

In the schools

It may be truly said that W.I. Dick is the 'hub' of a very sophisticated network of communication. This communication process serves to keep an even flow of information circulating in and out of the school, keeping both students and parents fully informed.

Within the physical plant, we have an active Student's Council. Its purpose is to provide a forum for the students to discuss concerns and school activities under the guidance of key staff members.

Such issues as school safety, school dances, fund raising, visitations to the Halton Centennial Maror and other community projects come under the responsibility of our student government.

A monthly newsletter is sent to all parents. Chatty and informal, but informative, we try to bring parents up to date on the results of past events and to alert them to future activities in our school.

Also, on a monthly basis, the public is invited to spend 'Coffee At Ten' with the principal to address any issues you feel are important. In this forum, both the school's and the parent's views are presented. This mechanism helps keep the lines of communication open between the school and the community.

W.I. Dick devotes considerable time communicating with the staffs of our feeder schools: Robert Baldwin, Martin Street and J.M. Denyes as well as the two Secondary schools which receive our 'graduates.'

This communication allows us to share information so that positive and consistent progress may be maintained as the students move from Kindergarten to Grade 13.

Did you know that some elementary students work in the secondary environment and that on special occasions, the secondary students visit and provide programs for the elementary students?

Each year, the staff of W.I. Dick provides evening programs to allow the parents of our new students to visit with the teachers and discuss school programs. This helps to dispell many fears and concerns which may be building up in parent's minds regarding their child's entry into the Middle School. The staff also invites the community to "Open Houses" when the public is able to view our school in operation.

Perhaps a very special way in which we communicate is through the help of Parent Volunteers. Volunteers give of their time very generously, assisting teachers by drilling math facts, driving students to special events and keeping extra programs operating in the Resource Centre.

Schools depend on meaningful lines of communication. At W.I. Dick we try our best to communicate effectively with our students and community.

If you are interested in taking part in any of our planned activities, we would encourage you to contact the school at 878-8119 for specific details.

Councillors named to grants body

Handing out grants is a political process and it's better to keep that in mind right from the start.

That's the thinking Regional councillors took into deciding to have four of their number of a special committee to review grants to social service agencies next year.

The Region's health and social services and administration and finance committees had split on the question of having councillors on the special committee.

Dennis Perlin, chief administrative officer, had said the committee would simply review the agencies requesting grants and decide if

they met the criteria established by the Region for such assistance.

Coun. Walter Mulwich (Burlington) argued at the Council meeting that having some form of political voice at every stage of the grants process was important.

"The non-council members on these

committees appreciate having the political viewpoint, especially on questions with political implications and grants certainly have political implications," he said.

"With the amount of money that's involved we should have council representation right from the very beginning," added Coun. Dave Whiting.

Training course

Sheridan College has announced the introduction of a series of training programs in microprocessor technology.

The planned courses, workshops, and seminars are being offered in conjunction with The Microelectronics Centre, University of Manitoba.

Further information can be obtained from the college's Training and Development Division at 845-9430 or 459-7533.

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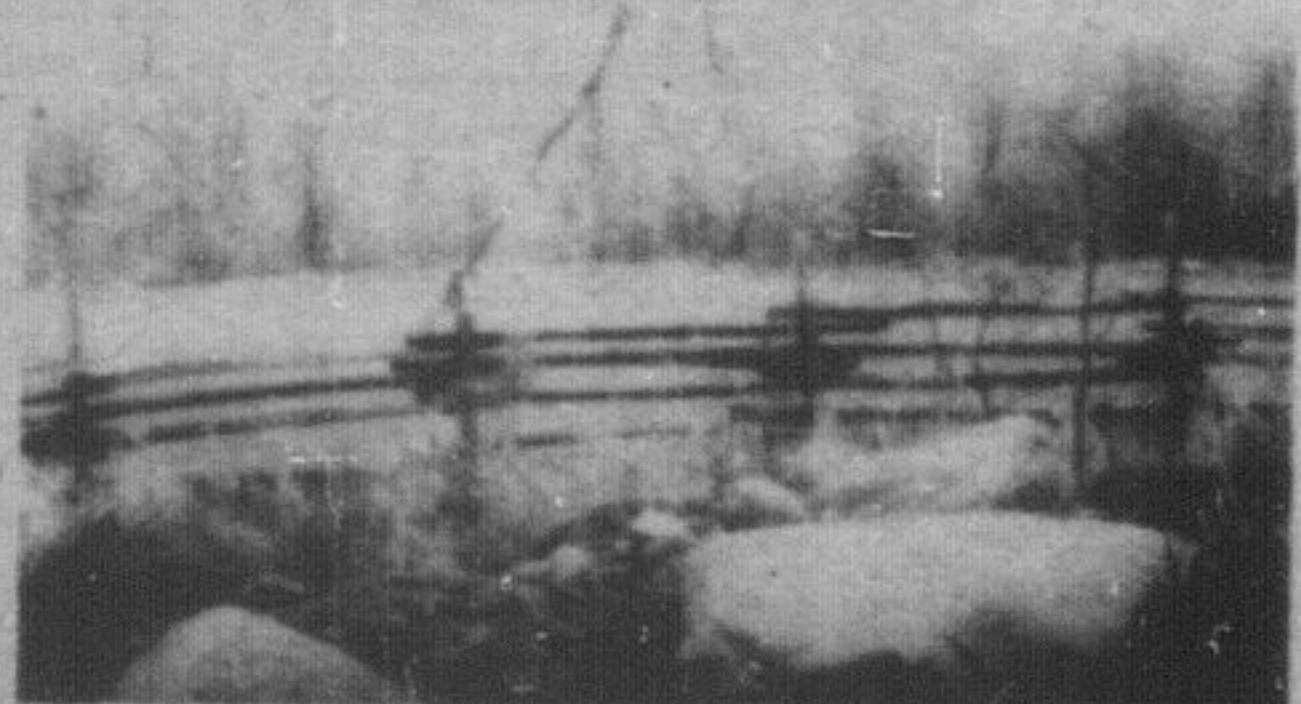
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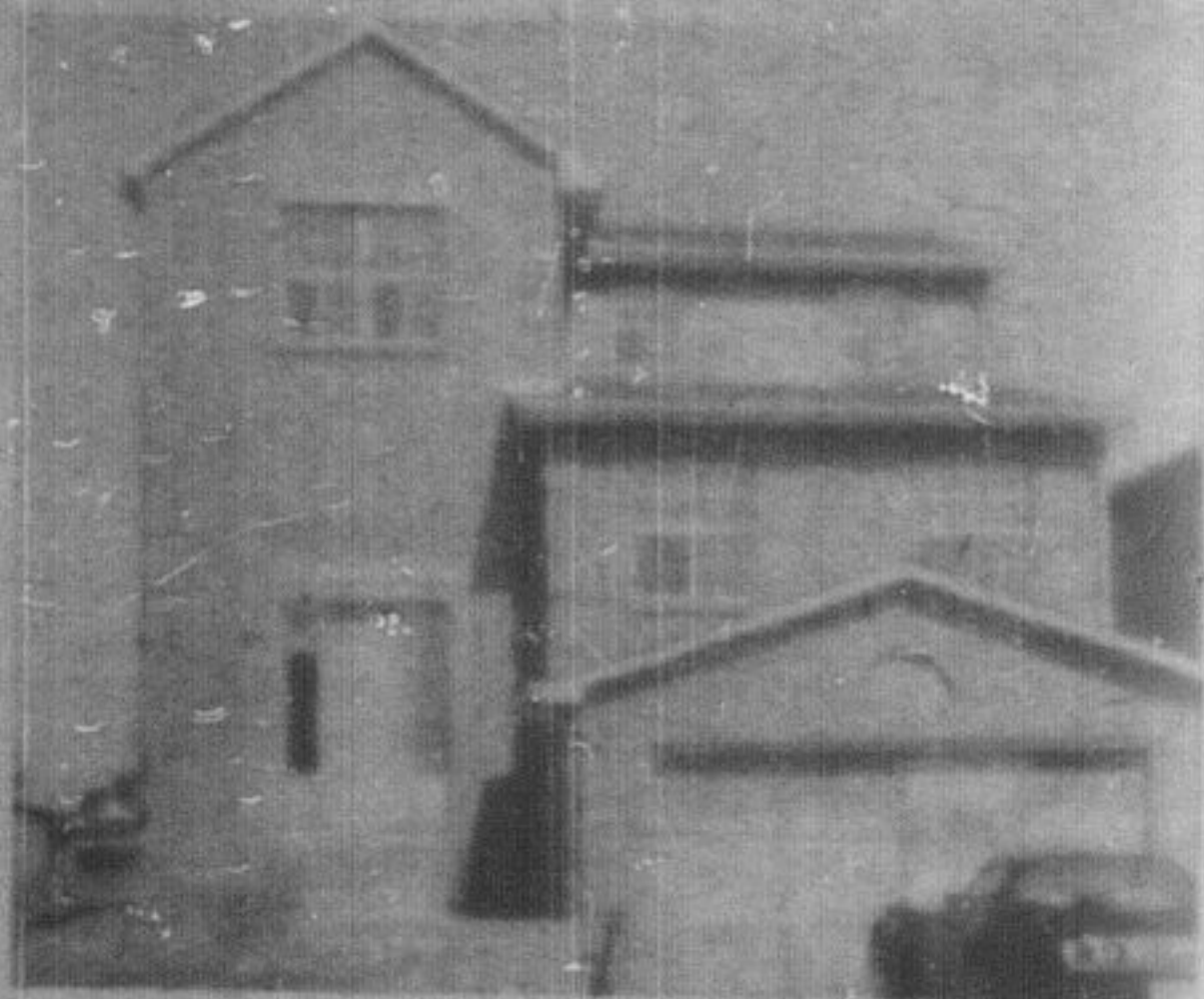
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