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School enrolment rises in Halton

School enrolments are picking up throughout Halton Region, according to figures released by the Halton Board of Education last week.

Projected enrolments for September in elementary schools is expected to be up by 1.51 per cent or 380 students. Secondary enrolment is considerably lower, with the Board expecting an increase of 07 per cent or 13 students.

Three more students are expected to enroll in programs for the trainable mentally handicapped this year.

Director of Education Wally Beevor explained, however, that enrolment should increase slightly by the end of September. The Ministry of Education bases its grants to the school system on enrolments for September 30. Usually, by that time, students have returned from holidays or special trips.

This year, the Board is anticipating elementary enrolment to increase further by one half of one per cent and secondary enrolment to grow by 3.5 per cent by September 30.

There will be 82 schools operating in Halton this year: 65 elementary and 17 secondary. Two schools in Burlington and one in Oakville closed this year, although Mr. Beevor said no other schools are slated to be closed. The Halton Board also is leasing two schools, Elizabeth Gardens and Speyside Public School, to the Separate School Board.

The Board has hired 150 to 200 new teaching staff for the coming school year to cope with increased enrolment and a smaller student-teacher ratio, which is part of the recent Teachers' Federation contract.

The Board is planning to introduce a French immersion transportation program this year and to expand the use of computers in the classroom and administration. It will also be conducting a ventilation study in all of Halton's schools. A change in Ministry requirements means the Board will also be buying more textbooks this year.

Two Georgetown schools — Stewarttown and Georgetown District High Schools — are being renovated this year to bring the facilities up to modern standards.

Some of GDHS's administrative work is being done out of the old Howard Wrigglesworth School, located next to the high school.

Bringing in the harvest



Adina Ingram, 11, Stephanie Smith, 11, Brenda Sims, 11, and Carrie Walsh, 13, were selling fresh corn in front of Stewarttown School on Trafalgar Road, Saturday. The corn was from the Snows Farm on the Sixth Line. Sales were very good, Brenda said. They started out with 60 dozen cobs of corn in the morning. By 3 p.m. they had less than five dozen left. (Herald photo)

Man asleep saved from burning home

A man who was sleeping in a basement apartment was saved from a fire in a home on Academy Road Thursday.

Glen Gordon, 43, a tenant in the home at 23 Academy Rd., Georgetown, was sleeping at about 9:30 p.m. when a grease fire broke out in the main floor kitchen.

A neighboring couple, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kavanaugh, discovered the fire, notified the fire department and with the help of neighbors, awoke Mr. Gordon to carry him to safety. No one was injured.

"God knows what would have happened if we hadn't been there," Mrs. Kavanaugh said. "The smoke was just at the basement, another 20 minutes and I think it would have consumed the basement."

The owners of the home, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pellegrin, were on vacation at the time. Another tenant, William Engley, was not in the house.

The cause of the fire appeared to be an overheated pot of cooking oil, police said. Smoke, fire and water damage to the kitchen and parts of the second floor total about \$10,000.

Fire Department Safety Officer Bob Meads said grease fires tend to be smoky with fewer flames than a gasoline fire.

The fire department arrived at approximately 9:40 p.m. and the fire was virtually out by the time they arrived, Bob Meads said.

Mrs. Kavanaugh said she ran to her brother Andrew Jackman's home which is next door to the Pellegrin's house. She was very concerned for her husband who had entered the burning house to fetch Mr. Gordon, she said.

"It seemed like it took me a half an hour to run to my brother's house, I was so worried," she said.

Andrew Jackman extinguished the few flames in the kitchen with a portable extinguisher. Smoke damage, however, was extensive and firefighters spent hours cleaning up after the blaze, Mr. Meads said.

Mr. Jackman, Andrew Kavanaugh and a third passer-by, Keith Sim, reached Mr. Gordon to bring him to safety. By the time the fire was out, the kitchen was burned out, Mrs. Kavanaugh said.

Mrs. Kavanaugh said she and her husband are a little surprised by their unexpected notoriety. Her daughter was teasing her after the Kavanaugh's story was told on a local radio station.

"A lot of people have called us," she said. "It's nice. My husband is shy and modest, he doesn't really know what to say."

Mrs. Kavanaugh said she is "very happy" they were able to reach the home in time before anyone was hurt. She said their actions were natural and that anyone would have reacted the same way.

"It's not that we're heroes or anything," Mrs. Kavanaugh said. "We just happened to be there at the right time, thank God."

Ambulance service celebrates 30 years

The Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service is preparing to open every aspect of its operations to the public for its 30th anniversary celebration Sept. 13.

Over 30 members of the service are gearing up for the second Sunday in September and preparations are being headed up by long time member and past president Daryl Giberson.

On display Sept. 13 will be the Metro Bus - a bus unit operating out of Toronto capable of transporting several patients at once.

Also on display at the Chapel Street ambulance building will be COM 10 or COM 20. These units are billed as emergency communications vehicles for multi traumas such as a plane crash. The COM units act as a temporary mobile communications headquarters during such a tragedy.

The ESU (Emergency Support Unit) will also be parked at the ambulance building for public inspection. The ESU is crammed full of enough emergency supplies to care for up to 40 people at once.

On top of that Bandage One, the emergency helicopter operating out of Huttonville will station itself at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital so residents can see the workings of rescue flights.

Also at the ambulance bay, short videos will inform viewers about the ambulance service and the service it provides to local residents.

The three ambulances currently stationed in Georgetown will also be on display.

The open house will begin at noon and end at 4 p.m.

Larry Grossman visits Halton North riding

By MARY-LIZ SHAW
Herald Staff

Provincial Conservative leader Larry Grossman came to Georgetown Friday promoting a freer trade deal with the United States.

Local conservative candidate Dave Whiting welcomed Mr. Grossman and members of the Opposition Leader's campaign staff.

Mr. Grossman arrived at Mold-Masters, a local plastics firm on Armstrong Avenue, for a tour and to discuss the consequences of a more open economic relationship with the U.S.

"We have to fight to get bigger markets and also to protect our markets," Mr. Grossman told a group of about 30 plant workers.

Mold-Masters Director Waltraud Gellert said his company does 95 per cent of its business in foreign markets. He expressed concern for the upcoming U.S. election which, is the Democrats are elected, may see a greater tightening of the U.S. market.

"We cannot allow grass roots Americans to turn us away from their market," Mr. Gellert told The Herald. "If we don't join in any progressive interest group, the market potential that is (in the U.S.) for us might not be there."

Mold Masters employs 107 people

in Georgetown. Mr. Gellert said his company has 400 patents internationally and has a strong interest in the automotive industry.

"We are totally dependent on exports," the director said.

The company is currently coping with an estimated cost of 10 per cent annually to export to the United States, Mr. Gellert said. But he said he is anticipating a larger protectionist stance, resulting in higher trade tariffs, if the Democrats win the 1988 election in the U.S.

Mr. Grossman echoed Mr. Gellert's concerns and said companies such as Mold Masters are proof that a freer trade deal is necessary.

"In Georgetown we see the importance of doing that," Mr. Grossman said. "With the number of patents in Canada, we have to protect Canadian industries."

Mr. Gellert said he is not sure what will be accomplished from Mr. Grossman's visit, however he said he hopes the public can learn another, side to the free trade debate.

"Free trade has not been properly interpreted," the company director said. "The press and the public have emphasized more the public's fears of a free trade deal, which I think, are exaggerated."

Mold Masters is a conservative, profitable company with no debt, Mr. Gellert said.

Georgetown knows all about 'rights'

Georgetown residents are informed when it comes to the Canadian Constitution, according to Bob Moore, a Church of Scientology public relations director.

Of the 24 people who filled out Mr. Moore's "Constitutional Quiz" on Main Street Aug. 25 only six people were incorrect.

The four questions on the quiz dealt with the Canadian Charter of Rights.

"We think it is very important (because) Canadians don't understand the Charter of Rights," Mr. Moore said.

"We are concerned about human rights and human rights violations," he said.

"Canadians should take some responsibility for these freedoms by getting a copy of the Charter of Rights and reading it over," he said.

"We take them for granted."

Mr. Moore took to the streets of Ontario towns four years ago to inform Canadians of their rights under the 1982 Canadian Constitution.

"I've heard of a few violations. There's not a lot. Mostly people who don't know the Charter of Rights," Mr. Moore said.

He said the Church of Scientology didn't really become involved in the program until they found out about the Charter of Rights and "thought it was a very good charter."

Georgetown's score of 75 per cent correct falls into line with some other communities Mr. Moore has canvassed, but it is higher than average.

Cobourg, Oshawa, Tillsonburg and Paris residents had similar marks but only 20 per cent of Paris, Ontario residents chalked up correct answers, according to Mr. Moore.

About 70 per cent of Canadians answer the questions wrong, Mr. Moore says.

A winner from each region will receive a Constitution Book and a national winner will be flown to Ottawa for a dinner, Mr. Moore said.

Mr. Moore started the quiz after the Church of Scientology conducted a survey of 500 to 1,000 people which revealed an "appalling lack of interest everywhere amongst Canadians about the Canadian Charter of Rights."

The new Charter of Rights is quite an improvement over its replacement, the Bill of Rights, Mr. Moore said.

He couldn't single out any specific area where the improvements are.

"The Church of Scientology is attempting to stop human rights violations such as forced shock therapy and psychiatric abuses which Mr. Moore says occurs in psychiatric hospitals everywhere.

He couldn't come up with any specific cases of psychiatric abuses.

All this falls into line with the goals of Scientology, Mr. Moore says.

Cyclist sets new record

By MARK EVANS
Herald Special

Dermot Cleary's main goal is to become a member of the 1988 Canadian Olympic cycling team.

Thursday he made a big move in gaining some notoriety as he set a new Canadian 15-kilometre time trial record on Mayfield Road.

The purpose of a time trial to compete against the clock rather than another racer. The Brampton Cycling Club member finished in 21 minutes and five seconds to break John Bryan's 16-year-old mark of 21:29.

What makes the accomplishment that much more impressive is that Cleary didn't start racing competitively until three years ago.

"It was a method of transportation when I was in college," the 28-year-old said. "It was just a matter of finding the bike again."

The Georgetown resident said the idea of trying for the record began last winter and, after gaining the club's support, he started training for his assault on it.

At the halfway mark, Cleary, who was riding by himself, was a little behind the ideal pace but said his strategy wasn't aimed at exploding out of the gate.

In the hills

Deadlines early

Because of the Labor Day Holiday, *Herald* deadlines will be moving forward. Display and classified advertising deadlines for the Sept. 9 edition will be Friday Sept. 4 at 5 p.m. News items, to ensure publication in the Sept. 9 newspaper, should reach us before 12 noon Sept. 7.

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Card scam

A charge card scam reported last week by Halton Regional Police may be operating out of Houston Texas.

Over the past two weeks Burlington police have received two reports from citizens who have been contacted by telephone by females offering special holiday rates.

The deals are offered for \$400 in United States currency but the company is asking for a Mastercard or Visa number over the phone.

In one instance a card holder had \$1,900 charged against the account.

"Citizens are advised to beware of such solicitations and the ramifications of supplying information on their credit cards," said Detective Sergeant R. Teague.

The calls, which last week were believed to be coming from the U.S., are now believed to be originating in Houston, the police department says.

SASH wants you

Phone volunteers are being sought to help with the Sexual Assault Services of Halton (SASH).

Phone lines have been operating since January where volunteers counsel and assist assault victims. A 10 week training program will begin in Burlington starting Sept. 15 from 7:30-10:30 p.m. About 24 phone counsellors are required. For more information call 878-7757.

Plowing match

The Halton Plowing Match will be held on the farm of Peter McCarthy at the Fifth Line, Halton Hills, Lot 13, Wednesday Sept. 9. Later there will be a banquet at Hillcrest Church 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8.

Belles, beaus meet

Belles and Beaus members are asked to put membership dues (\$3) in an envelop with your name, address and phone number on the outside and bring it to the meeting Sept. 14 at 1:30 p.m. St. John's Hall, Guelph Street. Due to overcrowding no visitors please. For more information 877-6170.

POUNDING THE PAVEMENT FOR VOTES



Liberal candidate for Halton North Walt Elliot served up the hot dogs outside his Acton campaign office on Mill Street Friday morning.



Halton North NDP candidate Fern Wolf was campaigning in Milton's Carriage Square Saturday morning. Here, she describes the benefits of a driver-owned auto insurance plan and better day care programs to a young father of two. (Herald photo)



Provincial Conservative leader Larry Grossman was in Georgetown Friday to promote his party's policies on developing a free trade deal for Canada. Halton North Conservative candidate Dave Whiting (left) met his leader at Mold Masters on Armstrong Avenue.