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## Principals Pleased With Staff School Board Learns Tuesday

Acton public school board learned Tuesday evening the principals of the Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett schools were pleased with their staff and that new teachers engaged this year were quite satisfactory. During the principals' reports, the board was told that in-service meetings with staff members have proven very beneficial and excellent progress has been made in every department with the teachers.

Both principal G. W. McKenzie and Elmer Smith expressed their satisfaction with the teaching staff and stated their problems with teachers were at a minimum.

Plans were made for a board-teacher banquet on Wednesday, November 23. Members expressed their approval of the annual banquet in order to become better acquainted with the staff and discuss any problems.

During Education Week next week, parents will have an opportunity to visit the schools, view their children's work and have interviews with the teachers, the principals reported.

Mr. McKenzie told the board that report cards would be issued Friday, November 4, and pupils would enjoy a holiday Monday, November 21, for the teachers' convention at Hamilton.

Mr. Smith informed the board the Halton County Health Unit had a permanent nurse again and visits were being made to the

schools. It was also reported that two dental nurses were checking lower grade pupils' teeth and sending charts home to the parents for their attention.

Approval was given for use of the auditorium for the nomination meeting and the secretary was instructed to notify the St. John Ambulance Brigade that a public function was being held.

Property chairman E. T. Marks was puzzled at a report submitted by the boiler inspector and told his colleagues the safety valve in question at the school had been approved by two former inspectors. It was agreed the pressure on the hot water system was at a safe level and the blow-off point was set at a safe maximum.

Problems of drainage on a portion of the roof at the Robert Little school abutting the supply room were quickly overcome the principal told the board when the caretakers had plugged the downpipe drain in an attempt to prevent an overflow on the asphalt pavement.

Accounts amounting to \$5,856.48 were approved for payment.

## Draw Winner

Richer by \$60 is Mrs. Fred Cunningham, Guelph Street, Acton, when her name was drawn from the drum Saturday, in the weekly Merchants' Free Living contest.

## Garage Relief in Sight Reduced Clearance Likely

While no by-law amendment was passed about 22 residents whose proposed garages contravene the zoning by-law, progress is being made. Wednesday evening planning board held a special meeting to review the zoning by-law and way was cleared for an amendment.

## Vandals Wreck Woodside School Pupils Home During Repairs

Windows and sashes were slashed sometime Saturday evening when vandals hurled large rocks through windows at Woodside rural school in Erin Township.

Until the damage was repaired the teacher, Mrs. C. Denny, and her pupils had an unexpected holiday. When the damage was discovered Sunday the interior of one room was littered with

broken glass and shattered window sash. At present time today they are still enjoying a holiday.

Residents in the area who viewed the damage suspect young men from the size of some of the stones hurled through the windows, skid marks from tires around the school ground and broken beer bottles.

The proposed change would amend the by-law reducing the side lot clearance for garages in the established portion of town from six feet or the height of the caves from the lot line, to two and a half feet. They would make provisions for any future builder to either provide a garage or make allowances on the lot for one.

To date, two of the Acton men stymied in plans to build garages have appealed to the Committee of Adjustment, paying individual hearing costs of \$25. Permission was granted to G. W. McKenzie and Joseph Gorpup. It was agreed the variances were of a minor nature.

Just Minor Variances

During the special meeting P. Alan Deacon, planning consultant, joined with the board in reviewing proposed plans submitted by home owners desiring to erect garages.

Board members generally agreed that only minor variances were involved but permission

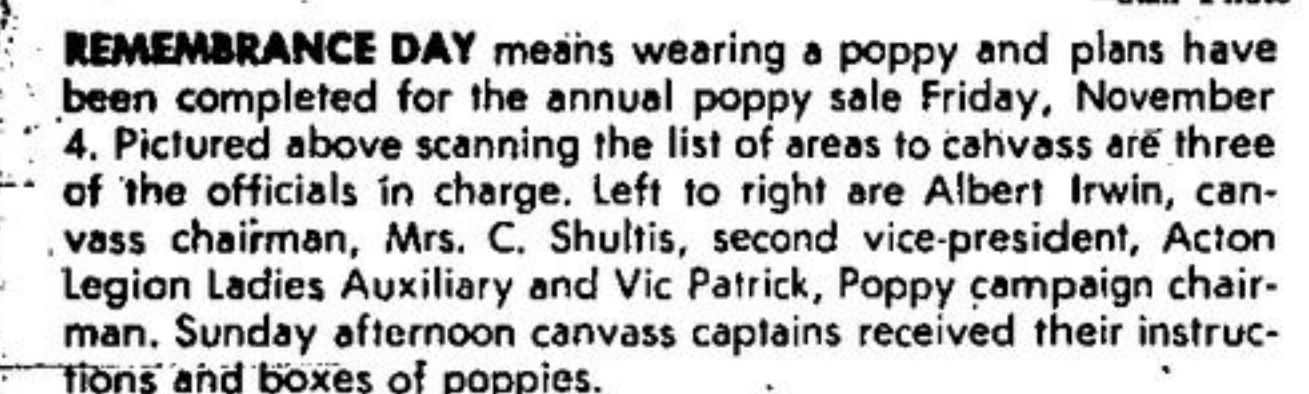
to erect a garage was made difficult without discriminating against others.

Mr. Deacon said his prime concern was to provide for sufficient light and air around every building in town. He suggested that if garages were permitted on some lots, this would not be the case.

The consultant informed the board their task was to overcome the garage problem in the established section of town and suggested any new building could be controlled.

The board even discussed the trend toward two cars per family and wondered what would happen if this applied generally in town. Mr. Deacon said that southern Ontario rated the third highest in motor car registration.

Before adjournment, it was agreed to pursue the problem further and attempt a solution at once.



REMEMBRANCE DAY means wearing a poppy and plans have been completed for the annual poppy sale Friday, November 4. Pictured above scanning the list of areas to canvass are three of the officials in charge. Left to right are Albert Irwin, canvass chairman, Mrs. C. Shultis, second vice-president, Acton Legion Ladies Auxiliary and Vic Patrick, Poppy campaign chairman. Sunday afternoon canvass captains received their instructions and boxes of poppies.

## Jim Inglis Worked for Railroad 50 Years Honored by C.N.R., Friends, Fellow Workers

Railroading holds many memories for Jim Inglis. During his 50 years as a telegraph operator he has seen the Dominion-wide railway change hands and the transformation from the "iron horse" belching smoke and steam to the present-day diesel locomotive.

Friday, October 28, Mr. Inglis retired from the C.N.R. and everyone from the president of the railroad down to sectionmen offered congratulations. W. A. Easton, assistant divisional superintendent from Stratford, arrived Friday morning at the station to present Mr. Inglis with a 50-year pass and a personal letter from Donald Gordon, C.N.R. president. Few passes for 50 years are given.

Listowel, his home town. It was at the station the boy spent the biggest part of his spare time, watching the huge black engines puff and wheeze shunting cars. His interest in trains caught the attention of the agent and after several visits and discussions, the young gangly lad of 15, wearing knee pants, became an employee of the Railroad on July 1, 1911. It was then known as the Grand Trunk Railroad.

His starting salary was \$20 a month and his jobs entailed almost everything from shining lantern globes to acting as assistant station agent. He enlisted in the army December 12, 1915 and after serving for four years, returned to Listowel and resumed his position with the railroad at a salary of \$1.15 per day. His term with the G.T.R. and its successor, the C.N.R., has been served in Southampton, St. Marys and other places before he came to Acton August 16, 1937, where he and his wife have resided ever since.

A quiet, conscientious and ardent servant of the railroad, he has had many experiences while serving in the capacity of relieving agent or telegraph operator. On one occasion he worked 36 hours around the clock when

there was a double derailment. On another, he was on duty when the late Teddy Roosevelt, president of the U.S.A., made a secret mission to Canada during the war under cover of night.

His capable assistance has been felt from industrialists down to the lone traveller as he made reservations and cleared the path for shipment of goods. His quiet but reassuring nature left no doubt in a person's mind everything would be looked after well.

Bring Congratulations  
Congratulations were also sent by N. J. McMillan, executive vice-president of the C.N.R., the Order of the Railroad Telegraphers. The train crew of 458 and many other associates.

Friday evening after the dispatcher had finally discharged the Acton operator from further duty, his fellow workers and friends made their presentations and offered personal congratulations.

After mayor John Goy, C.N.R. carriage agent, made the presentation of the watch and Herb Helwig, freight operator, presented the purse, station agent George Angell told his associate, "It is a privilege for me to say 'goodbye'. You have carried the big part of the load and now the burden will rest on my shoulders." He thanked Mr. Inglis for his co-operation during his 50-year service and wished him the best of happiness in his retirement.

## Remembrance Service Follows Annual Legion Poppy Day Sale

On Friday, November 11, Canadians will gather at war memorials in some 2,000 cities, towns and villages. Here they will stand with bowed heads and a poppy on their breast. In two minutes of silence they will pay tribute to the 104,000 Canadians who were killed in the wars.

Each will remember in his own way. Perhaps veterans will think of their comrades as they were only a few minutes before their death. Wives will remember the long wait for husbands who went to war and never returned. Parents will think of the boys who were so young when they left home for the last time and some will think of a father who went away such a long time ago.

Poppy Reminder

Everyone wears a poppy on November 11. It is a reminder of the blood-red poppy which grew in Flanders Fields where so many men died. Much fighting was done in a place called Flanders during the war of 1914-18. Every spring the soldiers fighting in the trenches noticed the flowers blooming on the battleground. As more of their comrades were killed, the soldiers noticed the poppies blooming over their graves.

When the war was over and the soldiers returned to their homes, they remembered their friends who were buried in Flanders. Each time they thought of the graves, they thought of the poppies which grew on the graves. The soldiers who returned from the war decided they should wear a poppy each year to show they remembered their friends.

Veterans Make Flowers

As there were not enough real poppies to go around, veterans who returned from the war unable to work at other jobs, began to make cloth poppies. Today everyone wears a poppy to remind them of the flowers which grew over the dead soldiers' graves.

Heading the poppy campaign in Acton this year is Vic Patrick. Assisting the chairman are members of the local branch of the Canadian Legion and the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary.

Special advance tagging will take place on Friday, November 4, when store, office and factory personnel will have an opportunity of procuring poppies. Householders will have an opportunity on Friday evening and Saturday, November 5, when the town will be blitzed.

Invited to Place Wreaths  
The poppy chairman also invites any citizen wishing to place a wreath on the cenotaph to do so. He noted that each year wreaths can be ordered through the Legion if the chairman is notified in time.

Mr. Patrick pointed out that all proceeds from the poppy sale go to help veterans unable to work and their families. Wives, daughters and sons of men who gave their lives on the battlefield derive benefits from the fund as well, it was pointed out.

On Remembrance Day when everyone wears a poppy and stands in silence at the war memorial, they are saying "thank you" to those who died for them on the battlefield, as well as helping other veterans maimed and unable to work.

Remembrance Day Service

The Remembrance Day service this year will begin at the cenotaph at 10:45 a.m. following a parade of veterans and members of local organizations from the Legion Hall at 10:30 a.m., Friday, November 11.

Following the cenotaph service and placing of wreaths, a service will be held in the Church of St. Alban the Martyr at 11:10 a.m. with members of the Acton Ministerial Association taking part.

Acton Citizens' Band and Acton Junior Pipe Band will head the parade. During the church service, a choir comprised of Legionnaires will be under the

supervision of organist Mrs. F. G. Oakes.

In the afternoon at 2:30 p.m., a service will be held at the cenotaph at Haltonville with local Legionnaires taking part. Another remembrance service will be conducted in Rockwood on Sunday, November 13 at 2 p.m.

Check List  
Veterans' lists are now available at the town office. Residents are advised to check to make certain their names appear in the list.  
If any errors appear, contact J. McGeachie, returning officer, at the town office.

## Open 401

Highway 401, stretching 14 miles west from Highway 25, will be officially opened on the afternoon of Thursday, November 17.

The definite opening date was just finalized Tuesday, a Department of Highways spokesman in Toronto told the Acton Free Press Wednesday afternoon. The date and details of the opening ceremony will not be released to newspapers until later this week.

The information officer told this newspaper that Highways Minister Fred Cass was expected to cut the ribbon, officially declaring the four-lane super-highway officially open, and members of parliament and local councils from Halton and Wentworth counties were being invited to attend the ceremony. The ribbon-cutting event will be held at the Highway 8 interchange near Preston, at the western extremity of the new highway.

It was just a year ago the stretch of Highway 401 between Highway 10 and Highway 25 was opened, in a November ceremony at Milton.

More information on the opening is expected next week.

## Hallowe'en for UNICEF Wet But Fun; About \$150 Raised

The spooks were sopped, the demons dripping and the witches wet on Hallowe'en, but still 200 children gey in the downpour, collected pennies for UNICEF from door-to-door. Proceeds to date are about \$150. The 200 who decided to share their good fortune with children of the world hogged to the Y.M.C.A. for a party afterwards.

As for the dark clouds, they had silver linings Monday night. Transport for the children was provided by the town's service clubs, the Rotary, Y's Men and Lions, with drivers Tom Shiels, Ron Lewis, Bill Pendleton, Walter Woodburn, Bob Grant, Harry Arbie, Walter Dubois, Garnet McKenzie, Sid Saitz, Bill Wilson, Jack Blundell, Vic Morris, Jack Doherty, Nino Braidia, and Jerry Jerome. Patrolling on foot to keep a wary eye on children were the A and B scout troops and Rovers under Ron Smith.

Also shepherding the young folk were a group from the United Church Young People, Pat Blundell, Kay Dennis, Jo-Anne Force, Jean Hart, Kate Garrett, Janet Rognavald, Bob Doby, Paul and Norman Elliott, David Lidkea, Bill Reed and Hans Van-switzenburg.

Counting Team

The UNICEF boxes were brought back to a central depot in the Y.M.C.A. where downstairs in the banquet room an efficient team under the direction of principal Elmer Smith, emptied them and counted the coins — Eric Barr, Jack Blundell, Jack Doherty, George Haggart, Charlie Leatherland, Billy Middleton, Vic Morris, Jerry Jerome, Sid Newton, E. Koeker, Sid Saitz, Mrs.

Doug Tarrant and Walter Woodburn.

Scheduled for 8 p.m. was a party in the Y gym with games, a UNICEF skit by high school students and a costume parade. Judging the most original costumes were Mrs. K. Hardman and Mrs. A. E. Newton. Three girls and three boys were awarded vouchers, value \$2.00, to be spent in any Acton store. These prizes were sponsored by Acton Rotary Club, Y's Men Club of Acton and Lions Club of Acton respectively.

Approximately 70 prizes chosen

City Ambulance Resumes Service to Acton, Area

Ambulance service for Acton and district has been resumed with Vern Bogue, operator of the Royal City Ambulance Service, Guelph.

Following termination of his service the end of September, Mr. Bogue loaned the town one of his vehicles and council contracted with Frank Toth Motors to garage and staff the ambulance for the month of October.

For an Ambulance Call Guelph, Taylor 4-4312

During this period council was unable to provide ambulance service for anyone outside the town limits. Now, under the former arrangements, anyone in the district will be able to use the service again.  
A call to TAYLOR 44312, Guelph, will bring the ambulance within a short period of time. Anyone may call. (Calls were limited to doctors and policemen previously.)

The town guarantees the operator \$1,200 a year. Acton residents are billed \$10 for a call to hospital in Guelph, with the town picking up the tab for the remaining \$3. Out-of-town residents are billed for the full charge by Mr. Bogue. Cost of calls to other hospitals is adjusted according to distance.

The Guelph ambulance service resumed again here Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. and it was not long until the ambulance was back here transporting a patient to hospital under the new system. Jack McGeachie drove the ambulance back up to Guelph that afternoon to return it to its owner.



REAL SPOOKY were the costumes worn by the Brownies during their Hallowe'en party at the scout house Monday afternoon. The meeting was staged in the form of a Hallowe'en party and every one dressed up to meet the occasion. Keith Black, grade 6 teacher at the Robert Little public school, judged the costumes and chose the winners. The girls and their guests are pictured above. Winners for the best costume were Debbie Reid, Sharon White, Beverly Brunelle and Helen Lingham.



50 YEARS of service with the C.N.R. were recognized Friday morning when W. A. Easton, assistant divisional superintendent from Stratford, presented Jim Inglis, telegraph operator, with a 50 year pass. Still in harness at the telegraph, Mr. Inglis accepts the pass as Mr. Easton looks over his shoulder. Letters of congratulations and telegrams were received including a personal letter from Donald Gordon, president of the railroad.