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## Esquesing Accepts \$71,465 Bid For Offices; Lowest of Seven

A \$71,465 tender of J. B. Mackenzie and Son, Georgetown, for the construction of Esquesing Township's planned new municipal hall was accepted Tuesday evening by members of the township council.

It was originally felt the proposed building could be erected for about \$60,000, and the township had applied for O.M.B. permission for a \$60,000 debenture issue. The Ontario Municipal Board had to be re-approached last week when the Mackenzie tender was the lowest of seven received, and permission was granted this week to up the value of the debenture to \$70,000.

The building will be erected on the Seventh Line just north of the Check Line (Maple Ave.), about a mile north of the present township headquarters.

## Transfer Eight Pupils To Robert Little School

Transfer of eight Grade 8 students, residing in Warren Grove, from the M. Z. Bennett public school to the Robert Little public school was decided on at the Public School Board meeting Tuesday night. With the transfer, there will be one Grade 8 class at the M. Z. Bennett school and two classes at the Robert Little school. The principals explained that this would result in a more satisfactory time-table arrangement and would provide more favorable conditions for the children.

Principal G. McKenzie of the Robert Little school reported a first day enrolment of 515 pupils, with 64 in kindergarten and an average of 32 in each of the other classes. At the M. Z. Bennett school, principal E. Smith reported 421 enrolled, with the five junior grades averaging 37.38 pupils to a class.

Inside repairs to the school were discussed and the property committee recommended the janitors proceed with the work.

Mr. William Chisholm was selected as replacement crossing guard on Main Street at the school lane. He will replace Mr. Ford, who supervised the crossing last year.

A recommendation by Principal McKenzie that the trees being removed on the school grounds be replaced with new trees met with the board's approval. He was instructed to prepare a survey of the types of trees now in school grounds and recommend the types of new trees to be planted. Dutch elm disease has infected the large elms on the grounds and the trees are now being removed. New trees will be planted at both schools.

The financial statement of \$11,655.45 was approved for payment and the secretary reported receipt of \$140 non-resident fees. Nassagaweya Township Grade 8 students will use the facilities at the Robert Little school for the teaching of home economics and shop. Last year, both Grades 7 and 8 pupils took these subjects in Acton.

The board approved the adoption of the Bank of Nova Scotia Thrift Plan in the schools. Under this program, the pupils will receive training in banking procedures and will be able to make deposits in their accounts through the schools once each month. The bank started the program in 1955 and it was in operation in over 400 schools last year.

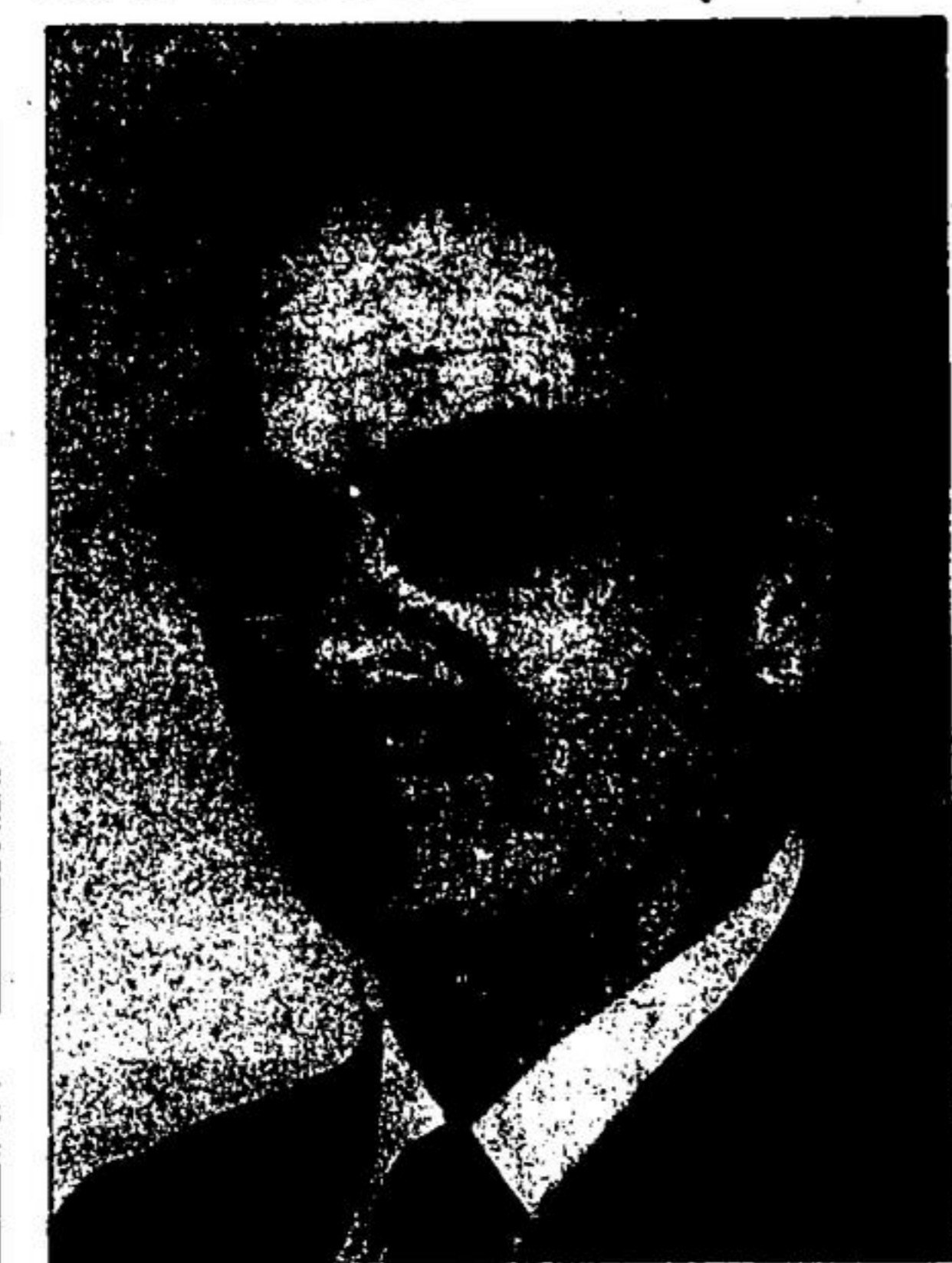
## No Water in Pipes For Arena Sprinkler

A maze of pipes, valves and controls has been installed at the Community Centre building and next week specialists from Grinnell Sprinkler Company hope to test the new dry pipe sprinkler system. The sprinkler system has been installed in an effort to reduce insurance costs on the building.

Over 95 per cent of the installation has been completed. George McInnis, Gordon Buzgal and Ray Boyle are completing last minute installations before testing the lines. The new system throughout the entire building has taken about one month to complete.

The dry pipe system was chosen on account of the cold temperature in winter to prevent water in the lines from freezing. According to the installers, 40 pounds of air pressure is contained in the pipes from the main shut-off valve. In the event fire breaks out in the ice section and the temperature reaches 212 degrees, the sprinkler head will break allowing the air to rush out and trip the alarm which in turn releases water at the point of fire. To reset the alarm, the water is shut off and air pumped back into the lines again.

## C. A. Martin, Warden, George Leslie, Esquesing Reeve



NEW WARDEN, REEVE C. A. MARTIN

## Warden Martin Elected Tuesday Esquesing Reeve

Reeve C. A. Martin of Milton was chosen Warden of Halton County for the balance of 1962 Tuesday afternoon, at a special meeting of Halton County Council.

Election of a new warden was necessary following the sudden death of Warden Wilfrid Bird, Reeve of Esquesing Township, on August 24.

Councillors Tuesday nominated Esquesing Reeve George Leslie (he was named reeve after the reeve's death), Reeve Martin and Oakville Reeve F. Alex Phillips for the post, but Reeve Leslie declined. He noted the township was starting a building program and said he wouldn't have the time to devote to county business that the office demanded.

Reeves Martin and Phillips both agreed that Reeve Leslie was entitled to the Warden's chair for the balance of the year, but since he declined, both agreed to let their names stand. Councillors held a vote and Reeve Martin won out.

Accepting the chair, the Warden's gown and the chain of office, the new Warden said "thank you all for the opportunity of being (Continued on Page Six)



ESQUESING REEVE GEORGE LESLIE

## Plan Extensive Program 1962-'63 YMCA Season

An extensive program to include men, women and children has been set up for the Y.M.C.A. this season and applications are already being received by Secretary Sid Saitz.

A number of new enrolments have been made out this week and members who joined last year still retain their membership cards until the end of the month. The secretary has been swamped with requests for programs and new equipment has been purchased.

New classes added this year include a mixed group for boys and girls which include small games, junior chess and table tennis and men's gymnastics, volleyball, basketball as well as women's gymnastics and badminton.

The secretary is hoping to obtain a regular Friday evening swim class at the Guelph Y each week. Failing this it is believed periodic swim sessions can be staged at the Guelph pool.

Walls and floors have been repaired, extra supervision obtained, the doors open for the season and the secretary waits eagerly for additional enrolments.

## Main N. Paving Started Again

No sooner had Godson Paving Company started their paving project on Main Street North when they were forced to stop. After only one short stretch of pavement had been laid, the asphalt plant broke down.

Wednesday, workmen resumed their job and signs warning motorists are posted along the route as traffic dodges heavy equipment. Repairs are also being made to the curbing on the west side of the block from John Street to Elgin Street.

R. L. Davidson is in charge of the hall. The ladies' work will be shown in the main auditorium of the community centre and in the large room downstairs. Commercial exhibits, all outside this year, will include a hydro display in a tent.

For the first time secretary-treasurer Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer will have her office in the community centre. Entries are coming in steadily, she says happily.

## Best Ever

The largest array of exhibits to date is expected.

The familiar potato race and musical chairs race will take place again and boys and girls 14 years old and under will compete. The fancy pony turnout will attract both competitors and spectators.

Cattle, sheep and poultry exhibits will be a main source of interest for many visitors.

## 1,316 Enroll Tuesday To Start Fall Term

School bells began to ring once again for the fall term when classes began at the Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett public schools Tuesday morning.

Enrolment at the Robert Little school Tuesday was 515 pupils, while 421 answered roll call at the M. Z. Bennett school. Wednesday morning eight of the grade eight pupils living in Warren Grove who attended the M. Z. Bennett school opening day were transferred to the Robert Little school.

The transfer was made to even out the size of classes at both schools. A few unforeseen changes were made on Wednesday at both schools without any interruption of classes when some pupils were transferred to other rooms in their parent school.

High school enrolment is 380, and is expected to increase. No serious problems arose despite the fact the lab in the stone school is not yet finished.

The entire staff was on hand with a new secretary, Mrs. C. E. Snow of Ballinacraig.

## Fair Specials

Acton's merchants are contributing to the gay carnival atmosphere of fair week next week by offering specials in stores and businesses throughout town. Over 40 businesses are co-operating in offering these specials on bright red and white posters and in Free Press advertising. Shoppers and fair visitors who watch for these posters will find them signs of savings for weekend shopping.

Ads telling of the good buys will be in next week's Free Press, as well as on the colorful window pennants.

## Eight Girls, Now Richard

Cheers burst out at the Fred Spear farm home at R.R. 2, Acton, as eight young girls waited anxiously for word from Guelph General Hospital. At last they had a baby brother! Mr. and Mrs. Spear were delighted to have a son as their ninth child. Richard was born August 18.

"It's great to have a brother!" the girls exclaimed. They are Truly, 14, Gayle, 13, Carolyn, 11, Brenda, 10, Nancy, nine, Debby, eight, Melody, six and Vicki, four.

Mr. and Mrs. Spear were married in July, 1946. She is the former Margaret Anderson of Acton. She came here as a baby from Hamilton and after her marriage moved to Ballinacraig.

## Record Enrolment Stuns Trustees Remedy Crowding Wednesday

Back-to-school problems were discussed during a lengthy meeting Tuesday evening of Esquesing school board when trustees heard of overcrowded conditions at Stewarttown, bus route complaints, water conditions and listened to a delegation.

Principal A. Gibbons of the Stewarttown school informed the board his first-year school had a first-day enrolment of 205 pupils. Expected enrolment had been set at 168 pupils. The principal told the board some pupils were without seating accommodation and had to sit on the floor.

After a review of the situation, board members agreed to transfer one busload to the Linchouse school Wednesday and notify parents of the change. Bob Masterson of Esquesing Bus Company was instructed to continue his regular run, deliver the pupils to Stewarttown and then make a special trip to Linchouse with the overflow.

Trustees Mrs. Robert Armstrong and Mac Sprowl relayed that several parents had phoned them regarding children arriving home late the first day of school. It was agreed the first day of school provided many difficulties for the bus drivers but the schedule would be straightened out within a few days.

A three-man delegation consisting of Joe Shertzel, Bruce Nickson and Bob Cunningham, Norval area residents, asked the board to consider providing transportation for 19 pupils in their area. The pupils are presently being transported by the parents.

Mr. Shertzel, spokesman for the group, told the members he had clocked the distance from his lane to Norval school at one and eight-tenth miles. He stated the distance is too great for children to walk and parents had driven the children other years.

"Since taxes have been going up and up and up, we think it's time transportation was provided," he emphasized. He provided an alternative plan for the board by utilizing the Georgetown school bus which passes the farm homes. Board members agreed to have the transportation committee investigate and provide the delegation with an answer by the end of the week.

Trustee Mac Sprowl expressed his alarm at a possible shortage of water at the Linchouse school, still under construction. Mr. Sprowl said he had visited the school and found the pump stopped; during a conversation with the engineer he was informed the water supply could be reduced drastically at the present rate of use.

Apparently workmen on the site use a large supply of water and it was believed the valve on the pump was being tampered with. Members were of the opinion when the door to the boiler room has a lock installed and the caretaker can control the valve, the situation will be remedied.

It was also learned the well at Pinegrove school, reported to have gone dry, had been fixed and the supply will likely now be sufficient.

Following were the enrolments Tuesday at the various schools: Linchouse, 180; Spesside, 173; Stewarttown, 205; Norval, 92; Glen Williams, 191; Fingry, 34; Ontario Bus, 38; Milton Heights, 64; Pinegrove, 32; Bromby, 68.

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## Hurrying to Work Clocked at 100 MPH

Clocked travelling at 100 miles per hour, an Acton youth told police Constable Mervin Harness he was hurrying to get to work on time. He was chased from Acton to Spesside before being apprehended.

The speeding car was picked up on radar as it was proceeding up the cemetery hill on Main St. south. When the driver failed to stop when the officer signalled, the constable pursued the speeding driver along Highway 25.



STILL AT PLAY beginners at the Robert Little school kindergarten Tuesday set out a table with tiny dishes during the first morning. Toys galore were available for the youngsters who took to their first day at school like veteran pupils. Pictured above are Kim McIntyre, Cindy Fryer, Donna Darby and teacher Mrs. O. McCaw, the former Olga Knudsen, who taught here last year.



DOWN THE HATCH goes water and sewer chairman Bert Wood during the Council's inspection tour of the new water reservoirs seen in the picture are Mayor John Goey, Reeve Jack Hargrave, Deputy Reeve Bill Denny, Councillors Les Doby and Frank Toth, Clerk Jack McGeachie and Assessor Bill Erskine. The two tanks now nearing completion have a diameter of 83 feet and a depth of 15 feet. On the tour and during the Council's inspection tour of the new water reservoirs seen in the picture are Mayor John Goey, Reeve Jack Hargrave, Deputy Reeve Bill Denny, Councillors Les Doby and Frank Toth, Clerk Jack McGeachie and Assessor Bill Erskine. The two tanks now nearing completion have a diameter of 83 feet and a depth of 15 feet.