

GORDON GRAYDON GROUP

School staff reprimanded

A group of staff members at Gordon Graydon Secondary School have been mildly reprimanded by the school board for prematurely discussing alternatives to the hotly-contested Allan A. Martin Senior Public School swap with the Catholic school system.

In the early days of the debate surrounding the trade-off issue, some unidentified Gordon Graydon staff members had told parents that the conversion of the high school to a combined senior public and

high school operation was one of the alternatives under consideration by the two education systems.

Meetings have been held for five months between the public and separate boards in an effort to follow ministerial directions for the use of empty classrooms in the Lakeview area.

The public system was faced essentially with the problem of ditching some of its empty rooms in order to win provincial approval of needed school construction in the growing north.

Meanwhile the Catholic board wanted more space for an expanded grades 9 and 10 program planned for St. Paul's Senior Elementary School but had been turned down by the Ministry of Education.

One of the many alternatives originally considered by the two boards was the use of the Grades 9 to 13 Gordon Graydon Secondary School as a Grades 7 to 13 institution. This alternative was rejected in the early stages of discussions.

Board chairman David Currey had told The Times earlier that he objected to public involvement in the fledgling stages of any issue when the real alternatives had not yet been identified.

He felt such involvement led to needless controversy and public agitation about alternatives that probably would never reach the serious discussion stage.

The issue was last discussed in a closed session of the Committee of The Whole April 30 when trustee Douglas Paton asked what had been done to the persons responsible for the school swap publicity.

Cooksville Reunion draws huge response

Overwhelming response from former Cooksville Public School students to publicity surrounding the June 23 Centennial Reunion has resulted in a doubling of orders for commemorative china and silver spoons.

The Reunion Committee has already mailed more than 1,000 invitations to the celebrations and is in the midst of a second mailing of 1,500 letters to known former

students and teachers.

In addition to the commemorative spoons and plates, reproductions of old photographs of Cooksville will be available at the celebration. A dance will follow at Huron Park.

The search is still under way for pupils from the Cooksville Public and the Cooksville Continuation School.

Peel student tests scores show marked improvement

Improved reading and math scores by Grade 4 students in a school board special testing program have been attributed to greater "test sophistication" rather than improved skills.

The county wide testing program was carried out in February and March to compare the basic skills of Grade 4 and Grade 7 students with disappointing results obtained from a similar study in 1971.

Grade 4 students received an overall average of 4.4 in reading as compared to 3.8 two years ago. The expected result was a 4.6 level. Mathematics performances rose from 3.8 to 4.6 this year — a score equal to the national average.

Grade 7 students continued to perform poorly, a result attributed to the low level of test awareness.

Marv Townsend, assistant academic superintendent, claims that the 1971 tests were administered at a time

when the children in the system were unaccustomed to testing procedures. He says they have been exposed to the process since then.

The March county-wide testing program marks the

end of such operations. They will be replaced by independent school testing schemes designed to spot problems in the classroom where immediate remedial work can be started.

Mackie front-runner for PCRA's top job

PORT CREDIT — Hubert Wolf, chairman of the Port Credit Residents Association, will step down tonight (Wednesday) after guiding the group through its first year.

PCRA executive members met during the weekend and gave their blessings to Chris Mackie as the man to take the top spot. Mackie has been active recently in his opposition against continued development in the town.

His nomination at Clark

Hall, however, will not be put to the membership as the executive committee's choice, according to Wolf. All nominations for chairman will come from the floor to keep the process as "democratic as possible."

Wolf thinks Mackie would be the most capable chairman. The executive's preferred choice for vice-chairman is Helen Battye, a resident active in the Port Credit Recreation Association.

Pair arrested

Two Mississauga men were arrested and charged with armed robbery last Tuesday night less than two hours after \$100 in cash was taken from a Mac's Milk store at 466 South Service Road.

Police arrested Thomas Edward Dodd, 32 and Thomas Richard Dodd, 18, both of the North Service Road.

A .22 calibre gun was seized, and a quantity of money recovered. The younger of the accused was released in his own custody to appear in provincial court May 30.

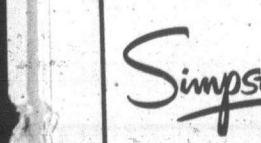
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Poiriers can't adopt Mary-Anne

The Poirier family has abandoned its hopes to adopt the five-year-old girl they have been raising since she was left in their care by a gypsy family shortly after her birth.

Mrs. Marilyn Poirier said Monday that she had been advised by the Children's Aid Society that there was little hope of adopting Mary-Anne without the natural mother's consent. Police have been unable to find the mother.

"We'll just have to wait until she's 16, then legally change her name," said Mrs. Poirier.

Police move in on betting shops

Mississauga's two off-track betting shops were raided last Wednesday night, one week after a Canada Supreme Court decision ruled the shops illegal.

Search warrants were executed by police on shops at 2579 Hurontario St., near the Cooksville four corners, and at 7074 Airport Rd. in Malton.

Two persons have been charged with several counts of bookmaking including keeping a common betting shop, having control of a place used to register bets, receiving or registering bets, and engaging in bookmaking.

Charged are Mary Saunders, 41 of Toronto and Walter Helinski, 27 of Cherrylaw Avenue in Weston.

Police had held off raiding the local shops pending the Supreme Court decision which upheld an Ontario Court of Appeal decision against a man alleged to have controlled 87 per cent of off-track betting in Metro

Toronto. He was fined \$50,000 and given a nine-month jail sentence.

Several persons charged in Mississauga last year had also been remanded pending the court decision. Their trials are now expected to proceed.

Mrs. Saunders said last week, before the arrests, that she was "disheartened" by the court's ruling. "I run a perfectly respectable business," she said. "All my customers have had their bets payed off when they win."

On Saturday, the off-track outlet on Airport Road was raided once again and Helinski was arrested and charged with a second count of keeping a common betting house.

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