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**STUDENT MODELS** at a fashion show at the high school Wednesday afternoon displayed apparel they made during Home Economics classes. Some of the models are pictured lining the stairway with their teacher Mrs. A. Orr. Left to right front to back are Susan Heard, grade 10B, Pat Manes, grade 10A, Eunice Norrish, grade 10B, Judy Britton, grade 10A, Ria Huisman, grade 9D and teacher Mrs. A. Orr.

## Call Deaf School Tender

Construction of the first section of the new \$9,000,000 Provincial School for the Deaf at Milton is expected to get underway this summer. Halton M.P.P. Stanley L. Hall announced Wednesday evening. The Department of Public Works expects to call tenders in the next two or three weeks on the entire stage one of the special school. That stage is estimated to cost more than \$5,000,000.

On Tuesday the Hon. Ray Connell, Minister, called tenders for the boilers for the power house of the school, and the contract is expected to be around \$75,000 to \$85,000 for this section. This is the first tender called.

Mr. Hall explained that stage one would include provision for classrooms, accommodation, administration and plant facilities to meet the province's current needs. When stages two and three are called in future years the total cost of the school is expected to top \$9,000,000.

The site chosen is on the former Kingdon Farm on highway 25, directly south of Halton Centennial Manor.

Negotiations are currently underway on the provision of town services to the school.

## Black Creek Pollution Caused by Disposal Waste

Following a report published recently in daily newspapers that Black Creek tributaries near Georgetown and Acton were heavily polluted, clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie clarified any confusion.

He reported "Unfortunately during the winter one of the lines leading to the digester at the disposal plant became frozen and on January 26 one of the valves leading to the Black Creek had been opened and waste material flowed into the water. On the same day Ontario Water Resources Commission took tests which indicated a high bacterial count in the immediate area of the disposal plant."

In his explanation of the situation, Mr. McGeachie pointed

out that tests taken further down the stream showed only minor traces of the bacteria which gradually disappeared further along the stream.

The clerk-administrator stated this is not a common practice.

## Over 100 Citizens Enjoy Smelt Feed

As a measure of thanks to local citizens who assisted the Scout Group Committee to retire a mortgage on the Scout Hall, local scouts headed by Scoutmaster Bruce Williamson and Assistant Neil Miller staged a community "Fish Fry" Friday evening in their hall.

Over 100 people enjoyed a delicious feed of smelts caught by the scouts during a recent trip to Bronte, where they braved the chilly breeze and spent over five hours with nets before sufficient fish had been caught.

Thursday evening scouts cleaned the fish in readiness for the Friday night feed. Visitors to the hall Friday evening were greeted with the aroma of cooking fish and the smell of wood burning gaily in the fireplace.

Keen appetites were soon satisfied. The mop-up crew headed by Mrs. George Hargrave and Boyer Bob Hinton was kept busy throughout the evening washing and drying dishes and serving coffee. Chets for the evening included troop leader George Ware, Scoutmaster Williamson and assistant Neil Miller.

## Find Stolen Car In Hornby Area

A car owned by Jack Campbell, 15 Willow Street, was reported stolen within 24 hours after it was stolen from a parking lot in town, Friday evening.

Parked in the Station Hotel lot, the car was missing before midnight and North Halton O.P.P. recovered it the next evening in the Hornby area. When found the motor had been burned out.

Also on Friday evening tender skirts were stolen from another car parked in the same lot. Acton police are investigating this theft.

## Decrease in Power Revenue Alarms Hydro Commissioners

Acton Hydro Commission, during their regular meeting Thursday, April 27, received a letter of resignation from commissioner Dr. F. G. Oakes. The commissioner served as chairman of the former P.E.C. and has been a member for a number of years. A letter of appreciation for his past service was to be sent to Mr. Oakes stating the commission's regret at his resignation.

A previous request for salary increases from hydro personnel not under a union contract was refused during the meeting but the salaried employees were told to negotiate early next year if they still desired an increase.

According to a report from auditors, sale of power during the first three months of the year showed only a 44 per cent revenue against an approximate 9 per cent during the same period last year.

**Request Meeting**  
Chairman Gord Beatty and commissioners Gord McCutcheon and Mayor John H. Gov expressed their alarm at the decrease and instructed the secretary to request a meeting with an Ontario Hydro representative in order to discuss the problem.

Hydro superintendent Doug Mason informed the commission

## Verse Contest, Fashion Show Attracts Many Parents, Friends to High School

Verse speaking competitions, many parents and students Wednesday afternoon, when Acton



**FIRST \$1,000 CHEQUE** for the Community Centre is written by Eugene Braida as Mayor John Goy is ready to accept it with the hearty thanks of the committee. Goal for the arena renovation and artificial ice is \$60,000 and the house-to-house canvass is in mid-May. Mr. Braida wanted to give early and explained he is very anxious to see recreational facilities for youngsters expanded.

## Tuesday Night

## Board Engages Three New Teachers To Fill Public School Vacancies

Acton Public School trustees learned Tuesday evening three new teachers had been engaged to fill vacancies caused by resignations.

Principals G. W. McKenzie of the Robert Little school and W. D. Elmer Smith of M. Z. Bennett school informed the board members that Helen Landsborough, a graduate from Lakeshore Teachers' College had been engaged. Mrs. Marie Andrews who taught in Acton for three years prior to moving to Mount Forest two years ago is returning and Miss Audrey Allison, a graduate of Stratford Teachers' College has been engaged.

Leaving the teaching staff in Acton at the end of this term are William Kennedy, who is going to North York Collegiate, Miss Joan Wesley, who is moving to London and Miss Marian Forrester, who will teach in Brampton next year.

**Sign Agreement**  
Secretary W. Middleton informed the board he had received three signed copies of an agree-

ment with Nassagaweya school board to accommodate grade 8 students in the Home Economic and Manual Training classes in Acton, during a regulated schedule.

Principal McKenzie was authorized to purchase additional equipment and supplies for the Manual Training room and directed to remain within the budget on the purchases.

Permission was granted to submit an advertisement including enrollment form for Kindergarten classes for next fall. Tenders for blacktopping an area at the M. Z. Bennett school will also be advertised.

A letter of appreciation from St. John Ambulance Brigade was received acknowledging receipt of a recent donation from the school board. A letter of thanks was received from inspector W. L. McNeil for the kindness extended to his family during the bereavement of his father. Trustee William Benson expressed his gratitude to

## Pick Four Liberals For June Nomination

Four candidates for the Liberal nomination were announced this week in anticipation of the next Federal election. A nominating convention is scheduled for mid-June to make the selection, officials indicated.

Cy Young of Oakville, radio newscaster; Harry Pollard of Oakville, professor of economics in Toronto; Dr. H. C. Harley of Oakville and Michael Mutzak, an Oakville businessman, were included on the list announced Tuesday at a press conference at county headquarters in Bronte.

## Ladies' Aid Meets In Church Parlor

Mrs. A. M. McPherson presided for the regular meeting of the Knox Ladies' Aid. Devotions were led by Mrs. W. J. McLeod who read the 27th Psalm and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan who led in prayer.

Mrs. McPherson reported on the work completed at the manse. The committee had called to see what had been done and were well pleased. The floor had been laid by J. Dennis and J. McGladrey, the papering and painting by Bob Frank and his men.

The reception following the Masonic Church Service in May was planned. Ladies volunteered to assist.

**Short Program**  
A short program included a reading by Mrs. A. J. Murray, Sugar Weather, who also conducted a contest, Lemon Loaves, with Mrs. J. Wilson winning a nice reward. Mrs. F. Anderson read two poems, Discipline, and A Prayer for Old Age.

A motion was made to plan for a coming event at the next meeting. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Lunch was served and a friendly social period enjoyed at the kitchen table. The committee was given a vote of appreciation for the pleasant afternoon enjoyed. Members autographed a get well message for Mrs. R. M. McDonald who was in the hospital.

## Ryerson Grad

Friday afternoon Miss Marilyn Rognyaldson graduated from Ryerson Institute of Technology. She took the three year course in Secretarial Science.

Miss Rognyaldson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rognyaldson of R. R. 4 and they will be attending with her brothers Bill and Roy.

## Board Reviews Students' Exam Results Regrets Mrs. E. C. Reed's Resignation

A comparison of students' results at Christmas and Easter examinations indicated a slight improvement. The change was noted when high school trustees reviewed the results during their Monday night meeting.

Rumors that only seven out of 29 grade 11 students had passed their Easter examinations were discredited when the review of the results was made.

Comparison of Christmas and Easter examination results are listed below:

**Grade nine**—total enrollment 134; total papers tried 1118; total papers passed 806. December totals were 1171 papers tried and 888 passed.

**Grade 10**—enrollment 89; exams tried 748; exams passed 563. December totals 767 and 533.

**Grade 11**—total enrollment 53; exams tried 292; exams passed 228. December totals were 333 tried and 244 passed.

**Grade 12**—total enrollment 28; papers tried 236; papers passed 171. December totals were 243 papers tried and 182 passed.

**Grade 13**—enrollment 23; papers tried 162; papers passed 109. De-

December totals were 170 papers tried and 114 passed.

Board members received with surprise and regret the resignation of assistant principal Mrs. E. C. Reed after serving a term of seven years at Acton high school. Mrs. Reed submitted her resignation to accept a position with the French department of East York Collegiate.

In a letter to principal E. A. Hansen the assistant principal advised that her seven years teaching in Acton had been most pleasant and fruitful. She expressed her gratitude for cooperation of Mr. Hansen and other staff members.

All board members expressed their regret at the loss of the popular teacher and noted "It will be tough to replace her."

Chairman L. S. Force on behalf of the board, asked Mr. Hansen to extend good wishes and regret to the assistant principal.

Trustee Duncan Moffat, Nassagaweya Township representative, remarked, "I regret this resignation. I have sometimes heard an occasional unflattering remark about a teacher but have yet to hear any student speak anything but good about Mrs. Reed."

Mr. Hansen told the board he would possibly have a suggested replacement named for the board's consideration by the next meeting.

The principal announced that three new staff members had been engaged. Miss June Conway B.A. has been engaged to teach Latin and French. Miss Joan E. Lee B.A. will teach senior English and R. W. Allan M.A. will teach history.

Board members agreed to share with Milton high school the services of manual training instructor Phil Caddick on a \$650 basis. Under the new arrangement Acton school will maintain his services on a longer term than last year.

An oral request from the Acton Soccer Club to use the shower facilities at the school was refused, but permission granted for use of the playing field. During the discussion members referred to a previous directive stating the facilities were restricted to school activities under proper supervision as well as teachers in the Acton area.



**ST. JOHN AMBULANCE** Brigade members were on duty throughout the Halton Music Festival last weekend and fortunately were not called upon to treat any serious cases of upset stomachs or injuries. During the final performance Friday evening two visitors and competitors at the festival became curious and were shown first aid kits. Pictured peering into the kits left to right are Darlene Ferrier and Bonnie Currie from Campbellville. St. John Ambulance members left to right are Mrs. Tom Lazenby, Wally Gordon and Mrs. Ed. Heffernan, all of the Acton Branch.

## Library Books To Arrive Soon

About \$400 worth of new library books were ordered last Thursday afternoon when the book buying committee of the library board met with Mr. Gardner of Ryerson Press to go over book lists. There with Mrs. Watson, chief librarian, assistant Miss Madge Chapman and Miss Esther Taylor, also Miss E. Franklin, Charles Kirkness and Peter Dunham.

The books will arrive in batches within the next few weeks but will have to be catalogued and prepared before going on the shelves.

That same evening the library board met, going through routine business and hearing the report of the afternoon's book-buying session.

## SOMETHING FISHY

went on at the Scout Hall last Friday evening when over 100 visitors enjoyed a feed of smelts. The scouts journeyed to Burlington during the week and made their catch and after cleaning the small, tasty fish, put on the feed. Pictured above at the frying pan is troop leader George Ware as Scoutmaster Bruce Williamson waits for him to help his plate and assistant scoutmaster Neil Miller sips a cup of coffee.