No surprises on first school day

Opening day in Halton Hills classrooms provided no great surprises.

At Georgetown District Christian School enrollment has fallen slightly to 220 from 226 in June. The new staff members are Ted Postma, Grades 5 and French, Roxanne Hicks, Grade 6 and Pat Rossall, Grade 7.

St. Joseph's separate school in Acton has 165 students, an increase over the June figure of 137. The new staff members are Brian Morris in Grade 7 and 8 and Elisabeth Crins in Grades 4 and 5.

St. Francis separate school in Georgetown has 215 students as opposed to 220 when classes ended in June. The new staffer is Helen Woods in Grade 3 and 4.

At Holy Cross separate school in Georgetown the present enrollment is 360 as opposed to 376 students in June. New staff members are librarian Lori Harris and principal Ed Domenichetti.

At Sacre Coeur school the enrollment has dropped to 105 students from 115 when school closed. New staff members are Francine Renaud in Grades 2 and 3, Norman Branch in Grade 8 and secretary Mado Christie.

Enrollments in both Acton public schools have fallen slightly. At Robert Little school there are now 450 students as opposed to 460 last June. New staffers are Maureen Morrow in special education, John Vandermolen, Grade 5, Bob McGregor, Grade 4 and Jeannette Paquette in Grade 1.

At M.Z. Bennett, the enrollment stands at 400 students while in June there were 409. New staff members are Joy Penttila in Grade 2, Penny Carlos in Grades 3 and 4, And Norma Silcock in remedial resources.

Rural schools also have smaller enrollments this term. At Speyside the enrollment has fallen to 155 from 170 in June. New staff members are Richard Coe., Grades 4 and 5, Diane Kildinen, Grades 3 and 4 and Joan Pearce, Grade 1 as well as vice-principal Larry Ciglen.

Enrollment at Limehouse now stands at 185 as opposed to 196 in June. New staff members are Nancy Boyce, Grade 1, Brenda Dolling, Grade 5, Mike Coates, Grade 6, and vice-principla Al Zanatta. The school also shares some staff with its twin school in Georgetown, Joseph Gibbons. They are remedial resource teacher Chris Jefferson, special education teacher Linda Bobor and librarian Larry Humphrey.

The only drastic drop in enrollment occurred in Pineview school where two classrooms of students from Robert Baldwin school in Milton which have been attending the school were returned to their own school. Enrollment at Pineview now stands at 327 students as opposed to 455 in June. The new staff members are librarian Harriet Mitchell and principal John Simpson.

At Glen Williams public school the enrollment is 215 students as opposed to 222 when classes ended in June. Principal Ken Trowbridge is the only new staffer at the school this year.

In Georgetown the same enrollment pattern has emerged as elsewhere in Halton Hills. At Park school the enrollment stands at 249 studeins including the students in a special education class and a trainable mentally handicapped class. In June it was 258. There will be anew member on staff but as yet the name has not been announced.

At Wrigglesworth school the enrollment has dropped to 268 from 271 students. New staff members are Bev Walker and Jill Cunningham.

At George Kennedy school the enrollment has dropped to 690 from 706 students. New staff members are Camern Crosby in Grade 3, Daiga Zelek in Grade 2, Allen Haehn in the special education class, Jean Beaton half time in Grade 4 and vice-principal John Kavanagh.

The only schools breaking the patterns of dropping enrollment are Harrison and Joseph Gibbons schools. At Gibbons enrollment has increased to 260 from 247 in June. The increase has been attributed to the establishment of a French immersion class of 29 Grade 1 students under a new teacher, Sally Duggan.

At Harrison enrollment has climbed to 413 from 405 in June. The increase is attributed to an unexpected 15 extra kindergarten pupils, says principal Howard Allen. The new staffer in the school is Wendy Reid in Grade 3.

At McKenzie-Smith Middle school in Acton enrollment has dropped to 397 from 470 students when school closed. New members on staff are Norma Silcock as a remedial resource teacher and Robert Khoury as the French teacher.

At Centennial Middle school in Georgetown enrollment has dropped to 704 from 763 pupils last term. There are no new staff members.

At Stewarttown Senior school enrollment is 407 as opposed to 442 in June. New staff members are special education teacher Paul Hynds and vice-principal Win Procyshen.

Enrollment at Acton high school stands at 750, a slight increase over last September's figure of 720. New staff members are Liz Farrell and Al Wilson, mathematics, Barbara Johnson, business, Tom Wright, science, Dave Dewdney, shops and principal Wally Watkins.

At Georgetown high school enrollment stands at 1935 as opposed to 1954 in September 1977. The new staff member is vice-principal Dick Scott.

REGISTERING

Monday was registration night for 3rd. Georgetown Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Treasurer for the group, Gord Bassett signed up Adam Smythe, 8 and David Smythe, 5 for Cubs and Beavers respectively.

Limehouse area news

By Mrs. A.W. BENTON
Herald correspondent

We are pleased to see Mr. Gordon Booth about after a week in hospital and we hope that he will remain well.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Brown motored to Thornloe last week, where they visited Mrs. Johnson and her family near here for a couple of days. The Johnson's were Limehouse residents leaving here in October 1935.

Twenty-four little people started kindergarten at Limehouse Public School last week, making a total enrolment one hundred and eighty-six.

Sunday School resumed on Sept. 10 after summer holidays.

The W.I. met Thur. in Erin where ten of us were taken on a tour of Kennedy's Specialty Manufacturing, where we saw Canadian Provincial and foreign flags being cut and sewn from nylon, as well as chairs and implement covers, awnings, and some hospital supplies made. Workers worked very quickly but accurately at their large powerful machines. Arranged by Mrs. Ellerby we found what we saw quite interesting.

Mrs. Booth presided for the meeting afterwards at the home of Mrs. Ellerby, opening with "An Ancient Prayer and the Collect. Names were mentioned as possible delegates to the Area Convention Oct. 30 and 31 and one to act on the nominating committee for the County executive.

Roll Call was answered by the ten attending "Describe a foreign or Provincial Flag". Reports were heard from convenors and from those who had acted as hostesses on designated days at the Museum. Mrs. Ellerby explained the motto "A mind stretched by a new idea never returns to its former dimensions", using examples such as a baby who took his first steps never wants to creep again. All important things begin with an idea. The W.I. was an idea started at Stoney Creek and it spread throughout the world. Mrs. Kirkwood as delegate to the Officers Conference last June gave a splendid report of her experiences there. Mrs. Booth showed a sample W.I. plate and a number were ordered. Mrs. Hannah and Mrs. Moulden presented us with a framed sketch of the Erland Lee homestead to hang in our Hall.

At the close of the meeting we were entertained at a delicious meal by hostess Mrs. Ellerby. She was thanked by President Mrs. Booth, who had led us in singing the W.I. Grace.

Town approves local tenders

Town council last Tuesday approved the following contract tenders for upcoming public works projects, as recommended by town engineer Bob Austin.

W.G. Kelly Construction Ltd. of Stratford has been awarded the tender for the installation of a box culvert on Main Street south in Georgetown. The company offered the lowest of four blds, which, at $66,270.20 is nearly $4,000 lower than the project's estimated cost.

Tacc Construction Company Ltd. of Downsview will handle a $227,101.80 storm and sanitary sewer improvement project in Acton's Lakeview subdivision. Halton Hills will pay $153,659.80 for the storm sewer work, while Halton region will contribute $73,442 for the sanitary sewers. Tacc's bid was the lowest of three tender bids accepted, but the stated cost is nearly $27,000 more than had been estimated.

The town will pay W.G. Kelly Construction an additional $55,060.20 to install a box culvert on the Fourth Line, subject to subsidy approval by the ministry of transportation and communications. The bid was again the lowest of three accepted tenders. The cost is slightly lower than estimated.

Stronger policy need for NEC proposals

The policies of the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) for the protection of the escarpment are not strong enough, the Federation of Ontario Naturalists says in its brief to the NEC preliminary plan proposals.

The federation says stronger policies will be necessary in *the reduced NEC planning* area to accomplish the legal objectives of the NEC

"The escarpment cannot be protected or managed as a mere ribbon along the scarp itself. In drawing revised boundaries, the Commission should take into account the integrity of significant natural areas and the protection of stream quality as important determining factors," the group states in its brief.

Dr. Peter Peach, president of the 12,000-member federation says the escarpment is a provincial resource, and all Ontarians have a stake in the planning policies governing the escarpment.

Ron Reid, staff environmentalist *for the federation, says* the preliminary proposals contain strong points and weaknesses.

"We were impressed by the way in which the Commission spelled out clearly what each package of policies was meant to accomplish, and by their use of biological information to evaluate suitable land uses," he said. "However, we felt that they failed to take a broad enough view for policies dealing with mineral resource areas, land acquisition and forestry. They also failed to direct recreational development in a positive way, but rather merely assigned it to the left-over lands".

The federation's brief is highly critical of the policies proposed for the natural areas, which they believe will be totally ineffective. In addition, *the* group recommends voluntary acquisition of the land along the Bruce Trail.

The federation also questions the effectiveness of the NEC's development control process. As evidence, it cites the fact that 85 to 90 per cent of the development applications brought to the commission are eventually approved.

These figures leave "little doubt that this process is a method of fostering development, not preservation," the brief says.

Legion Lines

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By ROMA TIMPSON

We were all greatly saddened this past weekend when we learned of the passing of Harry Savings. Harry had a fall last week and was hospitalized and then on Friday, he died. He retired a few years ago as President of our Initiation Team having held that position for many years. Harry was well liked and respected by all and he always had a kind though and pleasant word for all. A Legion Service was held Sunday evening with a large number of our membership in attendance to show their respect to our late Comrade. We are all going to feel the loss of this dear man.

We have had word that our Provincial President Bill Tanner has resigned. In his place will be Ric Collins, who is a most capable man stepping up from 1st Vice into this most demanding role as leader of 63 Branches across Ontario with many thousands of members. Taking over as 1st Vice will be Larry Keane and a fellow know to many of us, Jimmy Tindall will be 2nd Vice.

The list is now on the bulletin board to sign to indicate that you will be attending the President's Supper. This is necessary so our Auxiliary will know how many to cater for. Please co-operate by signing as soon as you can.

Look for the list also to sign for the Andres Wine Tour. Many interested enquiries have been made so this look like it appeals to many of you.

There have been four members offer to help with the Summit and we are looking for at least another 10. This should involve at least three hours once very 3 months in the evening.

Draw No. 10 of our Car Club saw these 5 names come up as winners. 428 G. and W. Telford, 471 Frank King, 343 F. Garbutt, 279 D. Herrington, 406 J. Harlow.

June Greig has asked that I remind the ladies about the upcoming Ladies Elimination Dinner and Draw. This will be on Friday, Oct. 27. The tickets are $10.00 each and dinner will be at 7, although the refreshments will be from 6:30. See any of the Auxiliary executive for your ticket and don't be disappointed. Those that attended the last one know what a success it was.

A few weeks ago we saw Joe Duggan in our branch, renewing many acquaintances. A former neighbor and member, we were pleased to see him looking so well and enjoying talking to many friends. Joe has been in Severn Bridge for some time now and enjoys it he says.

Also nice to see Jimmy Bradley in our midst enjoying seeing his many friends also looking so well. He'll soon be heading back to the sunny south. What a life eh Jim?

Other guests in our branch on Saturdays were Mike and Betty Leader and George and Pearl Ireland. They are from Mount Forest Branch No. 134 and Mike is their President. The girls belong to their Auxiliary and they were renewing acquaintances and enjoying the hospitality of our Branch. They indicated they would be happy to see us up at their branch so we will look into this as a later trip away, if response to our three planned trips are well attended.

This Friday in our Lounge will be Pete Edge and for Saturday the 16th will be Russ Sommerville, who was very good the last time he was here from all reports. Try to make it down to the Lounge and enjoy the entertainment. The Mini-Bingo and 50-50 draw are available to those who wish to partake of either one or both.

Ashgrove social notes

By Mrs. JOHN BELLBODDY
Herald correspondent

On Sunday morning September 3 the U.C.W. ladies had charge of the Church service with President Mrs. Francis Thompson presiding.

The scripture reading was taken by Mrs. John Wallace from the chapters of Mark and Luke. The choir of ladies sang Amazing Grace and the speaker was Miss Linda Murphy who gave a splendid message on planting good seeds as she told us no one has ever been poor by giving. Do something for someone else, give of ourselves. We don't live in a world of our own. By giving to our fellow man we are giving to Him. This young lady is considering the ministry and we wish her every success in her future.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wilson motored to Rochester, New York over the Labor Day weekend to visit her sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Seils.

Mrs. John Ruddell spent a week in Sudbury visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Dunn.

Congratulations to the exhibitors and winners at the CNE the John McNabb cattle and Jim McPhails on their fowl and any others who won prizes. Also lots of luck in showing at the coming Fall Fair.

Mrs. Calder from Fairview Alberta in the Peace River district was visiting for a week with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ruddell.

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