

Stewarttown school's gym dangerous?

Parent wants changes to avert tragedy

The following letter to Halton education director Wally Beavor was submitted to The Herald for publication:

Dear Mr. Beavor:
I must ask for your help; I really don't know where else to turn. My two 13-year old twins are missing and I cannot find their note.

You see, my two girls are on the Stewarttown basketball team and because the school is not properly equipped, the teams are forced to practise elsewhere. I'm not sure if they are waiting for me at Pineview, Wrigglesworth or Joseph Gibbons tonight. If I could only find the note they left for me

I'd know where to pick them up. Stewarttown was built as a primary school. Still in its original state, it is now used as a senior public school. Changes in this school are long overdue and something must be done NOW. Aside from the Stewarttown

gym being undersized and inadequate, it is also dangerous. This is the ONLY gym in Halton to have only two to three feet of clearance from backboard to wall; every other gym has six to eight feet. About four years ago while playing in the Stewarttown gym, Terri Lamb, a young

basketball player from Centennial received a permanent injury. Terri, while running down the court was unable to stop, her momentum brought her into the wall knee first. For her, no basketball for the rest of the year and her skating days were numbered. Is this what we do for (or to) our children, expect everything and give nothing?

This school was meant to accommodate Grades 1 to 6; small children, learning about organized sports on a small scale. Now, years later, the gymnastic mats at the high school are bigger than the Stewarttown gym itself. It is not unusual to walk in on any given night to see cheerleaders practising in the already crowded library, wrestlers practising in one of the halls and the boys basketball team practising in the gym. Which leads us back to the first point—my girls practising in another school.

I've had four children in this school in the past four years. This will be our third graduation. It is my opinion that the school itself could crumble but the extraordinary school spirit that exists would not die. The faculty keeps this school going, working under very difficult conditions, conditions that should not exist.

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Letters to the Editor

Erma's anti-metric campaign to continue in Parliament

To the editor of The Herald:
I would like to thank your reporter, Chris Aagaard, and your newspaper in my appeal to the public for signatures against metric conversion and the way it was forced upon us. In the short time and with limited assistance available it was amazing the great numbers of people who were in agreement with this cause. Total number: 4,541. It will be interesting April 13 when the 100,000 plus (still counting) names are presented along with huge bundles of letters in the House of Commons by MP Bill Dorn. I have turned my list over to MP John McDermid, who will present it to the Commons, same time.

metric. The schools use imperial weights and measures, road signs read M.P.H. (miles per hour) supermarkets sell in pounds and ounces, fabric

stores yards, temperature readings in Fahrenheit - the list goes on and on. It has been brought to my attention on numerous occasions of overcharges in supermarkets (the fault of metric) on meat, cheese, fruit (for example, on one package of meat, \$3.69 error noticed at home, returned to store and reweighed price \$1.10, overcharge of \$2.59.) This would not have happened if the same clerk had weighed in imperial, so you can blame the Trudeau government for the confusion.

Just how many outrages can Canadians stand when you realize Trudeau has long been on a march to convert Canada to his version of a socialist republic. Out freedoms of choice are becoming less and less as time passes by. Erma DeRose, Lane Court, Georgetown.

Change rooms: they exist in miniature for little people only. We must remember girls today at 13 can be five foot five and boys can be five foot eight to six feet. The cross country team consists of about 120 young ladies and young men, they all change in the wash-

rooms. Visiting teams change in the health room with curtains on the window or in the shop with one kid guarding the door while the rest change. In the year 1974 and only in '74 did the boys reach championship level in volleyball—the gym does not permit it. Volleyball and badminton are definitely not possible; it is too small and too low. Why must our children do without a cafeteria when they must bring their lunches? Why must our children do without gym periods when the oranges arrive in the fall or when play practice is on in the spring? Why does it have to be a case of one or the other? Why is it not possible for our children to have the proper facilities for their education and growth? I firmly believe that this has gone past the point of please can you do something. The board of education has a moral responsibility to these kids. Something must be done and it must be done now.

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Yours in Lionism,
John Clark,
Secretary, Georgetown Lions Club

Book sale grosses \$1,800

Submitted to The Herald for publication:
To the people of Halton Hills:
The University Women's Club of Georgetown wishes to thank all those who supported Saturday's Book Sale by donating and buying books. As this is our only fund-raising project during the year, we were gratified with the \$1,800 gross sales. Most of this money goes back into the community in the form of scholarships to graduating high school students and financial assistance to worthwhile projects which are brought to our attention. The number of people at the sale all day and the number of books donated tell us that this is a project that the community wants and needs. My personal thanks to Chris Macewan and her committee for a very successful event. Thank you to all who helped.
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