

Board report pessimistic over use of educational cable T.V. programs

The dreams of educators and feature writers that boards of education would one day operate their own closed circuit television studios for the production of local educational programs were virtually dashed last week with the release of a board of education report on cable T.V. standards in schools.

The report by co-ordinator of audio visual services, Jack Culp, outlined what schools require from cable television services and a summary of the future of T.V. as an instructional tool. "It is not likely that E.T.V. programming, originated by a Board of education, will ever play a major role and thus the acquisition of private channels for school board use is, I believe, a dream that will never reach reality," Culp said. He admitted this situation

could change if: the philosophy of individualized learning was no longer acceptable in schools; a budget was provided for full-time studio crews; or the system were used only as a distributor of films and tapes from a central audio visual library.

Culp also listed the requirements in dealing with cable T.V. companies. He called for free installation and service by cable companies.

In addition he said schools require the use of a fully blanked-out channel for use by internal closed circuit facilities.

The local cable channel programming that all cable companies provide in their service area should provide free time for school use during the day. "It is doubtful that this would ever

exceed 10 hours weekly." The board would use the companies studios.

Cable companies should hold liaison sessions with schools in their community to provide programs of a public information nature regarding the schools, Culp stated.

He also noted that cable companies should work in co-operation with the adult education department (night school) with the hopes of serving the community in the home as well as in night classes.

Trustee Bill Kent wondered how realistic it was for the board to set down guidelines for dealing with private cable companies until the full implications are determined.

"It should be made clear to

the one who is going to pay the bill just how often he will use these things — are we clear enough?" he asked.

Bob Skipper, a high school vice-principal himself, said the board needed a full inventory of school use of these facilities before any major commitment was made.

Skipper noted the unfortunate habit of some boards of purchasing expensive equipment for their audio-visual systems and then allowing it to "lapse into oblivion."

But Jack Boyd added that with the rapid advancement of technology the board may be outstripped and miss its chance. "Adopting these recommended cable television requirements protects us," he argued.

Art Cummins, superintendent of academic affairs, said he couldn't see the

board buying full production equipment simply because it was too expensive. The requirements listed by Culp that should be applied to cable T.V. suppliers provide for "a minimum service that will meet the minimum needs of schools across the county."

Report calls expropriation of walkway land unsound

Expropriation proceedings on two Ponytrail Drive lots will continue despite an inquiry officer's report stating that taking the land is unfair, unsound and unreasonable.

General committee of Mississauga council received the report of D.F. Meyrick last week and reacted with some consternation to the opinions expressed therein. Meyrick had been asked to in-

vestigate the situation leading to a decision to expropriate the two lots required for a walkway from Ponytrail Drive to the conservation lands on the south side of Burnhamthorpe Road west of Etobicoke Creek.

Negotiations by the lots from Elevated Construction Limited broke down when the Town and the owner could not agree on a fair selling price. The Town was

prepared to pay \$25,000 for each of the lots and the owner wouldn't take less than \$27,500. The decision to expropriate was unanimous.

Meyrick in his report stated that the walkway would be a facility to accommodate only local residents of a particular neighborhood. He said a more reasonable alternative would be a narrow strip of land running north from Bloor Street and bounded on

the east by lands owned by Markland Wood Country Club. Council noted that the "more reasonable alternative" meant that pedestrians would have to traverse a steep bank, acquisition of which would be extremely difficult and expensive.

After some discussion as to whether the Town should drop expropriation proceedings and attempt to negotiate a settlement with the owner, committee decided to recommend to council that expropriation proceedings continue.

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Deputy town manager Henry Stewart (right) plays the role of host as he chats with Premier Bill Davis and wife Kathy at official opening ceremonies for Robert W. Speck Civic Centre. Mississauga council decided on the name for the centre last week.

Robert W. Speck Civic Centre officially opened

Premier Bill Davis spoke in praise of ailing Mayor Robert Speck at the opening Saturday of the Robert W. Speck Civic Centre.

The decision to name the centre after Speck was made in council last week when councillors unanimously approved a motion by Lou Parsons to honor Mayor Speck "for outstanding service" in the community.

"He is a man for whom I have very great respect and affection," said Davis, who was accompanied by his wife Kathy and a busload of

followers and members of the press.

Davis cut a ribbon guarding the entrance hall of the 51,000 square foot civic building — a little after the fact. The ceremonies on the platform had been completed and the crowd invited by Master of Ceremonies, Councillor Glenn Grice, to tour the building when someone remembered the ribbon had not been cut.

Everyone backed out of the building for the final ceremony.

During his speech Davis stuck to his role as premier

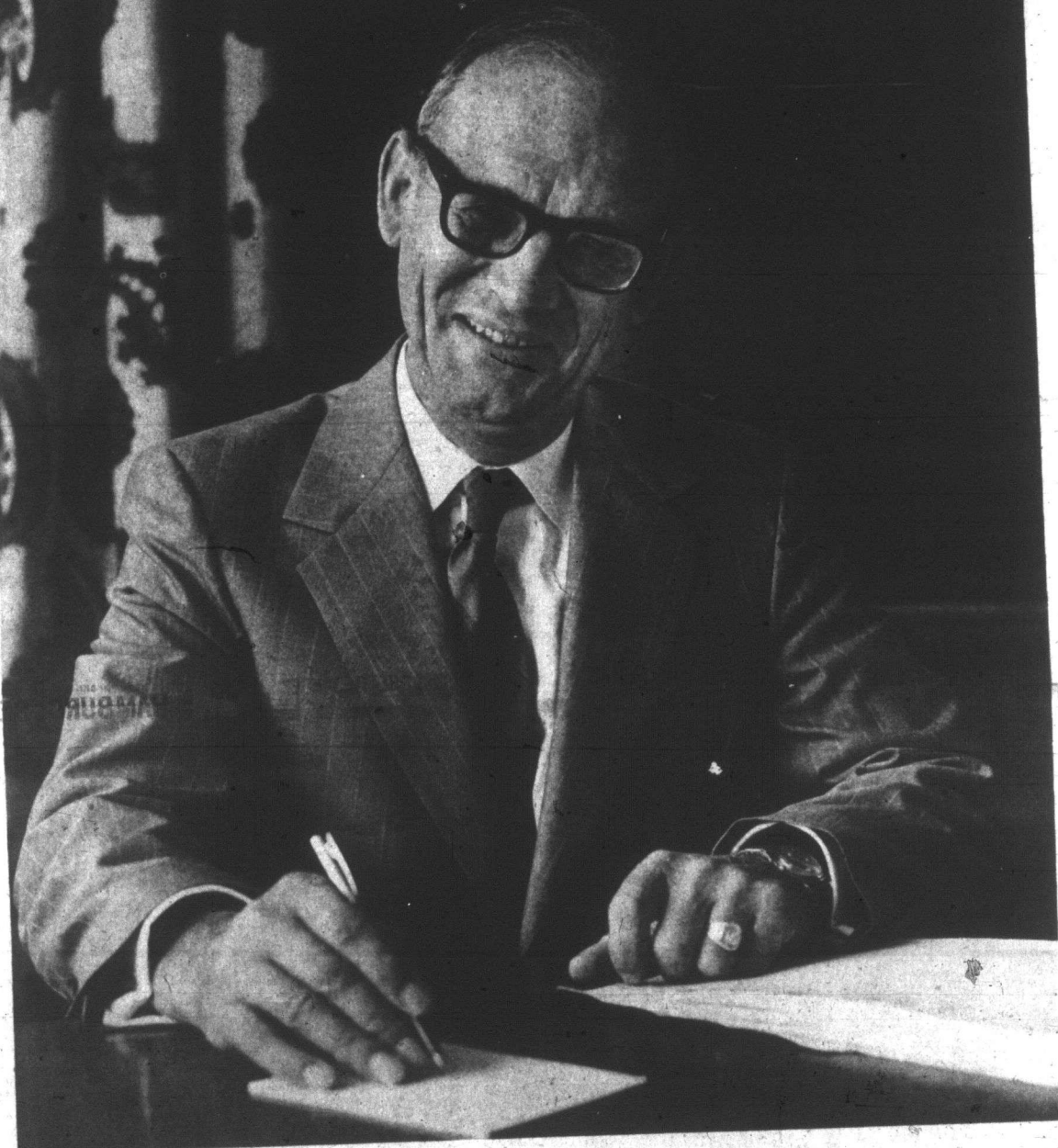
of Ontario. He promised that "Queen's Park isn't going to impose a lot of things on you," referring to the municipal governments of Ontario.

"In the final analysis, we ourselves can direct the path this country will take," he said, urging Canadians to "meet the challenges."

The building was dedicated by Rev. J. Perry of Applewood United Church and a plaque was unveiled by S. B. McLaughlin, developer of the Mississauga City Centre. A permanent wood and bronze plaque is being made now and will be installed at the entrance in a few days.

Acting Mayor Chic Murray read a telegram of good wishes from Mayor Speck prior to Davis' speech.

A large crowd of councillors, civic officials, guests from Mississauga and neighboring municipalities and their families toured the civic centre after the opening ceremonies.



Mississauga, Ontario
October 15, 1971

Dear Friend:

I am asking for your support on October 21st in my bid for re-election as your member in the Provincial Legislature.

Since 1967, it has been my privilege to serve you on a full time basis. I have attempted to keep in touch with you; to seek your views on important issues and to make these known by speaking out in the Legislature and in caucus. Two important results, among others, were my successful intervention on behalf of those adversely affected by reassessment, and the quashing of the proposed new airport flight path over Mississauga.

Though I have met many of you during my term of office and throughout the campaign, with some 72,000 voters it has not been possible for me to call on each of you. I renew my pledge to serve you to the best of my ability regardless of political affiliation.

I ask for your vote on October 21st.

Doug Kennedy
Doug Kennedy.

R. DOUGLAS KENNEDY, X

School building budget

The recommended \$9 1/2 million school building budget for 1972 has received final board approval as anticipated in a story in last week's issue of The Times.

The move will result in a building expenditure of \$4

million less than in 1971 — a record year for both Peel and any county board in the province.

A list of 15 projects including seven new public schools and additions to six elementary and secondary

schools across the county was approved.

In addition the budget allows for \$800,000 to upgrade older elementary schools and \$1 million for new school sites.

Humane Corner

Plans are afoot whereby the Ontario Humane Society's Peel Animal Shelter will provide moderately sized wooden sheds in which to house the small animals in the park during the winter months.

A donation of 2 x 4 and 1 x 6 lumber will take care of the first "duplex", complete with separate screened areas in the rear, which will be shared by the raccoons and one skunk. Donations of lumber, even used lumber, suitable for building more of these small shelters would be much appreciated.

A Canada goose rendered practically immobile by a thick coating of oil was rescued and transferred to Roy Ivor's Sanctuary for treatment. The latest bulletin is that the goose is now back to normal and will soon take wing.

Two female German Shepherd pups, abandoned in a convenient ditch, are enjoying the Shelter's hospitality. These attractive youngsters are available for adoption and deserve a good

home. Responding to a call relayed to him on Sunday, Warden Bert Arding, armed with a plastic garbage can and one of the long rescue poles with a collar attachment, set out on a tricky assignment — the rescue of a skunk trapped in a deep window well.

The occupants of the house had managed to slide a board into the hole, but the skunk ignored this offer of escape. Bert frankly admits that he was not anxious to come within range of the skunk's obnoxious weapon — a weapon which permits the skunk to saunter along deep forest paths unmolested and unafraid — and resorted to manipulating his long pole in an attempt to drop the collar over the skunk's head.

While engaged in some fancy footwork, Bert vaguely remembered hearing that skunks were unable to use their spray while suspended in mid-air and, banking heavily on this, planned to make the transfer from the window well to the

garbage can strictly by air! Finally the capture was made, the skunk was deposited in the garbage can and released in a densely wooded area and, to show his appreciation, behaved throughout like a perfect gentleman!

Dalewood application approved

Council has approved amendments to the official plan to permit the development of subdivisions in Malton by Dalewood Investments Limited and Pearlmac Holdings Limited. The applications had been approved by Planning board following public meetings in September. Many of the nearby homeowners' wishes were incorporated into the recommendations prior to referral to council.