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REGISTRATION FEE is being paid by some of the 100 unemployed workers present at the mass meeting called last Monday morning to form a self-help employment bureau in Acton. The formation of this group was instigated following the recent layoff at Malton when the Avro Arrow program was cancelled. Pictured above left to right are: Bob Atkinson, Garth Rainford, Olive Davidson, Jeff Robbins, director and Dennis Lawler, chairman.

Form Self-Help Employment Bureau Over 100 Unemployed Workers Meet

Formation of an Acton and District Self-Help Employment Bureau received unanimous approval of over 100 unemployed workers at a mass meeting in the Legion Hall on Monday morning.

This action followed the recent announcement by Prime Minister John Diefenbaker that the Avro Arrow project was being discontinued and 14,000 Malton workers were laid off, including some 244 Acton residents.

Last week Dennis Lawler, unemployed Avro worker, instigated the idea of forming an employment bureau in Acton and through the medium of the press and numerous phone calls was able to summon over 100 to the meeting.

Not only former Avro workers were present at the meeting but other unemployed workers living in Acton and area.

Executive Volunteer

Mr. Lawler, acting as chairman, called for nominations from the floor for the formation of an executive to administer expenditures for advertising and other means of applying for jobs and was greeted by volunteered services from six men present.

Objectives stated of the Acton and District Self-Help Employment Bureau endorsed by the turnout of unemployed workers were:

- (1) To form a mutual employment service on a non-profit basis to serve all the personnel in Acton and district who are unemployed.
- (2) To provide a rapid means of direct contact between prospective employers and the labor pool available in the district, and to provide prospective employers with qualifications of all unemployed personnel in Acton and district.
- (3) To provide a non-profit purchasing plan whereby unemployed workers and their families could purchase wholesale food and dry goods supplies.
- (4) Assess each person finding employment through the bureau \$5 in order to continue with the project for other unemployed workers.

Committee members named by Mr. Lawler, acting as chairman, called for nominations from the floor for the formation of an executive to administer expenditures for advertising and other means of

Resume Work

Construction began again on the high school addition this week with the advent of milder weather. Workmen from the Anderson Construction Company, Brampton, cleared away the banks of snow around the foundations and resumed their tasks disrupted by bad weather.

Tuesday they began laying glazed cement blocks on the interior walls. Brick work and cement block laying continue on the outside walls.

Electricians are roughing out their preliminary electrical installations.

Billowing Smoke Alerts Brigade

A faulty oil furnace at Prout Motors in Acton caused Acton Fire Department to make a quick run at 10:30 Saturday evening, when heavy black smoke was billowing from the building.

Charlie Roehrer Jr., returning from Georgetown at the time, noticed the smoke and turned in the alarm.

When firemen arrived they shut off the furnace system before any damage had been done.

Mr. Prout, stated later that a repair man had been called and the trouble rectified.

Betty Anne Harris Reported Recovering Following Accident

Betty Anne Harris, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Harris R.R. No. 1, Acton, who was hospitalized following an accident when she was struck by a car on Tuesday, February 24, is reported as progressing favorably in Guelph Hospital.

The young girl received a fractured skull, broken right thigh and two broken bones in her left forearm, when a car driven by Gordon Bailey R.R. No. 1 Guelph, struck her, while she was proceeding to school a few miles south of her home.

The driver of the car reported he was passing an approaching vehicle when the Harris girl darted from behind the oncoming car into his path.

Expects Rush

Local license issuer J. Hargrave noted this week that only half the number of license plates have been issued to date this year against those of last year.

The local issuer pointed out his office had not been too rushed up until this week, when Monday brought a steady flow of applicants.

Mr. Hargrave also stated he expected a heavy rush this weekend when many people would be procuring their 1959 driver's licenses and car plates.

Warns Rural Wells Might be Polluted

With this winter's heavy snow and the chance of a sudden spring thaw, there is every possibility that some wells in rural areas may be flooded with surface water, warned Archie F. Bull, Halton M.O.H., this week.

"Surface water may carry dangerous pollution, and water from wells so affected should be boiled before using," he said. The Health Unit will be pleased to give advice and assistance of the chlorination and testing of wells.

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Fun Fair Set in Carnival Atmosphere 700 Seek Sketches, Puppets, Booths

Outstanding decorations set the carnival theme for the Amalgamated Home and School Association's second annual Fun Fair Saturday morning and afternoon in the Robert Little school. With admission set at ten cents for adults and five cents for children, close to 700 circulated through the auditorium and many of the school rooms to enjoy the numerous attractions.

Each booth was backed by a panel depicting the wares for sale. Mrs. Monty Root, convener of decorations, displayed great originality in creating colorful cut-outs, balloons with faces and festoons of colored paper—all highlighted by a five foot tall clown on the stage. Multicolored pennants crisscrossed the room.

The event was again an outstanding success. Proceeds will be divided among the three schools.

Band Entertains

During the afternoon, the large crowd was entertained by the Acton Citizens' Band. Circulating through the rooms were colorful clowns Sam Brunelle and Herb Cook, with gaily garbed little Miss Beverley Brunelle, who gave out balloons to the children.

A novel feature was quick sketches done by Miss Ann Wube, a grade two teacher. Children were lined up during the entire event for their portraits.

Fortunes Told

Madame Cupp, the fortune teller, was enacted by Miss Sharon Sides of Toronto, a sister of Acton's kindergarten teacher. A steady stream of customers crossed her palm with silver. Her line of patter included such predictions as an increase in allowance and difficulties in certain subjects in school.

Bob Logan, known as Toby, brought his Punch and Judy Show for its second appearance in the auditorium. He entertained at the Beardmore Christmas party. The popular puppets delighted the members of the young audience who were invited to participate by shouting encouragement to the familiar characters.

A popular section for the youngsters sold pocket books, comic books and hard-backed children's books. Students acted as clerks under a gaily decorated umbrella.

Win Cakes

The mothers were attracted to the baking table where a variety of home baking and home preserved jellies, jams and pickles were sold under the convenship of Mrs. F. Heller and Mrs. Lois Mackenzie. In their draws for two cakes, winners were Mrs. C. Matthews and Miss Barbara Norton.

The candy table was convener by Mrs. J. Hurst. A large attractive box of home-made candies was won by Miss Marjorie White.

Planis Sold

Donating the centre of the auditorium was a display of the plants from Limehouse Garden Centre. Sales were directed by Mrs. K. Allen.

A hot dog and soft drink stand had a steady business capably attended by Mrs. Herman Freuler, assisted by several of the older girls from the public schools.

Students of grades seven and eight staffed a baby sitting room.

Miss Alene Sides, kindergarten teacher of the Robert Little school, was in charge of the games room, assisted by students. Among the attractions were bowling, a penny toss and a side show.

Miniature Big Top

Mrs. E. Ludka was convener of the fishing pond, decorated like a big top.

First Chirp

The Ballinacred news correspondent is the first to bring the welcome word of a robin to the attention of the Free Press. She says a robin and some crows have been sighted in that district.

Pleas Guilty Jailed Month Struck Officer

Sydney Oakley, a young Acton resident, was convicted of assaulting a police officer in Guelph court on Monday and was sentenced to one month in the county jail.

On a second charge of being drunk, he was given 10 days' concurrent sentence.

The charge was laid by Rockwood constable W. G. H. Edwards following a fracas at a dance in Rockwood Saturday evening when Oakley was denied admittance by the constable.

Taking off his belt, it was reported the accused wielded it like a billy and struck Constable Edwards several times across the shoulder.

In court, Oakley pleaded guilty to the offense.



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PUNCH AND JUDY SHOW attracted many youngsters at the Home and School Fun Fair last Saturday, February 28, in the Robert Little School. Pictured above left to right are: Jane Watson, Bob Logan (Toby) and Roy Baxter. The two youngsters anxious to get a close look at the puppets were entertained by Mr. Logan, creator of the show. During the affair the school was crowded with parents and children.

General convener for the Fun Fair was Mrs. W. Sprouton who did a very capable job of outlining the program.

Johnny Goy, Hartley Deforest and Al Kirkness assisted in preparations.

George Lee, Home and School Association treasurer, acted as the banker.

Mrs. W. Wolfe arranged for door attendants, Home and School mothers, and check room attendants, grade seven and eight girls.

Members of the St. John Ambulance brigade were in attendance.

Draw for Dolls

Convened by Mrs. E. Jennings, the dolls' clothes table featured a wide range of styles from clothes for baby dolls to sophisticated dolls. A draw was held for a doll with a complete fashionable wardrobe. Winner was Ruth Everdell.

Many Winners

The lucky draw booth was decorated as a wishing well. Local merchants and Home and School members had donated prizes. Karen Ashley, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Ashley, drew the winning tickets from a drum, and names were announced by Elmer Smith.



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CLOWNS, BOYS, AND BEAUTIFUL GIRLS were a feature attraction at the Amalgamated Home and School Fun Fair held in the Robert Little Public School Auditorium last Saturday, when the crowds of people filled the auditorium, classrooms and hallways to catch a glimpse of the many activities. Pictured above left to right are: David Sprouton, who assisted in games room, Herb Cook as clown, Alice Sides, kindergarten teacher in charge of the games room, Mrs. Monty Root, who decorated the school for the occasion, Fred Kinnard, helper in the games room and S. Brunelle, clown.

Debates Salaries 90 Minutes High School Board Buys Desks

Science room furniture including desks and stools was purchased from the Valley City Manufacturing Co. by the North Halton High School District Board for \$3,570.21 their meeting in Georgetown on Monday night.

The equipment displayed at the meeting will be for the science rooms in the three schools where additions are underway or planned.

The meeting also approved installation of shop equipment in the Georgetown high school where a room had been planned for this

Grants are now available under 3000 Acton had two because its population was under 6000 and one county appointment. Milton has two members because its population is under 6000 and one appointment because its separate School is the largest in the area. Georgetown has three representatives because its population is over 7000, one representative for the highest public school enrollment and one county appointment. Esquesing has two representatives based on population and one county representative.

It was noted Georgetown had

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Unemployed

Chairman Self-Help Bureau Outlines Progress to Date

Dennis Lawler, chairman of the Acton and District Self-Help Employment Bureau, today announced that progress is being made in finding jobs for several of the unemployed workers in Acton.

The chairman reported that nine casual labor jobs have been found by unemployed in the organization and seven others have been interviewed for jobs located by Mayor W. H. Cook.

Outlines Progress

Mr. Lawler outlined the following progress which has taken place since the organization of the Bureau on Monday of this week:

1. George Spencer-Lee has offered his services free of charge on legal documentation.
2. \$63.10 worth of carpentry tools has been offered on loan.
3. A complete bookkeeping system has been donated.
4. One worker started work at H. K. Porter and the company promised to keep in touch with the organization in the event there were more job openings.
5. Casual labor was offered by the construction firm in Glendale.
6. Plans are underway to set up several small industries in town.
7. Letters have been sent to all industries within a 30 mile radius of Acton asking for their consideration of the unemployed in this area.
8. Council was offered a room in the Town Hall as Bureau Headquarters.
9. Plans are underway to set up a wholesale food distribution system in the event unemployment continues.
10. Two job offers were recommended by Rev. C. Swain local businessman.
11. Use of a building rent free at the rear of B. Raehlin's premises was accepted. The building donated by Mr. Raehlin will be used by the unemployed workers when they decide to manufacture a product non-competitive with present industries in Acton.
12. An offer to run off any letters or circulars on his duplicator was made by B. D. Raehlin.
13. A phone has been installed in the office used by the Bureau in the



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SUMMARY DAY for participants in the Third Meal Course, saw a good turnout at the Stewarttown Hall on Tuesday of this week. Shown above left front to back are: Miss Mary Porteous, instructor; Mrs. W. Kirkwood, Ballinacred W.I.; Mrs. S. Kirkpatrick, Limehouse W.I.; Miss F. Hucks, supervisor of Foods and Nutrition, Home Economic Service, Department of Agriculture; left front to back, Mrs. C. Sinclair, Bannockburn W.I.; Mrs. N. Egan, Dublin W.I. and Mrs. M. Borgstrom, Home Economist for Halton.