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H.S. Board Tuesday

Nix Electric Typewriters Extra Phone Left in Doubt

Commercial students at Acton District high school will not enjoy the use of electric typewriters this term. Tuesday evening finance chairman Chester Anderson told the board he did not approve of such a "luxury" which he deemed unnecessary.

Mr. Anderson feels students should be learning on regular typewriters instead of electric ones. He told members that 41 typewriters would be leased at the rate of \$1 per month apiece and over a period of five years the board would save close to \$1,000.

Extension Phone

A request from principal E. A. Hansen to have an extension phone from the main office installed in the guidance room, was the subject of a lengthy discussion by the three board members present. Trustee Anderson, Kerwin McPhail and Duncan Moffatt decided to leave the subject for a full board meeting when chairman Jack Reid and vice-chairman Dwight Engel were present.

Mr. McPhail objected strongly to having the extension phone linked with the principals. "I don't think the principal's private line should be interfered with. Only the principal should have access to this line," stressed Mr. McPhail.

Trustee and acting chairman Anderson didn't agree to having phones installed in other than the main office. "If we install a phone in one other room, we might as well install phones in every room," he said.

Principal Hansen stated vice-principal Michael Bevan required a phone in the guidance room in order to call parents without coming to the main office from the guidance room.

Results Later

Mr. Anderson asked if tabulated grade 11 results were available and was told they would be ready for the next full board meeting. The trustee asked the principal to include the number of papers tried, number passed and percentage of passing and failing, in specific subjects.

Accounts totalling \$46,300.00 were approved for payment.

Before the meeting the three

board members present toured the four rooms made ready in the new addition for the first day of school with the principal.

17 Entries

With 17 entries in now for the exciting Miss Acton Fair contest, announcement was made yesterday that the deadline has been extended two days to Friday, judging is Saturday at 2 at the high school, and everyone is welcome to watch. Judges are Al Beilke, Elaine Cole and Bill Shackleton.

Last days for entries! Give them to last year's winner Linda Ferguson, Mrs. W. L. Sprouton, Mac Sprout, Jack Holmes, Jack Marshall, Marvyn Hunter, Dave Manes, Bert Hiltun.

Winner is crowned at the Friday performance at the fair. Last year there were 24 girls in the contest taking part in the fun.

Water Shut Off To Repair Leak

Water was shut off all over town Sunday afternoon only one resident phoned the town superintendent to complain.

The main 21-inch line from the reservoir which services the town developed a leak at the entrance way to the R. L. Davidson property on Churchill Rd. North and water began pouring down the road washing part of the bank away.

Town workmen made temporary repairs Sunday and completed the job of replacing about eight to 10 feet of new pipe on Monday.

When Mr. and Mrs. Davidson left home to go to church no trouble was apparent but on their return home water was flowing freely and they couldn't drive their car into the laneway. Town superintendent Alf Duby was called and repairs were started immediately.

Seek Floats, Marchers For Fall Fair Parade

Acton will have another monster Fall Fair Day parade this year again. The Ladies' division of the fall fair board sponsor the annual event assisted by several men directors.

A call has gone out from the ladies asking organizations to enter floats, children to decorate bicycles, tricycles and doll buggies, and individuals to decorate oldtime cars or wagons. Prizes this year will be bigger and better than ever.

Entries in the parade are being asked to be at the C.N.R. station

not later than 12.30 in order to have the parade marshal start the parade by 1 p.m. sharp.

Two bands will be in attendance along with majorettes, Halton's Dairy Princess, the Scotch Shorthorn Lassies and several other celebrities. The huge parade normally sets off the Saturday events and judging will take place at the park upon arrival.

With the two-day softball tournament this weekend and the Fall Fair next, Acton Park will be a popular spot.



HORSING AROUND while waiting for school to start, four M. Z. Bennett pupils amuse themselves. On the left atop his mount is Michael Roach as Randy Fetterly acts as his steed. Rider on the right is Nathan Fields atop Roland Beshers.

At This Year's Fair

Exhibits on New Floor in Arena Fiddlers, Parade, Contest Ahead

A week from today, intricate plans will be slipping into high gear for the presentation of Acton Agricultural Society's 51st annual fall fair. With the thumping success of last year's Golden Anniversary Fair behind them, committee members intend to carry on the special events that made last year's show so outstanding, as well as all the regular and perennial popular aspects.

The program begins Friday night and continues all day Saturday. The many visitors to the fair will be walking for the first time on the new \$10,000 arena floor. Space is being sold for commercial and industrial exhibits there. "We're hoping it'll be filled up," directors say enthusiastically.

Announce Winner

The Friday evening variety program will be headlined by well-known entertainer and TV star, Joey Hollingsworth. He was last in the district for the Hornby garden party.

The Cliff McKay trio, popular locally, will also entertain. A main event of the program will be the surprise announcement of the winner of the Miss Acton Fair contest and the crowning of the winner by last year's queen, Miss Linda Ferguson.

Saturday Parade

The Saturday parade will include floats, Acton Citizens' Band and the Lorne Scots Military Band. There will be baton twirlers from Guilph and perhaps the surprising appearance of a new Acton group!

The decorated bicycles and tricycles will be included. At the grounds, Kiddieland Shows has guaranteed good rides for children and adults.

Entries are coming in for competition in the hundreds of classes — horses, sheep, cattle, poultry, roots and vegetables, fruit, domestic goods, preserves and

flowers. The prize money has been increased this year in cat, dog and pony classes.

Several new trophies have been donated in different categories.

New Canadians

Lady directors of the fair hope for an interesting exhibit in their New Canadian section. Seven articles brought from their native country may be shown by New Canadian exhibitors for first prize of \$5, second \$5 and all remaining displays will receive \$2.

Entries have been received for the Old-Time Fiddlers' Competition Saturday night. Winners of this contest, along with another band, will play for dancing at the annual fair dance Saturday night in the arena.

Top fiddler receives a trophy donated by Andy Frank plus \$25, second prize \$15, third \$10 and fourth \$5. There are cash prizes of \$5 each for the oldest, youngest and novelty fiddler.

Promote Beardmore Products at Paris Officials Attend International Show

Mr. Norman J. Branda, Assistant General Manager of Beardmore & Co. Limited left Tuesday evening via T.C.A. direct flight for Paris, France, where he will be attending the International Leather Show to promote the Company's products. Le Semaine International du Cuir (International Leather Week) as the Show is called, is the largest and most important of the Leather Shows held annually in many countries and is attended by manufacturers and buyers from practically every country in the world.

Beardmore Exhibit

The Beardmore exhibit is part of a complex comprising the exhibits of six major Canadian tanneries. The entire unit was designed and set up by the Exhibits Division of the Department of Trade and Commerce after consultation with the Tanners concerned in Montreal during the summer. A full scale model of the individual exhibit was set up in the Beardmore plant to check actual details.

The combined exhibit includes two private lounge areas and features as a backdrop a full colour map of Canada made entirely from leather supplied in various colours and textures by Beardmore.

Mr. Branda will be joined in Paris by Company President, Mr. W. J. Beatty, who at the present time is in Vienna where he is attending the International Chemists' Convention along with Chief Chemist, Mr. John Greifeneder. Besides promoting their own products, Mr. Beatty and Mr. Branda will have the opportunity

of seeing the latest trends in Leathers and Leather Goods. They will also see the latest improvements in machinery and equipment and production techniques. Dr. Adolph Schubert, international known tanning consultant, who is also consultant at the Beardmore plant, will meet them to explain the features of the new machines and processes.

Appointments have been made with many of the Company's foreign agents and customers to meet them in Paris and discuss the promotion of new lines. Featured in the Beardmore lines will be Pigskin, genuine Canadian Suede Pigskin which is having a good response in the export market.

During the week of the Paris Fair, Mr. Branda hopes to have the opportunity to visit Florence, Italy, to see what are the trends in Italian leathers and styles. Florence is one of the important Leather and Leather Goods centres in Italy which for some time has been the major influence in North American styles in leather garments and footwear.

At the close of the Paris Show on September 15, Mr. Beatty and Mr. Branda will proceed to London, England, from which central point they plan to visit most of the important footwear factories in England, accompanied by their agents who are responsible for the distribution of the Company's products in England.

A substantial portion of the Company's production is used in the English factories where Canadian leathers have a high reputation for quality and uniformity. The Company officials hope to

increase this trade by direct contact with their customers. An increase in the demand for their leathers would require further expansion of production facilities which at the present time are at capacity.

Mr. Beatty will leave England on September 23, but Mr. Branda will remain until September 28. On their return to Canada they will join other Beardmore Sales Personnel in Montreal attending the Canadian Shoe and Leather Fair.

More Help

This year's blood donor clinic date has been set as Thursday afternoon and evening, September 24, at the Legion, Legionnaires, anticipating a full door-to-door canvass and distribution of informative brochures, have contacted service clubs and expect unprecedented assistance this year. Already the firefighters and Lions have reported they will assist in this life-saving project.

The Hamilton unit of the Red Cross blood donor clinic has reserved the dates for Acton. This is the ninth year a clinic has been held on an annual basis.

Bursary Awarded

Acton high school student Stella O'Gorman has been awarded a Dominion-Provincial bursary. She is continuing her studies in grade 13 here.

Recreation Committee

Co-Relate Y, Recreation Program? Reps Named for Joint Discussions

Possibility of the new recreation director, Harris Roe, having the Y.M.C.A. under his jurisdiction will be discussed by three representatives of the Y board and three recreation committee members.

At the meeting of the recreation committee last Thursday in the arena, Claude Cook, Hugh Patterson and Mrs. Helen Otter were named to represent the board at the upcoming discussion on correlating the program G.W. McKenzie of the Y board was to be informed. The three had been selected. A preliminary will be discussed and prepared, to be presented to each board.

The Y board had requested the present "heavy load" of the recreation director was mentioned and a few suggestions were briefly considered.

To replace Jack Bullough, former chairman of the committee who resigned, Gordon James was named to the board. He has been sports officer for the Legion, has headed Legion Minor Sports and has been very active in sports since he came to Acton.

Staff or Machine?

The problematic question of staff for the arena was considered, since applications for ice maker will be opened September 17.

Chairman Johnny Gov stressed to other members, "We can get by with one man if we have the equipment." He had figures on the rental or purchase arrangements for a combination ice-shaver cleaner, flooder, which with optional \$65 brush and \$34 edge, would come to \$1,445 plus tax \$1,670. Rental can be applied to purchase price. "If we compare the rental and our la-

bor costs," Mr. Gov said, "maybe we can't afford to be without it."

A tractor could be rented for use with the machine.

Possible purchase would cut down on the estimated \$20 a week for rink rats, too.

Donate Bospital Proceeds

Representing Acton Curling Club, president John Hainagel, Bill Toth and George Williams came to discuss the year's arrangements and their intended donation toward the new arena floor, just completed.

With the recreation director not yet begun and no ice maker hired, supposition that curling club activities would be much the same as last year and the ice "as good as we can make it" was accepted.

A contract will be arranged to cover the curling club for the full year. The present contract concludes in December, at the end of the recreation committee's year.

Curlers were assured the new ice maker would receive professional instruction.

Since labor rates aren't known, it was assumed costs would be the same as last year.

Discussion of extra ice time will be considered when Mr. Roe begins scheduling ice time. Said Mr. Gov, "I don't think any one club could take more than two days and two nights... and we don't curl more than 50 per cent of the time the ice is in."

Reserving a Saturday or Sunday for a bospital will be referred back to the curling club.

As a donation toward the new arena floor, the club will donate the net proceeds of a bospital to the recreation committee.

Money-Raising for Floor

Members went on to consider other ways of raising money to pay off the floor debt — rental to service clubs, private groups and opening night program.

Facilities might be offered for a project if a donation was to be given.

It's hoped ice will be made early in November.

The secretary was authorized to pay the initial invoice on the new floor of \$6,174.

New Recreation Director Served 30 Years in Army

In the Canadian Army for the past 30 years, former Captain Harris Roe arrived in town Tuesday with his wife and two children and takes over his duties as recreation director immediately.

Mr. Roe joined the Royal Canadian Signals when he graduated from school in 1934. During World War II he served in England, Italy, North Africa and South West Europe as a non-commissioned officer.

After the war he remained in the permanent force and served two stretches of duty in the North West Territories before being posted to Kingston. He received his commission after the war and rose in rank from lieutenant to captain.

The former army captain was the unanimous choice for the position of recreation director left vacant when Jim Cashburn took a position in London.

Mr. Roe and his family spent most of Tuesday moving furniture and getting settled in their



HARRIS ROE

Four Rooms in H.S. Addition Used on First Day of School

The silliness which developed over the grounds at the three schools during the summer months was broken Tuesday when over 1400 students returned to classes to begin the fall term.

Hardly recognizable in their pretty dresses, pressed trousers, clean shirts and ties the boys and girls began arriving at school long before the 9 o'clock bell rang.

Veteran students who had attended classes other years were quite familiar with procedure but beginners who were taking the big step for the first time were accompanied by mothers, hand-in-hand. Some of the new pupils were a little hesitant to

leave mother, but once inside the school kindergarten teachers greeted them, everyone settled down with toys and crayons, and soon they took the educational system as part of their life.

Four Rooms Ready

At the high school where a new addition is being constructed, principal E. A. Hansen and his staff had more to cope with than public school teachers.

Crossing Guards

Crossing guards Cam Leishman, Jack Bruce and William Chisholm were at their familiar post greeting youngsters and guiding them across the roads.

Caretakers at all three schools had floors and desks polished.

Everything was in perfect order at both public schools but construction at the high school had disrupted caretakers' duties during the summer.

Caretakers at the high school include Rudy Spelvoegel, Ken McKinnon and Norm Robertson who was added to the staff this summer. At the Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett schools Colin McColl, James Bradshaw and recently hired Ab Robertson had everything spick and span for the start of school.

Four of the new rooms were made available for classes although not fully completed. Workmen continued their rapid pace. (Continued on Page Three)



IT'S IN THE BAG for these youngsters as they started back to the M. Z. Bennett school Tuesday. Teddy Dumars' school bag attracts pretty Kim McCristall as they wait for the ball to ring to start classes. Most pupils were anxious to begin classes again after the long summer holiday.



ACTON DIVISION of the St. John Ambulance Brigade participated with volunteers from Milton and Georgetown, in handling duties at the Steam-Era steam and antique reunion in Milton Fair Grounds over the Labor Day weekend. Six Actonians active in the brigade are shown in this picture of Monday's volunteers. At left in the front row is Division Superintendent George Hargrave, and the other men are Miltonians Corey Oosteen, George Winney and Sgt. Stan Callard. Cadets in the picture are Sgt. Sandra Hargrave, Private Pat Lass and Cpl. Linda Reiners; and nurses are Cadet Superintendent Mrs. Marie Hargrave and Mrs. Doris Cooke, all from Acton.