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## Board, Council Debate New Silvercreek School

Exquisite Township councilors held a lengthy discussion on the proposed \$100,000 five-room consolidated school near Silvercreek at Monday's meeting, when the five members of the School Area I board of trustees attended to explain their views and ask for the \$100,000 debenture.

At one point during the stormy meeting, council went into committee of the whole to discuss the point. At the conclusion, councilors agreed another meeting would have to be held with the board to arrive at a solution.

**Minority Speaker**  
Trustees Stanley Brown and R. J. Cunningham presented their "minority report" on the proposed school. They had voted against the board motion to build the school, but it had carried by a 3-2 vote. They noted they should delay the school as the board has already asked for a two room addition at Norval school, and they felt a five-room school unnecessary.

Board chairman Clarence Cole presented the opinions of the

majority members, pointing out the eight rooms will be needed in the next five years and Norval was too far to one side of the township to be of benefit.

**Park Road**  
Council was also asked to help provide a new road into the Toronto Cotta Conservation Authority from Highway 24, as a joint scheme with Caledon, Erin and Chinguacousy, but council wondered if the entrance could be from the Balfountain Sideroad. A meeting is to be arranged with the other municipalities.

Fred Harrison presented a petition from residents at 20 Sideroad and the eighth line, asking for a new bridge and approach to Highway 7. He suggested the work could be done under a winter works program.

A grant of \$100 was given the North Halton Association for Rural Children, but no action was taken on requests for grants from Acton Agricultural Society and Halton Music Festival.

The building inspector reported January's permits totaled \$44,000, all for residences.

## Preserve Speyside Beauty

Alarmed at reports that the Niagara Escarpment in the Speyside district between Milton and Acton may soon be destroyed by quarrying interests, members of the Sixteen-Mile Creek Conservation Authority are determined to take immediate steps to preserve the face of the escarpment and the impressive natural beauty of the Speyside area.

At the annual meeting of the Authority recently, members urged the Field Officer to prepare a bill on costs of acquiring land in the 67-acre district. Members reviewed that Exquisite Township has no quarrying by-law in effect, and agreed it was the authority's task to prevent any destruction of natural beauty, wildlife and water tables of the area.

## 400 in School Auditorium Wednesday To See First Performance of Operetta

Applauds elapsed time and time again throughout the Robert Little school auditorium, Wednesday evening, during the presentation of the 12th annual school operetta. This year conductors chose the "Sunbonnet Sue" as the play complete with color, comedy and beautiful costumes.

The story is based around the Sunbonnet Girl who is an orphaned child of musical parents. She has been left in charge of the farm by her father, a skiffle king who has starved and striven for.

As the play opens, Mrs. Henry Coleman, the president of the State Federation of Music Clubs, arrives in the village to conduct a contest for certain scholarships in music. She is accompanied by her daughter Barbara, her son Bob and his chum Jerry. The contest is held in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Meadows, who are prosperous and respected farmers, and whose daughter, Sue, is among the contestants. On learning of the contest, Sue, who is a shy girl, is allowed to take part. They are willing, but Mrs. Scroggs, encouraged by her daughter Evalina, harshly refuses to allow it, insisting that she has no proper clothes for such an affair, and that she is needed for the endless dish-washing of the Scroggs household. Sue is discouraged, but on meeting Bar-

bara, Bob and Jerry, she tells her story and enlists their sympathy and support. Moreover, she tells them that she believes her parents left her some sort of property, but that the Scroggs refuse to divulge the nature of it. They promise to call on Ezra McSpavin, the village constable, and persuade him to intercede in the name of the law.

**Music Contest**  
The opening of the second act discloses all the young people of the village gathered for the music

contest. Various members of the group take part, until Mrs. Meadows declares that the list has been completed, but Mrs. Coleman, on consulting her paper, hides one name, and announces "Sunbonnet Sue". The chorus is surprised at this unfamiliar name, but while they are speculating, Sue appears, gorgeously dressed in the height of fashion, complete even to jewels and a fan, having been completely outfitted in secret by the sympathetic Barbara. She sings

her solo and is immediately awarded the prize. Bob Coleman, carried away by her beauty and charm, immediately writes his heart and hand, but Sue, supposing that his interest is based on sympathy for her poverty and misfortune, refuses to listen, saying that she would be willing to consider him if only she were wealthy and independent. Bob goes in quest of the constable, and meanwhile Jerry and Barbara come to a romantic agreement, and the chorus gathers to dance in their honor. Constable McSpavin arrives to say that he has searched the Scroggs' home, and found a dispatch box containing Sue's effects, and among them is a deed to a lawn for "St. Francis", which stands to be of immense value. This proof of property removes the last barrier in the match, and the curtain falls on the prospect of a double wedding. Ample humor is afforded by various comic types, including Mr. Scroggs, the hapless husband, starting the breezy college youth, Evalina, the scrawny steen, and Rachel McSpavin, the simple son of Constable McSpavin.

**Prior to Play**  
At the beginning of the evening prior to the operetta, Miss P. Jones, grade three pupils welcomed over 400 parents and friends with a welcome song and Vivian Smith gave an address of welcome.

Hutton sparked interest in the opening of the play when a white and black cow (played by Sharon White and Bruce Sagnick) trotted across the front of the stage with a sign reading "This is the beginning."

Kindergarten class under the supervision of Miss Knudsen, presented a short skit starring Sharon White and Marshall as the farmer and other pupils taking part.

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"SUNBONNET SUE" the operetta staged last night and again tonight (Thursday) is capturing the hearts of parents and friends as Robert Little school pupils play their parts. One of the scenes depicts, left to right, Gay White as Mrs. Scroggs, Ray Hibbard as her husband, Mary Grichow as Evalina and Bernice Fowler as Ezra McSpavin, the town constable. Pictures published this week were taken during the dress rehearsal in order not to distract children during their performance on the show nights.

**COSTUME DIRECTOR** Mrs. W. J. Wolfe, makes certain everything is ship-shape before the young actors go on stage for their operetta performance. She is seen adjusting the fancy dress worn by Linda Stevenson, who plays Sadie Simpkins. The director was assisted by mothers who made all the costumes for the play.

## Board Eyes Sprawl of Metropolitan Area Plans Special Meet on Regional Planning

Eying the problem of sprawling cities and the need for some form of regional planning, members of the North Halton Urban Board Wednesday, meeting in Milton, set up plans for a special meeting on the subject.

Mayor E. Hyde, Georgetown, outlined plans including panel discussions and talks by Prof. E. G. Pleva of Western University, Prof. Krueger of Waterloo University College and John Pearson of the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Planned as a supper meeting in Georgetown early in March, urban board members resolved to encourage members of planning boards, banks, council, school boards, conservation authorities and those interested in regional planning to attend.

Mayor Hyde noted the need for planning broader than the municipal field to limit growth and maintain green belt areas between municipalities.

He suggested determining the ideal size for a municipality, then limiting it by size and area. When

the area was filled, it would be necessary to redevelop existing areas, thus eliminating the growth of slum areas.

Members of the tri-town board representing Acton, Milton and Georgetown praised the Georgetown mayor in arranging such an impressive panel of speakers.

**Review Rates**  
During the meeting Councillor Pearce, Milton, sparked a discussion on zoning and the strength of zoning by-laws. The discussion advanced to rates charged by the Committee of Adjustment in the three towns, Acton and Milton each charge \$25 for a hearing and Georgetown \$15.

Discussing the personnel of the Committee of Adjustment in the three towns, Acton and Milton planning board and council are not permitted to sit on the committee.

A discussion on police salaries, police radio systems, tax prepayment plans and Georgetown's planned monthly tax payment plan were reviewed.

Mayor Hyde estimated about \$10,000 would be spent to mechanize the town office to accommodate the monthly tax payment plan.

Representatives at the meeting in Milton from Acton were Urban Board chairman Les Duhay and Councillors P. Toth and W. Denny, from Georgetown, Mayor Hyde and Councillors Hunter and Bannerman, from Milton, Mayor S. Childs and Councillors Johnson, Pearce and Reid.

**Arrest Georgetown Youth Following 105 M.P.H. Chase**  
A 12 mile chase early Wednesday morning by two Acton O.P. officers, Mervin Harness and Bruce Kressler resulted in the arrest of a Georgetown youth, after speeds up to 105 miles an hour had been reached.

The two officers patrolling town noticed a speeding vehicle heading east through Acton and took chase at high speeds, attempting to flag it down with flasher light and siren going full blast.

The speeding station wagon outraced their cruiser on a side-

**Slippery Roads Blamed for Crash**  
Slippery roads were blamed for a minor \$200 traffic accident on Church Street Friday evening, when a 1958 Buick sedan driven by Mrs. Doris Cooke was in collision with another vehicle parked on the south side of the street.

Damage to the parked car owned by Ross Hamilton of Campbellville was set at approximately \$100, while the other car sustained about \$130 damage. Mrs. Cooke's car skidded on the slippery road when she had to brake sharply to avoid hitting a west-bound car.

P.C. Bruce Kressler investigated.

**Form Frontiersmen Corps in Halton Co.**  
A new corps of Imperial Frontiersmen, affiliated with the Legion of Frontiersmen with headquarters in London, England, is being formed in Halton County.

The men are all volunteers, supply their own equipment and uniforms and are strictly self supporting. The corps is dedicated to public service. The men are trained in police work and first aid. They work along with the Mounties and with the local police departments. A number of the top men in the organization are former policemen and Mounties.

**Taking Courses**  
In Halton County, James D. Kidd of Rockwood and half a dozen other men have banded together to form a corps for this area. Their immediate projects are a St. John Ambulance training course and institution and training of water safety. The water safety course would be similar to safe gun handling courses.

The men meet at the home of Mr. Kidd at R.R. 2, Rockwood approximately every other week. Since it is a military organization there are no elections and no appointments have been made as yet. Offices are awarded by headquarters.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday evening.

**Operetta Photos**  
Pictures of the school operetta appearing in the Free Press this week were taken during dress rehearsals in order not to interfere with parents' view or distract pupils during the regular performances.

## Acton-Nassagaweya Boards Agree To Share Shop, Home Ec., Facilities

Providing financial arrangements can be reached, Nassagaweya pupils attending the Brookville and Campbellville schools will attend the public school in Acton next term, to take Home Economics and Manual Training courses.

Tuesday evening during the Acton public school board meeting, C. McIntyre and H. Blyth were present, to request permission for these arrangements, and stated their schools did not have the facilities to teach the two subjects.

**Met with Favor**  
The request was met with favor by the Acton board and the two representatives were instructed to supply the Acton secretary with all information regarding transportation, grants and other costs involved, before a final settlement could be made.

Trustee Tom Watson, expressing his pleasure at the suggestion stated it would be possible to have the two rooms occupied the largest part of the school week and perhaps engage a home economics teacher on a full time basis. Presently the teacher is working part time in Milton as well as Acton.

Board members told the two representatives the present teacher was well qualified and her standards were highly favorable and if some agreement could be reached possibilities of engaging her full time would certainly be considered.

Chairman M. Smith asked principal G. W. McKenzie what teaching time had been consumed during practice periods for the

school operetta and was told none.

Principal McKenzie explained that physical training and manual training classes had been moved to the last two periods of the day and it was during this time the practices were held. He also pointed out that Glen Banks, music supervisor and Mrs. E. Franklin were training the pupils and no teachers were used during regular classes. The principal also pointed out that only one month's training had gone into the practice this year.

Principal W. D. Elmer, Smith of the M. Z. Bennett public school reported favorable results from the recent meeting of teachers from grades 7, 8, 9, 10 when school curriculums were discussed. He pointed out that high school teachers were so pleased with the meeting they have requested another get-together shortly for further discussion.

Both principals presented a suggested list of supplies necessary for the year and these are to be studied by the supply and finance committees.

Principal G. W. McKenzie reported on a physical education display in the Robert Little school last month and stated the event was most educational and successful.

He also told the board members arrangements had been made to have an art display and talk on teaching art, February 22, in the school, for Acton and Milton teachers.

Permission was granted Acton Ministerial Association to use one of the vacant rooms in the stone

school for storage of used clothing for distribution to the needy.

The board also:  
• Approved use of the auditorium February 24, to the Scout and Guide Association for their annual concert.

• Requested the supplies chairman to seek tenders on supplies for the school before purchases were made.

• Learned the attendance officer had made three home visits during January.

• Learned orthopaedic transportation had been approved for another new pupil.

• Approved payment of accounts totalling \$4,337.50.

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## Wednesday Fire Damage Slight

Damage was limited to a burned kitchen curtain and a scorched window sash, Wednesday morning, when firemen were called to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Held, Frederick St.

On arrival firefighters tossed the burning embers from the curtain into the door into the snow and immediately set up the smoke ejector to clear smoke from the house.

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## Acton Rovers Cop Three Prizes During Weekend Moot at Guelph

Acton Rover Crew members joined with 120 other Rover Scouts from southern Ontario Saturday and spent the weekend under canvas, in freezing temperatures and deep snow, during the Green Acres Region Rover Moot near Guelph.

Headed by Skipper Ron Smith the 11 Acton Rovers coped three prizes during competitions and received praise for their participation. Taking part from the local group were Dave Peal, Pete Newton, Bob Hinton, Rickie Currie, Brian Otterbein, John Leathland, Bill Henry, Norm Elrott, Ken Gardner, Paul McGeechie and Randy Lidkea.

The moot sponsored by the Wellington District Rover Scout

Round Table was held at the Barber Memorial Camp, near Guelph. Rovers were present from Acton, Preston, Guelph, Stoney Creek, Hamilton, Port Credit, Streetsville, Oakville, Burlington, Kitchener, Cookville, Bramford, Bromie, Brantford and Chicago. The boys from Chicago travelled 500 miles in order to attend the outing.

The Acton Rovers set up their camp equipped with straw bales for bedding and by 1:30 were ready for the opening ceremonies including dedication and flag raising.

**Start Competitions**  
Following the official opening competitions began and Acton

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**THURSDAY NIGHT CAST** for the Robert Little School operetta "The Sunbonnet Girl" are pictured on stage during their dress rehearsal Tuesday afternoon. Last night (Wednesday) the auditorium was jammed with parents and friends when cast number

one presented the play. The two act presentation is interesting and amusing, with the children playing their parts exceptionally well.

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