

Claim measles epidemic

DURHAM REGION — Durham Region's medical officer of health says that despite denials by the Ontario Ministry of Health, there's a red measles epidemic in Durham.

"We've had more than 1,300 cases so far this year and that compares with a total of 43 in 1979 and 31 in 1978," said Dr. Jean Gray.

She was commenting on

reports that there was an epidemic in Durham and York regions, statements that were denied by Health Minister Dennis Timbrell.

Dr. Gray said the outbreak appeared to peak April 11. There were 569 cases in April and upwards of 350 in May. "The definition of epidemic is more than the expected number of cases in a defined geographical

area over a defined period of time," she said.

Health Minister Timbrell has announced that the Ontario government will combat the red measles problem by implementing a vaccination program next year. He said it will be the "closest thing" to compulsory immunization.

The minister said the new plan would involve closer

scrutiny of the health of children entering school. He indicated that school health officials will be told to recommend to parents they have their children vaccinated.

Red measles can result in ear infection, pneumonia and uncontrollable fever. At least 47 people in Durham region this year have been hospitalized by the disease, but none have died.

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Reunion

UXBRIDGE — Members of the Mustard family and their direct descendants, will hold a reunion, Sunday, June 15 at Elgin Park, Uxbridge.

Those assembled will represent a link with the Mustard emigrants, who arrived in Canada from Scotland between 1795 and 1830. Some settled north of Unionville and later relocated throughout various parts of Markham Township. Others acquired properties in the Township of Scott and still others, moved into the County of Bruce.

Clan members are asked to bring a picnic lunch and assemble at the site no later than 1 p.m. A formal meeting will follow at two.

For additional information, the contact person is Mrs. Donald (Isabel) St. John, RR 3, Uxbridge.

Sex education is parents' job

DURHAM REGION — Ontario censor chief, Donald Sims, may have found some help here in his battle to keep overt sex out of the province's cinemas.

While Sims defends his proposed cuts of youthful nudity in the movie, "The Tin Drum," a group, led by Rev. Ken Campbell, president of Richmond College has gone to battle against Durham Board of Education for its proposal to provide school children with the facts of life, of the kind now supposedly being denied their parents by Mr. Sims.

Meeting before the Board this week, Campbell, an evangelist and well-known

proponent of family and children rights, told members they had "no business teaching their children sex."

The Board plans to initiate a sex education course in all schools next September. According to Mary Johansen, an Oshawa housewife, and registered nurse, who also addressed the meeting, the course would include instruction on masturbation, menstruation, various positions of sexual intercourse and, at the kindergarten level, how birds mate. It would be followed by a description of a mother and father in bed.

Said Campbell, a graduate of Whitby High School in the

early 1950's: "I find this sort of talk distressing even at a meeting of adults."

He described the family as "the supreme social institution." "Parents are tired of being put down and treated like juvenile delinquents," he said.

Campbell claims parents must be given the right to examine the qualifications of teachers in charge of the course. If denied that right, they should spend their education money on a system that would give them a better return.

Backing the delegation's stand against the proposed course, was a petition, signed by 1,129 parents. The petition also stated that any parents wishing the course, should first be advised as follows: Full disclosure of materials to be taught, should be offered and presented in writing to the parents; methods of presentation, such as resource material, books, films, kits, transparencies, etc., should be disclosed; the qualification of those persons who will teach the subject, should be revealed; parents should be allowed to sit in on classes.

Parents would then sign a consent form.

The petition also stated that, "Preferably, this program should be conducted outside of school hours to prevent infiltration into other classes."

In commenting on the petition, Board chairman, Art Winter, told the gathering that it was the parents who had asked for the course in the first place.

He said also the subject would not be compulsory, and teachers not wanting to be involved in it, could be exempted.

Durham Board to review course

DURHAM REGION — Durham Board of Education will review its plans to provide a comprehensive sex education course in its schools.

Decision to review the matter was made by the Board following a protest meeting led by Rev. Ken Campbell last week.

At that time, Rev. Campbell

and other spokesmen, told the Board it was the job of the parents to instruct children in matters of sex.

Robert Sheffield, superintendent of operations for the Board, told The Tribune this week that there would be "a general review" of the program.

"The trustees are naturally concerned," he said.

Does this mean the program

would not go on in September?

Sheffield said Durham Region already has a program on sex education in its schools. "The family life program has been going on for years," he stated.

York County Board of Education is also considering the possibility of instituting a sex education program in its schools, and recently showed the controversial sex education movie, "Taking Chances," before a public audience.

Reaction to the film was mixed, said Earl Evans information officer for the Board.

Uxbridge Twp.

Owners face tax increase

UXBRIDGE — Homeowners in Uxbridge will pay an extra \$75 on an average home assessed at \$30,000 this year, as a result of the township's new budget.

The total allocation, passed last week, calls for an expenditure of \$1,136,968, an increase of \$214,302, or 20 per cent above last year.

The hike for property-owners will be about 12 per cent. This includes local tax requirements for Durham Region and the Board of Education.

All told, the total amount of tax dollars to be raised in the township in 1980 is \$4,904,439. As usual, education will get the biggest chunk with \$2,136,996, or 52 per cent going its way. Durham Region will get \$875,572.

Mayor Gary Herrema said current spending this year was down by \$100,000 from 1979. However, debt carry-over from 1978 and 1979 for equipment and land purchases, in the amount of

\$300,000, had brought about the 20 per cent hike.

The general administration budget for municipal purposes is about \$364,300, up more than \$20,000 from last year; roads this year were set at \$917,000, compared to \$964,076 for 1979, of which \$421,652 was subsidized by the provincial government.

Other costs: recreation and community service, \$284,010, down \$69,484 from last year, thanks to reduced interest charges on the new arena, and a previous budgeting of \$50,000 for land purchase for library expansion; planning and development, \$35,000; street lighting for Goodwood, Zephyr, Uxbridge, Leaksdale, Bristol Pond Estates and Sandy Hook, \$2,000; street lighting, Town of Uxbridge, \$12,500; dog control, shared with the Township of Scugog, \$29,000; livestock claims, \$9,000, compared to \$16,643 last year.

There was no increase in last year's allotment of \$41,200 for council honorariums.

spilling most of the contents into the atmosphere.

Norman and Donald Evers, operating the unit at the time, fled the scene when the connection broke, escaping injury. Others weren't quite so fortunate. Ten people and three firefighters were treated in hospital and later released.

Fertilizer spill

KINSALE — Last week, The Tribune and other media, reporting on the evacuation of more than 100 residents from this community, attributed the cause to an overturned tanker truck.

This was wrong. What actually happened, a hose on a 1,000 gallon tank of liquid fertilizer ruptured,



A 'golden day' for respected Balsam couple

M.P.P. Bill Newman (left), a close neighbor and friend, presents an engraved plaque to Mr and Mrs Burnett Jamieson of Balsam, on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, Saturday. The highly-respected couple have one

daughter, Marean (Mrs Dick Ward) of Claremont; one son, Donald, on the home farm and eleven grandchildren. They were married May 23, 1930.

—Jim Thomas.



Lieutenant-Governor Pauline McGibbon (left) and Gwen Mowbray of Kinsale, chat outside the Old Greenwood Schoolhouse Library,

following its official opening, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Mowbray is chairperson of the Greenwood Library Board.

—Jim Thomas.

Amazing transformation

Greenwood school now a new library

By JIM THOMAS
GREENWOOD — On the outside, it's still every bit "the little red brick schoolhouse" that's maintained a place of distinction high atop Greenwood hill for the past 120 years.

On the inside, everything is changed—and beautiful. The

building, erected in 1860, has undergone an interior metamorphosis that surpasses the imagination. It's now a library.

Visitors, viewing the transformation for a first time, Sunday, were loud in their praise of what's been accomplished.

"Who would have believed it?" said a former student, staring out a huge rear window into the valley below.

For board chairperson, Gwen Mowbray, it's a dream come true. She had a vision of the possible. However, until everything started falling into place, she wondered if the end result would ever be realized.

Sunday's ceremony added the final touch. The Honorable Pauline McGibbon, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, cut the red ribbon across the front door and declared the facility officially open.

Cost of the project was \$112,000. The Ontario Heritage Foundation provided \$36,000; Wintario, \$7,500; the Brougham Citizens League, \$2,000 and the Town of Pickering, the rest.

Mrs. Mowbray praised the co-operation she and other members of the Library Board had received, including help provided by M.P.P.'s Bill Newman and George Ashe. Board associates include Donald Kitchen, Julia Mooney, John Coates, Hubert Wank, Joyce Lawlor, Agnes Blakeley, Alan South and John Gilmour. The branch librarian is Edith Morgan. The chief librarian is Thea Driesschen.

While a new chapter is being written into the history of S.S. No. 9, long-time community residents still like to recall something of the old; how the original site was purchased for \$49.47; how the school was built for \$1,039.00; how the overseer (architect) was paid \$39.72 and how the bricks were hauled from Samuel Adamson's yard, one mile to the east.

They like to look up at the bell and remember how it was acquired from St. James Cathedral, Toronto; transported by boat to Frenchman's Bay and hauled by ox team to the property. It cost \$99.

Greenwood's population was 450 at the time. The school's enrolment (during the winter months) was fifty-five.

Of real significance to Chapter 1 of S.S. No. 9, is the fact that John Diefenbaker's father was a teacher here, back in 1899.

Several platform guests addressed the gathering, Sunday, including the Lieutenant-Governor. One very important person who has endeared herself to everyone in the community, is Mae Brown. Her presence lent a nostalgic dignity to the ceremony.

The Library, convenient to Valley View School, will be open to the public every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. There are currently 4,200 volumes available now and these will be increased as the wishes of the people become known, Mrs. Mowbray said.

Drivers scared

DURHAM REGION — Fight fire with fire, advises Durham Board of Education trustee, Jim Chalk.

He claims a per centage of students are so unruly on school buses, someone will have to "ride shotgun" to maintain law and order.

Chalk says the language used by some of the young people is extremely rough. Many insist on smoking and

it's not uncommon for seats to be ripped up.

Director Ken Munroe suggested that perhaps the Board should reconsider an earlier proposal that recommended volunteer students and adults lend assistance on certain routes.

Chalk said some drivers are actually afraid of a few student passengers because of the way they act.