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## Formation of Cadet Corps Approved by School Board

If the uniform "make's the man" then Acton high school male students can soon stick out their chests and lift their heads high in the air. Monday night school board members approved formation of a Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps.

Vice-principal Michael Bevan told the board the interest among the students had been "abnormally high" in a cadet corps. In recommending this corps he said there would be a great opportunity for the boys to learn to shoot properly, cadets would receive \$100 for attending summer camp and they would be a great interest in the uniform and the boys would wear it properly.

Enrolment in the cadet corps will be voluntary and instruction periods will be held after school hours.

**Board Takes Over**

The vice-principal explained the Canadian Army would provide uniforms and NCO's the first year. After this time it will be up to the school board to provide equipment and supervision.

Board members present, chairman Jack Reid, vice-chairman Dwight Engel, trustees Duncan Moffat and Chester Anderson approved the development of a cadet corps unanimously. Trustee Kerwin McPhail was absent for the meeting.

Approval of the Cadet Corps preceded receipt of students' standings during Easter examinations. During the report of the examination results it was noted that the failure rate in grade nine mathematics was over 50 per cent.

As a result of the high failure rate in grade nine, board members proposed a closer liaison with public schools in order to guide grade nine students into the proper curricular streams.

**Blames Streaming**

Vice-principal Bevan blamed wrong streaming for the high rate of failures on the grade nine level. He said some students in the five-year stream should not be there at all.

Principal E. Hansen said suggestions had been offered at the

time when grade eight pupils registered for high school but public school teachers were more familiar with the pupils' learning ability.

Chairman Jack Reid proposed immediate action should be taken and trustee Dwight Engel suggested action should be taken with public school boards in Nassagaweya. Esquering and Acton in order to obtain proper information to pass onto the principals.

Trustee Duncan Moffat's only comment on the grade nine results was "Very bad. This could mean problems in the future."

Principal E. A. Hansen told the board, "Our hope next year is to have better teachers start off in grade nine in the five-year stream and teach higher grades as well."

—The warm summer weather this week has sent everyone scurrying outdoors to remove storm windows and clean up yards. Many patios have already been swaying clubs.

5 YEAR ARTS AND SCIENCE				
Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	
Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	
English	76 20	70 2	45 11	38 19
History	71 25	58 14	49 5	48 8
Geography	82 14	68 4	42 7	31 4
Mathematics	63 33	57 15	42 13	36 21
Science	70 26	58 14	44 11	43 13
Botany	—	—	10 3	—
Zoology	—	—	—	12 2
French	81 12	60 11	34 16	32 12
Latin	28 14	32 6	19 2	23 1
Commercial	63 19	64 5	28 6	23 1
Shop/Home Ec.	44 9	28 4	—	—

4 YEAR ARTS AND SCIENCE				
Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	
Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	
English	7 3	29 5	3 12	—
History	10 4	28 6	5 8	—
Geography	9 5	26 9	7 8	—
Mathematics	11 3	11 3	3 9	—
Science	11 3	32 3	11 4	—
Commercial	10 4	33 2	—	—
Shop/Home Ec.	5 2	12 4	7 4	—
Agriculture	6 0	—	—	—
Music	—	—	—	—

Grade 12 — Special Commercial	
Pass	Fail
C&S	13 0
B.M.	10 3
E&L	13 0
Shorthand	10 3
Typing	11 2
Bookkeeping	13 0
Pen.	13 0

### Decoration Day

The Decoration Day committee is purchasing six new Red Ensigns for the streets this year. The group, under chairman Al Irwin, has met to arrange the annual parade, outdoor service and decoration of graves. The committee has previously purchased 12 Red Ensigns.

### Brenda Fryer Cadet of Year

The St. John Ambulance council is proud to announce that Brenda Gail Fryer has won the Cadet of the Year Award for her general proficiency in the No. 417 Acton Combined Division.

The winning cadet will receive a book generously donated by P. W. Gilmour, O.S.I.J. and Kathleen Gilmour, M.B.E., D.S.T.J., in memory of their friend and former president of the Ontario Council, the late Brigadier Ian Cumberland, who died earlier this year.

The girls will receive "Cadet Nurse of the White Cross" by Marguerite Lees, suitably inscribed.



**MICHAEL HANSON** landed this 20-inch brown trout which weighed in at three pounds. It was an exciting event for the youngster as it was his first big fish. His fishing spot is a secret. The boy's father was injured in an accident at Acton Limestone Quarries six weeks ago and the fish has been fast frozen and will be served when dad returns home from hospital this weekend.

### Press School Renovation For Centennial Project

A Centennial project battle between the Township Council of Nassagaweya and a 12-member group of township women, came to a climax Monday evening as the two groups met head-on in the council chambers.

Mrs. Maurice Newton and a group called the Women of Nassagaweya Centennial Project Committee presented a petition bearing 320 names, urging council to rebuild S.S. 3 School for a township office building, at an estimated cost of \$7,000, as a project to mark Canada's centennial in 1967.

The council had earlier talked of a new administration building, possibly situated beside the present township garage on the Guelph line, and rumored costs were \$40,000.

### The People

Protesting the rumored \$40,000 office building council has been considering, the Women's Centennial Committee dropped their lengthy 320-name petition in the council's lap, accompanied by a speech by the committee chair-lady, Mrs. M. Newton.

"There are many more willing and anxious to add their names to the list and only time has prevented their being included here," she said. Mrs. Newton suggested "seven \$40,000 (and a \$70,000 figure had also been rumored) is an appallingly extravagant figure for our council to be considering spending for this township, which is already heavily in debt, our new Consolidated School unpaid for, and our taxes being raised each year."

### The Council

Councillors first questioned the legality of some of the names signed on the petition, and deputize Dr. B. D. Young suggested some of the names were those of people who had declared themselves against the S.S. 3 project.

His comment brought an outburst from Mrs. Newton, who tagged him with the nickname "The Napoleon of Nassagaweya." She suggested he was bullying the council and acting like a dictator.

Council accepted the petition and agreed to study the women's proposal. Most councillors felt the restoration of the old stone school at the Second Line-15 side-road intersection could not be done for \$7,000.

### Meet Committee

Members decided to hold a meeting at S.S. 3 to appraise the building, and their decision will be made to a committee from the women's group at a later date. Council asked that the women name an executive committee so discussions will be limited to a smaller group.

At the same meeting, councillors made a formal application for a loan from the Minister of Municipal Affairs, in the amount of \$18,142. It is assistance in building a municipal building. Reeve W. Coulter explained that the township had not necessarily made a decision to build an office building, however, the loan was available if application was made now, and the township might as well have it.

This beautiful old school could impart. Let us of Nassagaweya, one of the last bastions of rugged individualism in our Province, turn our backs instead on the enemy, this appalling cancer of conformity which corrupts our power to think and makes us act like the very sheep in our fields. Let us light here a candle for Canada's hundredth birthday cake that will shed its light through all the rural communities of our Country, so that they too may warm their hearts at its glow, and light their own in turn. So that our founding fathers may look with pride on their descendants and say to each other, Here are people who are proud of their Canadian Heritage, and do not spurn what we have left in their keeping," she concluded.

### Criticism Councillor

Mrs. Newton suggested the township ratepayers' wants were being ignored by the council, and criticized Council and Ross Gordon of Rockwood when he suggested that all old things should be burned.

Councillors argued that a Bell Telephone survey said the township population would rise to at least 20,000 by 1984, but Mrs. Elsie Frank of the delegation suggested that the population increased only 200 over the past 10 years and she felt the Bell was being overly optimistic.

### Cliff McKay Entertains

## Jim Ralston First President Of New Senior Citizens Club

Jim Ralston was named the first president of the new Senior Citizens club at the organization meeting in the Y.M.C.A. Thursday night last week. Vice-president is Bob O'Hara, secretary Mrs. Donald Reid and treasurer Miss Annie Atken.

Later, chairmen will be chosen for committees for program, welcoming and membership, refreshments, visiting and what ever is required.

Recreation director Jim Casburn chaired the meeting until the new officers were selected.

He and Mrs. George Fryer led a sing-song with Mrs. J. Bradshaw at the piano.

Cliff McKay, well-known entertainer who now lives near town, had a short rehearsal with Mrs. Bradshaw before the meeting and sang several songs. He talked informally to the group of nearly 40, reminding about his class on the famous Happy Gang and on Holiday Ranch. He told of his trips across Canada, recall ed some comical situations and how the groups impressed in small towns. He left to attend

a late board meeting.

A welcome to use the Y facilities was extended to the group by G. W. McKenzie, who pointed out a daytime program could be more easily accommodated than an evening program.

Questionnaires sent to all prospective members are being perused by the executive, these give answers to preference in day, time and type of program. The executive will set the date of the next meeting of the newest club in Acton, and one that gives every indication of prospering.

## Vic Hadfield Under Fire At Legion Sports Banquet

N.H.L. hockey player Vic Hadfield, forward with New York Rangers, fought one of his toughest games Saturday afternoon when he was faced with a barrage of questions from future N.H.L. stars during the Acton Legion Minor Sports banquet.

Mr. Hadfield, who is considered among the top three for racking up penalties, decided to forego a speech to the youngsters in favor of a question and answer period. He might have fared better if he had given a speech as some of the questions caused him to stop and think before answering.

Among the many questions and answers were the following:

Q: What is your opinion of Gordie Howe? A: He's the best in the league and is considered the best all-around player.

Q: Who is the dirtiest player in the league? A: It's hard to tell, maybe Eddie Shack.

Q: What is the more effective, a slap shot or wrist shot? A: A wrist shot is more accurate.

Q: Have you ever bodychecked Eddie Shack? A: I have never been able to catch up to him.

Q: Does Bob Baun hand out the stiffest bodychecks? A: Bob Baun is one of the finest defencemen in the league and is considered one of the hardest hitting defencemen.

Q: Which is the best team in the league? A: I would like you to think New York Rangers are but we have to along with the champions, the Maple Leafs.

**Good Education**

In conclusion, Mr. Hadfield urged the boys to obtain a good education first and be sure to complete high school before considering getting into sports.

Minor Sports president Bob Louett handed swab bouquets to managers, coaches and referees for time spent looking after the youngsters and time keeper Eddie Phillips was given a standing ovation for devoting full

time looking after scores and time every Saturday.

Mr. Louett also paid tribute to parents who attended games and supported their children and everyone else who assisted behind the scenes.

**Head Table**

Chairman for the banquet Gordon McCutcheon introduced the head table guests, Fred Allan, Ivan Kirby, Ted Pope, councillor Hamilton Peal, Bob Louett, Vic Hadfield, Sr. and Junior, Legion president James Gunn, Bill Buchanan and Gordon James.

Chefs for the roast beef dinner included George Cooper, John Hufnagel, Jack Pink, Barry Inwace, Ivan Kirby, John Weldon, Mike McCristall and Mel Jordan.

**New Trophy**

During the presentation of trophies the "James" trophy was introduced for the first time and presented to Gord James for the excellent service he has contributed to Minor Sports since coming to Acton. The trophy was presented to David Scott of the American League for the most valuable player in the league.

Other presentations included the Midget trophy presented by Legion president James Gunn to manager Don Ryder for the Blue Hornets. The George Malozzie trophy was presented by William Buchanan to manager Charlie Thomson of the Buffalo team. The Acton Creamery trophy was presented by Ivan Kirby to Kerwin McPhail, manager of the Rochester team in the Pee Wee league and the Tom Watson trophy was presented by David Watson to Albert Irwin, Manager of the Niagara Falls team in the Novice league.

**Individual Trophies**

Voted, the most outstanding player in the Novice league, John Snow received the John Pipher trophy in the Pee Wee League. Craig Weldon received the Acton

Minor Sports trophy for the most outstanding player, Glenn Holmes received the Jack Kenten trophy for being the most valuable player in the Midget league.

Top scorers in each league who received trophies included Doug Garrett of the Midget League, George McPhail of the Novice, Charles Golden of the Pee Wee and Terry Coles of the Bantam League.

**Helped Chefs**

Assisting the chefs serve the hungry hockey players were members of the Midget teams. The boys were kept busy carting steaming plates of roast beef, potatoes and peas smothered in gravy to each of the guests as well as making frequent trips with seconds and thirds of milk.

At the conclusion of the event, keenest speaker Vic Hadfield was surrounded with young autograph seekers anxious to add his signature to their collection.

### Trip to Ottawa For Carl Wier

Carl Wier, 16, has been chosen as the high school student to attend the Rotary-sponsored "Adventure in Citizenship" in Ottawa this spring. He leaves by plane Sunday and returns Thursday. He will be writing a report for the Free Press and speaking to a Rotary Club meeting.

The grade 12 student, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Wier, Jeffrey Ave., was selected by the staff to represent the school. He has lived with his parents in Acton for the past seven years.

The full program includes talks, tours and special events arranged for the 241 high school students from all over Canada. The project is an annual one, jointly sponsored by the local Rotary clubs and the Ottawa Rotary.

## Georgetown Cops District Meet Milton Wins Second, Acton Third

Georgetown high school athletes outdistanced students from Acton, Erin and Milton on Tuesday during the C.W.O.S.S.A. District 5 track and field day at the Guelph O.A.C. when they tallied the most points during the day.

Competition was keen throughout the events, with Milton taking second spot after edging out Acton, who came third. Georgetown hosted the meet and supplied officials for the competitors.

The following are the results of the day. Last names only.

were recorded by officials. After each name is the initial of the school the student attends, i.e. (A) Acton, (G) Georgetown, (M) Milton, (E) Erin.

**BOYS'**

**BANTAM**

100 yard dash—Walker (A) 12 2/3 sec., Cashburn (A), Stiel (G).  
Shot put—Cashburn (A) 28' 2", Walker (A), Cook (G).  
Long jump—Stiel (G) 14' 2 1/2", Walker (A), Ferguson (E).

**JUNIOR**

120 yard hurdles—Houston (M) 17 1/2 sec., McCaig (A), McGeachie (A).

100 yard dash—McKeown (G) 11.6 sec., Hiltis (G), Ryder (A).  
220 yard dash—Parsons (G) 26.6 sec., McKeown (G), Houston (M).  
440 yard dash—Parsons (G) 57.3 sec., Gregson (E), Witham (G).  
880 yard dash—Witham (G) 2 min. 20.2 sec., Ferguson (G), Devlin (M).  
One mile—Witham (G) 5 min. 9.6 sec., Gregson (E), Ferguson (G).  
Long jump—Hiltis (G) 17' 9", Parsons (G), Ryder (A).

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**COOKIE DAY IN ACTON** was held Saturday and Brownies and Guides blitzed the town as they sold their wares from door to door. Local merchant Fred Gordon was one of the first sales made by the two girls above. Left to right are Karen Ashley, Mr. Gordon and Carole McCutcheon. Many orders had been placed beforehand.



**FIELD DAY CHAMPIONS** at Acton district high school proudly display their ribbons at the conclusion of the track and field events last Friday. Kneeling front row left to right are girls' bantam champion Mary Grischow, boys' bantam Bruce Cashburn and girls' junior Betty Cook; back row left to right, intermediate girls' Kay Chisholm, boys' junior John McGeachie, senior boys' Ron Heller, intermediate boys' Allan Hall and tied for senior girls'; Barbara Norton and Bonnie McDougall.