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20 year board service

## Esquering farmer wins teacher's award

By ANI PEDERIAN  
 Herald Staff  
 Tribute was paid to a former Esquering trustee Thursday night.

Esquering farmer Bill Lawson was recognized for his 20 years of contributions to education and the community by the Halton Elementary Teachers' Association (HETA).

The annual president's award was presented by HETA president Robert Filman at a dinner for retiring elementary teachers in Milton District High School.

This was the second year that Mr. Filman made a break with tradition in awarding the certificate to someone outside the teaching profession. Last year Milton parent Carol Lonsberry was recognized for her work with the Baldwin Benefactors, a Milton parents' association.

**DROP-OUT**  
 A high school drop-out in Grade 10, it was Mr. Lawson's bad experience with education that fueled his interest in improving the school system for other young

people.

"I was really trying to achieve something which would keep children more involved and interested in school than what I experienced when I was a student," he told The Herald.

"I had nine academic courses including French and Latin. There wasn't much stimulus for one to continue unless one went to post secondary school."

In 1954, Mr. Lawson was appointed secretary-treasurer to post secondary schools like Pineview, Glen Will-

iams, Speyside and Limehouse. One room schools were closed as of that year.

"There was a lot of parental resistance, but at that time the school populations were growing at such a rate that the one-room schools that they would each have required additions," Mr. Lawson recalled.

The total cost of all the additions would have placed a greater burden on the mill rate than building new central schools for each community, he said.

In 1962, Mr. Lawson

was elected trustee of the Esquering township school area. Although he missed the 1963 election, he continued to serve the area until 1982 as trustee.

In 1968, the Halton board of education came into being and before wrapping up his career as trustee, Mr. Lawson served as chairman of the board.

His long years as trustee accomplished Mr. Lawson's aim to give students more options at school, with more interest courses and a broader base of

education.



BILL LAWSON

### ABOUT THE HILLS

#### Distinguished career

Ethel Riddell wraps up her 24 year teaching career this school term with Centennial Public School.

What does she intend to do once she's retired?

Mrs. Riddell said she'll spend more time on her favorite hobbies of gardening and refinishing furniture. As well, with all but one of her seven children living near her Milton home, retirement will mean more time for visiting them and her five grandchildren.

Mrs. Riddell's position will be filled by Centennial Grade 6 teacher Shane Tanner in September.

#### Wins federal contract

Ottawa Bureau of The Herald

A Georgetown company has won a federal contract worth \$110,749, the department of supply and services has announced.

Varian Canada Inc. will supply electron tubes. The equipment is for the defense department.

#### Asthmatic camp

The Halton Lung Association announces that plans are underway to develop the annual summer day camps for asthmatic children.

The camp will follow a normal day camp routine with swimming lessons, handicrafts, special trips, sports, etc.

It will also include one hour of physical conditioning, teaching relaxation techniques and diaphragmatic breathing.

In Georgetown, the camp will be held at Wigglesworth School and the Dick Licata Outdoor Pool for 3 weeks, July 3 - July 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (weekends excluded). There is no fee.

For information, call 632-8499.

#### No parking

Despite the crowds of people who turned up at the Victoria Day Bang-a-Rama, the Georgetown Optimists didn't need to use the town's recently acquired Stevens property as a parking lot.

"But we still get our dollar," Mayor Russ Miller reassured Coun. Mike Armstrong who asked.

The Optimists had received council permission to use the land as a parking lot for their celebration in the nearby Georgetown Fairgrounds. Their \$1 offer had been accepted as rent for the occasion.

#### Energy consumption

Ontario's energy consumption in April increased almost seven per cent over the same period a year ago.

Consumers used about 8.8 billion kilowatt-hours last month, compared to almost 8.3 billion kilowatt-hours during April, 1983. Peak electricity demand for Ontario was an estimated 15.6 million kilowatts last month. That's an increase of more than 10 per cent over the April, 1983 peak of almost 14.1 million kilowatts.

#### Support Arc

Arc Industries is ready and willing to work in a variety of different production and assembly services.

If you get behind schedule or need supplementary assembly help, call Mark Menary at 878-3369.

#### Rummage sale

Holy Cross Church will be holding a rummage sale of new and used clothing in the church hall on Maple Ave. Saturday June 30 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Proceeds will go to help the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

#### Backward step

The recent Ministry of Education changes in curriculum for high school students have former Esquering trustee Bill Lawson unhappy.

"I think we're headed towards more students who will become disenchanted with the program and will want to leave school before completing their Grade 12," Mr. Lawson said. "It will be a backward step, taking us exactly to where we came from."

He doesn't disagree with having mandatory subjects, but Mr. Lawson believes the ministry is taking responsibility for programming away from local boards who've been charged with it.

#### Beautiful You

If you're a color or a scarf person, "Beautiful You" is a must for exploring new creations.

Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Georgetown Public Library Leslie Smith of the Color Palette in Burlington will talk about Colors for All Seasons.

Lorraine Hammett, designer and author of "The Knauthy Look" will also demonstrate the beauty of scarves and scarf tying.

Tickets for Beautiful You are \$2 per person and are available from the Acton and Georgetown Libraries.

#### Family bike ride

Yes, there will be another family bicycle ride in Ballinafad. Come on out Saturday at 9 a.m. to the Ballinafad Community Hall, with your bike.

Three different bike circuits have been planned - one for families, one for advanced riders and another for expert riders. Distances for the circuits are between six and 20 miles.

Organizers are hoping to have a bike ride every second weekend. For more information, contact Paul Schwarz at 877-7000.

#### Fish derby

Fishermen of all ages are invited to "throw in their lines" at the tenth annual Burns Fishing Derby June 2 and 3rd.

It's a great opportunity to bring your family out to the Burns Conservation Area and try your luck at landing a rainbow trout.

For further information call 854-2741.

#### Did you win?

The Optimists have announced the white and blue ticket winners of their Bang-O-Rama draw:

White ticket winners are: 3253, 3424, 3479, 3971, 6486, 4513, 7806, 9320, 9803.

Blue ticket winners are: 2690, 2639, 2718, 2800, 2927, 3480, 3789, 3940, 4078, 4782, 5505, 6399, 6621, 7196, 7729, 8009, 8610, 8806, 9507, 9608, 10,311, 10,781.



Keri McCallum, 9, 'eyes' the situation before settling down to work, doing crafts at Saturday's 'Girl Guide Olympics'.



The Olympics came to Cedarvale Park Saturday, as 110 brownies and girl guides from East Georgetown competed in a series of fun events, including sack racing, and the obstacle course. Other events included bean-bag tossing, and the water-dumping relay.

## Walk-run clinic for fitness buffs

Herald Special  
 Looking for a way to combine simplicity and fitness?

The pioneers did it! They walked. Everywhere. If they took a "Sunday drive" it meant the horse and cart, not cars. Otherwise, their legs provided the best means of getting around, while keeping them physically fit.

If you'd like to take that first step to a healthier lifestyle the historical way, then this message is for you.

The Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Recreation along with Fitness and Amateur Sport Canada are jointly sponsoring a free clinic out-

lining safe jogging and walking practices. It will take place at 180 communities throughout the province. The Halton Hills clinic will be held June 7, 7-10 p.m. at Cedarvale Community Centre.

"This venture provides a unique opportunity to promote physical fitness today by recalling the lifestyle of our forefathers," comments Tourism and Recreation Minister Reuben Baetz.

"We want to meet the needs of both the beginner and the committed jogger and walker for information about techniques and safety precautions."

The three hour clinic will include such topics as diet, footwear, clothing, training programs, techniques for improving performance, and prevention and cure of injuries.

There will also be a historical walk and/or jog through downtown Georgetown led by Councillor John McDonald.

Registration is limited to the first 50 people. So walk or jog to your daily calendar and write down the following reminder:

Register before June 1. For more information, call 877-5185, ext. 262.

## Varian employee Cynthia Ash

Friends and family mourned the death of Cynthia Marie Ash May 6 as a result of a car accident.

Cindy, 22, was the daughter of Ruth and Stan and the granddaughter of Frank and Pearl Brown of Georgetown.

She will be missed by sisters Betty McFarlane, Beverly Hayes and brother Shaun Ash of Sulton. Living at home in Georgetown are brothers and sister Stanley, Joanne and Marty.

She leaves behind nieces Melissa and Melanie McFarlane, Amy Hayes and nephew Jason Hayes.

Cindy moved to Sulton from Glen Williams with her family October 1973, then to Willow Beach. She attended Glen Williams Public School, Sulton District High.

For the last four years she was employed at Varian Canada in the Standards department.

She received the all round Canada Cord as a Sulton Girl Guide and she attained many trophies for her bowling.

Cindy made many friends while enjoying her favorite sport of fishing.

Electric trains travelled this route from Georgetown to Guelph (many years earlier).

There were no houses in Marywood Meadows and Park School was actually on the edge of town.

The area was quite swampy and we used to stop and catch pollywogs on the way to school, or pick marsh marigolds for our teacher.

The first children to attend Park School formerly attended Chapel Street School. From September to December of 1959, we only had to go

to school half days, as there was not enough room for everyone to go at the same time.

We were proud and excited to be starting a brand new school. The biggest 'deal' for us was that the blackboards were not black, but green. What were we to call them now - greenboards?

At that time, there was no gym or library, and the grades went from kindergarten to grade 8. When the bell rang the boys lined up outside the boys' washroom door and the girls outside the girls' washroom door. This is how we entered the school.

We were a small school, and everyone knew everyone else. At recess we could be seen playing dodge-ball, skipping or playing marbles. Georgetown had one music teacher and he would come around to each school, one day per week.

Once a year the public schools would have a field day in the fairgrounds. Every school came and everyone participated.

Park School colours were green and white and we all wore ribbons pinned proudly to our shirts. We even had our own cheerleaders.

I remember my Park School years fondly and hope this short story will give you an idea of what things were like then - so long ago!

## Ralph wants to write school-age operettas

By ANI PEDERIAN  
 Herald Staff

There may be a few more operettas for school children to perform once Howard Wigglesworth teacher Ralph McKeown picks up his writing pen.

The Grades 4 and 5 teacher plans to write musicals for children once his retirement takes effect this June. He told The Herald it was one area in education in which there was a shortage of materials.

Mr. McKeown has been in education for 35 years, having started out in a one-room school in Erin Township, the S.S. No. 8 Greenock School. The school has since burned down.

From the one-room school, Mr. McKeown went to teach at the former Robert Little School in Acton for three years. In those days, it was the only school in

Acton.

From there, Mr. McKeown moved up the teaching echelon to become principal of the Glen Williams Public School. For 13 years, he served as principal.

Then he went to Limehouse Public School for a four-year term as principal.

However, health reasons forced him back into classroom teaching and this is his 12th year at Howard Wiggles-

worth Public School. In another month, it will be his last year.

"I don't think kids have changed very much from when I first started teaching," Mr. McKeown said. "I think they're basically the same. I don't see much difference in their attitudes."

He noted however, that television has had an effect on teaching, making children more stimulated by the visual than the auditory.

"Kids are more oriented to watching a screen than they are to listening," Mr. McKeown said. "Because of this you have to be more dramatic in your teaching skills. You have to teach a little harder."

But all this won't matter anymore to Mr. McKeown as he gives up his lengthy career for the pleasures of retirement.

## YOUR OPINION



**THERESA BOSCHENIN:**  
 "All the people we've met have been very friendly. It's a lot like home, but this Georgetown is a lot bigger."



**JANET BIXLER:**  
 "It's my first trip to Canada, I like how clean it is and I like the people."



**CHRIS TOWLES:**  
 "It's clean and pretty too. The highlight for me was seeing the CN Tower."



**KATHY TOWLES:**  
 "The highlight for me was the people. Especially the ones who have worked with the band."

## Question: What did you like about your trip to Georgetown and Toronto? Asked of the Georgetown, Kentucky band members and their families.



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