Milk used to be shipped by CNR for 15 cents a can

Three generations of the Leslie family gathered at William Neilsons Ltd. on Guelph St. to inspect the recently opened plant. Seen here are (left to right) Philip Leslie, Tom Leslie, Neilson representative Max Jensen, the Leslie's herdsmen John Moseley and Wilfrid Leslie.

Wilfrid Leslie's milk no longer travels the slow and windy road down to the Norval train station.

Back in the horse and democrat era, Wilfrid, aged 78, remembers taking the milk from his dairy operation on the 6th Line to Norval where it was shipped by the CNR for 15 cents a can.

In 1928 a full milk can was valued at $1 but today the same milk can costs $16.

For 77 years the Leslie family has been shipping their milk to Toronto, most recently via the Milk Marketing Board trucks seen rumbling down the highways to processing plants in the big city.

That long trek to Toronto ended Monday when William Neilson Ltd. of Georgetown received the Leslie farm milk for use in their newly expanded plant.

Ironically, the Leslie farm overlooks the Neilson plant about two miles in the distance.

Milk Marketing Board driver Murray Judge participated in the historic event when his truck rumbled into the big receiving bays at the back of the plant on 279 Guelph St.

The Neilson expansion has been complete for the past eight weeks, said Max Jensen, director of Production. "This is probably the most automated dairy plant in North America," Mr. Jensen said.

The expansion means that all the area dairy farms will now have their milk transported to the Georgetown plant instead of Toronto. Mr. Judge says the 51 farms on his route east and west of Georgetown will now have their milk delivered to the Neilson plant, reducing his driving time by four hours.

Though Wilfrid Leslie is now retired, he is ably supported by his son Tom Leslie, 42, who is the manager of the farm which milks 130 dairy cows. Wilfrid's grandson Philip, 12, also helps with the bailing and plowing.

John Moseley, the Leslie's herdsman, was also on hand to witness the event.

Students exceed enrollment expectations

GDHS needs more classroom teachers

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff Writer

If you feel you're sitting a little too close to the new girl, the principal may be able to do something about it soon.

Crowded classrooms are back at Georgetown District High School (GDHS) and principal Don Baker is pleased. It means he can hire another three teachers for the school.

School enrollment is up by 58 pupils, as of Monday, from the numbers projected in early spring by the Halton Board of education.

The projected enrollment was 1,585, but the current student numbers are 1,643 at GDHS.

To bring the pupil-teacher ratio to 17 to one, the ratio negotiated by the board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation this spring, Mr. Baker needs three teachers for math, English and science.

Compulsory subjects for the students, the school must hire the extra staff to teach these courses, Mr. Baker said. If they had been optional courses, the students could have been denied their option and told to take another one with fewer students in the class.

"We've been on the decline, but this year, finally, the Grade 9 class is the largest in the school," Mr. Baker noted. "This is a healthy sign for the school."

He said enrollments were up in all the grades.

"It's got to be people moving into the area with high school age children," Mr. Baker said, when asked why.

Acton High School is also doing well in terms of meeting its projected enrollment. Principal Betty Moore said there were five more students than the enrollment projected in the spring.

As of Friday, there were 762 pupils enrolled at Acton High School.

Old Stone School still sitting empty

Declared redundant last November, the fate of Acton's Old Stone School has been put off for another two weeks.

"Today, we've had fresh information important to our consideration and in that regard we feel we should have more time," Halton Hills trustee Arlene Bruce told fellow Halton board of education trustees Thursday night. "We're asking that it be put off for two more weeks."

The school is located on the same site as the Robert Little School. It was leased to the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board from 1977 to 1982 when they no longer required the facility.

Since the building was declared redundant in 1982, it has sat empty.

In the spring, the town expressed interest in acquiring it and 1.5 acres of surrounding land, and asked for a closing date of June 1, 1984 for the purchase.

A motion regarding accepting the town's closing date rests before the board.

The fresh information to which Mrs. Bruce referred was a purchase offer made last week by the town.

LEGION LINES

By LLOYD HOUNSELL
Herald Special

Well, the Car Club Draw has come and gone bringing gladness to some and sadness to others! Most of the many people who attended seemed to enjoy themselves, regardless of whether they were winners or losers, with the various attraction including dancing which was provided.

The winners of the car were: Ticket 104 George and Jean Archibald. The winners of the cash prizes are as follows: $500 winner: Dave Wright. $400 winner: Kirk Herrington. $300 winner: 448 Dorothy Howard. $200 winners: 475 Margaret Hale, 243 Bud Verey. $100 winners: 185 Nellie Bell, 133 Don Olsen, 19 Barb Maltby, 261 Lorne Cross. $50 winners: 292 Gail Scarborough, 324 Linda Wright, 161 William Stansell, 229 Bill Stone, 179 John McArthur, 184 Dennis McCartney, 306 Joe Poirier, 2 Don Haid, 240 Russ Fundley, 280 Eleanor Nicholson.

The President's supper will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22 followed by the annual meeting.

A reminder to all committee chairmen to please hand in their reports for inclusion in the "Summit" by the end of this month. Anyone else who has anything they feel will be of general interest to the membership are welcome to submit it for consideration.

A Fun Day Mixed Darts is being held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, with registration at noon at the cost of $400 a team. In the evening there will be a dance with music provided by the Pubtones. Tickets are $5 each and can be obtained from the Stewards.

We are having a steak BBQ on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 8 p.m. Tickets will be $5 each and can be obtained from the Stewards. Music will be provided by the Pubtones.

ENTERTAINMENT: In the Lounge on Saturday, Sept. 17 will be provided by the Touch of Silver.

SICK LIST: Sam Gisby is in St. John Convalescent Home. Gord Gridland is in Sunnybrook. Walt Louth, Tom Harlow, H. Allen Sr., and Fred Weaver are in Georgetown Hospital. Lorne Cross is in Peel Hospital and Phoebe Collins in Henderson Hospital.

Touring Halton Hills by rail

Secretly, have you never relinquished the *fascination for trains* you've had since you were a child? For railroad fans, Sept. 17 is a day to circle in red on your calendar. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Halton Hills Library and Cultural Centre, the Georgetown Model Railroad Show is holding a free display of "Railroadiana".

As well, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. the same day, nine Halton Hills home rail layouts will be open for inspection. To obtain a "tour pass" for the afternoon tour, you must register at the library at noon.

Tour passes cost $2 and are required for entrance to each layout. It includes an evening program at the Hillcrest United Church on Trafalgar Road.

The evening will *feature model painting* demonstrations by Tony Van Klink of Georgetown, contests, slides and films on railroading.

Anniversary surprise

A surprise party in honor of Lloyd and Jean Creighton of RR2 Norval on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary was held Sunday Sept. 11 at the home of Bill and Millie Wilkinson of Cheltenham.

Twenty-four friends and relatives enjoyed a buffet dinner.

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