

Jack Reed retires after 36 years in the schools

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For students and most teachers the end of this school year marks the beginning of another summer vacation. But for Glen Williams Public School principal, Jack Reed, it signals the end of a long and a distinguished career.

"Seeing the kids I taught, as adults and knowing I played a small role in helping them along," Mr. Reed said, has been one of the high points during his 36 years in the teaching profession. Of any career low points, he said there were none.

Mr. Reed has been a principal for the past 21 years, the last three of which have been at Glen Williams Public School. He started out spending two years as the sole teacher of a one-room country school in the hamlet of Sandhill on Airport Road in 1952.

He chose the teaching profession because he likes children and because it was a quick way to enter the working world. Mr. Reed taught all subjects to Grades 1 through 8. He remembered that during the first year he had three

Grade 8 and five Grade 1 students.

There were approximately 25 students in total, he said.

The Grade 1 and Grade 8 students were the ones Mr. Reed worried about most. "You worried about the Grade 1s because they didn't know how to read and the Grade 8s because they were graduating at the end of the year."

Because all grades were in one classroom the students developed a close relationship with each other, said Mr. Reed. He said students learned how to share and help one another.

Lunch period during those days was also indicative of the close relationship. "Kids would heat up soup and cheese sandwiches on the school stove," he said.

Mr. Reed said there is a drastic difference between today's school children and those he taught in the early 1950s. "Back then kids were seen and not heard, but today they converse with teachers."

Another big difference between the two generations of students shows itself in their respective reading skills. For the most part, today's students are better

readers, he said. They are exposed to more print and language, and to a greater variety of experiences. Mr. Reed said the more experiences a student brings to the subject, the more he or she can learn the subject.

The curriculum has also changed for the better, Mr. Reed said. Related subjects are now taught in conjunction with each other. Mr. Reed said in the past subjects were taught in isolation. For example, he said today the teaching of grammar is taught as a part of writing. But before it was taught in isolation. Students would have difficulty in applying their knowledge of grammar when writing a composition, he said.

Mr. Reed went on to teach at Woodbridge Public School for a year in 1955 and then dropped out of teaching until 1960.

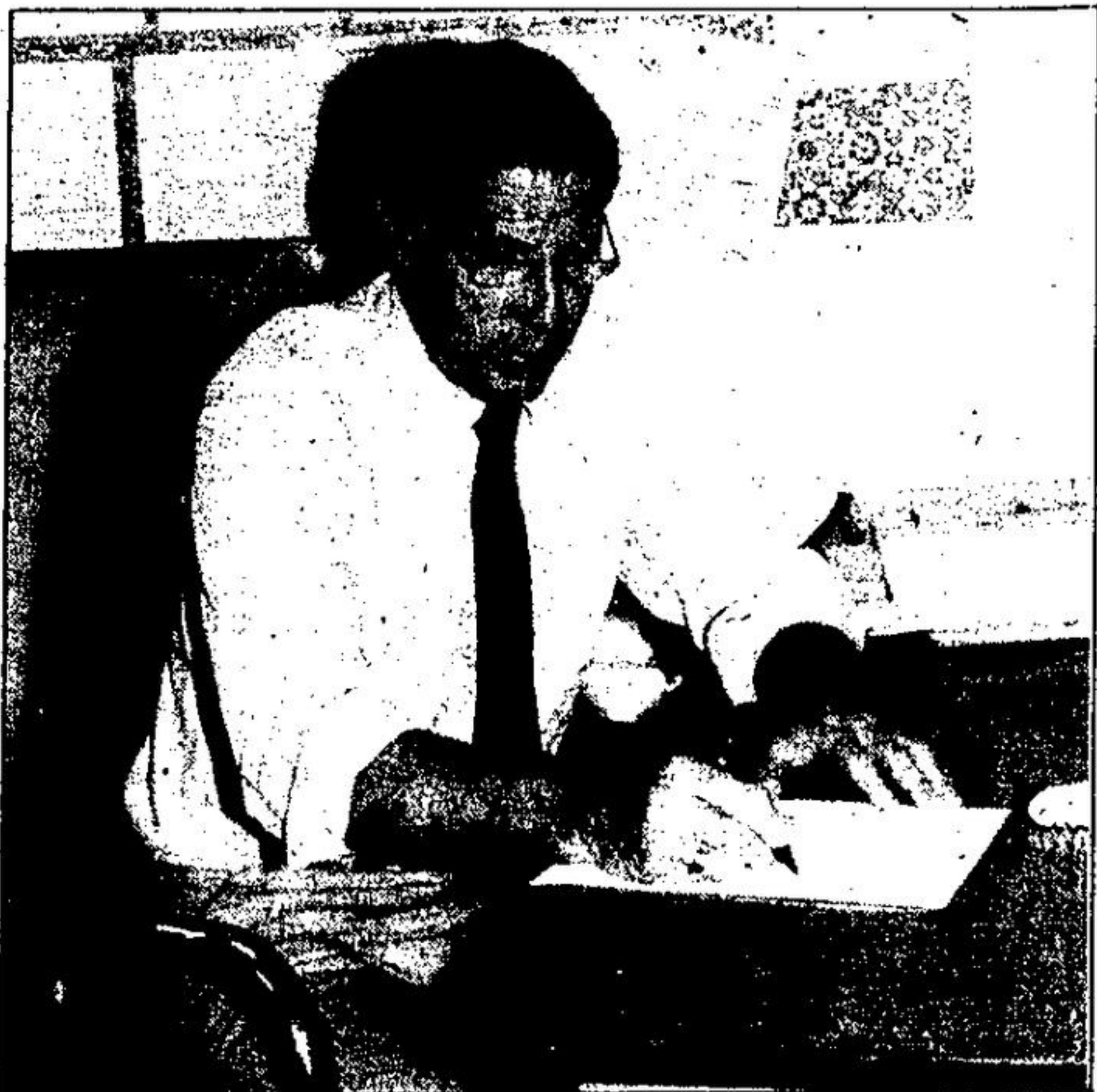
Initially he left teaching to help out on the family farm on Dixie Road north of Highway 7. Then in 1957 he moved to Georgetown and ran a flower shop with his brother for three years. The store was located at 10 Main Street.

Mr. Reed said the business world helped him as a teacher because it gave him a broader perspective. He also attended MacMaster University in Hamilton at night to enhance this perspective.

A one year teaching certificate was the only requirement to become a teacher when Mr. Reed started out. Today would-be teachers require a university degree, a teaching certificate and outside experience dealing with children, Mr. Reed said.

Mr. Reed first became a principal in 1963 when he was assigned to the public school in Norval. He stayed there for five years. Since then he has been a principal at Stewarttown Public School, a public school in Oakville, and George Kennedy Public School.

He made the move from teacher to principal because of the enhanced responsibility that comes with the job. "You're in control of the entire operation."



Glen Williams Public School principal Jack Reed is retiring after 36 years of teaching. He spent 21 years as principal in several schools. (Herald photo)

Poor could get a break on social services

Those struggling to pay their way in Halton could get a break on services offered through the Region's social services department.

A report scheduled to go before Regional council this week asked for an increase in allowable rent for those applying for subsidized Regional social services, such as child care, family counselling and homemaker and nursing service.

If the staff report is approved by Regional council today (Wednesday), a single parent with one child can pay up to \$1,051 in rent before the Regional government asks the family to pay for Regional social services which are provided by an 80-per-cent provincial government subsidy.

Although a previous Regional report asked for a \$599 maximum rent payment to filter out those with higher incomes, Regional staff have taken a second look at the average rent.

"We're saying let's go to the maximum rent (allowed by the provincial government) so we can cover those people who have high rents," said the Region's social

service director of income maintenance last week. Janet Menard said the average rental figures for Halton Region, released by Statistics Canada, may be misleading.

Statistics Canada says the average rent for a two-bedroom accommodation in Halton is \$399 a month. But the Regional staff say although this average is correct, it includes both rented and vacant apartments. People tend to stay in lower rent housing, Regional staff say.

"People who are looking for rent can't find it in that (Statistics Canada) range," said Ms. Menard.

A large percentage of the people who apply for government assistance for day care and other social services are classified as "the working poor," Ms. Menard says.

"There probably won't be a large number of people coming to us who pay \$1,051."

If approved, the new rental maximum will replace a \$550 month average rent allowance to be implemented this October.

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