

DISTRICT NEWS

500 Tour Building

Open First Separate School

GEORGETOWN—With the Most Rev. Joseph F. Ryan, Bishop of Hamilton, officiating, Holy Cross R.C. Separate school had its official opening on Friday, Oct. 17, when 500 people gathered to view the ceremony and tour the building afterwards.

Bishop Ryan cut a red ribbon across the entrance and blessed the school, later speaking in the foyer, when he complimented the parish on their fine work in erecting such a beautiful structure. The ceremonies took place outside, and speakers included Rev. Fr. Thomas Van Laer, parish priest; R. C. McDermott, board of trustees chairman; and Reeve Douglas Sargent, representing the town in the absence of Mayor Armstrong, who could not be present. Tony O'Byrne was master of ceremonies and a children's choir, directed by Mrs. A. J. Norris, provided music as the program opened. Present for the happy occasion were two former parish priests, Fr. Leo McBride, Hamilton, and Fr. Vincent Morgan, Acton.

Afterwards, the building was open for inspection and refreshments were served in one of the classrooms. The board of trustees later entertained invited guests at a reception at North Halton Golf and Country Club.

The new school is on an eleven acre site overlooking the Maple Ave. extension. Designed by Cox

and Moffat, it is a beautiful example of modern architecture, and particularly noteworthy is the skillful blending of many colours in the decorating scheme. Framework is of laminated Douglas fir, finished in light pecan stain. A spruce roof deck has a wide overhang which eliminates direct sunlight in classrooms.

The 8-classroom building is enhanced with granite walls and a redwood cross at the driveway approach. Landscaping with evergreens is planned and an elm tree will grow through an opening in the roof overhang.

Will Lose O.P.P. Highway Help

BURLINGTON — By the end of the year Burlington police will lose the assistance of the Ontario Provincial Police.

This was stated in a letter to Council from the Attorney General's office.

The letter said that up till now the Ontario Provincial Police have been looking after some highways in the town but it would not be justified to extend the services beyond the end of the year.

Besides classrooms, the building contains a principal's office, teachers' room, and health room. Flooring is of colorful asphalt tile. A large covered play area is provided at the playground entrance for use during inclement weather. Interior walls are exposed concrete block painted in cheerful colors.

W. J. Lee Construction, Ltd., of Lorne Park, were general contractors.

Plan Program Series For New Canadians

OAKVILLE — With a view to helping New Canadians to become integrated into the community, and promoting understanding among all ethnic groups, a number of Oakville and district organizations have formed the Oakville-Trafalgar Citizenship Committee for New Canadians.

The sponsoring agencies are the Y.M.-Y.W.C.A. and the Oakville-Trafalgar Chamber of Commerce, which are supplemented by representatives of other groups.

Shell Oil Purchases 90 Burlington Acres

BURLINGTON—Shell Oil Co. of Canada has purchased 90 acres of land in Burlington, it was announced by George Davidson, vice-president of Shell in Toronto.

Work too Strenuous Town Clerk Resigns

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A series of programs of interest to New Canadians is planned, the first of which is being held this Wednesday night for those attending the English and Citizenship classes at the Oakville - Trafalgar high school. George Heaver, teacher of the advanced, is to talk about some of the responsibilities of citizenship and the future plans of the committee. The next meeting will be held in Elmwood school.

Accordingly the Provincial Police must be withdrawn from Burlington on December 31st.

In the beginning of the year Council's police committee made arrangements with the Ontario Provincial Police for the coverage of some parts of the highways in the town because the area was too big to handle for the Burlington force. Withdrawal of the O.P.P. will probably mean that the Burlington force will have to be enlarged next year.

He said the company lost approximately 100 acres of the 600 acres in Trafalgar through zoning restrictions requiring parks and landscaping and they have therefore bought the land in Burlington.

No French

TRAFALGAR—It would be unfair to add to the taxpayers' burden at the present time by instituting a conversational French course in Trafalgar public schools, the Trafalgar Public School Board stated in a letter to the Linbrook Home and School Association read at the group's meeting recently.

The letter, a reply to the association's request that the board consider starting a French course similar to the one inaugurated in Oakville public schools, pointed out that the hiring of bilingual teachers would be a costly procedure. It also stated that if the course were started the school day would have to be lengthened, some of the present teaching periods shortened, or one eliminated.

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Council granted Mr. Bush a six months' leave of absence with full pay in view of his long and valued service as a tax collector and town clerk.

Mayor John A. Lockhart said he did not believe Mr. Bush had a week's holiday prior to last year. "He was alone in the old town office and always felt he should not leave," the mayor said.

Treasurer William Sims was appointed acting clerk and assistant treasurer Don Farmer was appointed acting treasurer.

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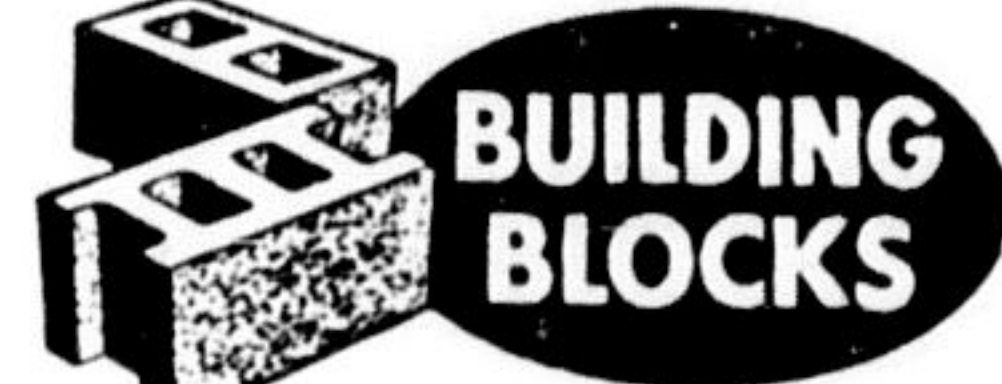
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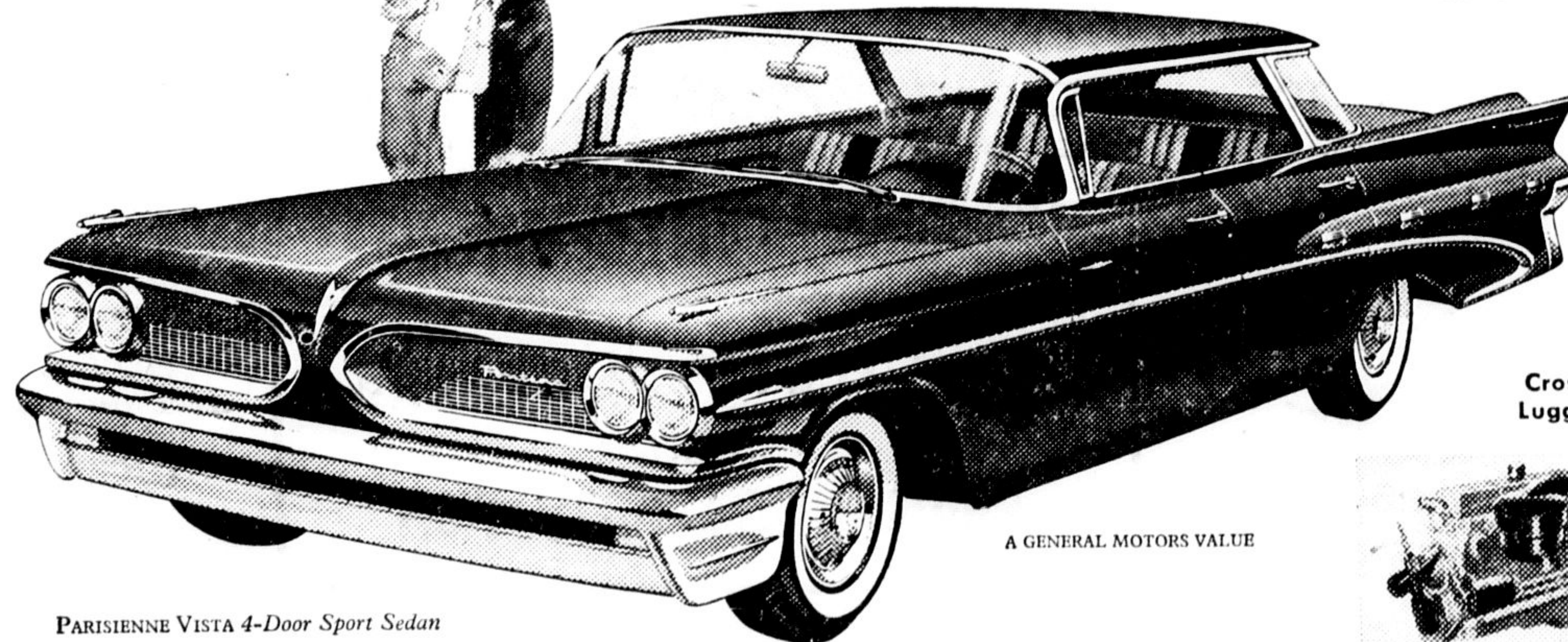


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