



THE GRADE 3 CLASSES of J.M. Denyes Public School spent an over-night visit at Camp Manitou, on Twiss Rd., last week learned first-hand about nature. Mrs. Jan Black and her class are shown gathering seed pods and it was their job to add this to a nature book each child was to prepare.

Camp brings children face-to-face with nature

Twittering with laughter and loaded with enough clothes to last for a week, Grade 3 classes from J.M. Denyes Public School received a unique learning experience last week.

Teachers Ian Cowling and Jean Black took their charges for an overnight stay at Camp Manitou on Twiss Rd., north of Derry Rd.

The camp is operated

by the Boy Scouts of Canada. It was loaned to the school for the program.

The camp attracted consultants from the Halton Board of Education.

Broken into small groups of 10 to 12 students, a teach or consultant took them to the stream or into the woods.

The children were asked to find something green, or try to find a

word in their own heads to describe the feel of a leaf or bullrush. They had to find a seed pod and then write in their books what a seed pod does.

The children were also asked to identify birds and flowers.

School principal Fred Young said he likes the idea of the camp.

Pointing to the interest on the part of the consultants, it has much to offer other schools.

BIA plan overcomes opposition only standards by-law remains

The only thing standing in the way of the semi-mall proposal for Main St. is the absence of a minimum standards by-law.

People of a Business Improvement Area (BIA) meeting, gave almost unanimous approval last Tuesday evening to the semi-mall plan, paving the way for its construction.

Over 60 people attended the town hall meeting. Some were businessmen from the downtown core, while

others were residents of Mary St.

One concern expressed by Bruce Dowdell of Mary St., centred on the zig-zagging of Main Street.

The BIA plan calls for the travelled portion of the road to alternate between the north and south portions of the road allowance with angle parking taking up the rest of the road space.

Other concerns dealt with the accumulation of garbage on Main St., Ted Stover of Mary St.,

said Main St. on a Monday morning "looks like Dieppe".

He also said Main St. merchants should shovel snow off the sidewalks in front of their stores more often.

Planning Director Bob Zsadanyi said the minimum standards by-law could be ready to come before council any time.

The by-law is necessary to qualify for a provincial loan of \$100,000. The loan is to pay for the semi-mall improvements.

The only reason the by-

law has not come before council said Mr. Zsadanyi, is the downtown merchants have not yet been given the chance to comment upon the proposal. Tuesday's meeting was their chance.

Mr. Zsadanyi paid tribute to the plan's author, Barb Pearce, as honors planning student at the University of Waterloo and a Milton resident.

Miss Pearce worked for the town's planning department this summer, spending the vast major-

ity of her time on the proposal.

"We started out with nothing more than a concept—an idea," said Mr. Zsadanyi. "Barb translated that concept into reality or reality-on-paper" I should say.

He said he thought it was an excellent proposal, and one that could work out well for Milton.

He said there was more to the downtown than crooked roads.

"Milton's downtown won't succeed because we put in locust trees or walkways or park benches that can't be vandalized.

The merchants must merchandise their wares in an attractive and profitable way."

He said the merchandising of the downtown core was "just a matter of pushing hard and bringing it off."

Miss Pearce said in addition to the road improvements, a building improvement program

would be needed to clean and restore buildings, coordinate signage, paint building trim and generate "uniform design elements within the core."

Barney Henderson, chairman of the BIA Board of Management, said the BIA could concern itself only with improvements to public property.

He said improvements

to buildings are a private matter with the building owners.

Wally Mayes of Milton Music noted the plan calls for the blocking off of Montgomery Lane to Main St. traffic.

He wondered if that would preclude trucks from delivering stock to the stores in that area.

Mr. Zsadanyi said traffic would still be able to use the Lane's Mill St. entrance to make their deliveries and pickups.

Nick Churchmach of

the Charles Hotel said he was not concerned so much about the plan as he was that it might draw business away from his part of Main St.

Even so, he said, he is still having to pay \$1,762.82 each year to pay for improvements of which he said he was not the beneficiary.

Mr. Henderson said an improvement in the downtown would draw people to the downtown core, improving all businesses on Main St.

Works director cites money problem in Main St. takeover

A plan to have Main St. transferred from regional to town control has temporarily been shelved, because of cost.

Public Works Director Joe Pitushka told Milton Council Monday night he felt Main St. should be under town jurisdiction, and eventually would be so, but he was opposed to acquiring it now.

He said a debenture debt of \$130,374 would be inherited by the town along with Main St.

As well, no additional provincial subsidy would be gained from the road and the town would be responsible for its maintenance.

Mr. Pitushka said a trade-off would be possible and cited four roads that may be exchanged for Main St. in the downtown core.

(between Main St. and Steeles Ave.); Thompson Rd. (between Derry Rd. and Steeles Ave.); Fourth Line (between Main St. and Highway 401); and Main St. (between Ontario St. and Fourth Line).

"The last three all have construction commitments... to fully carry out Milton's general transportation plan," said Mr. Pitushka.

"The region is locked into its own five-year capital construction program and it is doubtful if they could or would carry out any of the commitments that go along with the trade-off."

Councillor Brad Clements disagreed. "I don't believe it (Main St.) will be deteriorating as quick as Joe is outlining here. I can't accept his recommendation."

"I think the town ought to have this road and the region will give it to us," Councillor Blanche Hinton noticed mention in Mr. Pitushka's report about the ring-road portion of Main St. development.

She wanted to know what road improvements are contemplated.

Mr. Pitushka said Mill St. would likely be im-

proved between Martin St. and James St. and Mary St. would be improved between Charles St. and Brown St.

He said "improvement" means

improving the road surface.

He said it does not mean the road would be widened.

Under questioning from Mrs. Hinton, he said

the road improvements on Mill St. may possibly be carried further towards Bronte St., but the Mary St. improvements would not go further than Brown St.

Space shuttle show salutes Rockwell role

"Man's greatest technological achievement" and the part played in it by a local industrial firm will go on display in Milton next Wednesday, when Rockwell International of Canada Ltd. offers a sneak preview of a space shuttle launching.

The sound-and-sight presentation "Rockwell... In the Beginning" will be shown seven times during the day at the senior auditorium of E. C. Drury School, Milton. It employs 12 projectors, three screens and a "sens-a-round" sound system to tell the story of Rockwell's role in the future utilization of space.

The shuttle is to be launched by NASA later this year from Cape Canaveral, Florida. Next Wednesday's show, said

Rockwell's Milton plant manager Bruce Dolson, will recount the days of Apollo's moon landing mission and bring viewers up to date on the exciting space program.

He described the presentation as a tribute to Rockwell's 15,000

employees directly working on components for the space program and others working in spin-off developments.

The shows at Drury run all day and into the evening next Wednesday. Admission is free and open to all.

Vandals use paper to hit

Somebody doesn't think much of the Toronto Sun or the Chateau Restaurant.

Halton Regional Police were called to the restaurant on Highway 25, north of Milton, Sunday morning by the owner who had come to open his restaurant, only to be greeted by a surprise.

Sometime over Saturday night a person or

persons had hurled the Toronto Sun newspaper box through the double glass doors of the restaurant.

Estimated damage to the doors was put at \$500.

—Milton High School, the Y and the Parks and Recreation Department are offering interesting night school courses this year.

Recovery house faces dissolution

Halton Recovery House has been given one last government grant and told to become financially solvent.

Paul Lingen, a director of Halton Recovery House Inc., told the organization's annual meeting "they really mean it this time."

"If we don't get our act together by March, 1980, then we are going to have to close our doors."

The threat of closing the doors of the four-year-old home for adult alcoholics is not new.

Last year the directors had a motion to close Recovery House and disburse its assets but this was halted when the Ministry of Community and Social Services and the Royal Canadian Legion came up with enough money to keep the house in operation.

At Monday's annual meeting, the money crisis reared its head. But this year there were only nine people in the room, compared to the 30 attending last year.

Mr. Lingen read a letter from the Ministry stating a further \$10,000 would be made available, but it would be the last as Halton Place is supposed to be self-funding.

Chairman Walt Lickers was highly critical of the lack of Halton response to the needs of Halton Place.

"Last year we had all kinds of great speeches about how people were going to help us."

"They went out the door and that's the last we ever heard of them," he said.

An example of the lack of interest shown was the fact everyone in the room got elected to the board of directors and they are still one person shy.

Mr. Lickers said the organization will have to find methods of getting to the public and educating them to the need for an alcohol rehabilitation centre.

The annual meeting of Halton Recovery House was introduced to Helen Fineran who was appointed in July as the house director.

She said she had begun work on Aug. 1 and now has several programs in mind which she hopes to institute soon.

She said the house, which can handle up to eight men, has six residents at this time but expects two vacant beds to be taken up by a referral from Hamilton and

another man from Halton Hills.

The board was elected for 1979-80 and is composed of nine members. Elected for one-year terms were: Paul Lingen and Earl Maloney; for two year-terms, Walter Lickers, Peter Bogue and Bob Dalton; for three year terms, Gord Wood, Don Carlton and Gary Hume.

In the financial statement the meeting was told that revenues for the year ending March 31 were \$22,980.75 and disbursements were the same amount.

From March until Oct. 1, the organization was expected to be about \$26,000 and disbursements would be in the neighborhood of \$25,000 leaving about \$1,000 for travel and house needs.

Holy Rosary vice appointed

Halton Separate School Board has accepted a vice-principal appointment recommendation for Holy Rosary in Milton.

Michael Steel, presently a teacher at St. Paul's school, Burlington, has been appointed to the post.

Steel was educated at Hillfield college in Hamilton. He received his BA in 1973 and his Bachelor of Physical Education at McMaster University. He received his Bachelor of Education at the Ontario

College of Education in 1974.

His five years' teaching experience began at St. Joseph's in Burlington and in 1976 he transferred to St. Paul's.

Cliff Byrnes, director of education, said Steel would be moved as soon as a replacement is found for his teaching position.

Another teacher who began his teaching career nine years ago at Holy Rosary in Milton, Frederick Springer, was appointed at the same time to a vice-principal post at Georges Vanier in Oakville.

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