



**HISTORIC PLAQUE** was unveiled Saturday afternoon at the site of the former Rockwood Academy. The Academy was formerly a pioneer boarding school for boys and was opened in 1850 by an English Quaker, William Weherald, who emigrated to Upper Canada in 1835. Pictured above left to right are Yosef Drenters, who has preserved the Academy, Mrs. Charles Rungeling, grand-daughter of William Weherald, and John Root, M.P.P. for Wellington-Dufferin.

## Graduation Banquet Honors 101 Grade Eight Students

Streamers, spring flowers and individual cap and diploma placed cards added to the setting in the Robert Little school auditorium when grade eight graduating classes from the M. Z. Bennett and Robert Little schools were honored Friday evening during their graduation banquet.

Guest speaker Rev. D. P. Johnson of Kitchener told the young men and women they should look forward to their next phase of education and stressed the importance of having faith, action and vision if they expected to make the world a better place in which to live.

In outlining his three points to his interested audience, Mr. Johnson mingled some wisdom with his advice and told the graduating classes, "You have come to the end of the road of life where a change will be made and something is being left behind.

You are graduating from public school and you will have a feeling of wanting to go back, a feeling of both loneliness and anxiety, as you look forward to the future.

"You are graduating from public school and a rebel in your abilities. One key to success is to discover what you can accomplish and develop these things yourself. You must rely on your own ability even though others will still be around to help," stressed the speaker.

### Meet Trials Head-on

Young people in the attentive audience were told to put their faith into some kind of action as Mr. Johnson pointed out there would be all kinds of problems to face. "You can shut your eyes and the problems will go away but you have to meet the trials and challenges head on. It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness," the speaker noted after reading the Chinese parable "Seven men against the night."

Mr. Johnson told of the same son of an army officer who did not visualize a bridge crossing San Francisco Bay but each time he mentioned this he was scoffed at. After graduating as an engineer from the University he kept the idea foremost in his mind and achieved his faith and vision with definite action in helping to build the large bridge spanning the water.

The speaker, a prominent Y.M.C.A. man and social worker as well as pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Kitchener, praised the pupils for their appearance and accomplishments as he wished them "good luck" in their future education.

The speaker was introduced by Marlee McSwain and thanked by Hilary Pope.

Young male students copied the largest share of prizes, though no reasonable explanation was given for the high demand during November, March and April, it was noted the me-

den expressed the appreciation to the mothers who prepared the dinner under the convesnership of Mrs. Anthony Ironside.

During the interim period while the tables were being cleared, music supervisor Glenn Banks led the group in a sing song. At the conclusion of the exciting and thrilling program pupils enjoyed dancing for several hours to the music of records.

Pupils in both M. Z. Bennett and Robert Little schools in the grade eight graduating class attending included:

**Class Members**  
Douglas Allan, Wendy Almond, Wayne Barber, Jack Bard, Christine Blum, Andrew Bowman, Jacqueline Boulough, Terry Churchill, Susan Clarke, Jim Cooney, Jane Cooper, Sandra Cripps, John Davidson, John Dowding, Judy Duby, Nancy Duby, Rinko Duiker, Madeline Drew, Barrie Elliott, Anne, Fryer, Gail Fryer, David Garrett, Douglas Garrett, Karin Gervais, Linda Gervais, Ronald Hagen, Kevin Hall, Ricky Harkley, Merl Harris, Eleanor Heard, John Hladun, Peter Hladun, Glenn Holmes, William Holmes, Robert Hopkins, Newton Hurst, Honka Hlohan, Diane Ironside, Robert Jank, Darlene Johnson, Stuart Johnson, Frank Keremans, Heather Kilgour, Brian Lambert, the graduates and Gerry Ocken.

Peggy Holmes made the presentation from the M. Z. Bennett school of a parting gift and Merl Harris for the Robert Little school. Both were thanked by secretary William Middleton on behalf of the board. The gifts were a hydrometer and a barometer. June Waltha proposed a toast to the schools on behalf of the graduates and Gerry Ocken.

## Capital Expenditure Approved Rebuild Switchgear in August

Tentative arrangements for rebuilding the switchgear at number one substation on Willow Street were completed Thursday evening, July 28, when the Hydro Commission received approval from H.E.P.C. for an additional capital expenditure amounting to \$6,900.

It is expected the work will be done the last two weeks in August following confirmation from Jones-Sweeney Electric Company. During the rebuilding a mobile substation will be pressed into service.

The commission was informed by secretary-treasurer Mrs. B. Uguhart, that two heaters in the Lakeshore Subdivision had been hooked up on flat rate without the commission being notified. She was informed to notify the residents by registered mail and assess them on a flat rate charge from the last time the heaters were inspected January 1.

**Abnormal Demand**  
The commission discussed at length the abnormal demands on a meter which had been installed at Beardmore spring. At Beardmore spring, this has been found for the high demand during November, March and April, it was noted the me-

## Over 300 Attend Reunion For Blue Mountain School

Some 300 people attended the reunion at Blue Mountain school on Saturday, June 30. The two oldest in attendance were former pupils of some 80 or more years ago until its closing, 1871 to 1962. It was a happy day — also a sad one, when you talked with old school pals, looked at the old school pictures, heard your former school teachers' names read out. What memories it brought back.

**Not Enough for Team**  
Graham Farnell, former pupil, acting as chairman gave a fine chairman's speech, remarking how the school was almost closed at one time owing to not enough pupils. When he went you couldn't get enough for a good ball game but in later years there were so many two teachers were required.

Later part were sent to Stewarstown leaving 35 still here.

**Scholars Sing**  
The opening number was, chorus by the school children, Mrs. Kidney, music teacher, in charge. Next were duets by Ernie and Jesse McEnery; Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Shortill, music by McEnery's orchestra.

Miss Luena Campbell read the names of former teachers, Mrs. A. McEnery and Mrs. Leo Jamieson pinned a carnation on each teacher present as her name was read. Mrs. Reta Shortill, Mrs. Betty Snow, Mrs. Margaret Ismond, Mrs. Harold Reid, Mrs. Ida Shortill, Mrs. Mary Kenner, Miss Isabel Moore.

Others not present were Kay Lawson, Shirley Dodds, Marion Williamson, Frances Fraser, Muriel Crossman, Jessie Lindsay, Florence Christian, Dorothy Sparks, Viola Elliott, Mabel Wadsworth, Mildred Barber, Tina McQueen. Those who have passed on are Mr. Aitken, Miss Agnes Glenn, Miss Millar, Miss Krandall, Aggie Shortill, Miss McKinnon, George Graham, A. Brian, Millie Aitken, Mr. Corrigan, Mr. Welsh, Mr. Dorance, J. M. McCallum, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Springer, Mr. Horse, Mr. Holbrook, Maud Reed, Marg, Mrs. Gordon, Isabel Young, Elizabeth Clark and Wm. Cook.

Music teachers have been Mrs. Kidney, Donna McMillan, Molly Hepburn and Crawford Douglas.

**Inspector Speaks**  
Mr. Bornhold, school inspector, was guest speaker giving a very fine address and closing with "We build our children's education so that our forefathers might be proud to have been a part of present-day education."

Mr. Cunningham, chairman of the school board, also Mr. Wilfrid Bird, warden of Halton County, each spoke.

**Youngest and Oldest**  
A sing song was led by Mrs. Ernie McEnery and Mrs. John Black after which Harding, Price gave prizes to the oldest present, Howie Price, 89 years, Mrs. Emma Bennell, 88 years; the young-

est Glen Allan, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Allan; the one coming the farthest, Victor Starr, from Vancouver.

Appreciation was also shown to Harding Price for his part in helping make it such a success, for which many deserve a lot of credit.

The children enjoyed some races, Leo Jamieson, David McEnery, Bud Snow, Gordon Price and Ernie McEnery in charge. A ball game followed and another lunch was served.

Everyone felt they had really enjoyed it all — and so Blue Mountain School goes down in history.

**Wrong Dump Radio Back**  
Acton firemen battled a stubborn blaze at the Esquering dump Tuesday afternoon when blazing garbage fanned by a still breeze caused smoke to hellow across the countryside.

When the call came in, firemen were first dispatched to the town dump; on arrival no fire was even smouldering and they continued to the Esquering dump where they could see smoke.

Chief Mick Holmes rushed for the rural fire truck housed in the fire hall and returned with the town equipment after the rural truck and a second crew of firemen arrived.

**Promotions**  
Promotion lists for all grades in the Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett schools appear in the Free Press this week.

**Replace Beach Warning Signs**  
The largest crowd of picnickers this season jammed Acton park on Sunday and kiddies enjoyed the facilities of the wading pool for the first time this year.

In charge of the pool Sunday was Miss Donna Landsborough, while Jack Ford was pinch-hitting as gate attendant in the absence of William Roszell who is in hospital.

Mr. Ford has been engaged as permanent gate attendant for the balance of the season as Mr. Roszell will be unable to return.

Park caretaker Roy Arnott has had his problems. New signs posted to warn swimmers about deep water, have been removed and tossed away. Saturday morning he donned bathing trunks to retrieve the signs tossed into deep water.

Mr. Arnott has also been plagued with children whose parents send them to the park unattended. Recently he escorted several youngsters to their homes in Glenlea after taking them from dangerously deep water.

A partial recount of votes cast in the June 18 election has confirmed the election of Dr. Harry Harley, Liberal candidate, as Halton's Federal Member of Parliament.

The recount was started before Judge G. E. Elliott at the Milton Court House Saturday with representation of Dr. Harley and former M.P. Sandy Best in attendance. After several thousand of the 46,000 ballots were counted, it became apparent the end result would not reduce Dr. Harley's 98-vote lead over Mr. Best. Only a few changes were found in the Deputy Returning Officers' actual counts. Rejected ballots and there were 460 of them — were all invalid according to the Election Act.

Mr. Best has conceded the election to the Liberal candidate. This temporary setback presents a great challenge for the future, he said. He had won his first election in 1957, then was swept to power with a large majority in 1958.

On election night, Mr. Best had led by 61 votes. However, the service vote, counted a week later, reversed the slim lead and put Dr. Harley ahead by 96.

Dr. Harley, an Oakville physician, said he was extremely pleased with the results and felt sure there could have been no change after the Judge took samplings of the ballots. "I intend to go to Ottawa and do the very best, not only for Halton but for all of Canada," he said.

Halton Liberals held a victory celebration for their candidate Thursday evening of last week in Oakville, two days before the recount was held.

The official count now gives Dr. Harley 18,556 votes against Mr. Best's 18,458. The New Democratic candidate Carl Rouleau received 8,003 and Irving Wilson, Social Credit representative, received 547.

## Peter Timmerman, 2, Buried Victim of Crash Near Home

Friday evening Derk Timmerman, his wife Elizabeth, son Peter and daughter Nellie, of R.R. 4, Acton, completed their weekend shopping in Acton and drove to visit friends at Speyside. None have returned home and two-year-old Peter is dead as the result of a two-car crash at the foot of the lane on No. 25 highway just south of Acton leading home.

The crash occurred as the Timmerman vehicle was making a left hand turn into the lane and was struck by another north bound car driven by George Williamson, Acton, accompanied by Thomas C. Weir also of town.

Funeral service was held Monday for young Peter with services from the Weddell Funeral Home in Erin conducted by the family minister Rev. Jelle Nutma of the Christian Reformed Church, Acton. Pallbearers were uncles of the dead boy.

The accident occurred around 10:08 p.m. Friday night as the Timmerman car, a 1959 Volkswagen, was making the turn into the lane of Jimmie Breen's home where the family occupied the upstairs section, when the Williamson car, a 1954 Pontiac, was in collision with it.

The impact was so severe the noise could be heard distinctly for some distance and Mr. Breen ran out of the house down the lane.

Both cars were completely wrecked, parts strewn along the highway and bodies flung from the wreckage. Three-year-old Nellie was thrown clear of the wreckage and was discovered wandering up and down the highway calling for her father. She was taken to the Breen home, examined by Dr. W. G. C. Kenney and sent to Milton hospital for observation. She was later released and taken to her grandmother's home in Erin.

**St. John Brigade Helped**  
Mrs. Timmerman and Peter were hurried out of the car as it overturned in a ditch. Both were rushed to Milton hospital by Acton St. John Ambulance Brigade. Leaving a meeting in the town hall they were informed of the accident and hurried to give first aid and supply their ambulance.

Mr. Timmerman was driven to Milton hospital by Arthur Thornhill, Acton, and the three were transferred to Hamilton General Hospital, where Peter passed away around 2:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Three-year-old Nellie was taken to Milton hospital in the North Halton O.P.P. cruiser, accompanied by Mrs. Kevin Breen, for further observation and was released Monday.

**Many Injuries**  
Mr. and Mrs. Timmerman are in serious condition in hospital with Mrs. Timmerman suffering from a fractured neck, brain injury, face lacerations and multiple bruises. Mr. Timmerman is suffering from a fractured neck

and multiple bruises. Mr. Williamson was treated for shock, bruises and lacerations and was released from hospital later. Mr. Weir is still in Milton hospital suffering multiple injuries and a laceration below his eye.

In a telephone conversation just prior to going to press, it was learned from Hamilton General Hospital that Mrs. Timmerman is in fair condition and is now conscious and her husband is in satisfactory condition. From Milton District Hospital, it was learned that Mr. Weir is recovering from multiple injuries and a laceration below his eye and is expected to be transferred to Sunnybrook Hospital today (Thursday).

According to reports first on the scene was Mrs. Harold Harris and her sister-in-law Mrs. G. Beirnes. Mr. Breen ran down the lane and first identified the injured people as the Timmermans. He took young Nellie in a dazed condition to the house and called Dr. Kenney from the scene later to treat her.

Mr. Breen described the Timmermans as a loving and kind family, eager to get ahead and willing to help others. He said the family were more like his own than strangers and praised them highly for their helpfulness. Constable Carmen Wright of the North Halton O.P.P. Detachment investigated the accident.

Mr. Hotchen told the committee he had used this driveway for the past 18 years and if, in the event the town purchased the old post office, this would still allow him the right-of-way. Clerk administrator Jack McGeechie informed the two men that where the government or municipal council owned property, no one could claim possession even after a certain number of years.

Mr. Baxter was assured that eight feet on the easterly side of his present building was his own property when he stated he might need this as an entrance to his garage in the event the post office driveway was closed off.

Louis Bonnette, committee member, stated the bank property was land-locked, as the only access to the rear of the building was via the post office lane and pointed out that the erection of an addition would not affect either Mr. Baxter or Mr. Hotchen as far as their gaining access to their own property.

Mr. Hotchen wondered if materials for the bank addition might be stored on his property to prevent him from parking his car. He was assured by bank manager Chester Anderson the bank would not encroach on any property without first receiving permission from the owners.

Mr. Anderson told committee members that plans for the extension call for a one-storey building the same height as the present building, to include a basement.

When approval was given by the committee, Mr. Anderson was informed by chairman Jack Doherty that a 14-day waiting period was necessary in the event there are any objections raised. Committee members included Mr. Doherty, G. W. McKenzie and Louis Bonnette.

**Dutch Visitor**  
International Y.M.C.A. delegate, Kias Vos of Amsterdam, Holland, is in town with Acton Y.M.C.A. and there is a special meeting tonight for members to meet him. More details and a picture next week.

**Cycle-Car Crash Takes Two Lives**  
Two young Guelph people, John Clifford Turner, 22, and Gloria Bailey, 16, were killed instantly when the motorcycle they were riding crashed head-on with a convertible car driven by Thomas Bailey, 42, of Rockwood, Sunday around 10:30 p.m., six miles southwest of Guelph.

The driver of the car escaped uninjured but a passenger Eugene Page, 28, of Rockwood received minor cuts to the left ear. Both vehicles were a complete wreck. The motorcycle caught fire and burned for nearly an hour.

**Cancer Total Nudges Goal**  
Total in the cancer society campaign is very near the goal of \$1,500. Treasurer Bill McKay reported last count at \$1,438.05 and of course donations are accepted at any time.

The Acton branch of the Cancer Society met Tuesday. The financial statement was given and the budget set for the coming year. Possibility of having an information booth at the fall fair was discussed.

**Paint, Please**  
Vice chairman Ted Tyler informed his colleagues the light standards in the Glenlea Subdivision require a fresh coat of paint and superintendent Doug Mason was instructed to make arrangements with the town to have a town workman assist the hydro with the painting during slack time. On request by commissioner Ray Arbic, the weeds around number two substation will be cut.

Accounts amounting to \$20,746.38 were approved for payment.

**Really Tooting** for his supper, bandsman Charles Mason seems to be receiving his reward for playing in the band for the Ranger Crew strawberry social Tuesday evening of last week. Actually Mr. Mason was on hand early and the photographer posed the picture for laughs. Left to right are Janet Rogvaldson, Mr. Mason and Janice Gardner.

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