

# No improvements for hazardous road

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A coroner's jury has declined to recommend any improvements to Highway 7 east of Georgetown following an inquest Wednesday into the third fatal accident to occur on that section of road in six months.

The inquest was called to determine the cause of the July 1 accident which resulted in the death of James Palmer, 20, of Brampton, and to determine the actual cause of the collision between Mr. Palmer's car and a car driven by Deborah Brandow, 20, of Georgetown. Miss Brandow was not injured in the accident.

The accident occurred on the hill just east of Georgetown between the Willow Park trailer camp and the top of the hill. Two other fatal accidents have occurred on that stretch of road this year on February 12 and the other April 18.

The accident was a head-on collision between two vehicles. The vehicle driven by Miss Brandow appears to have crossed from the uphill curb lane for the westbound traffic into the eastbound lane.

**CAN'T DECIDE**

Jury members said they were unable to decide what caused Miss Brandow's car to enter the eastbound lane. Miss Brandow testified that she remembers nothing between the time she moved into the curb lane and the time she felt the car moving sideways and found herself in the ditch.

Mechanic Raymond Toth testified that he found no mechanical failure in either car which would cause the car to move suddenly to the side. All three fatal accidents occurred between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m. In the first accident February 12, in which Marjorie Matheson, 63, of Georgetown, was killed, one of the drivers was convicted of careless driving.

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Charges have also been laid in connection with the second accident April 18, in which William Booker, 26, of Campbellville, was killed. The matter is currently before the courts.

Richard Shannon, a traffic engineer with the provincial ministry of transportation and communications, said the ministry had conducted an analysis of traffic accidents on that stretch of road over the past three years following the three fatalities.

**HEAD-ONS**

There have been 17 accidents in the stretch between the intersection at Hill Road and the bridge over the Credit River. Seven of those, including the three fatalities, have occurred between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m., a figure Mr. Shannon said was extremely high. Three fatalities were head-on collisions or involved cars approaching one another from the opposite directions. Two of the other accidents involved bad road conditions, with ice or slush causing the vehicle to go out of control.

Mr. Shannon said the high number of accidents late at night could be accounted for by the low traffic volumes at that time of night, and the tendency for speeding.

The town of Halton Hills is currently constructing a left turn lanes at Hill Road and Delrex Boulevard, continuing the curb lane up over the crest of the hill at the request of the ministry.

There are no street lights on that section of the highway, but Mr. Shannon said it isn't uncommon for these types of roads to be unlit.

"We feel the road has adequate signs, and the zone painting is clear and legible," he said.

Mr. Shannon said the number of accidents on the road is "quite low" when the volume of traffic in the area is taken into consideration. Ministry figures estimate 14,000 cars on that section of road each day.

The grade and curve of the road are also within limits prescribed by the ministry, Mr. Shannon said. On a curve of three degrees, such as is found on the Norval hill, a vehicle could operate safely at 100 kilometres an hour, he said.

There are three changes in grade on that section of the road. In one section, the grade is "towards the maximum we would like to see," but still within acceptable limits, Mr. Shannon said.



## LIBRARY MOVING TO GUELPHVIEW

The Georgetown branch has already begun preparations for its move to temporary quarters while work is completed on the new library-cultural centre. The move will be taking place next week, and the library will not be offering any programs in its temporary location in the Guelphview Square. Here Alison Ritchie is shown starting the packing of some of the books. (Herald photo)

## Class ratio reduced

# Teachers get 8% raise

The Halton Board of Education and the Halton Elementary Teachers' Association (HETA) have ratified their 1980-81 contract, which will give the teachers a salary increase of 8.3 per cent.

Principals and vice-principals will receive increases of eight per cent. The board also agreed to hire an additional 34 teachers, 15 in September of this year and 19 in September of 1981. This will reduce the pupil-teacher ratio to 21:21 in 1981, but still leaves Halton with the second highest ratio in Ontario.

Other benefits include the increasing of the board's contribution in the group life insurance plan to 100 per cent of the first \$25,000 of life insurance, with minimum coverage increased to \$130,000 from \$80,000; an updated dental fee schedule; and changes in the surplus, redundancy and redress

procedures. Total cost of the package to the board has not yet been calculated.

Tentative agreement between the board and its 1,250 elementary teachers was reached August 19, following a series of 19 formal and informal meetings between the two negotiating teams.

Under the new salary schedule, the minimum salary for an elementary school teacher is \$15,581 and the maximum is \$32,490. The former maximum salary was \$29,999.

HETA negotiator Mark Gilliland said there are things in the agreement "not satisfactory to a significant number of teachers in Halton." These include class size and salaries paid to principals and vice-principals, which are currently about three per cent less than those of neighboring boards.

The teachers' negotiating team had originally asked

for the hiring of an additional 50 teachers. Salary committee Cam Jackson, chairman of the board's negotiating committee said the placement of the additional teachers being hired under this contract is an administrative matter, and the administration would be shortly making recommendations to the board on the matter. Some of

the teachers are expected to go into special education in the area of guidance for students in the higher elementary grades, he said.

Mr. Gilliland declined to reveal the results of the teachers' ratification vote, other than to say, "It was ratified by over 50 per cent of the members."

## Binbrook reunion

Glanbrook Township's Binbrook Bellmore Public School has some special plans for its 25th anniversary Sept. 27 between 1 and 5 p.m. Any former students, teachers or others interested are invited back for dancing, reminiscing and the viewing of displays.

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## What is the SBDB interest rate?

It is variable, but for most businesses it is substantially less than the rate they usually pay.

## What is the SBDB time limit?

The federal government, under the proposed Act, requires that expenditures using SBDB funds be made by December 31, 1980. However, the government intends that the SBDB program be retroactive, applying to qualifying loans made after December 11, 1979. Debt incurred since that date for expenditures meeting SBDB criteria can be converted at Scotiabank at the more favourable SBDB rate.

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