

Separate board eyes English-language facility

By Oksana Buhel

The Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board has indicated its top priority between 1995 and 1999 will be an elementary school in Georgetown South.

The English Section of the Board met Oct. 19 and approved the 1994 Capital Expenditure Multiyear Forecast. The forecast was divided into two parts - "A" list, which dealt with enrollment growth, overcrowding or abandonment of portables, and "B" list which addressed upgrades to existing buildings.

The complete "A" list included 11 new elementary schools - two in Georgetown, two in Burlington, six in Oakville

and one in Milton. Also, three new secondary schools - one in Georgetown and two in Oakville.

Joe Birett, superintendent of business services, admitted the possibility of receiving provincial grants for all 14 schools - the total value of which would be \$166.5 million - is remote. "There's only so much money to go around," Birett confessed.

A release issued by the board, stated "an unnamed elementary school in Georgetown South was given first priority."

There is an elementary separate school currently in the area - Sacré-Coeur French Roman Catholic School, but Birett pointed out the need for an English-language school.

The board will be competing against other school boards in the six Ontario regions. Birett is hoping the provincial government will deal with the applications by the end of this year or the beginning 1994, but he is not optimistic. "We might get an answer by April or May." He added since he has been superintendent, he has noticed "timelines seem to be slipping."

Birett believed one reason for the delay was the repeated deferment of educational reform and financing. According to former Minister of Education, Tony Silippo, new funding methods for the educational system were to be introduced in 1993. Current Minister, Dave Cooke, was hoping to implement the system in 1994, but study groups are

still meeting to resolve the dilemma.

For this same reason, school boards submit their five-year capital expenditure multiyear forecast at the request of the province, instead of annually, which was the previous practice.

Even if the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board's proposals are approved, Birett pointed out the money would probably not be forthcoming until 1996, because money in the 1995 year will be used to complete projects in the 1992-1995 forecast.

Once the ministry makes a decision, a public announcement will be made, but Birett admitted the procedure may be different this year. "I just don't know," Birett said. "Everything seems to be changing."

Remembrance Day - time of parades

By Harry Archer

The Remembrance dinner will be held on Friday, Nov. 6 at 8 p.m. After the dinner, we will be having a mini bingo in the downstairs lounge. Dinner tickets \$7.50 available at the bar.

On Nov. 7, the Remembrance Parade will take place in Glen Williams at 11:45, followed by a parade in Georgetown at 1 p.m.

This Monday, the Colors will be paraded at Georgetown Marketplace Mall to initiate Poppy Week. The booth in the mall will be manned every day during this period.

Our pub night featuring Anita Scott, the Pearly Queen, looks like a complete sellout this coming Friday.

Lots of prizes for last Saturday's meat draw. The winners were: Colin Gibson,

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Friday night euchre results: 1st - Marlene Haskins; 2nd - Myrtle Zilio; 3rd - Alice McDonald. Most lone hands - Ila Switzer. We need lots more euchre players. Come along and see Bert Porter next Friday at 8:30 p.m.

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