



Sgt. Datzel, a section commander from Georgetown and two of his men manpack rations and water up to the battle positions.

Militia on maneuvers

Story and photo by Alex Fass

While many people used the Victoria Day Weekend to relax either at home or at the cottage, other members of the community donned their uniforms and reported to one of the Lorne Scots Regiment armories at Brampton, Georgetown or Oakville.

The Regiment had been tasked by Hamilton Militia District to provide a company for a defensive exercise involving other infantry, artillery, service corps, communications corps and technical corps units.

After the issue of weapons and a briefing a reconnaissance party left for Meaford to check the area assigned to the regiment for the exercise.

At approximately 3 a.m. Saturday the main body of troops left Brampton for the exercise area. By noon the company had fully occupied the position and had begun to dig in. For the next 48 hours work was con-

tinually being done to improve the position such as laying wire, minefields and the positioning of Night Observation Devices.

While this was being carried out the company was under constant enemy observation and harassment which culminated in an enemy attack on the company command post at first light on Monday.

Throughout the exercise casualties were detailed by regular force personnel who were observing the exercise. This gave both the regiment and the medical corps a chance to practice casualty evacuation and treatment procedures.

Throughout the year the men and women of the reserve undergo training one to two nights a week and on many weekends.

This exercise was designed to test the effectiveness of this training and the readiness of the regiment to handle whatever situation is given.

Truck traffic brings call to close all pits, quarries

Mayor Tom Hill and Coun. Mike Armstrong suggested at last week's works committee meeting that the only way to solve the problem of truck traffic in Halton Hills would be to close all the quarries within the town boundaries.

Works committee received a petition from area resident, J.D. Pemberton concerning truck traffic on the 4th Lane north of 15 Sideroad. Trucks are proceeding east on 15 Sideroad from Highway 25, and turning north on the 4th Lane, and making the return trip by the same route, Mr. Pemberton wrote, and "there is absolutely no need for these trucks to be proceeding on the 4th Lane."

"Maybe I should move that we close all the quarries in Halton Hills because that's the only way we're going to solve the problem," Coun. Armstrong said. He asked Mayor Hill if this route was temporary. Mayor Hill said this was the most direct route.

"As far as a recommendation goes, I'm at a little of a loss as to what recommendation should be made, except for closing all the bloody pits in Halton Hills," Mayor Hill said. Committee adopted a recommendation by Coun. Armstrong that Mr. Pemberton be informed that there is at present no truck route in Halton Hills, and that a bylaw is being prepared which may affect the traffic on the 4th Lane.

The bylaw to which Coun. Armstrong referred is a weight restriction bylaw to restrict truck traffic on 17 Sideroad.

Richard Scott will become vice principal at Georgetown high school Sept. 1, 1978. He has had 15 years teaching experience, serving as director of business education in both Oakville and Georgetown high schools and Lester B. Pearson high school.

Mr. Scott has a master of education degree from the University of Toronto and a Master of Business Administration from McMaster University. He is married and lives in Burlington.

The board also transferred vice principal Bill Robinson of Georgetown high school to the same position at General Brock School.

Board names two to posts

A principal for Acton High School and a vice-principal for Georgetown and district high schools were appointed Thursday by Halton board of education.

Wally Watkins, who is a vice principal at M.M. Robinson high school, will become principal of Acton high school effective Sept. 1, 1978.

He has 23 years experience in education and holds a Bachelor of Arts Honors degree in English literature from Leicester University and a diploma in education from Birmingham University in England.

Married with three children, Mr. Watkins lives in Burlington. His hobbies are judo, farming and sailing.

Parents to give twinned schools a chance

Parents of Speyside and Lamehouse school students who tried to oppose the twinning of the schools have decided to give the new system some time and see if it works out as well as board of education trustees say it will.

"We didn't want to be twinned but we'll wait and see how it turns out," says Flo Gordon of the Lamehouse group.

The group will be meeting with the principal of Joseph Gubbins school in Georgetown, Tom Gibson, and Lamehouse's new vice-principal, Al Zanina, early in June to iron out any final problems at that time.

Janet Armstrong of the Speyside group feels north area superintendent Don Gentlemen is responsible for the improvements which Speyside will receive through twinning with Robert Little school in Georgetown.

"The secretarial help has been increased to full time, by or almost full-time and we'll have the Robert Little libra-

rian 25 per cent of the time. We've had no librarian for the last couple of years and the secretary is only here about three days a week."

"Many parents didn't realize that it has been an administration policy that principals should teach 50 per cent of the time," she explains. "This year they will be enforcing the policy so our principal would have been working in the classroom more anyway. We're just very happy that the board saw fit to reduce the vice-principal's teaching time to 50 per cent in the twinned schools."

Mrs. Armstrong says the group was "very disappointed" with the board's twinning decision because members felt they had presented a good case for keeping a small school open on its own.

However, twinning means that Robert Little school can help to absorb the cost of

keeping Speyside open until the population comes up again, and members feel there was nothing else they could have done to convince the board not to twin the schools.

The parents committee will meet Little principal, Hazel Allen and Speyside's vice-principal, Larry Ciglen, in the near future. Mr. Ciglen won't be coming into an antagonistic situation, Mrs. Armstrong says, and the group will "help all we can without interfering in his job."

Mr. Ciglen has worked for the Halton Board of Education for nine years, five of those as a vice-principal. He has been a Georgetown resident for 10 years and has taught in Chapel Street, Norval, and Stewartson schools. He has been vice-principal at Robert Little school for two years.

Norman Howell, the former principal at Speyside will be going to Mountain Gardens school in Burlington where he lives.

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