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## Federal Government Rejects \$6,000,000 Authority Plan

The Federal government has rejected the Credit Valley Conservation Authority's \$6,000,000 flood control program, Acton's Authority representative, R. R. Parker told the Free Press, Wednesday morning.

### George W. Goldstraw Nassagaweya Assessor

George W. Goldstraw of Campbellville was chosen this week as the new Assessor for the Township of Nassagaweya, and will begin his duties on February 1. The job is a full-time position.

Mr. Goldstraw was chosen from eight applicants after interviews by members of the council on Saturday. The post of assessor in the township had earlier been held by Calvin McIndry. However, he took over as clerk late last year after clerk Dan McMillan resigned to go into private business.

The new assessor is well known throughout the area, having lived in Campbellville for about 17 years. For the past 14 years, he has been engaged in real estate work, the latter 10 years in his own business in Campbellville.

ment ruled the proposal was considered more of a recreation than a conservation project and didn't qualify for federal grants.

**District, Province OK**  
Cleared at provincial level had been the overall project to include six dams plus channel improvements on the Credit River between Orangeville and Port Credit. This plan had also been cleared through participating municipalities, including Acton.

Mr. Parker stated although the original plan had received approval of the provincial government, it had been modified by the Authority to construct four dams, plus channel improvements, which would be spread over a period of from 10 to 15 years. The modification would reduce the cost by 55 per cent. The Authority was to pay 25 per cent of the cost of the \$6,000,000 project, with the provincial and federal governments splitting the balance.

**Won't Abandon**  
The Acton representative pointed out the project was intended as a means of assuring equal flow in the river than as a flood device or means of recreation.

The Authority will now take the matter up with the provincial government to see what measures can be taken to save the program, he said.

## Three Girls Win Honors In Legion Essay Contest

One Acton district high and two public school students brought home honors to Acton this week by winning top honors in the district Royal Canadian Legion Essay contest, entitled "A Day to Remember."

At the local level, sponsored by Branch 197, pupils from both Acton public schools, Brookville and Snye-side schools were eligible to enter. In this contest Katherine Knuppelberg won first and Linda Lawson placed third. Both are Robert Little public school pupils. Taking second spot in the local contest was Marian Rheinhardt of Brookville public school.

**Local Contest**  
Essays judged in the local contest by Rev. A. H. McKenzie, Mrs. Grace Rogers and Edward Pratt were sent on to the district contest.

Word was received this week that Miss Knuppelberg won first and Miss Lawson second. Their essays will now be submitted to

provincial command for further competition.

Only winning entry from the high school in the district competition was from Linda Brauda who placed second in the competition for students from grades nine to 12. Her winning essay will now be entered in provincial competition as well.

In the district competition there are 67 branches eligible to compete with many more schools entered.

**Other Entries**  
Other entries in the local contest included Dick Kuipers, Snye-side; Beverly Brunelle, Patricia East and Jessie Ann Davidson of the M. Z. Bennett public school; Darlene West R. L. School; Bonita Price and Susan Van Sickle from Brookville public school.

The winning essay written by Miss Katherine Knuppelberg will appear in its entirety in next week's issue of the Acton Free Press.

## Official Plan, New Band Hall On Agenda at Planning Board

Tentative approval was given at a full meeting of the planning board on Thursday evening of the draft copy of the official plan. Changes had been made by planning board as a result of the objections at the public meeting held last fall.

When the official plan is revised by the consultants to incorporate these changes, the planning board will then pass it to the council for their approval and submission to the Department of Municipal Affairs. In the meantime, work continues on the official zoning map and the zoning by-law.

The official plan designates generally the uses to which the land may be put, the zoning map deals with each specific piece of property. The zoning by-law outlines the uses to which the different classifications may be put.

At the meeting, Aldo Brauda was chosen chairman and councillor Bob Drinkwater was selected as vice-chairman.

Appointed to represent Acton planning board at the County Planning Association were Mr. Drinkwater and Bill Knight.

Planning board was advised an application had been made to approve the erection of a band hall for Acton Citizens' Band on property on Wallace Ave owned by Tony Sevnyuk near Warren Grove. The secretary reported a visit by the chairman and planning board members to the property, who had suggested the committee of adjustment for an interpretation under the zoning by-law of a band hall to be classed as a community centre for zoning purposes.

Planning board could see no reason to oppose the application; however, Eric Johnston pointed out, "It's up to the residents to object if they want to."

Mr. Wakenfield also stressed the importance of a good public relations image between Branch 197 and Provincial Command. "The Legion is made at branch level," he stated, as he emphasized keeping Provincial and Dominion Command informed of local activities.

**Need New Members**  
Recruiting new members was urged if the death rate among Legionnaires from 1960 continues as it is, by 1969 if no new members are enrolled there will only be around 10 remaining. "We have to get busy and get more members. There are still around 1,000,000 eligible left," he said.

**Main Streets Cleared of Snow**  
Town workers worked overtime during the weekend as they coped with heavy snowfalls on the streets. Both trucks were out plowing and the front-end loader was put to good use as snow was hauled away from the main business section.

The blizzard, heavy downpour of snow and then rain more effectively crippled traffic than any other storm yet this year. Trips were forgotten, the Gohn auction sale cancelled and visitors storm-stayed. Many missed church to avoid walking on the treacherously slippery walks, glazed with rain.

Youngsters playing were hurt by cracking jagged chunks of solidified snow. Some rural churches cancelled services. While Acton's main streets are clear, country roads, backstreets and sidewalks still require caution. Town sidewalks and roads are being sanded by town workers.



FATHERS AND SONS opposed each other Tuesday evening during a curling game at the arena. In keeping with the Minor Sports slogan "Take Don't Send Your Boy to the Arena," the fathers also stayed to play with them. Front row left to right are Steven Dolgys, Allan McKenzie, Neil Anderson and Randy Ridley. Back row left to right are Walter Dolgys, Rev. A. H. McKenzie, a ringer for the fathers, Tom Watson, Chester Anderson and Jack Ridley. Outcome of the game is not known but the fathers claim to have won.

## Development, Sale Next

# Give Final Reading to Debenture By-Law For 50-Acre Main St. N. Industrial Park

Final hurdle in the creation of Acton's industrial park on the A. Hufnagel farm, Main St. North, was cleared Tuesday night's regular council meeting when third and final reading of a by-law for a \$50,000 debenture issue was passed.

The project, now ready for its second stage, is in line for development and sale of the property to industrial users.

Only opposition to the third reading came from reeve Hinton who has consistently opposed the project through all its stages. The reeve, after the final

passing, confirmed that he would now be 100 per cent behind the development and sale of the property.

In the project, the town has acquired approximately 50 acres of land suitable for industrial development. Debentures issued to cover the cost of the land have been sold, \$15,000 to A. Hufnagel and \$35,000 to Bell Gentry and Co. The issue carries interest at 5 1/2% for a 10 year period and sold at par.

**J.I.S. Addition**  
Debenturing to cover the cost of the addition to the High school was delayed until Sept.

ember 30 by authorizing the borrowing of \$250,000 on a short term basis from a finance company at 4.77 per cent for eight months. In September, debentures will be issued.

Total cost of the school, including architect's fees, was \$234,063. Interest paid on the short term borrowing, legal fees and a possible discount on debentures when issued will bring the total cost of the school close to \$250,000.

When debentures are issued the Municipal Works Assistance program will take debentures of \$85,538. Under approval granted, the town will have a long-termness of 25 per cent of this amount, \$21,384.50. The balance, \$164,800 will be debentured and sold on the open market.

**Leishman Park Land**  
Letters from ratepayers in the area of the Leishman park were read to council and are to be forwarded to the solicitor for his recommendation. A Municipal Board hearing had heard the arguments for and against the rezoning of this property to allow its sale as residential building lots. Because of the immunity of the municipal elections, the board did not give a decision at the time of the hearing but agreed to make a ruling January 31.

In the meantime, the board recommended that the town approach the ratepayers of the area to determine if they were willing to assume a special levy

## Tenders Total \$45,643 For Nassagaweya Hall

At a special meeting on Saturday, Nassagaweya Township Council accepted tenders for the construction of the new municipal office building, totalling \$45,643, subject to the necessary approvals.

J. J. Zanatta of Milton submitted the low bid for the general contract, at \$39,675. The Carling North Plumbing and Heating tender of \$3,418 and the Naalim Electric bid of \$2,550 for electrical work were also chosen as low bids.

The tenders were accepted subject to the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board for the execution of the contract, and subject to approval of the Subsidies Branch, Department of Municipal Affairs for a loan under the Municipal Works Assistance Program.

**Reduce Cost**  
Officials pointed out that the cost would be reduced by several items. Under the Municipal Works Assistance Program a 10 per cent subsidy of 28 per cent of the amount of the loan is expected. Approval has been received for a Works Works Program for the Project, under which 75 per cent of the labor costs incurred up to April 30 will be paid.

The council can also apply for a rebate on the 11 per cent Federal sales tax on building materials, plus a three per cent Provincial tax rebate on some materials.

all of which will further reduce the cost to the ratepayers. The figures do not include architect's fees and furnishings.

Construction of the building is expected to begin in mid-February if approvals are forthcoming in time. Reeve William Coulter said, "The building will be erected on township-owned property across the road from the present one-room council quarters in the old Brookville Hall, and next door to the present Works Department garage. The site is the geographic centre of the township."

The one-storey building includes room for a large council chamber plus private offices for the clerk, road superintendent, assessor and reeve, and a general area. In the basement are the vault, boiler, and a large unfinished space.

## Ontario Approval

A letter officially informing Halton M.P.P. George Kerr of the Department of Municipal Affairs' approval of Acton's centennial library project, was received by Mr. Kerr this week and forwarded to the Free Press. "An application for a grant from the Town of Acton under this program was approved by the Province of Ontario on January 14, 1965, and has now been forwarded for approval to the Centennial Commission in Ottawa," the letter reads.

"The project is the construction of a library at a net estimated cost of \$45,760 and this sum, subject to the above-mentioned approval, will be provided as follows: \$34,472 by the town of Acton, \$4,144 by the province and \$4,144 by the Government of Canada."

The town has previously received approval for zoning interpretation to allow the building to be built on the public school property. Dept. of Municipal Affairs approval of the total project and Ontario Municipal Board approval for a debenture issue to guarantee the town's portion of the cost.

## Break-In Thursday At Little Motors

Smash and grab thieves struck Little Motors some time Thursday night of last week and stole a quantity of cigarettes valued around \$30.

The break-in was discovered around 7 a.m. by Constable Bruce Kressler while on a routine check. He immediately notified the owner, Wyman Little.

Apparently the thieves smashed the window in the front door, reached in and opened the door from the inside, to gain entry. A permit and candy vending machine was knocked over and broken and a trail of cigarettes left from the main office to the driveway outside. Police are conducting an investigation.

No doubt town workmen would appreciate motorists complying with the "No Parking Overnight on the Streets" by-law, especially in the winter time, following their experience plowing out roads on the weekend.



G. W. GOLDSTRAW Nassagaweya Assessor

## Traveling Warden Visits All Councils

Warden H. Merry told County Council this week he had begun his promised visits to municipal councils with a visit to Georgetown Council on Monday.

It was his plan to attend all local councils as time is available.

He suggested a supper meeting be held this year for all municipal councillors to familiarize them with each other and with county government. The suggestion was referred to a committee.

During Minor Sports week this week Ys Men will watch the team they sponsor play hockey after their dinner meeting Thursday.



BUNK HOLMES retired as steward at Branch 197 Acton Legion after serving for the past 11 years. Saturday evening at the annual banquet, president James Gunn presented a tackle box for fishing to the well-known angler.

## Speaker, Presentation, Choir at Legion Banquet

Guest speaker Gordon Wakefield, vice-president from Provincial Command of the Royal Canadian Legion, handed verbal bouquets to Branch 197 members Saturday evening at the annual veterans' dinner when he praised them for the wonderful job during the annual poppy campaign.

He urged the 150 in attendance to work together for the good of their branch as he stated "Team work makes for a successful Legion. It's the only way. The more you work for your branch, the more you get out of it."

Mr. Wakefield also stressed the importance of a good public relations image between Branch 197 and Provincial Command. "The Legion is made at branch level," he stated, as he emphasized keeping Provincial and Dominion Command informed of local activities.

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Outlining the Legion's centennial project to perpetuate the Legion for years to come, Mr. Wakefield asked Branch 197 to contribute to this project and said more information would be passed on later. In conclusion he congratulated the officers of Branch 197 for their work in the past and wished the branch continued success in the future.

**Successful Year**  
Beginning his second term as president, James Gunn credited last year's executive and the general membership for the success of the Legion the past year and asked for continued support again this year.

Former mayor and Legionnaire, chairman for the evening, John Goy, said he believed every local Legionnaire was working hand in hand and doing a fine job in maintaining the high standard of the Legion.

Deputy Zone Commander Dave Capperault of Georgetown congratulated president Gunn and the Branch members for the outstanding success of Branch 197.

He said he was happy to be a guest and brought good wishes from his superior officers who could not be present.

A Chairman Goy welcomed the 150 Legionnaires to the annual dinner and what he termed a "good old Canadian night." Outside Old Man Winter had dumped several inches of snow in the parking lot and streets and then turned the snow into rain.

**Record in Briefly**  
In introducing Mayor Les Duby, also a Legion member, Mr. Goy stated he was a municipal colleague and personal friend as well as a Legion comrade. The mayor made one of his briefest speeches in history as he congratulated the veterans on their past achievements and stressed the important work Branch 197 was doing for Minor Sports. "It is my pleasure to proclaim Minor Sports Week in Acton," he said.

**Commends Officers**  
The chairman in introducing George Musselle as one of the head table guests commended the installing officers for his excellent work in the past and said "we consist of one of the best installing officers in Ontario." Assisting with installation of officers were Dr. A. J. Buchanan, Jim Milne, Mayor Duby, Vic Patrick and William Middleton with Arthur Ford acting as Sergeant-at-Arms for the ceremony.

**Special Guests**  
Other special and head table guests introduced included former postmaster Frank Terry, Rev. Donald H. West, who said grace, Rev. Dwight Fogel, minor sports chairman Gord James, who thanked the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary for the excellent roast beef dinner; past president and life member Max Storey who responded to the Legion toast and predicted an "excellent" future if every one worked "together"; deputy zone commander Dave Capperault and provincial first vice president Gordon Wakefield.

**"Better Looking"**  
"Old Sweats" at the annual dinner were accorded a standing ovation as they were introduced by chairman Goy who quipped "You

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ACTON LEGIONNAIRES held their annual banquet Saturday evening in the Legion auditorium and heard guest speaker Gordon Wakefield, who is first vice-president of the Provincial Command. Front row left to right are Mr. Wakefield and Legion president James Gunn. Back row left to right are master of ceremonies John Goy, installing officer George Musselle and Mayor Les Duby.