

Each town school shows its pride in curriculum, special events

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Halton Hills Family of Schools has provided an outline of the programs and accomplishments at each of the levels of learning at the individual schools. The following is meant to inform parents and ratepayers what is happening at our schools. This is the second in a series.

M.Z. BENNETT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Curricular
—language planning with consulting staff
—school-wide Flary Tale theme unit, culminating in Mad Hatter Tea Party for primary children and student-written book party for junior students
—sample books displayed at Academic Council
—implementation of new Grade 4 social science core
—visit to ballet
—presentation from Erewon Theatre
Extra-Curricular
—participation in cross country running, junior school volleyball, track and field
—house league soccer, floor hockey, borden ball
—choirs, drama groups, recorder club, chess club
—hosted chess tournament for all junior schools in Halton
—hosted North Halton Public Speaking Contest Finals
—bike rodeo
Community
—parent group working towards purchasing playground apparatus
—program evening in fall when teachers outlined objectives for year
—spring concert
—Open House with drama, musical and puppet presentations by students
—Book Fair

PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Curricular
Kindergarten - Official opening of Royal Park Museum-dinosaurs;
—Mother's Day Tea
All students participated in Remembrance Day Services - Memorial Park Cenotaph, Book Fair, Science Fair, Winter Play Day.
Artist Bill LaFerla, was in the school on four separate occasions to paint while students observed and discussed painting; the Grade 2/3 class went on an overnight camping trip to Blue Springs Campsite;

Grade 2/3 class presented their version of musical "Cats"; Grade 5 students published their newspaper "Park Press"; Grade 1/2 class visited Black Creek Pioneer Village; Grade 5 students did a Medieval unit, culminating in a Medieval Day, period costumes, banquet, serving brown bread, fruit and "dragon stew", entertainment including jesters, juggling - all planned by students.

Extra-Curricular
Grade 5 bake sale, planned and run by students. Profits for our new Creative Playground. The Erewon Theatre Group presented "Winnie the Pooh" for all students, Grade 1 students went to Brampton theatre to see live performance of "The Velveteen Rabbit", Science Olympics: kite flying contest, egg drop contest, estimating bean contest, junior volleyball tournament, volleyball games - teachers vs. volleyball teams, Friday Fitness events - teachers vs. students.
Community
May 29 - Grand Opening of the Park School Creative Playground. Computer volunteer program training for parents for the 1987-88 school year underway. Volunteer luncheon for approx. 37 volunteers. Kindergarten class went to the Ben-

Extra-Curricular

—primary and junior intermural activities - Knitting Club, Cross Country Boys' and Girls' Volleyball teams, Track and Field
—primary Christmas concert, Junior spring concert, Theme Days, Safety Patrol program
Community
—community Barbeque/Picnic (September)
—community involvement in Reading Celebration (May)
—participation in Rotary Club Skate-a-thon (April)

STEWARTTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Curricular
In September, 1986, we welcomed for the first time, Grade 6 students to Stewarttown Middle School. The involvement of the students in program and in other activities in the school has been outstanding. School objectives have placed emphasis on program development for the Grade 6 classes with staff holding many planning sessions to develop units of work.

Extra-Curricular
Stewarttown's very busy extra-curricular schedule was highlighted by the three-night production of the musical H.M.S. Pinafore and the bringing home of a county basketball

ACTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Curricular
—Concert Band represented Ontario in International band competitions in Florida
—first place winner in Halton McMaster University Symposium competitions
—established a peer counselling program and a bereavement counselling group
—first high school staff to attend the Focus on Excellence Growth Planning Workshops
Extra-Curricular
—All Ontario Senior Girls' Volleyball A Champions
—Canadian champions in a variety of categories in the Voyageur competitions in Ottawa
—one of 20 schools in Ontario chosen to be in the York University Science Olympiad
—first high school in Canada to present the musical "Preppies"
—Halton finalists in senior boys' rugby competitions
Community
—over 500 parents attended our evening with Barbara Coloroso, and internationally known speaker on discipline from Boulder, Colorado
—established a successful Parents' Advisory Committee
—established our first successful adult education program

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Curricular
—Gr. 9 new courses successfully implemented: personal life management, recreational phys. ed., practical art
—OSIS curriculum writing teams involving our staff in art (OAC), English (OAC) and several other courses such as Gr. 9 Science and Gr. 11 Chemistry
Extra-Curricular
—Senior Boys' Volleyball - OFSAA Finalists, Cross Country - Halton, GHAC Champions, Sr. Girls' Basketball - GHAC Champions, Sr. Girls' Volleyball - OFSAA Finalists, Badminton - Halton Champions.
—Yearbook, Academic Decathlon, the debating club and public speaking contests as well as Elzevir (student writing) and "The Press" (student newspaper) were all resounding successes.
—G.D.H.S. won the IAPA Safety Competition (Halton/Peel).
—Social Science Dept. Participated in the "Close Up" trip to Washington D.C.
—The "Festival of the Arts", "100 Years in Revue", our Christmas Concert and elementary school children's plays were a tribute to the talents of our staff and students in the arts.
—There were several student exchanges and an excellent showing in the many language contests.
—Students did very well in the Science Fairs (Halton/Hamilton) and the Outers' Club successfully ran several wilderness trips.
Community
—Co-op students were placed in approximately 90 different local businesses (ie. media students working for Herald).
—Technical students' work was featured in the Milton Mall during Education Week.
—The "Rebel Review" on the local cable station continued to keep the community aware of school happenings.
—Centennial Celebrations 1887-1987 are well underway - July 3-5 - Tom Beer, Chairman.
—French book sale assisted community members in obtaining new reading material in French.

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nett Health Care Centre and Kindergarten to present a Christmas play. Volleyball Fitness night - parents vs. students.

ROBERT LITTLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Curricular
—implementation of the Language Arts Curriculum document
—development of one short-term Language Arts theme unit per term by each English/French grade team
—computer pilot program for junior grades
—monthly assemblies related to program (whole school)
—Junior Public Speaking
—Winter Carnival

championship by the boys' basketball team - the first since 1976. The remainder of the time was filled with concerts, a cabaret, track meets, cross-country running, clubs and intra- and extra-mural sports.

Community
We thank our community for their overwhelming support of our fund raising activity held in the fall term. As a result, we were able to purchase two computers, a scoreboard for the new gym, and a video camera. In addition, funds were provided for bus transportation in support of our extra-curricular activities.



Mandy Webster works diligently under the critical eye of Michelle Cowbrough. Both were participants in the Department of Recreation and Parks' Studio Art Camp conducted at Harrison School last week. (Herald photo)

Councillors cut forecasted capital budget

Councillors thrashed numbers back and forth once again July 7 in an attempt to cut back proposed capital expenditures in the 1990 and 1991 capital forecast.

Town council had dealt with 1988 and 1989 the previous day, cutting some \$135,000 from the tax levy in 1988 and \$276,400 from 1989. Town treasurer Ray King had recommended cutting \$368,000 from the tax levy in 1988 and \$550,000 from 1989.

Mr. King also recommended slashing \$540,000 from the \$2.3 million tax levy in 1990 but councillors only pared away \$444,600.

Dropped from forecast expenditures in 1990 was \$25,000 to establish a revenue for computer replacement in the fire department and \$650,000 for a fire station in Acton.

Councillors decided to defer money for a \$66,000 tanker for the fire department by one year to 1991 and \$15,000 for pole replacement at diamonds B and C at the fairgrounds was also put off until 1991. The Gravel resurfacing tax levy was reduced by \$60,000, to \$144,000 in 1990 and the surface treatment program saw its tax levy cut from \$144,000 to \$100,000.

Sideroad 17 northerly to the middle of lot 20 was moved to 1991.

The treasurer had suggested reducing the tax levy by \$65,000 in 1991 and here council exceeded that by slashing \$211,000 from that year's forecast.

Several projects had previously been moved back until 1991 but council moved a \$500,000 project for work on Sideroad 17 - which would incur a \$253,000 tax levy - out of the four year forecast altogether.

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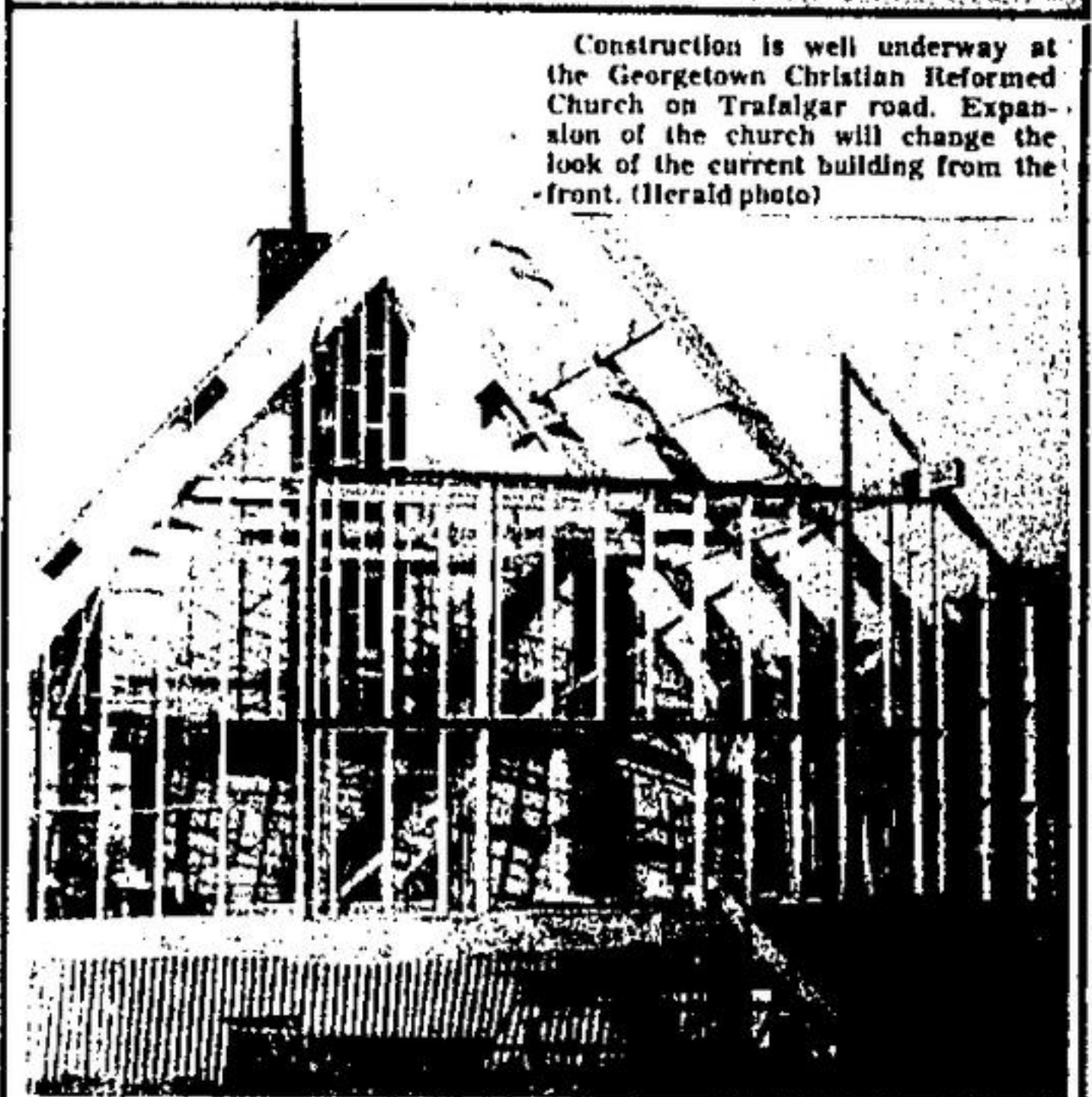
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Construction is well underway at the Georgetown Christian Reformed Church on Trafalgar road. Expansion of the church will change the look of the current building from the front. (Herald photo)



A long way from home Al Darby (right) receives an award for the person who travelled the furthest to be with his former school chums again at the Georgetown District High School centennial reunion last weekend. Mr. Darby came all the way from Australia for the reunion. (Herald Photo)



Sheridan College industrial training student Ian Paul (left) received the General Machinist Intermediate Level Award at an awards ceremony held at the Brampton campus in June. The Georgetown resident received his award, sponsored by Bay Mills Ltd., from Halton and Peel Industries Training Advisory Committee Chairman Gerry Lovell.

A NEW APPROACH TO ADOPTION DISCLOSURE IN ONTARIO

NOT ALL ADOPTED CHILDREN GROW UP WANTING TO KNOW ABOUT THEIR BIRTH PARENTS

BUT FOR THOSE WHO DO, THE PROCESS HAS OFTEN BEEN FRUSTRATING AND INCONCLUSIVE.

THE SAME IS TRUE FOR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, BROTHERS OR SISTERS SEARCHING FOR A CHILD PLACED FOR ADOPTION YEARS AGO.

ON JULY 6, 1987, AMENDMENTS TO ADOPTION LEGISLATION CHANGED THE CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING ADOPTION INFORMATION IN ONTARIO.

NON-IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, IF AVAILABLE, SUCH AS THE BIRTH FAMILY'S BACKGROUND AND MEDICAL HISTORY, WILL BE RELEASED ON REQUEST TO ADULT ADOPTED PERSONS (THOSE 18 OR OLDER); AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADOPTIVE FAMILY'S BACKGROUND WILL BE GIVEN TO ADULT BIRTH RELATIVES, UPON REQUEST.

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THE ISSUES AND EMOTIONS SURROUNDING ADOPTION INFORMATION ARE COMPLEX, SO PROFESSIONAL ADVICE IS PROVIDED AT EVERY STAGE. THE PROCESS WILL ALSO TAKE TIME, SINCE A LARGE NUMBER OF REQUESTS ALREADY EXIST.

ALL THE NEW PROCEDURES AND SERVICES ARE OUTLINED IN A FREE PAMPHLET, AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH AND IN FRENCH. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY OR WRITE THE ADOPTION INFORMATION UNIT, 700 BAY STREET, 2ND FLOOR, TORONTO M7A 1E9. IN TORONTO, CALL 963-0709. ELSEWHERE IN ONTARIO CALL TOLL-FREE 1-800-387-5477.

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