

Investigate Two-Year Course at H.S. Set Up Committee of Representatives

Acton High School Board has taken the first step toward setting up a two-year course for grade eight failures.

Monday evening vice-chairman Dwight Engel pressed for setting up an education committee to investigate possibilities of such a course. A meeting has been called for June 22 with representatives from Esqueping, Nassagaweya, Acton public school board and Acton high school board to form the committee and start action.

Mr. Engel stressed the importance of making parents of these pupils aware of all factors involved for their children. He said parental approval must first be given before a student could enter the two-year course. He admitted it would be a big prob-

lem but stated it was both "honesty and charity" in telling the failures they should take the two year course.

Trade School

The two-year course would enable students to take a diversified course which in turn would enable them to enter trade school.

At the last board meeting it was agreed to set up a coordinating committee comprising principals and inspectors from both high and public schools. A meeting of this committee has been set for June 24.

Secretary William Middleton was instructed to contact Esqueping and Nassagaweya school boards to appoint a representative to the coordinating committee to attend the June 22 meeting.

The vice-chairman said the Ni-

agara Battery tests given to grade eight students should be a reasonable guide to determine fairly accurately the limit of these students.

Trustee Chester Anderson asked if a student entering the two-year course would be allowed to continue on to grade 11. Mr. Engel was of the opinion the decision would rest with the principal whether the student would be allowed to cross over to the four-year stream from grade 10 or re-take grade 10 in order to qualify.

Starting immediately on the two-year course was urged by Mr. Engel. He asked cooperation of the coordinating committee in supplying a list of failures as soon as possible.

Carol Wharton's Dance Recital Fills Public School Auditorium

The Robert Little School auditorium was filled Saturday evening for the lively and colorful dance recital of the pupils of Carol Wharton.

Singing, dancing, novelty numbers and some innovations kept the program moving at a spirited pace and the enthusiasm of the talented young teacher shows in the bounce and sparkle of her young charges.

In the Cast

The show began with Vacation Time, danced by Susan Marchmont, Joanne Dunn, Cathy Dunn and Johanne Dunn.

This was the first year modern jazz has been taught. First exhibition dance: Honey-Took, featured Elaine Lamb, Cindy Lee, Colleen Spichtogel, Ruselyn Hall and Julie Smith. The second, Flat Foot Flairie, had Sharon Jerome, Susan McGilloway, Jo-Ann Heatley, Elizabeth Hurst, Jo-Ann Wasowicz and Linda Reiner.

Yoguesque Yoda

The first year dancers—just three to five years of age—Kathy Wallis, Joey Kenner, Cheryl Hunter, Shelly Wilson and Debbie Allan, were dressed as country folk for Rural Rhythm.

"Everybody Loves My Baby" declared seven lasses and one lad, Barry Brown, Ann Rogers, Patty Dunne, Pauline Wasowicz, Brenda McNabb, Barbara Mc-

Nabb, Susan Patrick, Beryl McEnery.

Second term dancing number, Clown, was given by Susan Jerome, Dianne Lamb and Cathy Griese.

Sister Act

Sisters Gay Nessett and Roberta Nessett, completing their first year of dancing lessons, presented Cecilia.

A difficult dance with much tapping, Oh, Look, Ain't She Pretty was given by Linda Reiner.

This was the first year for acrobats, and a group demonstrating their basic lessons was applauded.

During the past term, Miss Wharton asked her students to choreograph their own dance, to encourage their individuality in dancing and to bring out their talents. One of the most original dances was done by Penny Jackson of Guelph, and was included in the recital.

A fast, boogie woogie number Alright, OK, You're It, was stepped out in speedy tempo by Cindy Levesque, Karen Sanido, Linda Sanido, Bruce Blacklock, Susan Fulkerson, Linda Mascocello, David Cox and Barry Breen.

Six young ladies, Barbara Fowler, Trevorin Patrick, Ann Tuth, Susan Hill, Susan McPhail and Bonnie Armstrong presented Three for the Show.

During the last part of the show, the audience was taken by the students on a round the world cruise by dance. First year dancers depicted the United States in Yankee Doodle were Cathy Hunter, Kim Kressler, Jilly Jobb, Cindy Loft, Lynn Nielsen, Kent Kenner and Karen Cole.

Mr. Watkinson, Carol Wharton's grandfather, took on the job of depicting England and sang "I've Got a Lovely Bunch of Coconuts."

Girls and boys who had already been on stage took part in the various brightly costumed numbers showing China, Mexico, Scotland, Holland, Egypt, Italy and the West Indies.

The pretty, dark haired teacher delighted her pupils and their audience with her own singing and dancing.

Ontario Conservatory of Music teacher Tony Van Maten played guitar solos and two a student teachers of accordion played John Redwood, a talented young pianist, played.

For the impressive grand finale, everyone was on stage to sing This Land Is Your Land. Flowers for Miss Wharton and her mother, who helps her a great deal, were presented by Susan McPhail and Susan Miles. Lessons are in St. Alban's Parish Hall.

High School Suspensions Queried by Board Member

Student suspensions and drop-outs came under discussion Monday evening at the high school board meeting when it was noted they had been one suspension during May.

Chairman Jack Reid asked why suspensions were not listed on the principal's report and learned the secretary was always notified. Trustee Chester Anderson was of the opinion either the reports were not received or the Board was not notified of them all.

"It seems to me I have only heard of one and yet have been notified by parents of others," remarked Mr. Anderson. A re-

view of records by the secretary recalled another instance to the finance chairman's mind, when a student had been suspended earlier in the year.

Mr. Anderson said he had heard rumours which he could not qualify that a number of students had been leaving school at the school's request. "This seems very strange to me when agencies all over are urging students to stay at school," he stated.

Continuing his queries on school administration, Mr. Anderson noted forms had been sent home at Easter time with-

students stating if they didn't obtain a certain per cent they would be asked to drop that certain subject. "On whose authority?" he inquired. The principal noted this was the practice in larger schools.

Mr. Anderson agreed parents might be to blame in some cases but he had heard stories which he couldn't confirm of students being asked to leave school at the teacher's request. "Surely our main purpose is to give students a chance to get an education if they are interested!" he exclaimed.

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GRADE 13 REUNION for the graduating class of 1959 was held Saturday afternoon at the high school. The reunion was the first attempted and coordinators Marilyn Young and Mrs. James Zehr (Shirley Mason) were quite happy with the turnout. Pictured above at the punch bowl left to right are former teacher Miss Grizda Bovart, Miss Young, Mrs. Zehr and former teacher Tom Campbell.

Committee of Nine Selected To Hear Centennial Proposals

Choice of a Centennial project for the town will be made by the administrative committee of council and four citizens, selected Tuesday evening at a public meeting in the council chambers.

If a commemorative project is selected, an application for grants must be made before August 1.

There are certain categories of buildings and restoration suitable; for these the provincial government would pay one-third in grants, the federal government one-third, each amounting to \$1 per capita maximum, if the proposal is accepted.

Nine on Committee

Named to the committee were Mrs. W. L. Spivston, Bob Drunkwalter, Jim Gunn and David Dills. They'll be working with the administrative committee of council, Alex Johnson, Eric Johnston, Bert Hinton and J. Bert Wood, with the mayor as the ninth member.

Their meetings will be soon and frequent until a decision is made. While minor allied projects for Canada's centennial by local groups and schools can all be planned later, a project eligible for a grant must be instituted immediately.

At the meeting, four projects were suggested.

First: Library

Charles Kirkness spoke for the library board, saying "It is our sincere wish that you consider a library grant on maintenance and salaries would continue. A library would likely qualify for additional grants at a later date.

Inquiries on library grants had

been made by secretary Miss Esther Taylor, who had received a satisfactory answer. However, a library is entitled to capital grants.

Mr. Kirkness suggested the library would be a separate building in a new location.

Second: Band Hall

Aldo Branda presented the suggestion of Acton Citizens' Band for a music building in the park with an attached band shell. The steel structure with a fabricated shell could be attractive inside and would be "a credit to the park and town."

Located on the site of the former grandstand, it would face down an avenue of trees with outdoor benches. It could be used for band concerts, choral groups, outdoor church services, minstrel shows, etc.

The band would investigate architect's fees.

Band members would be prepared to back a bank note for \$4,144—the maximum allowable—toward a centennial project, according to population.

Mr. Branda said the band has been attempting to locate elsewhere. Band practices in the town hall conflict with meetings downstairs, and in the winter the players "nearly froze to death." Bandmen had purchased a second hand furnace and insulated.

Third: Swimming Pool

Guy Ross, representing the Y's Men's Club, spoke in favor of an indoor swimming pool in the Y.M.C.A. Club would be between \$50,000 and \$60,000—about the amount raised for the community centre "without too much trou-

ble." The support of the service clubs would be sought.

He mentioned the Y and Y's Men sponsor swimming sessions in Guelph regularly, attended by between 40 and 60, some membership of the Y and some not. "We would like the Y to serve the town as it was intended," he concluded.

Fourth: Park and Others

Brendan Alcine recommended a big fundraising to include all these, and to improve the park as a recreational centre, including cleaning the swamp. He said he didn't think "anyone would complain about two or three miles," Mr. Alcine declared, "You sweat too much, I think."

Council Responsible

Formation of a committee, was discussed. The application must eventually go through council, and council will be responsible. It was agreed no person directly connected with one specific project should be on the committee meeting with council to hear the applications, decide what should be done and make an application if required.

Eligible projects must be of a lasting nature. Included are acquisition and construction of buildings, parks, restorations, commissioning of books or music, construction or restoration of libraries, and many others.

Maximum \$12,000

Grants up to a maximum of \$1 per capita, mean all Acton could use this was \$12,432. Two grants of one-third each and the rest, \$4,144, to be paid by the town or raised locally. We can't (Continued on Page Two)

C. K. Browne 94 Celebrates Today

A staunch Orangeman and probably Acton's oldest resident, Charles Kelly Browne is celebrating his 94th birthday today (Thursday) and is greeting old and new acquaintances in his confectionery and tobacco shop on Main Street North.

Trademark for the healthy nonagenarian is a cigar, which he is seldom seen without. He loves a joke and has a keen sense of humor, but like most Irishmen, he also has a quick temper, which he manages to keep under control.

Born in Vasey, a small community near Elmira, he came to Acton 39 years ago to manage the Boardman Co-Op store, where Gordon's Hardware is presently located.

Starts Own Business

In 1939, he started his own business where the FGA store is now where he sold tobacco and confectionery supplies. While at this location, he had many exciting experiences, and on one occasion, captured a would-be bandit single handed.

From there, he moved to his present location on Main St. N. below the school lane.

In spite of poor health a few years ago, Mr. Browne's order went into operation and since that time has never missed a day at his store with his wife Doris for part of each day.

Most of his customers are small fry and it is these small amateurs of goodwill whom both C. K. and his wife spend much time helping to get the best buy for a penny. He sometimes has a few hair raising tales for the kiddies, which fascinates them. He is not known to have any enemy in the world.

Strong Conservative

He is a strong Conservative and has been active in the organization for many years. Until the time of his most recent illness, he had never failed to cast his

ballot on election day since he turned 21.

Until 1960, he never missed marching in the July 12 Orange parade. He still attends but now rides in a car usually heading the parade. He is looking forward to this year's convention, which will be held in Acton.

He is greatly admired in the Orange Lodge and is a past master of the local lodge, past master of Hornby lodge, past master of Black Lodge, Olive branch, Guelph, past commander of Scarlet Lodge, Hornby and honorary grand master of the Ontario West Region. He is also a member of the Queen City Masonic Lodge, Toronto, and a past council commander of the Woodmen of the World.

Work, Sense of Humor

He attributes his long life to hard work and a keen sense of humor. Both of these factors have played an important role in his life. Normally, C. K. has many old cronies drop in during weekends for a chat, but today and this weekend will likely see a greater number of friends to congratulate him on reaching his 94th birthday.

The Free Press joins with his many friends in offering congratulations and in wishing him many more years of healthy and happy life.

Bank Manager From Windsor

Word has been received this week that A. Fred Pratt will take over as manager of the Acton branch of the Bank of Montreal within a couple of weeks.

Mr. Pratt is presently located at the Temucum and Moy Avenue Branch in Windsor. He replaces William Mackay who is moving to Toronto.

Decoration Day Expands Includes all Community

Graves of many loved ones in Fairview cemetery, St. Joseph's cemetery and Pioneer cemetery will be decorated this Sunday when the tenth annual Decoration Day service is held. This service, which began with the placing of flags on servicemen's graves, has greatly expanded and now includes the entire community.

There will be a parade and outdoor interdenominational church service. Getarunms will be planted by local groups on graves of servicemen and former members, many individuals will have placed plants or sheafs of flowers in Pioneer cemetery.

For the first time, shrubs will be planted as living memorials.

Parade marshal Bill Nicolak will head Acton Citizens' Band, Guelph Pipe Band, the Lone Scots Band, the mayor and council, clubs, scouts, brownies, guilds, firemen, St. John Cadets (who have another engagement in Toronto in the morning), the Legion, Legion Ladies, Auxiliary and I.O.O.F. chapters, Women's Institutes and the Orange Lodge.

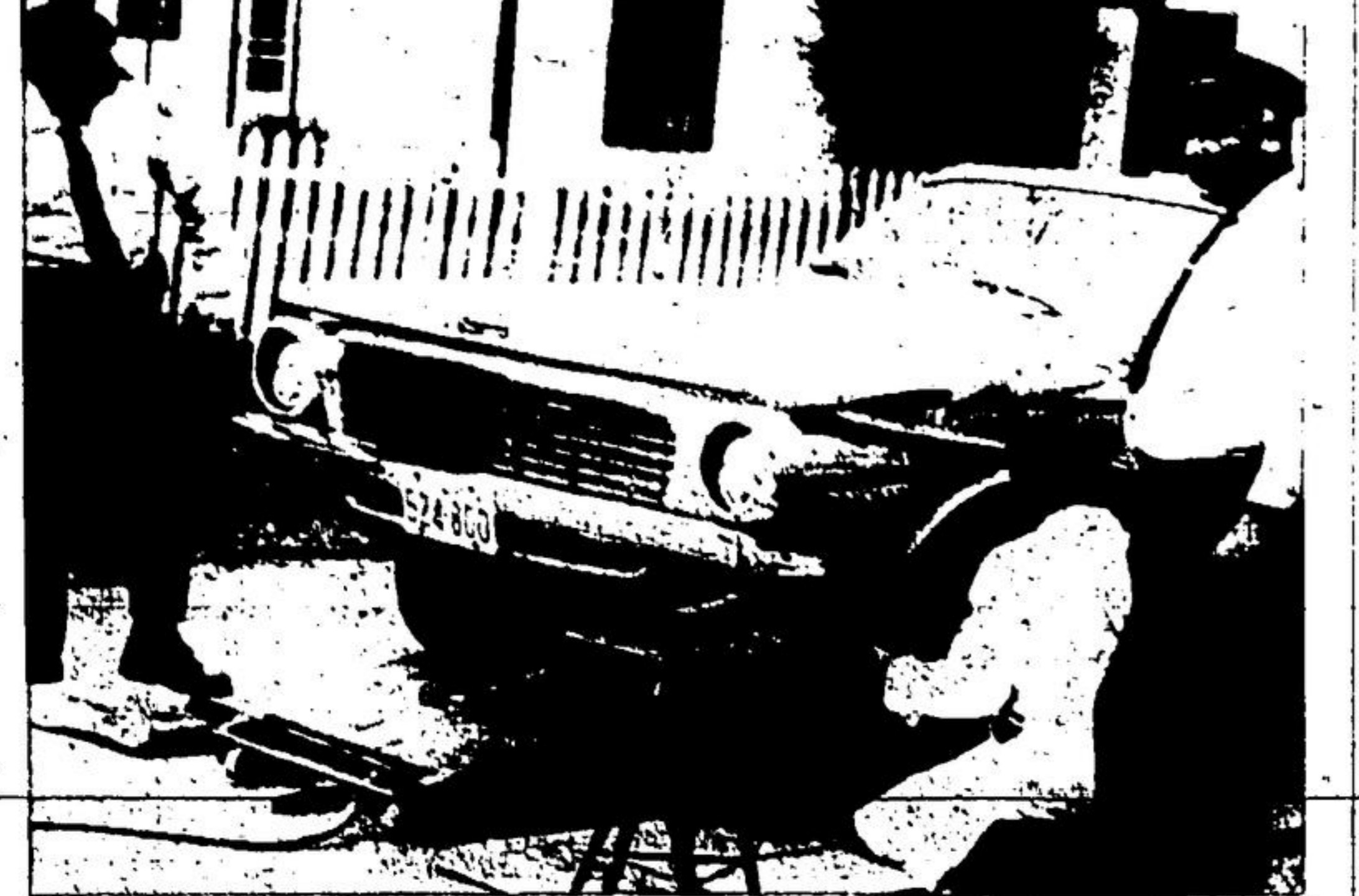
The Rev. Dwight Engel will speak at the outdoor service on the meadow inside the gates to Fairview cemetery. Others taking part will be Mayor Les Dubsy, Rev. Stanley Gannon, Rev. S. Thomas, Rev. A. H. McKenzie, and Rev. Donald West.

Rev. Father V. J. Morgan will be holding services in St. Joseph's Church during the day, as well as being present at St. Joseph's cemetery.

The parade moves off at 2:15 p.m. and the service begins at 3 p.m.

For about 35 years, the Lakeside Chapter of the I.O.O.F. held a memorial service of their own on the afternoon of Remembrance Day, placing Union Jacks on the graves of servicemen. In 1954, the Legion and other organizations agreed to assist, and Decoration Day in its present form was inaugurated.

Increasingly, citizens have been decorating the graves of loved ones for this occasion. It is no longer just an extension of Remembrance Day, but a general ceremony for everyone to recall in reverence, friends and family who have passed away.



CONSTABLE RON RUPERT of the Acton O.P.P. and representatives from Acton Safety Council assisted by Dept. of Transport inspector Fred Trafford watch as a mechanic checks a vehicle during the car safety check this week. Vehicles were lined up along Mill St. as far back as Canadian Tire Store waiting to be checked.

Check 430 Cars In Safety Lane

A total of 430 cars passed over safety checking equipment Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during the Acton Safety Council safety check on Fellow Street. Of this number only 20% were approved, 60% rejected and 18% percent rechecked and approved.

Of the total number of motorists who took the check all but 24 were voluntary. A small number were classed unsafe and deemed to have their vehicles repaired.

Equipment was supplied by the Department of Transport with inspector Fred Trafford of the Department assisting constable Ron Rupert of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment. Mr. Rupert, who was instrumental in obtaining the equipment is also a member of the Acton Safety Council.

As vehicles turned off Mill Street onto Fellow St., they were given a routine check for parking lights, tail lights, signal and license plate lights, horn, windshield wipers, trailer hitch and condition of glass.

Next operation was for front end alignment followed by a light

beam detector which indicated whether light beams were high, low or just right. Mechanics at the next stage checked the front end for steering mechanism, ball joints etc. Last and final check was for brakes. As cars were driven onto a platform and brakes applied separate arrows indicated the brake pressure on each wheel.

Inspector Trafford was pleased with the response by motorists but was disappointed at the number of rejects. Constable Rupert told drivers of the unsafe vehicles to have them fixed and report to him.

Assisting during the three-day check were Frank Rose, owner of Frank's Auto Collision, John Hoare, from Pete Masson Motors, Ed Kingsbury, Doug McEachern and Adam Frost from Thompson Motors, O.P.P. Cadet James Redpath, Milton Detachment, Nels Edwards, Gary Bateman, Nels Edwards, John Bowman, Harry Hofstede, Ross Ballentine, Jim Casburn, Mike Hunter, Hugh Patterson and Harold Denny all of Acton.



YOUNG DANCERS entertained parents Saturday evening during the Carol Wharton recital. Pictured above are some of the young entertainers who took part in the show. Susan Jerome, Cathy Griese, Cathy Wallis, Diane Lamb, Ann Rogers, Susan McGilloway, Patricia Dunne, Pauline Wasowicz, Elizabeth Hurst and Joanne Dunn.