

GEORGETOWN'S LOSS

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Limehouse



Howard Allen, who has been Harrison Public School's principal for almost six years is heading for a new position in Acton next year, and his kids in Georgetown decided to give him a surprise farewell before the year ended. The grand goodbye last Wednesday, in which Mr. Allen was presented with a

30-foot long farewell card, a golf caddy and picture, was organized by the youngsters under the leadership of teacher Jo MacLean. Special effects ("Good Bye Mr. Allen... Good Luck") courtesy of Marg Megelink's special ed class.

Gibbons students wave goodbye to their favorite kindergarten teacher

Marian Cleave may have had doubts about becoming a school teacher 40 years ago, but as she retired Thursday morning, she had nothing but fond memories of her numerous classes and couldn't think of any better way to earn a living. The Joseph Gibbons kindergarten teacher said goodbye to her young tots for the last time Thursday morning as they made a special surprise presentation to bid farewell. In what was a very well-kept secret the past month, the class got together and presented Mrs. Cleave with a corsage, pitcher and an album containing pictures of each child in her class along with a personal letter from the student to Mrs. Cleave. All the letters written by the youngsters themselves expressed their love for her and wished her well upon her retirement. Mrs. Cleave has lived and taught most of her life in Georgetown. She moved to Georgetown when she was seven years old and attended Chapel Street School, and later



Marian Cleave cuts the cake during the surprise farewell party held at Joseph Gibbons School Thursday morning. The retiring kindergarten teacher said goodbye to her class for the last time as they presented her with gifts and wished her all the best. (Herald photo)

and a half years at Chapel before moving on to Joseph Gibbons. She was teaching at Chapel when Moore Park first opened and taught the first children to be bused in from the new subdivision. She therefore was no stranger to the Gibbons students when she moved there once it opened 11 years ago. Mrs. Cleave said she felt a bit reluctant at first teaching at Gibbons since she was wary of the "open concept" teaching system. She said now that after teaching there for 11 years, she doesn't have a regret. The parents have made it all worthwhile since they have been so supportive. Although Mrs. Cleave has happy memories of her teaching career, she is looking forward to being able to do her own thing and enjoy her freedom now. She does plan to keep herself busy in September though since she knows that she will miss the children the most then. She plans to go to England in the fall and visit some relatives. Otherwise she has made no concrete plans for the future except the desire to do some travelling. Mrs. Cleave has taught every grade except eight but enjoys teaching kindergarten the most. She feels that the children are the most spontaneous at that age and that one can never be prepared for what they're going to do next. She has taught kindergarten for the last 13 years. Parents at the surprise gathering Thursday morning said they will miss Mrs. Cleave very much since all their children have been under her guidance over the years. Mrs. Cleave's daughter Anda hopes to maintain the teaching tradition within the family. She is studying to become a primary teacher at the University of Guelph. Although friends and relatives have voiced their objections about the job prospects in this field, Mrs. Cleave has given her daughter nothing but encouragement since she knows it will be a job she will love as much as she has. Mrs. Cleave will be missed by parents, staff and students alike in the Moore Park area. She has taught eleven years of kindergarten alumni in the area, all of whom wish her the best upon her retirement. Mrs. Cleave taught for one

Speyside kids thank school's dynamic duo

How would you feel if, for no other reason except to say thanks for a year's hard work, 170 kids drew posters, wrote poems, sent letters and sang songs. Well, Speyside Public School's John Muir and Irene Murphy were overwhelmed. About two weeks ago as students were wrapping up another year at the books, Mr. Muir, the school's caretaker and Mrs. Murphy, its receptionist-secretary were caught totally off guard during an assembly in which they were honored in song and deluged with drawings and other tokens of appreciation. "I've never heard anything like this before," Mrs. Murphy, who has worked at the school for over six years, said afterwards. "We were completely surprised." Naturally the pictures depict how the students see the two every day: Mr. Murphy is either sweeping floors or cleaning washrooms and Mrs. Murphy is busy hammering away at the typewriter from her corner just inside the school's front entrance. But in at least one masterpiece, both are out on the ball field, participating in the annual students-staff baseball game. Since he began working at the school about two years ago, Mr. Muir has become a familiar sight at the door when school closes for the summer, cheering the youngsters on as they charge out of the classroom and into the waiting buses. Usually, however, he unintentionally creates a bottleneck at the exit, as the students, while eager to start their holiday, stop to wish their caretaker a good summer or playfully jab him in the ribs. "It's a very personal school," Mrs. Murphy said. "We have a lot of fun here with the kids."



Two weeks ago, Speyside Public School students "completely surprised" their caretaker, John Muir, and secretary-receptionist Irene Murphy when they presented them with poems, posters, songs and cards of appreciation - just to say thanks for their support and hard work during the year. As usual, they were on hand as the final bell rang to end the school year, cheering the youngsters out of their classrooms and exchanging best wishes for the summer. (Herald photo)

She went to Toronto to study to become a teacher and got her first teaching assignment there also. The first class she taught was a Grade 3 and 4 class of 49 students at Palmerston Avenue Public School. It was one of the largest classes she ever taught. She remained at Palmerston for ten years but later decided to move back to Georgetown. She has taught at many of the elementary schools in Georgetown including Wigglesworth, Harrison and Chapel Street. One of her largest kindergarten classes ever kept her busy at Chapel Street. She had 61 energetic tykes in her two classes at the time. Mrs. Cleave taught for one

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Flea market, fair a success

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Mr. and Mrs. John W. Noble were received as new members at Limehouse Presbyterian Church Communion services June 14.
Mrs. W.J. Crichon and Rev. Peter Barrow attended the General Assembly of the Pres-

byterian in Canada held in Ottawa the week of June 7. The flea market and sale at Limehouse Public School was quite a success with the pony rides and dog cart rides proving very popular for the little folks.
Mrs. Thomas Hill of the Sixth Line won the quilt wall hanging raffled by the kindergarten class.

We hope that Mr. F.J. Brown will continue good progress after his return Saturday from ten days in hospital.
Rev. J.C. Davison of St. John's United Church, Georgetown is conducting services at Limehouse Presbyterian Church during the absence of Rev. Peter Barrow on vacation.

Lawrence Karn, who was born and started school here, was married to Debbie Carrick at Mindemoya United Church, Manitoulin Island. The reception was at the local Community Hall. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Noble and Mr. and Mrs. William Karn were guests from here at their cousin's wedding.

Dowd-Matthysen wedding

The marriage of Shannon Jean Dowd of Georgetown to John Joseph Matthysen of Calgary, Alberta, was solemnized in Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, Georgetown, Saturday, June 6, 1981.
Rev. D.R. Cole officiated at the ceremony.
The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P.T. Dowd of

Georgetown. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Matthysen of St. Thomas.
Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a chiffon over crepe gown, featuring a fitted lace bodice, Victorian neckline, and a softly gathered skirt which fell into a chapel train. She

wore a picture hat and carried a bouquet of Alba lilies.
Jeanne Volpe of Milton was matron-of-honor. Bridesmaids were Linda Matthysen and Jackie Lernout of St. Thomas, sisters of the groom and Jeannine Dowd of Sudbury, sister-in-law of the bride.
Bruce Brouwers of Toronto acted as best man. Ushers were Jeff and Gary Matthysen of St. Thomas, brothers

of the groom, and Paul Dowd of Sudbury, brother of the bride.
Katie Higgins and Jimmy Dowd of Niagara Falls, cousins of the bride, acted as flower girl and ring bearer.
The wedding reception was held in the Church Hall following the ceremony.
The couple visited London England and Athens, Greece, followed by a Mediterranean cruise for their honeymoon. The newlyweds will reside in Calgary.



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