



And was there talent. Showing off their musical talent Thursday night on the John Elliott Theatre stage was the Centennial Public School Alumni Choir led by Paul Brisley and accompanied by Lola Barrager on piano.

(Herald photo)

GDHS VARIETY NIGHT



It was the Georgetown District High School's fourth Variety Night and parents and friends of GDHS students filled the John Elliott Theatre Thursday night to hear young performers like Calum Munro on his classical guitar.

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A hostile crowd greets well-armed OSIS architect

By KAREN HEWER
Herald special

What will the future of secondary schools be to students? How will students handle the elimination of Grade 13 as it is known now? How will teachers cope with the new guidelines?

These were among the questions confronting Bill Lambie, the architect of the new Ontario Secondary Schools Intermediate and Senior (O.S.I.S.) document, Thursday at George Kennedy Public School.

The controversial and widely misunderstood document has been the source of a good deal of anxiety among parents and prospective parents of secondary school students. In an effort to reduce fears surrounding O.S.I.S., the University Women's Club of Georgetown invited Mr. Lambie, of the Peel Board of Education, to respond to concerns.

The trail which finally led to the unveiling of O.S.I.S. has been a long and arduous one at times. It began with the ministry of education commissioning a review of secondary education in Ontario. In 1981, the Secondary Education Review Project (S.E.R.P.) report was issued, evoking some strong reactions from Boards of Education across the province. R.O.S.E., another document followed, culminating with O.S.I.S., on which 20 to 25 new secondary school guidelines will be based.

The anachronisms are tedious, but what O.S.I.S. calls for (among many other things) is for one secondary school diploma, instead of the existing two - one for completing Grade 12, and one for Grade 13. This issue has been central to a heated debate brewing across the province.

HOSTILE
A similarly hostile mood greeted Mr. Lambie at George Kennedy School. Parents and educators came armed with sharp criticism, and Mr. Lambie was equally well-prepared to defend the document.

In a polished introduction to O.S.I.S., Mr. Lambie explained some of the rationale behind Education Minister Bette Stephenson's decision to review and ultimately revamp the secondary education system in Ontario.

It was felt that the current curriculum being taught in high schools is outdated, with much of the senior grade material having been developed in the 1960's. The public has also been critical of secondary school's failure to prepare young people for jobs.

In defiance of his critics however, Mr. Lambie argues that O.S.I.S. does not eliminate Grade 13, but simply makes it easier for students to finish high school in four years, adding, "some will do it in three and a half, some will still take six."

Mr. Lambie noted that once O.S.I.S. is implemented in 1985, university-bound students will need only 32 secondary school credits, compared to the previously required 33 credits. However, he also stressed that, "you

can't drift through in four years and play football. It takes hard work."

GOALS

Before responding to any questions from the audience, Mr. Lambie spent a good deal of time expounding the philosophies and goals on which the ministry of education has based O.S.I.S. These include: students should have positive and practical attitudes, confidence to learn new skills; stay away from too much specialization; and develop esteem for the customs, cultures and beliefs of a wide variety of societal groups (by learning a second language); and many others.

In summary, Mr. Lambie says O.S.I.S. provides the framework for a solid, basic education. "It's up to the individual" to build on that framework.

When the speaker finally did open the floor for questions, the tone of the meeting moved from hostility to acute frustration at times, with some parents feeling more confused than ever. "Why can't kids take more than eight subjects in Grade 9?" one parent of a Georgetown District High School student wanted to know.

CONCERN

Her concern was that her son gain skills in typing as well as technical areas, in case he decides to enter the job market after Grade 10. Under the O.S.I.S. document, students in Grade 9 and 10, will be encouraged to explore as many areas as possible, but more mandatory subjects may mean fewer options to students unless they pursue individualized programs.

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Pascal math contest Eight place in top ten

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

Eight Georgetown District High School students placed in the top 10 per cent of all Canadian students writing the Grade 9 Pascal math contest.

Results show Eric Shynal, Charlie Gibbs, Michael Trefry, Rona Yardley, Jeff Amato, Nina Fear, Bobby Sun and Martin Barnard received Certificates of Distinction for placing in the top 10 per cent, from the 18,342 students who wrote the junior math contest.

Individually, Jeff Janssen placed first in Halton, second in Peel Halton, 43rd in Ontario and 87th in Canada. He was in the top 10 per cent of the 11,616 students writing the contest, earning himself a spot on both the Ontario and Canada honor rolls.

Rebecca Lovelace scored 18th in Halton and earned a certificate of distinction for being in the top 10 per cent with Jeff.

A certificate of merit (top 25 per cent) was earned by Tom Shannon, Scott Pundack, John Marchant, Carl Johnston, Johanna Delroy and David Robson. Five more students placed above the Canadian average on the Fermat Contest.

The Grade 9 students were coached by GDHS teacher Sheena Kewley; the Grade 10 students by Bill Smith and the Grade 11 pupils by Brian Crossley.

Grade 10 students at the school also wrote a math contest and Brian Marshall scored in the top ten per cent in the Cayley Contest.

CERTIFICATE
He placed on the Peel Halton honor roll and earned a certificate of distinction. Laura Groskorth and Linda

Wenham earned certificates of merit.

On the Grade 11 Fermat Contest, GDHS placed 87th in Canada from among 992 schools taking part.

Another show of strength will be put on by tractors, ranging from stock machines to souped up jobs. That show will go on for three hours. The tractor pull is a new addition to Bang-o-Rama.

Another new event is the vintage car show Optimists have planned. The fancy wheels are sure to dazzle car lovers.

The fireworks will also dazzle you. The Optimists say they've got a larger show, 27 per cent larger.

The BMX races are being expanded this year to feature electronic gates and pros - yes, they are still children. About 1,200 pro entries are expected to turn up for the event sanctioned by the Ontario Cycling Association.

There'll be the RCMP musical ride. Mounted officers will perform precision riding in formation, with lots of banners and handsome steeds to hawk at.

The band TATOO will be playing at Bang-o-Rama, highlighted by the Georgetown Kentucky Band, so wear comfy shoes to tap along with their beat.

Popular features from past years will be back, like the giant garage sale, bingo, pony rides, mini-car rides, horse-shoes, the midway, commercial displays, the police safety van, a St. John's Ambulance bike safety rodeo and country music (il dusk). The children's art contest and decorated bikes parade haven't been forgotten either.

Times for all these events will be announced later by the Optimists. For now, get busy with those weights so your biceps won't let you down in the Tug-o-War.

More Victoria Day fun New Bang-o-Rama entries

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

The Georgetown Optimists are looking for the gang down the street. They want them to get their muscles in powerful shape for the Halton Hills Tug-o-War championship this May 21.

That's the big day for the annual Bang-o-Rama celebrating Victoria Day. The Optimists are making an extra big splash this year for the bi-centennial.

The Tug-o-War is one of the new events planned for this year's festivities. The Optimists are looking for ball teams, hockey teams, teams of firefighters and police, service clubs, church groups and town councillors to join arms for a good tug of the hemp.

To take part in the Tug-o-War, you need nine pullers and one coach. Teams made up of men can't weigh more than 1,700 pounds, that's excluding the coach. Ladies teams should keep to a trim 1,200 pounds.

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Renovations

The Armstrong Avenue and John Street, Georgetown, sewage pumping stations are up for a 30-week renovation project costing \$374,800.

The region accepted a tender from Groff Plumbing and Heating Limited of Waterloo, Ontario, to renovate and alter the two sewage pumping stations.

Design work to the two stations was completed in February. Now, standby power will be given to the Armstrong Avenue station with a diesel generator from the John Street station. The John Street station will get a higher output diesel generator to meet the power demand at that station.

TIRELESS WORKERS

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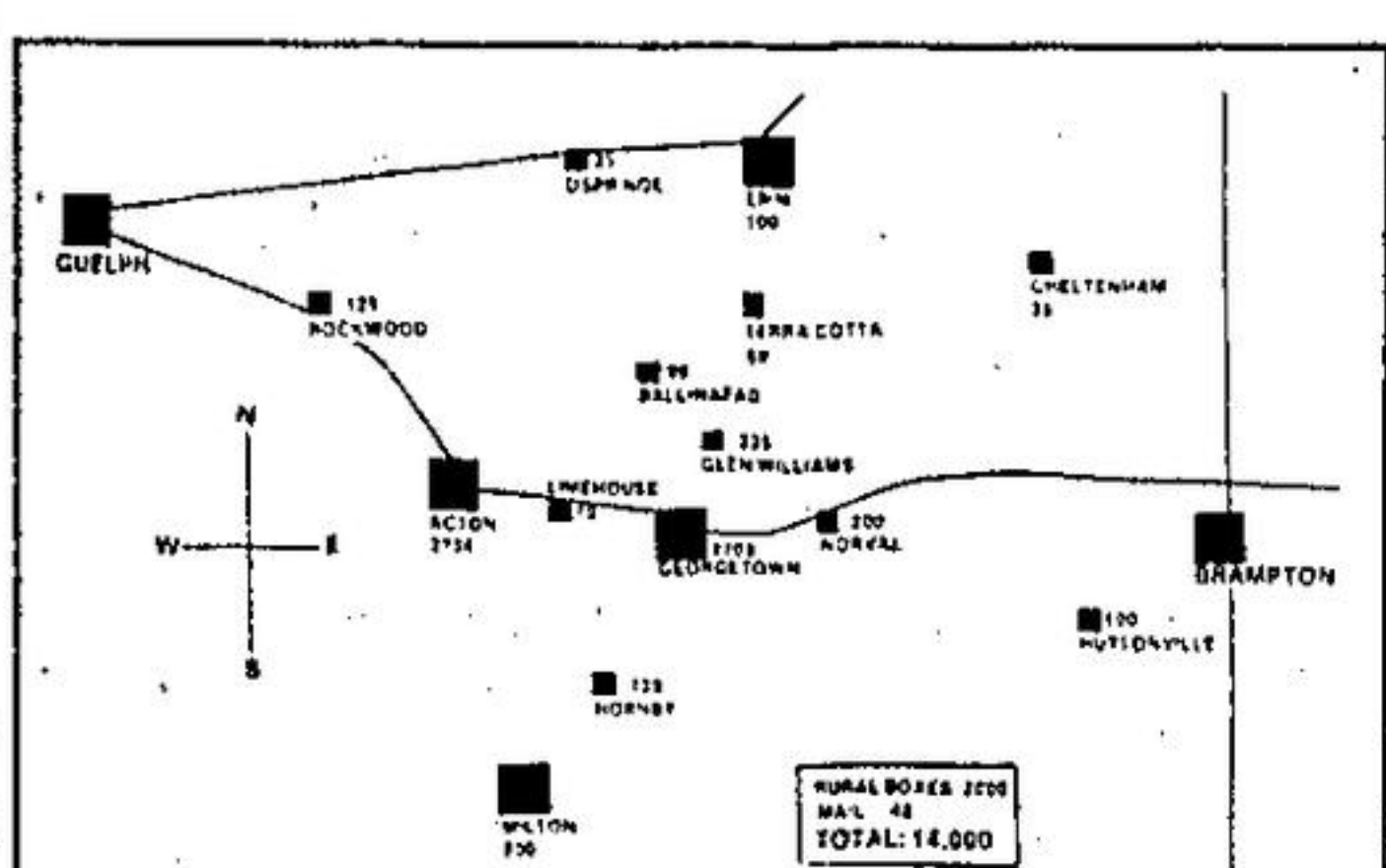
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