



Gambling

There is something for everybody at the fall fair. The older crowd, who can't fit in the choo choo trains, spend their time betting on the crown and anchors wheel.

Cindy Maloney bets her fifty cents against the odds of the wheel hoping she will come out at least \$1 ahead. Does she win?



Not this time

No, Cindy did not win the dollar she hoped to, but she did learn a lesson. Never try to beat the odds. She lost her fifty cents and promises she will not spend

another dime on the game. The wheel spinner behind her, clears the board of the losers money to make way for a new and better round.

New look for ESPSS

There is more to the new look at ESPSS than the traditional fresh coat of paint in the halls. Students returning to ESPSS this fall are being welcomed back to a school which is quite different from the one they left in June: significant changes in scheduling, personnel and equipment have given the bilingual secondary school a whole new look.

The most significant change is that the whole school has been semestered. In the first semester, which runs until the end of January, the students will be enrolled in four subjects. Following the final exams at the end of January, the students will study four different subjects in the second semester. "The main advantage of the semester system" says guidance counsellor Craig Hawkins "is that the students will only have to concentrate

on four subjects at a time, rather than seven or eight under the non-semestered system." Semestering also benefits the senior students who may only need one or two credits to graduate. The change to semestering has proved popular with area students; approximately forty new students have enrolled at ESPSS this year, boosting the school's population to over 630. This year's class of 155 Grade 9 students is also one of the largest in several years.

The school has also undergone a change in the staff room with the addition of six new teachers, including three new department heads. Mr. Bill Hartman from Regent Public School in Midland takes over in Boys Physical Education while Ms. Mary Bateman takes over in Girls Physical Education. Steve Sheba from Barrie, takes

over in the Business Education Department. Also joining the staff are Mr. Paul Dalzilio in the Technical Department, Mrs. Shirley Thomlinson in the English Department and Mr. Marc Mercier in Francais. Mr. Bob Thomson, a long time teacher at ESPSS rejoins the staff after a two year tour at MSS.

The school has also undergone a minor technological revolution. Students in some of the Keyboarding (or typing) class will now have the opportunity to practice their skills on new electronic word processors. Twenty-eight Tandy 1000 work processors and eight printers have been brought in to replace the school's manual typewriters.

New timetables, new teachers and new equipment; it looks like an exciting year at ESPSS.

Soil examination

Testing of soils at a spot just northeast of the Paule Landfill site have been postponed for the time being.

Although Ministry of the

Environment (MOE) officials from Barrie had planned to bring a portable auger into the site on September 4, Senior Environmental Officer in Engineering John Sciberras said representatives from his office were at the site, but the work was not completed.

According to Sciberras, problems with the Ministry's laboratories in Toronto is the cause of the delay.

The Engineer also explained because many toxins evaporate in the air, Ministry officials did not take the samples adding they don't know exactly how long the delay will be.

The MOE decided to undertake further testing

after an examination of some surface soil completed earlier this summer found traces of eight different chemicals.

An unidentified gentleman brought the site to the Ministry's attention earlier this summer. According to Sciberras the man said he came across the area, which he described as a pond of chemicals having an odor of paint solvents, while jogging in 1972. The man alleges the parcel of land was used for illegal dumping of industrial wastes 14 years ago.

Sciberras said until the samples are taken, the Ministry will not comment on whether the site was possibly an illegal dump or not in the early 1970's.

Rotary Club hosted

The Midland Rotary Club hosted past district governor Tom Ewen at their regular weekly meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 1986. Mr. Ewen told the club that through the efforts of the

Midland Club and the other 35 clubs in District 701 he recently visited San Pedro De Macoris in the Dominican Republic and delivered 9 tons of medical and other much needed supplies.

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