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—Staff Photo
FIRE CHIEF Jack Newton and his wife were honored last week by firefighters prior to their moving to Toronto. The couple are pictured above seated as Deputy Chief Mick Holmes presented a telephone table-desk and hassock. Mr. Newton has been chief in Acton for the past six years and his services will be missed in the department.

Fair Ladies Sponsor Fashion Show Tonight in R.L. School Auditorium

First fall fashions will be displayed at the first fashion show of the season tonight (Thursday) in the Robert Little School Auditorium. Clothing comes from the Cameo Shoppe and the sponsors are the ladies of the fair board. Funds raised will be for their projects including support for the community centre.

Mrs. Ewart Leyland will commentate with Mrs. Mel McCullough at the piano. During intermission there will be a variety program including an old-fashioned number in old dresses, songs by Vic Bristow and dances by students of Mrs. Joyce Carpenter.

All types of fashionable apparel will be shown, ranging from swish party dresses and costly-looking furs (imitation) to housecoats. Also on the list are seasonable millinery, coats, daytime dresses, suits, separates and sportswear accented by appropriate hats and jewelry. Some of the clothing just arrived at the Cameo Shoppe this week in-

Be Patient

There are 199 school days this coming year. With three of them gone so far, that leaves just 196 more days of lessons till summer holidays.

No Contract Yet

The joint building committee of the Community Centre burned the midnight oil again Tuesday evening as they explored the various avenues by which it will be possible to award a construction tender.

The problem facing the committee is how to build the building with the money available. Previous to the tender call the architects had estimated the cost at \$45,000. The lowest tender from a contractor was for \$54,000.

All bidding contractors have submitted suggestions on how the cost of the building could be reduced. Suggestions have included reducing the size of the building and paring the service to be installed.

At Tuesday's meeting the architects were present and a review of the contractors' suggestions was made. The committee decided to meet with a contractor to discuss his proposal.

Enrol 1,236 For Fall Term

Enrolment in the two public schools and Acton high school reached a total of 1,236 pupils on opening day Tuesday. This shows an increase of 69 over last June's figure, and another record high year.

At the Robert Little school total enrolment increased to 514 with 76 pupils starting in kindergarten. At the end of June 481 pupils were enrolled including 42 in kindergarten. At the M. Z. Bennett school 356 pupils enrolled Tuesday including 42 in kindergarten. Last year's figures were higher, 380, including 58 kindergarten pupils.

Pupils enrolling Tuesday at the high school reached the 366 mark showing an increase of 16 students over the anticipated enrolment of 350. Last June's closing figure was 366.

At the Robert Little school grade seven and eight pupils from Nassagaweya will take industrial arts and home economics according to arrangements made last term by the two school boards.

Being introduced for the first time at the high school are geography in grade 11 and music in grade nine.

Top Test Marks For Bus Drivers

Bus operators and school custodians were handed a bouquet Monday evening by high school trustees during their first meeting of the fall term.

Bus operators E. G. Tyler Sr. and Jr. were commended by the board for their excellent results during recent tests by the Department of Transport when they were graded in the highest brackets for bus inspection and driving abilities. It was learned that over 40 per cent refusals were handed out by the department during the tests.

Caretakers Rudolph Spielvogel and Ken McKinnon received praise from the board for the excellent job of refinishing the gym floor on their own time. Board members viewed the finished job following the meeting and a letter of commendation was to be sent both caretakers and bus drivers.

Nassagaweya Lists Liquor Vote Fees

Remuneration for returning officers, poll clerks and enumerators for the September 23 liquor vote in Nassagaweya Township was set by the township council at its meeting Thursday evening. A deputy returning officer will receive \$16, poll clerks \$14, and enumerators 20 cents per name. Rental of polling places was set at \$10 with double polling booth locations at \$15.

Council agreed to notify the 16 Mile Creek conservation authority that it will consider closing the roadway into Campbellville Pond, if the village trustees approve the move. The Authority wants to take over the pond and close the road for use as a parking lot.

Two and a half acres at Haltonville purchased for a ball park several years ago and never used, were sold to M. F. Mullen for \$300.

Rev. John Milne was appointed to the Halton County Museum Board. A gravel pit licence was granted to Mr. Breeden. Fire insurance of \$10,000 was renewed on the equipment building.

—Voting discussion appears just as common as the weather in Nassagaweya, where a liquor vote will take place September 23.

Adjust Public School Boundary Area Will Save \$1,700 in Teacher's Salary

A saving of \$1,700 was made Tuesday evening by the Acton public school board when members authorized a change in area designation affecting 14 kindergarten children rather than engage a half-time teacher due to overcrowding at the Robert Little school.

When the board learned that 76 kindergarten pupils had enrolled at the Robert Little school and 42 at the M. Z. Bennett school, trustees were faced with a possible expenditure of \$1,700 for a part-time teacher or altering the boundary.

Cost "Outrageous"

A letter from the school inspector advised that more than 25 pupils for kindergarten and suggested this total might be reduced to 16. Considering the suggestion impractical finance chairman Tom Watson remarked "Hiring a part-time teacher at a cost of \$1,700 is outrageous. The taxpayers won't stand for it."

At the conclusion of the regular meeting, board members reviewed the area designations for pupils attending the Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett schools and concluded that since only 14 pupils would be affected, Frederick Street would become the new boundary line. All pupils living on or east of Frederick Street, eligible for kindergarten, will attend the M. Z. Bennett school this year.

Grounds For Suspension

Principal G. W. McKenzie and W. D. Elmer Smith were given a free hand to suspend any pupil guilty of any of the following misdemeanors:

"Persistent truancy, or persistent opposition to authority, habitual neglect of duty, the use of profane or improper language, or conduct injurious to the moral tone of the school."

In the event any pupil is suspended the principal is to notify the parent or guardian, school board and inspector of the suspension.

Principal McKenzie explained the method of distributing in-

surance policies. Displaying a small box containing envelopes, Mr. McKenzie told the board the teacher simply handed each pupil an envelope to take home for parent's approval.

When the envelope was returned to the teacher it was sealed with the necessary fee enclosed and put in the box. The insurance agent would pick up the box later. Board members agreed the insurance program adopted was excellent protection for the pupils and approved the method of distribution.

Set Up Library

It was learned the old stone school was vacant of classes this term and principal McKenzie was authorized to have the library set up in one of the rooms.

A bouquet was tossed in the direction of principal Elmer Smith for his sole efforts in redecorating his office at the M. Z. Bennett school. Board members commended him for his initiative and fine painting job.

Property chairman E. T. Marks reported vandalism during summer vacation when windows were smashed, bulbs broken and a blackboard smashed. He stated that guards had been placed during the night following the last instance and for 10 days no recurrences had taken place.

The board also:

- Approved accounts totalling \$11,790.68.
- Learned that a guidance course had been introduced in grades seven and eight.
- Engaged Robert Algie as attendance officer.

High School

Stagger Noon Meal Hours On Experimental Basis

A 40-minute staggered lunch period has been adopted at Acton District High School this year as an experiment to provide more efficiency in the operation of the school.

Principal E. A. Hansen advised students Tuesday that grades 10, 11 and 12 would take their lunch period from 11:50 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and grades nine and 13 would have their lunch from 12:30 p.m. until 1:10 p.m. Pupils bringing their lunch to school during these periods would be supervised in the bleacher area of the gymnasium.

Explaining the staggered lunch periods, Principal Hansen said the system would be on an experimental basis to overcome crowded classes, provide a more efficient teaching program and coincide with bus schedules.

More Time After School

He pointed out that in the past rural students receiving detentions had to serve them during spares throughout the day and were excused from doing so after school on account of the bus schedule. Last year school classes ended at 4 p.m. and the bus departed at 4:15. Physical training classes were also missed by rural students on this account.

Mr. Hansen pointed out with school classes ending at 3:20 p.m., adequate time will be available for everyone to participate in inter-school sports, science, astronomy club meetings, etc. He also stressed that students desiring extra tuition can avail themselves of the teachers' services between the time classes end and buses leave at 4 p.m.

Anticipate Higher Grade 13 Standards Principal Suggests Screening Process

Acton high school board learned from principal E. A. Hansen at their September meeting on Monday, that 140 papers were written in the June 1961 grade 13 examinations. Ninety-seven of these papers received a pass rating which represents 69.3%, slightly lower than last year. The principal informed the board that during the coming year, students who wished to take grade 13 will be required to obtain a high standard.

Raise Percentage

The present passing mark from grade 12 is 50%, which qualifies a student for junior matriculation. However, if a student desires to take grade 13 in order to qualify for senior matriculation, he will be required to enter grade 13 with a higher mark than the 50% passing mark.

A schedule received from the Department of Education suggested setting standards for entrance to grade 13 at 60%. Chair- principal informed the board that this would be the required percentage for this year. The principal suggested there would possibly be adjustments.

Rev. Dwight Engel suggested the principal should contact the department for assistance in setting standards for students entering grade 13.

The board approved a request from Acton Rotary Club which will see students from Acton and Emporium High school in Pennsylvania exchanging visits this school year.

Hansen told the members that good experience had been gained during last year's international exchange. He pointed out Acton students recognized a variance in standards and pre-

ferred the higher standards in Ontario. He also pointed out the four students from Acton had been successful in their final exams.

Board members learned the battle of the bulge was over. The north wall which developed a bulge during the past term had been repaired. No indication of the cause could be ascertained.

Building chairman William Coon also told the board repairs and alterations had been completed during the summer vacation. He expressed satisfaction with the work.

He pointed out the Eastern Tint Glass Company had viewed defects in the tinted portion of the west section. During inspection it was found defects were not in the application of the tint, but the tinting had allowed air to separate the coating from the

glass. He told the board 92 windows had been re-putted and six panes of glass replaced in the original section of the school.

15 Page Syllabus

A 15 page syllabus from the Department listed suggested equipment to equip the industrial arts room for teaching of a motor mechanics course. The board turned the syllabus over to the principal for his investigation to determine the feasibility of adding the course to the subjects taught at the school. If this is possible, the inspector will be asked to streamline the suggested list for the course to be taught at the school.

Board members agreed to disburse with the \$200 charge for Industrial Arts students. This charge had been assessed each year but had allowed air to separate the coating from the

tion of the cost of material.

Open Gym?

Revealing his disapproval of a former resolution restricting the use of the high school auditorium, trustee Rev. Dwight Engel served notice of motion to review the situation at the next meeting of the high school board. This action was taken during the meeting Monday night when Mr. Engel stated his displeasure and asked his colleagues to consider rescinding the former resolution.

In submitting his notice of motion he told the members the property should be made available to organizations in the district.

The present restriction on the use of the gym prohibits public use but allows regular school activities under supervision and use by the staff.

Eramosa Restricts Sale of Fireworks

Eramosa Township councillors passed a by-law at their August meeting restricting the use and sale of firecrackers in the village of Rickwood.

Fireworks will be on sale in the local stores one week prior to the Victoria Day holiday. Children under 12 are prohibited from either buying or setting off firecrackers at any time. Violators of the by-law are subject to a \$50 fine.



—Staff Photo
K.P. ENROLMENT at the Robert Little school opening day caused a steady lineup for teacher Miss Olga Knudsen. Caught by the camera as they give particulars to the teacher are Teddy Lawson and his mother Mrs. Paul Lawson. Pupils enrolled both morning and afternoon. This is Miss Knudsen's second year teaching kindergarten here.



—Staff Photo
EARLY ARRIVALS at the M. Z. Bennett school kindergarten class had the choice of toys and two boys seemingly interested in being engineers are building with blocks. Left to right are James Lowe, teacher Miss Joan Park, Bradley McCausland and Nancy Dowling who is an interested bystander.



—Staff Photo
HIGH SCHOOL students may have seemed uneasy about returning to class but when the nine o'clock bell sounded everyone swarmed to the doors on opening day. During the day 366 students attended classes and principal E. A. Hansen expects a few more before the end of the week.