



HOME GROWN VOLCANO

This young man presented his version of Mount St. Helen in Washington State at a two-day science fair put on at Park Public School Thursday and Friday last week. (Herald photo)

Education must be integrated with society, report says

Efforts to meet the needs of Halton's future high school students could see the revival of several discarded educational ideas, according to recommendations presented to the Board of Education Thursday by the sub-committee on programming.

In the first of six reports which will eventually culminate in a long-term plan for the education of Halton's students, board members heard the suggestion that schools should be teamed so that some could be designated as special commercial schools while others taught vocational courses and still others handled general courses.

It was also suggested that vocational advisory committees be set up to advise teachers of changes in industry so courses could be revised to keep pace with these changes.

Both these suggestions flowed from the recommendation that formal education be "more closely integrated with society at large".

The committee suggested that all students should have opportunities to take part in work-experience programs and schools offering commercial or technical courses should develop work-experience programs and place students in jobs for these experiences.

The committee recommended that schools be grouped in order to continue offering stu-

dents the variety of program currently available as enrollments decline in coming years.

Acton, Milton and Georgetown district high schools will be grouped with E.C. Drury high school to make up the school family. Drury will have the shops and offer the technical courses, it was suggested.

The present bus system will need little expansion to meet these needs. It was felt, since vocational students will begin attending Drury once renovations are complete this year.

It was explained that dropping enrollments, which could result in impractically small classes and the loss of a course in several schools, could be combated by coupling classes from two schools offering the same course and holding that course in only one of the schools.

To do this, students would either transfer permanently from their home school to the second school, transfer for a year or a semester, or attend the second school daily for that class, using a shuttle bus provided by the board. Such a bus service would cost approximately 15 cents per day per student.

In order to provide equal and balanced curriculum opportunities for students in small middle and senior schools, it was suggested that certain school closing take place and that changes be made in attendance areas, student group-

ings and modification of facilities. If the board prefers to keep the small neighborhood schools with few than six grade 6, 7 and 8 teachers, extra and alternative staffing will be needed in these schools.

The report also recommended the development of better general level courses, since it is students in these courses who see no relevance between

them and the working world and tend to drop out. Students in technical and commercial courses see them as having a direct application to their future careers and tend to be more satisfied in school the board was told.

The report recommended the need for a core program which identifies what is necessary foundation material,

what is useful but slightly more advanced and what is definitely enrichment material in all intermediate and senior level courses.

During the next three months, the board will head similar reports from sub-committees on staffing, facilities, organization, and finances so that a final summary can be heard at the end of June.

Hamilton Diocese will be 125 in 1981

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton has begun preparations to mark the 125th anniversary of the Diocese in 1981. The Diocese was erected on February 17, 1856, by a division of Toronto. The Rt. Rev. J. Farrell, D.D., was the first Bishop and took possession of his see on May 24, 1856.

The Diocese comprises the following regions: Brant, Grey Bruce, Halton, Waterloo, Wellington, Hamilton-Wentworth, and four townships in the county of Dufferin. Hamilton Diocese is the second largest English speaking Catholic Diocese in Canada. Three hundred priests administer to the spiritual needs of over 300,000 Catholics in 119 parishes and missions.

The Bishop of Hamilton, the Most Rev. Paul F. Reding, D.D., announced this to the faithful of the Diocese in a pastoral letter which was read in all Catholic churches on the last Sunday of 1979. Bishop Reding described the celebrations as "An opportunity to thank God for the graces and blessings of the past."

Bishop Reding and Bishop MacDonald believe that this celebration will truly enrich and strengthen the faith of the people of God in this Diocese. As well, all Catholics in the Diocese need to become more aware of their mission to work for the building-up of this faith community in working for justice and peace among all people. The Bishops hope that whatever will be accomplished during celebration '81, will be accomplished not only for the good of the Roman Catholic Church, but for the good of the whole Christian community and the country in which we live.

Bishop Reding believes this event is being given to us by the Lord as an outstanding moment in the history of our salvation.

The Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton, the Most Reverend James H. MacDonald, D.D., is the general coordinator for celebration '81, and the Rev. Gerry Hayes, of Hamilton, is the general chairman. Mr. Kenneth Foyster, a history teacher at Bishop Ryan High School, Hamilton, has been commissioned to compile a history of the Diocese Diocesan, deanery and parochial celebrations will take place involving the entire Catholic community.

The essential message of the celebration, is that as a faith community, the local church is called to give thanks to God for his blessings throughout the last 125 years. As well, the church of Hamilton desires to become even more aware of God's presence in our midst, of its relationship with our brothers and sisters in all Christian communities and to all men.

There are two phases to the celebrations that will mark the anniversary. The first phase, to take place in 1980, will involve the clergy of the Diocese, who will participate in various retreats offered during the year. The retreats will be of a special nature: geared to the spiritual renewal of the clergy in the Diocese.

Both bishops and priests will aim not only at their own personal renewal and commitment but will reflect upon how the Diocese will meet the demands of the church in the 1980's. Special retreat directors from various retreat houses, such as Loyola retreat

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