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Chicken? Who's chicken? Four Joseph Gibbons Public School students say it's okay to be chicken and not take drugs and they showed their stuff Thursday morning. When drug awareness week begins Feb. 22, (front to back) Toby MacLeod, 9, Angel Hughes, 11, Darlan Schouten, 9, and Heather Emond, 10, will be ready. The four are all members of the Optimists Club's Chicken Club for students. (Herald photo)

'Global' outlook in book

Which sex works the hardest to produce food for the world? What country is most generous with foreign aid? If your outlook is "global", you'll want to read "New Internationalist" magazine, now available in the Georgetown Public Library.

The subscription was donated by the local Ten Days for World Development group, a coalition of 10 local churches who are currently conducting their annual campaign of public education on world development.

New Internationalist presents "the people, the ideas, the action in the fight for world development." Each issue treats a specific theme in depth; some

current topics included African hunger, racism, and women of the Third World. The July issue reported that, on a world average, it is women who produce most of the food.

In most of the Third World, men plough, but women plant, weed, harvest, and process food. Another issue reported that the Netherlands is by far the most generous with public and private aid to the Third World, on a per person basis.

Canadians give about half as much as the Dutch, and the U.S. and U.S.S.R. are well down the scale, with much of their aid being military rather than for health, education, agriculture, and technology.

McClure keynote speaker

Doctor Robert McClure, feisty former Moderator of the United Church of Canada, will address nearly 100 local Scout leaders Feb. 8.

Halton Region Scouts Canada will host Forum '86 at Milton District High School, bringing together leaders from Oakville, Burlington, Milton and Halton Hills for a day-long series of seminars and workshops.

Dr. McClure, as keynote speaker, will talk about Single Parenthood and Multiculturalism and theme speaker, Peter Pomeroy, Chairman of the

Regional Municipality of Halton, will ask, "How are we going to bring Scouting into the Community?"

The forum is held periodically as part of the training program for Scout leaders and other personnel involved in the management of the Scouts Canada program.

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Historical talk about Barber clan

By J.M. ROWE
Herald Special

The Barber family came to George Kennedy's mill in 1837 and established a woolen mill and foundry. This establishment was located on what is now Park Street. In 1843 part of the family moved to Streetsville to run a second woolen mill there. The Barber family enterprises were described in the Daily Leader of Toronto on Sept. 1, 1853.

"The branch of the Credit, which runs through this place, is a feeble stream. It is however, the seat of an important woolen factory, which is owned by Wm. Barber and Bros., - four in all, men of indomitable energy and perseverance. The establishment and success of this factory, and its Streetsville offshoot already larger in some respects, than the parent stem, go far to solve an important question of political economy.

"The history of these two establishments shows that a certain degree of perfection in woolen manufactures is possible in this province.... These comprise Canadian Greys, Sateenets, Tweeds, Flannels, Blankets, and Carpeting, which latter article is however, now almost entirely neglected by the firm. It is only necessary to trace the history of the establishments under the control of these four brothers to prove that the successful manufacture of the several woolen articles enumerated is quite compatible with our present free trade tariff...."

Many things have changed since 1853. The Barbers moved out of Georgetown over to new premises right on the Credit River to the paper mill we are all familiar with. Eventually they sold the business and it closed down. However, some things stay the same such as the free trade debates and the presence of Barbers in Georgetown and Streetsville. The Esquing Historical Society is pleased to present a Barber from the Streetsville branch as a guest speaker. Mrs. Mary Findlay will talk about both branches of these industrial pioneers at our Annual General Meeting, Feb. 12.

Ski lessons

The Jackrabbit Ski League sponsored by the Georgetown Optimists and the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department started this past Sunday at Cedarvale Park. There is still room to accommodate anyone who missed this first lesson. The program runs for six weeks in total, each Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at a cost of \$10 per person. For more information call Ron Pearson 877-3083.

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RC teachers seek two year pact

Unable to reach an agreement on a one-year contract, teachers of the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board are seeking a two-year agreement with the help of a mediator.

The decision to get a mediator came after teachers and the Board failed to reach an agreement with the help of a fact finder report which made recommendations to the parties. Trustees of the board met with teachers last Wednesday for five hours to discuss the fact finder's report.

Trustee Jim Sherlock is chairman of the salary negotiation committee for the Board. Because changes in teacher working conditions must be addressed in December or before, and could not be, the parties agreed a two-year settlement would be best at this stage, Trustee Sherlock said.

Now the talks will be about a contract for the 1985-86 and 1986-87

school years. The major points of disagreement are, in order, working conditions and wages, Trustee Sherlock said.

Teachers want more time to evaluate, co-ordinate, consult, prepare and plan. Elementary teachers want a minimum of 80 minutes a week to do these things, the fact-finder report states. Secondary school teachers want teaching assignments limited to six periods.

The Board believes these changes will cost \$1.1 million.

Teachers want wages closer to those received by public school teachers. They are asking for a 7.2 per cent annual increase, while the Board is offering a 4.25 per cent annual increase.

The 7.2 per cent increase was decided by considering what other teachers in Halton make. The Board's

suggestion of a 4.25 per cent increase compares with industrial salaries made locally and provincially.

The fact-finder report sides with the Board on this issue. Increases for 1985-86 RCSSB salaries for urban areas are between 2 and 5 per cent. Teachers are more likely to get what they want for working conditions (planning time), Trustee Sherlock said.

Teachers also want improvements in their Extended Health Benefit Plan, and an increase of \$15,000 in their Group Insurance Life Plan which the Board pays 95 per cent of the premium. They also want a \$15,000 increase in their accidental death and dismemberment plan.

The fact-finder report states there should be increases in these plans proportional to a teacher's annual salary. The benefit plan issue is not as big as working conditions and wages, Trustee Sherlock said.

The next step is to get a mediator appointed by the Education Relations Commission of the Ministry of Education. That should not take long, Trustee Sherlock said.

The mediator will try to make a settlement between the two parties. "It is difficult to predict how long that will take. Sometimes it takes a couple of days if you have a good mediator," Trustee Sherlock said. "I hope we will have a contract in a matter of weeks," he added.

That two-year contract could just settle working conditions for two years and wages and benefits for one year.

The cat's caught council's tongue

Councillors had no comment when a couple of cat lovers turned up to object to the recent bylaw limiting them to three cats per home.

Bob and Mary Jepson of Main Street North in Georgetown said the new bylaw was "completely ridiculous and unfair".

The couple and Eleanor Stockley have 10 cats at their home, and as they are listed as two separate dwellings are allowed to have only six. Jan. 17, shortly after the bylaw was passed by council, Bylaw Enforcement Officer Jack Lusty visited Mr. and Mrs. Jepson and counted the cats.

Lupus meeting

Relief for the aches, pains and stiffness of lupus will be talked about by Arthritis Society Physiotherapist Herb Williams Sunday afternoon.

His talks to the Lupus Society of Hamilton begins at 2 p.m. and is open to all. A question and answer period will follow.

The monthly meeting is taking place at All Saints Anglican Church parish hall at King and Queen Streets in Hamilton.

For more information, call 527-2252 or 389-4544.

Red Cross awards

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- salt and pepper
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- freshly grated peel from 1/2 lemon
- 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese

Cook fresh broccoli until just tender-crisp. Drain well. Meanwhile prepare sauce by melting butter in a saucepan. Whisk in flour and stir over medium heat until bubbly. Gradually stir in the milk. Add seasonings. Stir fairly frequently over medium heat until thickened and smooth. Whisk in sour cream and lemon peel. Then taste and add more salt and pepper if you wish. Stir in broccoli. Turn into 9 inch baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake in a pre-heated 350° oven for 30 to 35 minutes or until bubbly.

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