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\$6,240 Libraries Grant For Acton's Centennial

New information on approval for Acton's centennial library was received Tuesday by the Free Press in a news release from the Department of Tourism and Information, Toronto. For the first time, it is stated that an Ontario Public Libraries grant will provide \$6,240 of the cost of the \$52,000 library.

Plus this will be matching gifts of \$4,144 from federal and provincial governments. The town of Acton will meet the balance of \$37,472.

20 More Grants
Projects of a recreational nature predominate this latest list of 20 Ontario communities to receive centennial grants from the Ontario and federal governments.

Approval of the grants, amounting to \$153,330.66, was announced jointly Tuesday by Hon. Maurice Lamontagne, Secretary of State and Minister responsible for Centennial Affairs and Hon. James Auld, Ontario Minister of Tourism and Information and chairman of the Provincial Centennial Committee.

Largest of the applications

Midnight Fire

Acton firefighters were roused from their sleep at midnight Tuesday to answer a fire-call to the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Morrison on No. 7 Highway east of town. The chimney fire was extinguished quickly and firefighters returned to their homes to continue their sleep.

—More people than ever are taking winter holidays in the south. And don't the travel pages of the daily papers look enticing?



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS were cemented Saturday afternoon in keeping with Minor Hockey Week when Detroit Midgets opposed Acton All-Star midgets in a friendly game at the arena. Emphasizing good sportsmanship, two local players help Detroit goalie Denis Doliner strap on his pads. Left is Barry Elliott and right is Ken Owen.

Jack Holmes Lays Down Cane Retires From Auctioneering

One of the hardest auctioneers to conduct in the past seven years for Jack Holmes came Saturday — it was his last. Announcing his retirement from auctioneering was one of the toughest chores Mr. Holmes has had to do.

Working his familiar cane and wearing the typical western style hat, the local real estate man and now retired auctioneer conducted the first hour of sales at the Lloyd Gohn sale at the rear of Hills stationery store. At this point he made the final announcement and fellow auctioneer Frank Petch took over the reins.

Mr. Holmes stated his regret



JOHN R. HOLMES

at having to leave auctioneering but explained the decision was made as a result of restrictions laid down by the Real Estate Branch of the Ontario Government. It was either continue in auctioneering and quit Real Estate or vice versa. Mr. Holmes said auction sales were too few and far between to make this a full time occupation because of restrictions opposing entering neighboring municipalities.

Before handing over the Gohn sale to Mr. Petch, Mr. Holmes took time out to thank fellow auctioneers who have been quite helpful with both support and advice, Jack Elliott, Frank Petch and Roy Hindley. He also expressed his gratitude to clerks who have helped throughout his seven years, Fred Bappte, George Currie, Frank Simoni and Charles Landsborough.

Special verbal bouquets were handed to the many patrons who have frequented auctions he has conducted, to the many people whose articles he sold, and to the buyers.

Mr. Holmes said "To be an auctioneer one has to be prepared to enjoy the work and not expect to become rich on the small commission received. There is a lot of fun being an auctioneer and one meets a lot of fine people."

The retiring auctioneer said he can now devote full time to his real estate business and he hopes to do business with many friends he has met during his term of auctioneering.

Discuss Building for Dual Role Accommodate Town and Hydro

Whether a proposed hydro building on Alice Street is constructed to accommodate town offices or just necessary space for hydro has long been a question by Ontario Hydro regarding a possible long term lease by the town.

This was one aspect discussed at the Acton Hydro Commission meeting last Thursday.

When they left commission earlier discussed a new building to include offices and workshop. Mrs. Dubs had sparked the thought of including town offices as well.

Two Plans
Architect Don Skinner subsequently prepared two sets of sketch plans—one including town offices and one set with hydro facilities only.

According to the architects the estimated cost of the building to include town offices was in the \$80,000 range as opposed to a hydro building alone at \$57,000.

Howard King and Joe Avrien

To Emphasize Fire Safety With Film, Demonstration

Acton Firefighters are starting the year by emphasizing fire prevention and have outlined a program to emphasize the danger of fire by showing a film entitled "Why" which shows the disastrous Chicago school fire.

Following showing of the film in the high school, a demonstration will be held at the Acton high school and invited to attend will be students, staff members and school board members from all Acton schools. Parents are also invited to attend.

The following night the same program will take place at the Lakeside Chapter LODGE, meeting of the Legion and on February 18, the Hamockburn WI will see the film and demonstration at the Fire Hall.

Bonded Warehouse Licensed At New Goy Transport Site

Goy Transport Ltd has expanded its facility to include a "Class A" bonded warehouse designed to serve the road transportation industry.

The newly constructed building on No. 7 highway west of town was opened as a truck depot recently. Wednesday of last week, word was received by president John Goy his new license had been granted by the Customs and Excise Branch of the Department of Revenue.

Boon to Town
The new service will be a boon to the town and especially in providing goods from outside Canada. The business will be separate from Goy's transport service and will be known as Acton Terminal Warehouse.

At the present time, bonded goods arriving by train are checked at the CNR station by customs officer Murray Harrison and after the purchaser has cleared with his brokers and everything is in order for the customs officer, the goods are handed over to the consignee.

However, bonded goods arriving in Canada by transport which are consigned to this area, create a bigger problem for the consignee. In the past, goods were transported to the nearest bonded warehouse which, up until a while ago, was Kitchener, and besides loss of time and additional costs, the consignee was faced with the inconvenience of driving to Kitchener, Hamilton or Toronto, to clear the goods. In recent years, there has been a depot at Guelph.

Speedier, Less Expensive
With the innovation of the warehouse in Acton, these problems will be eliminated and speedier service at lower costs will be big advantages for purchasers buying out of the country.

Now, goods consigned to this area can be trucked directly from anywhere to Acton, cleared, and furthered to any destination in Canada without too much delay.

For the benefit of industry such as Michigan Bull, who buy in truckload lots, a trailer company is established at the Acton warehouse. Shortly after the load arrives, the customs officer can be on hand and after necessary clearance has been given, the load can be spotted at the industrial site Office space at Goy's will be reserved for the customs office.

Mr. Goy is hopeful of having the new system in operation by the first of March and expects to increase his staff in order to handle the extended service.

There is a possibility a part-time brokerage office would be required in town as a result.

Establishment of a bonded warehouse makes Acton's picture even more attractive for potential new industries.

Five licenses for these facilities are issued and Acton is fortunate to have one.

To Buy H.S. Typewriters Possible Saving of \$1000

Acton high school board finance chairman sharpened his pencil Monday evening and came up with a possible \$1,000 saving to the board over a period of five years by purchasing 45 typewriters in place of the customary rent at Chester Anderson, who has conducted a thorough study into the typewriter and business machine rental system, told board members Monday afternoon.

Typewriters would lead the \$1,000 saving plus the fact the school would own the typewriters outright.

Previously this equipment was rented over a five year period and costs for this were above an outright purchase. Purchase of the typewriters was approved.

Whether board members approve purchasing business machines or not hinges on a reply from appointed members of the Advisory Vocational Committee, Jack Creighton and Ted Franklin.

Confirm Fox Had Rabies

A Labrador Retriever, family pet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Armstrong, R. R. 4, Acton, is under quarantine following confirmation a fox found near the dog tied in the yard, was rabid.

Tuesday morning of last week, the Armstrongs discovered the fox lying dead within range of the dog's chain. Veterinarian Dr. Frank Oakes was contacted and in turn referred the incident to the Federal Health Office at Brampton.

Samples of the fox's brain tissues were sent to the Dominion Laboratory at Hull, Quebec and Tuesday, the report was confirmed that the animal was rabid.

Rural and local residents are being cautioned against going near any strange acting wild animal and children especially are warned not to touch any dead animal.

Several Car Crashes Keep Constable Busy

Constable Bruce Kressler was kept busy Saturday evening investigating several minor accidents early in the evening.

At the corner of Churchill Road and Queen Street, a car driven by Robert McCandless, Georgetown, received \$150 damage and a vehicle driven by John O'Rourke, R. R. 4, Acton, received \$300 damage when both were in collision. Mr. McCandless checked in at Georgetown hospital for a checkup after, but was allowed to return home.

An Acton car driven by Harold Townsend was damaged to the extent of \$40 and a Georgetown vehicle driven by Harold Rivers received an estimated \$10 damage when in collision on Main St. N. at the Dominion Hotel. No injuries were sustained.

Another minor mishap occurred on Mill St. when a car driven by Brian Evans, R. R. 1, Lakeside, and another driven by Lou Earl Freeman, Blenheim, were in collision. Damage totalled about \$50.

Some Say "Yes", Others "No"; Few Undecided on School Board Payment

Public School Board Trustees Receive Maximum \$30 Month

Acton public school board trustees Tuesday evening decided to accept the maximum payment amounting to \$30 per month permitted by recent legislation enacted by the Provincial Government.

During the regular board session attended by the press, members decided to postpone discussion until after the meeting adjourned. A phone call Wednesday morning from secretary William Middleton confirmed the decision to accept the payment had been made later in the evening after the reporters had left.

According to the legislation which allows trustees to be paid according to the per capita pupil attendance, board members may receive up to a maximum of \$30 per month.

January: "No"
During the inaugural meeting the previous month a poll of members indicated most were not in favor of receiving payment for services, but further discussion was withheld until the February meeting.

At the Tuesday night session, chairman William Benson reopened the subject and after a brief poll, vice-chairman Doug Manning stated he was in favor of discussing the question in public with the press present.

"I would sooner leave this for the 'bull session'." The first thing you know, everything you say is down in black and white! The subject was apparently reopened in the so-called "bull session."

During the meeting, it was learned the roof at the M. Z. Bennett school was still giving trouble and water was dripping into some of the rooms. This has plagued trustees for some time and considerable money and time have been spent in an attempt to solve the problem.

It was tentatively agreed the only possible solution might be to install a new roof. Before any definite action is taken, advice is to be sought from two roofing company engineers.

Pay Ranges Nil to \$40 For Area School Boards

New provincial legislation states that school board trustees may, at their own discretion, appropriate honoraria on a sliding scale according to per capita attendance based on 1963 figures for schools under their jurisdiction. The new pay scale became effective January 1, 1965, depending on the wishes of boards concerned.

Several in the district have already raised their pay to the level allowed by this new legislation.

First H.S.—Board
Monday evening, Acton district high school board became the first high school board in North Halton to approve the new basis of pay. Members will receive the maximum, \$20 per month plus mileage. Their previous payment was \$60 per year.

East week, Georgetown
District high school board turned "thumbs down" on their possible \$30 per month plus mileage and agreed to hold office for no pay whatsoever.

Milton high school board
has not yet met to discuss the new legislation. At present, they receive \$5 per meeting up to 12 meetings a year.

P.S. Boards Agree
Tuesday evening, Acton public school board agreed to accept their \$30 per month honoraria.

In Milton, the public school board, has already approved

H. S. Trustees Switch Stand Vote Selves \$20 Honorarium

Acton District High School Board trustees did an about face Monday night when, without question, they voted themselves a \$20 per month honorarium.

At the inaugural meeting a month ago, this payment had been turned down after a heated debate when trustees Chester Anderson and Tom Watson and Esquipping Township representative Kerwin McPhail ruled against the \$20 payment. It was agreed at the meeting to continue with the previous \$5 per month plus 10 cents per mile for rural representatives attending meetings.

At this previous meeting, Nassagaweya Township representative Duncan Moffat stated he would hand in his resignation to Nassagaweya Council rather than work for nothing. At the inaugural session, Mr. Moffat penned a proposed solution for a \$10 payment per month, which never got off the launching pad as no other trustee would second it.

New provincial legislation permits an honorarium based on the number of students enrolled. On Monday evening, a prepared resolution, moved by trustee Watson and seconded by trustee McPhail, was read by chairman Dwight Engel and without question approved.

Need More Teachers
Acton District High School is following the trend of growing schools and is suffering growing pains. As a result, two more teachers are forecast for next year to cope with the increasing number of classes.

Principal E. A. Hansen told the board he anticipated next year would bring five grade nine classes, four grade 10, four grade 11 and four grade 12, in one class. He said the growing number of classes indicated the possible need for two additional staff members.

Plan Interviews
Monday evening, board members set gears in motion in preparation for interviews with teachers at the Park Plaza Hotel in Toronto later this month in the hope of hiring replacements for present staff members who will be leaving this year. It was also agreed to hold private interviews with present staff members before this time to determine who will be signing new contracts and those who are leaving.

On request of teacher William Souley, a meeting with the Advisory Vocational Committee has been set up for tonight (Thursday) to give guidance in connection with the grade 10 course in business and commerce for

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