

THINK BOWL

Students find a garbage solution

By CHERYL MOODER
Herald Staff

There were many governments with so much garbage they did not know what to do. Waste piles grew while the public continued to sue over proposed landfill sites and dumps.

What would you do if this question was posed to you? How would you handle garbage disposal? Five George Kennedy Public School students captured first place at a Think Bowl held in Milton March 28, when they tackled this smelly problem.

Putting their creative juices to work, the Grade 5 students tramped down to Martin Street Public School and pitted their wits against 17 teams from north Halton.

Their solution? Recycle. Armed with only paper, scissors, tape and props such as tables and chairs the group of four presented their idea to a panel of judges.

A diet coke can was put through one side of an overturned chair only to come out the other end in the form of an iron.

A scrap of paper went through the same system only to be returned as earrings.

Caroline Page, who followed the team comprised of Mark Peterson, Sabrina Bassett, Esther Copland and Jennifer Knapp, was placed on an overflow team who received an honorable mention of second place.

Her team decided to go the recycling route placing their factory on a deserted island where fumes would not bother anyone.

Teams spent the morning mulling over the problem and discussing ways of dealing with excessive waste.

They made booklets outlining their solution and worked on their presentations in the morning, which they acted out for a panel of judges in the afternoon.

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Grade 5 George Kennedy Public School students Mark Peterson, 10, Sabrina Bassett, 11, Esther Copland, 10, Caroline Page, 10, and Jennifer Knapp, 10, travelled to the Martin Street School in Milton March 28 to pit their wits against 17 other teams in a Think Bowl competition. The team had to come up with solutions for the garbage problem.



Legion Lines

By JIM HAVES

The Branch mourns the passing of two of our members, Comrade Herb Moreton, who served in the Royal Canadian Engineers during WW2 and Comrade Bob Kallmeyer, who served with the Royal Canadian Navy during WW2. Our deepest sympathy is extended to their families at this time.

Furthering Branch 120's community involvement, a cheque for \$5,000 was this week presented to the Georgetown and District High School, by Community Affairs

Chairman Norm Ward. The \$5,000 is a Legion donation towards the cost of installing a Steeplechase at the high school running track.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON MEAT DRAW: Winners, Frank Nicholson, Rick McNiven, Bob Dunne, J. Storm, Colin Gibson, Ab Ford, Eric Clarke, Frank Kirk, Ken Jones, and Jim Doucett. The enormous roast was won by Simon Fraser.

CAR CLUB: The captains should all have their tickets by now, if you have not been contacted yet, give your captain a call.

New members please note, April 9 is Honors and Awards Night. If you have been contacted by Membership Chairman Pat Chamberlain, please make the effort to attend. There will be entertainment by Daniel Bruce, when the formal part of the evening is over.



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OUR HOUSING CRISIS

Young man had no job, no money

This is the second in a series of five articles focussing on the need for emergency shelter and affordable housing in North Halton. The cases presented are true cases but the names have been changed. The articles have been prepared by the North Halton Housing Committee of the Halton Social Planning Council. The Halton Social Planning Council is a non-profit organization involved in research, planning and community development activities in North Halton. For more information, call Elaine Eastman at 632-1975 or 877-3215.

The housing needs of individuals and families in our community can vary from a need for long term affordable housing right through to a need for one or two nights accommodation. Dave was an exam-

ple of the later. At age 22, Dave needed help. He had no job or money and was sleeping in his old car.

He hadn't eaten for two days. Prior to this he had lived in an apartment with friends but trouble developed and he was literally thrown out. He needed food, shelter and someone to help him connect with the various sources of government help that were available. Dave called the Red Cross.

A volunteer from the local Red Cross met him at a restaurant in town. Dave seemed a personable young man who was eager to help himself out of his situation. He had supported himself off and on since he was seventeen. His family lived in a nearby town but, because of recent conflicts in the home, he was definite that he wanted no part of

them. He had registered with the Canada Employment Centre who had told him of a job in a nearby town but he had no gas to go and apply for it.

After assessing his situation, the Red Cross volunteer explained that she could help him by providing food and shelter for a few nights and enough money to help out with the purchase of some gas. In addition, she pointed out that Dave might be able to receive some emergency assistance from the Region of Halton's Social Service Department. And, if he wasn't able to secure a job, this same department could help apply for General Welfare Assistance.

While the Red Cross volunteer arranged for a motel room, Dave called Social Services and informed a

social worker there of his situation. They agreed to set up a time when they could complete an application for him.

With gas in his car, a good night's rest and some food in him, Dave set off the next day for a job interview in Georgetown. When the Red Cross volunteer followed up with him later in the day to see how he had made out, Dave was elated and indeed hopeful. He had got the job and was to start the next morning.

Later that week, he met with the social worker from the Region who agreed to send him a cheque that would help tide him over until he received his first pay cheque.

This is one case where local agencies, in this case the Red Cross and the Region of Halton, were able to help a young man help himself.

Cancer volunteer enjoys people

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of four articles about Cancer Society volunteers in Halton Hills. April is Cancer Month and the local unit will be canvassing for funds during the next four weeks.

Dick Payn was raised in a small town. A retired banker, he now lives in a small town. He prefers small towns.



Dick Payn

So why does he need to travel into the big city of Toronto each week?

Mr. Payn is a driver for the Canadian Cancer Society. The father of three grown children retired from the Royal Bank of Canada in 1987. One of his last positions with the bank was Managing the Commercial Banking Centre in Scarborough.

Raised in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia, Mr. Payn and his wife Thelma moved to Georgetown five years ago with "retirement in mind."

With more time on his hands, the Metcalfe Court resident wanted to get more involved in the community.

Along with actively pursuing a woodworking hobby, Mr. Payn drives cancer patients into Toronto about once per week for treatment

at hospitals such as the Princess Margaret.

He started the weekly ritual about three years ago while on sick leave from the bank. The spry and fit gentleman said he enjoys driving and meeting people so volunteering as a driver was a perfect way to keep occupied and feel useful.

But driving isn't the only volunteer task Mr. Payn is involved in. He's also a treasurer for the St. John's United Church and treasurer of the North Halton Distress Centre.

As a driver, you take an interest in the people you meet, he said. A Cancer Society driver-volunteer drops off the patient and usually waits until the treatment is over. There's time for three mile walks, a daily ritual Mr. Payn follows in order to stay healthy.

"As a rule, patients are cheery, appreciative, surprisingly cheery," he said. One lady he has taken down regularly has been going for treatment since 1973, he said.

Some drivers have been volunteering for ages, he said. Mr. Payn has heard of one man who has driven patients to Toronto for treatment from Meaford for 20 years.

Born in Montreal, Mr. Payn grew up in Annapolis Royal and went to high school there. Because his father was in the armed forces, he moved around to various communities in

the Quebec and Maritimes.

He joined the Royal Bank of Canada in a junior position at 18 years of age and began the move up

the corporate ladder. He was transferred to Ontario in 1976 and held a variety of positions in the province until his retirement last year.

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