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**GRADE 13 GRADUATING CLASS** received diplomas and congratulations during commencement exercises at the high school Friday evening. Seated (left to right) are Jo-Ann Force, taking general arts at the University of Waterloo; Jean Hart in honor arts at York University; Kay Dennis in pre-theology at the University of Waterloo. Standing, left to right are Mary Kay Gibbons who's at teachers' college; Fred Dawkins, studying en-

gineering at the University of Toronto; Katherine Garrett at teachers' college; Karl Gahof in engineering science at the University of Toronto; Ruth Coles at teachers' college and Randy Lidkea, who has just received word he has been accepted by the Niagara School of Horticulture for his next class beginning April 1. In the meantime he is working for Brampton Nurseries.

## Grade 13 H.S. Graduates Receive Certificates Principal, Speaker Congratulate Students

Professor Ralph Dent, M.A., Associate Professor of Psychology, Federated Colleges, Guelph, predicted future students will have to re-educate themselves three times over in their lifetimes and people would have to go on educating themselves continuously.

This forecast was made Friday evening at the annual high school commencement exercises at the high school gym for the benefit of the grade 13 graduating class and other students.

During his talk as guest speaker, he turned back the pages of time to outline the progress of civilization from early times up to modern times.

He prophesied the next crop of graduate engineers would require reeducation at least three times within the next 20 years at the rate science had developed recently in order to cope with modern trends and changes. He cited automation as one of the chief reasons for a reeducation program and quipped "I don't know how we got into this mess, but were in it!"

He predicted the future would be both exciting and stimulating if problems were met with an open mind and attitude of curiosity. He urged students not to discard their present beliefs and warned them to hang on to worthwhile values and truths although sometimes it was hard to discriminate.

The professor also stated the methods of teaching would have to be altered drastically in order to cope with modern developments. He predicted in future schools would even be different. Students would progress at their own rate of speed and work as individuals and would make

greater strides toward learning. In conclusion he urged the students to continue searching for success.

Principal E. A. Hansen congratulated the grade 13 graduating class during commencement and told the large audience of parents and students "Society is becoming too easily satisfied with mediocrity. If this trend continues, we will all find ourselves swimming around in the bottom of a barrel."

He also congratulated prize winners and told the runners-up "The important thing is not whether you won but how you played the game." To the graduates, the principal pointed out the world is always full of unsolved problems and stated "I hope you will not let the challenges go unheeded."

He read a telegram from Dr. Harris Harley, M.P. for Halton, stating regrets at not being able

to be present due to a previous commitment.

Mr. Hansen also reviewed the history of the school and told the audience the school population has increased by over 200 students since the present school was built and the third addition is expected to start sometime in 1964. The stone school had been put into use and had been an interesting experiment but use of this building had created several problems. He noted it was awkward for some students and teachers, especially when materials and equipment were permanent in the old building.

He praised the adoption of the special commercial course and the innovation of the agricultural course in grade 11. He thanked long-standing and new donors who donate awards and scholarships.

At the conclusion of the presentation of awards and scholar-

ships (listed last week in the Free Press) valedictorian Jean Hart gave an inspiring address (which appears in its entirety elsewhere) and was thanked on behalf of the student council by John Wood who presented her with a medal.

Songsters Kathy McKenzie, Carol Beatty, Wendy Jank, Linda Ralston, Herrmina Bessom, Ruth Ann Leatherland, Gail Breen and Judy Gordon sang several selections led by Glenn Banks at the piano.

The seats in the gym were filled with an overflow crowd in the bleachers.

Parents and graduating students were welcomed in the home economics room at the end of the program and served lunch by Mrs. A. Orr and girls of home economics. Dancing was enjoyed to the music of records.

## Fire Escape Route Ups Cost Of H.S. Addition \$5,800

A compulsory fire escape route for the proposed \$280,000 10 room high school addition is expected to boost the cost of construction by an added \$5,800.

High school board members learned this during a meeting Monday evening when chairman Jack Reid reported on correspondence from the Ontario fire marshal's office regarding school safety.

Mr. Reid told members that when the latest addition was built in 1958 the fire marshal's office had given conditional approval for use of the stairwell from one main to upper floor as a fire escape route. This was done on the understanding a proper fire escape route would be built for another addition to the school.

The chairman said Ontario Municipal Board approval must bring members up to date

on proceedings. Mr. Reid said an outside covered fire escape had been ruled out by architect Don Hallford as impracticable and the architect recommended a second set of stairs from the foyer to the upstairs rooms. This would comply with fire marshal's regulations.

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## Remembrance Services Sunday To Honor Dead, Place Wreaths

Remembrance Day will be observed Sunday at Acton, Rockwood and Haltonville under the auspices of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 197 and respective councils.

In Acton a parade will leave the Legion hall at 10:30 a.m. and led by the Acton Citizens' Band will proceed to the cenotaph where a brief service will be held.

The Legion charge will be given by president R. M. Storey and commander John McHugh will read the names of those killed in wars. Wreaths will be placed by war veterans organizations and bandsman Frank Szymanski will sound the last post and reveille. Legion Padre Rev. A. H. McKenzie will give the benediction to conclude the outdoor service.

This will be followed by a service at Trinity United Church or members of other congregations will have time to reach their respective churches before services begin.

**Rockwood Service**  
In Rockwood a parade will form at the public school at 10:30 a.m. with P. O. Robert Leslie as parade marshal. He will lead marchers to the cenotaph for a brief service at 11 a.m.

Rev. Allan A. Cook will officiate at the outdoor service and commander James Milne will give the Legion charge. Tom Gellatly will read the names of those who died in the service and W. D. Elmer Smith will sound the last post and reveille after the placing of wreaths.

At the conclusion of the cenotaph service a church service will be held at St. John's Anglican Church at 11:15 a.m.

Acton Legion members will be busy on Sunday. After they conclude the services in Acton and Rockwood they will drive to Haltonville for another Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph there at 1:45 p.m.

D. W. Moffat will read the names of the fallen dead and after the placing of wreaths, bandsman Elmer Smith will sound the last post and reveille. A church service will follow at 4 p.m. in Nagsawagewa Presbyterian church with Rev. J. Schmal, Rev. W. A. Laveman and Rev. R. P. E. Jettares taking part.

In Acton the poppy day and Remembrance Day service were planned by chairman W. H. Pool, in Rockwood by James Milne and in Nagsawagewa by Dr. B. D. Young.

## Duby and Hinton Seek Top Posts Denny, Watson Out of the Race

The political pot began to simmer this week as incumbents in municipal office and unsuccessful candidates last year indicated their intentions for the coming election. Nominations will be accepted November 21 at the Robert Little school auditorium.

Mayor Les Duby and Reeve H. H. Hinton will seek the two top posts of mayor and reeve. Deputy Reeve William Denny and school board chairman Tom Watson have indicated their intention of dropping out of the running this year.

Ratepayers will be asked to fill a total of 14 posts on council, hydro and school board. To date

### Plan More Rooms In Area Schools

Five more classrooms and a playroom will be needed in town ship schools within the next two years, members of the Esqueting School Area board learned Tuesday at a regular board meeting.

A projected enrollment showed 1,287 students could be expected for the fall term of 1965. The board presently has 32 rooms in operation in seven schools.

The playroom, board members felt, should be one that could be used for a classroom as well. No decision has yet been made about where the rooms will be added.

Members agreed to allow the Normal Women's Institute, Junior Farmers and Farm Forum to use the old Pinegrove School as a community centre for the next year. Conditions in the agreement are that the organizations pay for heat, hydro and repairs, and the property remains the possession of the school board.

A report on the water and sewage system at the new Pineview School from Halton County Health Unit, showed the system was satisfactory. The board agreed to advertise for a replacement teacher for a teacher leaving Glen Williams school at Christmas.

### Quarry Change

Frederick G. Gardiner O.C., president of Acton Limestone Quarries Ltd., announced this week that Falconbridge Nickel Mines Ltd. has acquired controlling interest of Acton Limestone Quarries Ltd.

He will continue as president of the company and John Reagan will continue as vice-president and general manager. Bond holders and original stock holders will continue to be represented on the board and E. G. McGowan will continue as director with four members of the board being nominees of Falconbridge Nickel Mines Ltd. Mr. Gardiner said.

No change in working personnel is anticipated by company officials, Mr. Gardiner told the Free Press.

only six incumbents have agreed to toss their hats in the political ring while seven are undecided and one member of council not available for comment.

Mayor Les Duby will definitely contest the office of mayor for the first time this year. Nine months ago he was named to the position following the resignation of then mayor George Barbeau. Mr. Duby has been a resident of Acton for the past 24 years and has one son and a daughter.

Reeve H. H. Hinton has acknowledged his intention of contesting the seat again this year. He has served two years on council, once as deputy reeve and this year as reeve. He has been a resident of Acton for 39 years, is married with two boys and a girl.

**Deputy Not Running**  
Deputy Reeve William Denny will not place his name on the nomination list this year due to business reasons. He has served one year as a councillor and two years as deputy reeve. He has one son who assists him in the insurance business.

Councillor Hugh Lowe is giving serious consideration to letting his name stand again this year. He has served a total of five years on council, is married with three boys and two girls.

Albert Irvin, who is completing his fifth term on council (although not consecutive) is undecided at present whether his name will stand again or not. Mr. Irvin came to town in 1942, is married with two boys and one girl.

Councillor Hamilton Peal has not quite made up his mind whether to contest a seat on council again this year or not. He has served three years as councillor and has two boys at

home and one married daughter.

Councillor Eric Johnston, who is completing his first time on council, will toss his hat in the ring again and be available nomination night to have his name put on the slate for council. He has been in Acton three and a half years, is married with two boys and two girls.

Alec Johnson, who is completing his second year on council, is willing to have his name stand for the office of council again this year. He has been a resident of town for the past eight years and is married with two boys and two girls.

J. Bert Wood, who is completing his second year as councillor, was unavailable for an interview at the time of going to press today (Thursday) as he is away on a hunting trip.

Jack Hargrave, who contested the office of reeve last year, is undecided at the moment whether to stand for municipal office this year or not. He has served the community 11 years on council, three as councillor, one as deputy reeve, and seven as reeve. He has three children, all married.

**Will Stand**  
Arthur Field, former councillor for one year, is anxious to get back in the race again this year and is willing to stand for nomination. He has three girls and three boys.

Bob Drinkwater, a candidate for council last year, intends to drop his hat in the ring again this year. He has lived in town seven years and has three girls and one boy.

**Two Seats on Hydro**  
This year two vacancies will be open on the Acton Hydro Electric Commission. Councillor McCutcheon and Ray Arbie's terms are up.

Mr. McCutcheon is undecided at the moment whether to allow his name to stand again this year or not. He has lived in town since 1924, is married with three girls and one boy.

Commissioner Ray Arbie who will finish his third year on the commission this year, is undecided as well at the moment. He has lived in Acton since 1930, is married and has two girls and a boy.

**School Board**  
Three vacancies will be open for takers on the public school board this year and ratepayers will be asked to fill these positions either nomination night or election day.

Board chairman Tom Watson after 14 years on the board is heading for retirement this year. He has served in various capacities as a member and is of the opinion he has fulfilled his obligations to taxpayers. He is married and has three girls and three boys.

Trustee William Benson is tossing his hat in the ring again this year and has served four years on the board. He has lived in town 24 years and is married with a son and daughter.

Vic Bristow, who is just completing his second year as a school trustee, is ready to serve again if nominated. He has lived in town for 20 years, is married and has two girls.

Last year's candidate Syd Lamb is willing to stand for office again this year. Mr. Lamb has been a resident here since 1957 and he and his wife have two little girls.

Another candidate named last year for school board, John Last intends to let his name stand for council. He has lived in Acton since 1957 and has two children, a son and a daughter.

## Youngster Encased in Casts Struck by Car Hallowe'en

Hallowe'en festivities last Thursday were marred by a serious traffic accident and a raging house fire which lit up the sky for miles.

Accompanied by his two brothers and two sisters, six-year-old Barry Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen, Churchill Rd., was making his shell out rounds on Churchill Rd. when he was struck down by a car driven by John Beerman, 20, of Acton, near his own home.

The driver of the car ran to the nearby home of Mayor Les Duby and Mrs. Duby to seek help. The child was taken by Mr. Duby to the office of Dr. D. A. Garrett and then rushed to Toronto Sick Children's hospital. The Allen boy suffered a broken right leg and left arm and head injuries.

Mr. Duby took the child to Toronto and was accompanied by

his daughter Lesley Anne and Mr. Allen. They remained at the hospital until nearly midnight when X-rays ruled out possible concussion.

**Condition Good**  
The injured boy's leg is in a cast from ankle to hip and his arm is set in a cast from wrist to shoulder. His condition is good and he came home Sunday. His parents will be taking him back to the Toronto hospital once a week for observation.

The parents hope to get a regulation hospital bed that they can crank up for to make their injured boy more comfortable. His grade one teacher, Mrs. Kay Alger, is sending home his school lessons and he is keeping in constant touch with schoolwork.

Young Barry is collecting autographs on his casts at 10 cents a signature and already has netted over \$5. He is in good spirits

but cannot recall having seen the car coming or what section of the car struck him.

The driver of the car told investigating officer Ron Rupert he was proceeding south on Churchill Rd. and when he noticed something white, swerved his car to avoid the object. He stated the right rear fender of the vehicle struck the child.

The area where the accident occurred was dark and the road ranslicked at the time.

**Lights Up Sky**  
About 8 o'clock the siren alerted firefighters who raced to a raging unoccupied house fire on the first line west of Acton as flames acted as a beacon for miles around. The 80-year-old building on the former Sterritt property is now owned by James Dawson of Toronto.

By the time firefighting equipment (Continued on Page Three)



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**JENNIFER BAGBY** is proud of the trophy she received at the high school commencement last Friday and her excitement is shared by Gary Masales as both admire the award. Miss Bagby received the Underwood trophy for her high standing in the commercial course.



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**HALLOWEEN PARTY** highlighted Thursday morning of last week for kindergarten children at the M. Z. Bennett school. They are shown dressed in their quaint costumes with the teacher at the back. Games and guessing contests were staged and the kiddies enjoyed a lunch.