill Lawson and board chairman Rev. Garry Morton.

With one exception the vote was similar for the twinning of Speyside school with Robert Little School. Trustee Cooper voted in favor of not twinning, an indication that the message of the Speyside parents got through to him.

In an interview with The Herald, trustee Cooper said he normally supports the administration position and policies. It was the first time he had voted against twinning two schools.

"The Speyside parents made an excellent presentation. But I don't believe twinning will adversely affect the quality of education, a point both groups were trying to make."



FITNESS MINISTER CAMPAGNOLA PRACTISING WHAT SHE PREACHES.

GRITS NOMINATE ROSS MILNE

By GENE MOONEY Special to The Herald About 400 supporters acclaimed Peel-Dufferin-Simcoe MP Ross Milne Wednesday as Liberal candidate for the federal riding of Brampton-Georgetown. Guest speaker at the meeting, held in the Lester B. Pearson Theatre in Brampton, was Iona Campagnolo, minister for fitness and amateur sport. Although an election writ has not been handed down yet, both Milne and Mrs. Campagnolo used the occasion for political campaigning. "Inflation is more or less under control," said Milne in his speech. Manufacturing costs, he said, are increasing at a slower rate than in the United States, and Canadian exports are up. He said Canada has more people in the work force than ever before while other countries have fewer people working than in earlier years. "The last thing the economy needs is a lot more



ROSS MILNE

About The Hills ICG reacts

Interested Citizens Group (ICG) chairman Bill Mann last week demanded that Ontario Energy Minister Rueben Baetz retract in the House and to the press a statement he made that the ICG agrees with a decision to proceed with the 500kv line from Colbeck to Limehouse. Mr. Mann reminded him that the group has opposed the line for four years and says members will continue to oppose it.

GO revised

GO Transit has announced a number of changes in times and service on the Georgetown route beginning April 30. The 11:30 p.m. trip leaving York Mills for Brampton, Georgetown and Guelph on Saturdays will now end at Georgetown. A trip at 6:30 a.m. from Guelph to downtown Toronto will replace the 6:50 a.m. trip from Guelph to York Mills on Saturdays. The daily 6 p.m. trip out of Guelph will now leave at 6:20 p.m.

Wintario grant

Wintario has announced a \$711 grant to Halton Hills to help cover costs of running the regional winter games held at Kelso Park in Milton in February. Also announced was a \$1,402 grant to the Acton Minor Hockey Association for the purchase of goaltending equipment.

Kid's Day

It's Kid's Day at McDonald's Restaurant Sunday. Ronald McDonald will be there giving away free balloons, prizes and sundae for children 10 years of age and under.

Acton BLA appointed

Halton Hills council has appointed the seven member board of management for the Acton Business Improvement Area. Appointed were Henry Slachyra, chairman; Ed Wood, vice-chairman; Rick Devlin, treasurer; Bill Yundt, secretary; Don Lindsay and Paul Nielsen, members and Peter Marks as council's representative.

Drivers needed

Halton Hills Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society requires volunteer drivers to help with the transport of patients to Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto. The society pays mileage for the trips. Interested persons should contact the society at its Georgetown offices at 877-1124 or drop in at the offices at 15 Wesleyan St.

Report due shortly

Halton District Health Council long term care committee is reviewing data collected for a report on nursing home care in Halton. A report for consideration by the council is expected to be released in about one month. Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital has been seeking permission to build a long term care facility on its grounds to provide a service not found in North Halton.

Federal grant

Halton MP Dr. Philbrook's office announced that the Halton Hills Concerned Citizens Committee has received a \$4,939 grant from the Secretary of State's Office to hire two students this summer. In the application the group's secretary Mid Brunski said that the students would correlate the efforts of various local groups, "help to determine various needs in the area, and help to streamline the needs of various local groups." They will also "meet with local unions and work on community education programs."

April rainfall

Our local weather lady, Mrs. Ailca Scott, tells The Herald that 2.69 inches of rain fell during April, 1978, as opposed to 3.16 inches in 1977. An inch of rain distributes 27,000 gallons of water on an acre of land.

PROGRAM MAY FOLD Students down to earth

By SUE LEHN Acton high school's Mounsbury program held an open house April 25, where students displayed to the public the activities they have done this year. The alternate education program is located on a farm five miles northwest of Acton. There is some controversy whether the program, in its second year of operation, should be continued next year. Mounsbury receives only \$300 in funds to operate for one school semester. These funds must come from the yearly budget allotted to Acton high school. Already this year the \$300 is spent, and last year Dr. Paul Tamblin, Mounsbury's only teacher, spent about \$1,000 of his own money to keep the program going.

Wade Vickery, a student in the program, summed up the feelings of the students working at Mounsbury by saying: "We're learning a lot more here than we did in school. It is more applicable to life than in the subjects at school, more of a learning experience. I would like to see it continued."

Tamblin, who before the project started was a science teacher at Acton high school, also feels that "Although subjects like biology, math, and English are important, I have the feeling that what we are doing here is somehow more permanent. I am a strong believer in the school system, but Mounsbury is an alternative to traditional school, and I hope it will be allowed to continue."

He also said that the board of education would like to stop funding altogether, and the program only gets money because Dean Pink, principal of Acton high, keeps plugging away for the program.

School trustee for Acton and Esquesing, Bert Hinton, who did not attend the open house, commented: "I'm not saying the board is for or against this. Continued on Page 2"

Hargrove promoted, assists UAW head

The new administrative assistant for the director of Canadian region of the United Auto Workers (UAW) is the former UAW representative for Brampton, Bramalea, Mississauga and Georgetown, Buzz Hargrove, 34, a Georgetown resident, began his new post Monday following the appointment of Robert White as the new director for the Canadian region of the UAW on April 22.

Mr. Hargrove says the new position is a broadening of his assignment because he now serves the 130,000 members of the UAW from Nova Scotia to Vancouver. It will mean a lot more responsibility and also more travelling for him. His first out of town assignment will be a trip to Vancouver this week where UAW members are on strike.

"I don't know how I'll like it (the travel)," he says, "but I guess I'll get used to it."

Mr. Hargrove moved to Georgetown from Windsor in 1975 after 11 years in the Chrysler plant where he was on the executive of UAW local 444. A new Brunswick native Mr. Hargrove lives on Delrex Boulevard with his wife and two young children.



BUZZ HARGROVE

Georgetown WI disbands after 75 years

By Luena Campbell After 75 years of service to the community of Georgetown, the Georgetown Women's Institute has been disbanded. The decision, which was made in March, comes after 75 years of work by the WI members for the benefit of the community, from donations to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital to the supplying of food and clothing for the relief of Hurricane Hazel flood victims.

Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless saw the light in 1896, and was instrumental in the organization of the First Women's Institute, meeting at Stoney Creek, Feb. 19, 1897. She lit the torch which has been handed on and is burning today with a true, clear flame.

On March 25, 1903, a group of ladies met in the old town hall, Georgetown, in conjunction with the Farmers' Institute, and the Georgetown branch of the Women's Institute was organized. Mrs. L.L. Bennett was the first president, and Miss Lettie Reid was secretary-treasurer. The first government speaker was Miss Laura Rose (afterwards Mrs. Laura Rose Stephens). She was a young Georgetown woman who helped to design the Women's Institute pin and suggested the motto "For Home and Country" which was to be on the pin, with blue and gold maple leaves, designed from her own signet ring.

Some of the highlights of our work during the 75 years were: In 1930, the Women's Institute erected the cemetery entrance, at a cost of \$800. To help raise money for this, they had a barn dance in John McDonald's new barn, north of Georgetown at the corner of the 8th Line and Hwy. 7.

In 1950, before Georgetown had a hospital, the WI provided bed lights for a new wing of Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton. In 1957, the park entrance on Charles Street and Park Avenue was improved with stone pillars and wrought iron trimmings, at a cost of \$500. These pillars were recently marred by vandals.

In 1961, when Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital was opened, the WI provided an oxygen tent and a group tent. Since then, the WI has provided over-bed tables, step stools, small oxygen tent, five chairs and in 1975 gave a \$500 donation for use in the physiotherapy room of the new addition. The total donations to the hospital were about \$1700. In 1970, the WI put three benches in the cemetery.

The WI has always done a lot of welfare work. A helping hand committee was ready to give aid on many occasions. A baby's layette was on hand for the needs of mother and babe when required. At the time of Hurricane Hazel, Oct. 15, 1954, food and clothing were sent to flood victims and those helping them.

The WI was responsible for relief of the needy during depression years of the 1930's, when bales of clothing and hampers of food were distributed. A wreath was placed at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day and for several years, flowering plants were supplied for a bed around the cenotaph at the corner of Main and Guelph Streets. Graduation prizes were given at High School Commencement. At Christmas, gifts and treats were sent to suitable places.

When the town celebrated 60 years of confederation in 1927 with a large parade, the WI entered a float. At the Fall Fair, we had an exhibit each year. Every year, the WI would have a bus tour or a tour of one of our industrial plants. Euchre parties were a popular way to raise funds.

Several of our members attended a conference of World delegates at Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, in June, 1936. There were also representatives at the 50th anniversary of the F.W.I.O. in June, 1947, at O.A.C. Guelph, as well as at Canada Day Pageant at Maple Leaf Gardens, August 1953, in honor of Triennial Conference of A.C.W.W.

The WI celebrated its 50th anniversary with a banquet in St. George's Hall, March 1953. The 60th anniversary was celebrated with a banquet at Kennedy Klub 7 in March 1963. The 65th anniversary was marked with a banquet in the IOOF Hall, March 1968. In March 1973, the 70th anniversary was celebrated by inviting neighboring branches to our regular meeting in Knox Hall in March 1978. It was decided to disband. These 75 years have been years of achievement and we have tried to uphold the honor of our motto "For Home and Country" and carry on in the spirit of those who first saw the light, and now we hand down the torch.