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## H. S. Budget Increase Salaries Hike Costs

Increasing costs of education were battled by high school board members at a special budget session Wednesday of last week to no avail. In spite of intensive review and sharpened pencils members came up with an overall budget for 1966 of \$312,175, an \$19,720 increase over the 1965 budget.

Hikes in teachers' salaries accounted for a large percentage of the increase. Total salaries this year amount to \$189,900 as compared with last year's total of \$164,964.

Acton Esquesing and Nassagaweya Townships will be requisitioned for \$127,171 of the school cost on an assessment percentage basis. Acton share will be 66.14 per cent or \$84,110.90; Esquesing's share 23.42 per cent or \$29,783.45 and Nassagaweya's 10.44 per cent or \$13,276.65.

Attending the special session were chairman Tom Watson, finance chairman Chester Anderson, trustees Ray Arbie, Kerwin McPhail and Duncan Moffatt and secretary-treasurer William Middleton.

## Sports Timer Objective In H.S. Magazine Drive

Grade 13 students at Acton District high school are undoubtedly top magazine salesmen in the school. They have drawn top honors four days in a row in the campaign being conducted by the student council.

Earning sufficient money to buy an electric timer for the gymnasium is almost assured. Cost of the timer is \$800. This is a project of the student council.

Providing gross sales during the campaign reach the \$2,000 mark, a portable TV set will be donated to the student council and a draw will be held with the lucky student salesman winning the prize. The grade selling the most subscriptions receives theatre tickets

for each student with additional prizes of stuffed animals, records, ribbons and knick knacks going to other salesmen.

From the time the campaign began students of the grade selling the most subscriptions each day were holders of a large stuffed tiger which was carried with them during classes. Grade 13 proved to be the best salesman and after winning the stuffed animal four times in a row have it for keeps.

## Canadian Flags Given to School

New Canadian flags were presented to the classrooms of the Robert Little school this morning (Thursday) by members of Lakeside Chapter of the I.O.D.E. A formal ceremony of dedication took place in the auditorium.

Flags for the M. Z. Bennett school and high school classrooms will be purchased and presented later. It is expected a large Canadian flag will be given for the high school auditorium as well with the Lakeside Chapter borrowing it for use on ceremonial occasions.

## Bigger Gate At Tannery

The entrance to Beardmore and Co. Ltd. property is receiving a facelift. Two double gates close off the property in place of the previous one, double gate.

The second gate duplicating the present one is used mainly for trucks passing over the heavy-duty truck scale which was installed some months ago. Traffic not required to pass over the scale continues to use the original gate.

A section of the cement block wall which formed a part of the bicycle storage space was removed to make room for the second entranceway.

## Court Monday

Fines totalling \$148 and court costs netting \$47 were paid in court Monday by 11 Acton traffic violators, one minor consuming liquor while under age and one convicted under the trespass act.

Assistant magistrate J. D. Ord of Georgetown presided over the 13 cases with Acton O.P.P. Detachment constables presenting evidence after laying charges.

## More Plates Sold By Deadline Here

License plate sales in Acton for motor cars to date this year show a marked increase over the same period last year, according to figures released by local issuer Jack Hargrave.

Sales to date this year amount to 1,751 plates compared with 1,657 during the same period last year. Mr. Hargrave noted there wasn't any great lineup for 1966 markers the last day the old plates expired but he had a steady stream of customers the last four days.

Quite a number of local motorists are trying out the coin car wash in Georgetown and are hopefully waiting the opening of the one in Acton next month.



"HOLD THAT TIGER" seemed to be the motto Grade 13 students adopted throughout the magazine campaign conducted by the student council to raise money for an electric sports timer. The grade 13 class won the tiger four times in a row, therefore keeping the trophy. Cuddling the fuzzy prize are Jill Bagby and Linda Braida. The student council hopes to make \$800 to pay for the timer.

## Plunkett Hearings Open For Halton Next Tuesday

The long-awaited local government needs study into Halton and Peel Counties began this week in Peel County, and two and a half days of next week have been set aside for the needs study commissioner Thomas J. Plunkett to hear submissions from municipal and other groups and individuals from Halton County.

Mr. Plunkett opens his Halton hearings Tuesday morning, March 22, at 9:45 a.m., in the Halton County Administration Building on the Base Line at Milton, and has scheduled sessions all day Tuesday and Wednesday plus Thursday morning.

### Peel Briefs

Peel County hearings were held all day Tuesday and Wednesday of this week at the Peel County Council Chambers in Brampton. Organizations who submitted briefs included the town of Brampton, township of Albion, Albion Property Owners' Association, township of Toronto Gore, Bramalea Consolidated Developments Limited, Police Village of Malton, Toronto Township Board of Education, Township of Toronto, Toronto Township—P.U.C., Peel Hospitals Committee, S. B. McLaughlin Associates Limited, and the Township of Chingacousy.

Halton groups have lined up 22 briefs for the special commissioner. The schedule of hearings is as follows:

## Blame Fog, Ice In 19 Accidents

One Acton resident was injured and four other Actonians were involved in a rash of 19 motor vehicle accidents investigated by Milton O.P.P. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Police blamed an ice storm and fog conditions for the big increase in traffic mishaps.

Allan Gay of Acton received a sprained left hand and required treatment at Milton District Hospital early Sunday morning, after a car in which he was riding, driven by James Robert Quinn of Acton, slid off Highway 25 south of 10th Street. The road was ice-covered at the time and the vehicle sustained \$800 damage.

Friday was a particularly bad day for drivers as O.P.P. were called to nine accidents. Michael Churchill of 64 Langfield Dr., Acton, was involved in a single-car accident on Highway 7 causing \$125 damage; Bruce Cunningham of 44 Mowbray Cres. saw \$130 damage done to his car in a one-car crash on Highway 25 south of town; and Peggy Margaret Lang of 4 Mill St. was involved in an accident on Highway 7 in which no damage was reported.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 22

9:45 - 12:30 p.m. — County of Halton, Town of Acton, Township of Nassagaweya, Police Village of Campbellville, Town of Burlington.

2:00 - 4:30 p.m. — Oakville Catholic School Board, Milton Public School Board, Public Utilities Commission of Burlington, Burlington Suburban Area Planning Board.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

9:45 - 12:30 p.m. — Town of Milton, Committee of Adjustment of Burlington, Brian Best of Milton, Town of Oakville.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 24

9:45 - 12:30 p.m. — Bruce Trail Association, Halton - Peel County Federation of Agriculture, Ontario Municipal Electric Association, Urban Development Institute (Ontario Division), Town of Port Credit.

Hearings are open to the public and anyone is welcome to sit in on any or all of the hearings.

## Nassagaweya Councillors Want Compensation; Well Runs Dry

Reeve W. C. Coulter and Deputy Reeve W. Hovey objected at Halton County Council to a section of the road committee report noting the committee denied responsibility for damage to a ratepayer's well.

Reeve G. Leslie recalled a similar incident in Glen Williams when footings were installed for a new bridge. Ratepayers there sought damages also for interfering with their wells; County responsibility was denied.

The current complaint is in Nassagaweya where Chester Service charges his well was affected by road widening and he was forced to drill a new well.

Reeve Leslie told members the committee decided to adhere to its solicitor's advice that the county was not responsible. Deputy Reeve Hovey objected to

a simple statement in the report that did not offer much information to the complainant.

Deputy Reeve Hovey noted the county had supplied water to this man because they had drained the well. Reeve Gallagher suggested this was done out of the goodness of their heart.

The warden halted an exchange between the two councillors and called a vote on the amendment to delete the reference from the committee minutes.

Reeve Coulter asked for assurance the matter could be reintroduced at the next road committee meeting if the amendment was lost. Warden H. Hinton assured him the matter could be reintroduced.

In a vote on the amendment the Nassagaweya representatives supported the deletion but it was defeated.

## Change in Tax Payments Made by Esquesing Twp.

A change in discounts for early payment of taxes was approved by Esquesing council last week. In an effort to collect tax money earlier in the year and save on borrowing costs, Esquesing will notify the ratepayers in their 1966 tax bill that they will be allowed 1 per cent discount if taxes are paid by August 1 and 1 percent if paid by September 1. The September discount has been in operation for some years.

They will also be informed that in 1967 it will be possible to pay taxes in four instalments, in March, June, September and December.

A letter from the Junior Farmers Association requested the help of clerk K. C. Lindsay and Esquesing council in discovering Esquesing farms in the same family for a century. "Century

## Reach Agreement on Truck Call Tenders on Van-Type

Acton Hydro Electric Commission members reached an agreement Thursday of last week and will call tenders for the purchase of a van-type truck for the hydro department.

Members had been at a stalemate for at least two meetings, with some preferring a van-type truck, while others leaned toward a half-ton pickup for use by the meter reader.

The supplier of the truck will also have to be prepared to allow for a trade-in on the present truck.

### Congratulations

Chairman E. G. Tyler Sr. was congratulated by Mayor Les Dudy on behalf of council for winning a long-service award at the recent

A.M.E.U. - O.M.E.A. convention in Toronto. The chairman was unable to be present to receive the award, which will be forwarded to him.

Superintendent Doug Mason informed the commission the new capacitors installed the first of the year were beginning to pay off as the power factor for the month of February had reached 91.8 per cent. He noted it had been as low as 88 per cent prior to this.

### Where Does Money Go?

Secretary-treasurer Mrs. Audrey Urquhart noted the commission had made a profit of \$25,401.66 last year. Chairman Tyler asked where the profit had gone and was answered by the mayor when accounts passed for

payment totalled \$24,108.29. "There, it's gone already!"

When spring's just around the corner, a hydro chairman's thoughts turn to air conditioners, and Thursday Mr. Tyler asked what was being done about the air conditioner in the office. "The groundhogs and robins are back. It's time we started thinking about the air conditioner again," he remarked.

It was reported the air conditioner (which never has worked too satisfactorily since being installed some years ago) would be checked into again.

Commission members learned the work force was assisting town workers in a tree-trimming program.

## Carol Patterson Receives Trophy Top Public Speaker at Schools

Grade seven pupil Carol Patterson, from the Robert Little Public school, drew a hearty round of applause from fellow pupils when she was chosen top orator during the inter-school finals Friday morning at the R. L. School auditorium.

The young winner will compete Friday evening against speakers from Halton County for top honors, in the annual public school speaking competition.

### Seven Compete

Last Friday, four speakers from the R. L. school and three from the M. Z. Bennett school spoke on topics of their choice and were commended by judges for their excellent presentation. Judges for the local competition included Rev. Dwight Engel, school board trustee William Benson and high school teacher J. A. Holmes.

Competing from R. L. school were Miss Patterson, who spoke on "Pauline Johnson"; Kathy Hinton, who chose the topic "Sir F.

Banting"; Elaine Johnson who spoke on "Jamaica"; and Diane Bousfield who used the political field, speaking on "Prime Minister Lester Pearson".

Competitors from the M. Z. school included Debra Slingerland whose topic was "Criticism"; Chris Brunelle speaking on "Juvenile Delinquency"; and Carolyn Thompson speaking on "Teenage Freedom."

### Trophy Presented

Acton Hydro Electric Commission chairman E. G. Tyler Sr. presented the happy winner with the

hydro trophy and each contestant received a book from the public school board.

The auditorium was packed with a few parents, teachers and a host of pupils as speakers held the attention of the interested audience.

Robert Little School grades five and six teacher Ross Farrelly was master of ceremonies introducing each speaker by number only. While judges were pondering results, grade six teacher Richard Coe led the audience in a singing.

A harbinger of spring almost as reliable as the first robin are hockey playoffs and tournaments. The Free Press this week follows Acton Tanners in their quest of an Int. B championship on the sports page.

You'll read what the sports columnist thinks of their chances and also his impressions of the Four Town Tournament. There are pictures and a report of the tourney, a report on the town league hockey playoffs and reports and pictures of the curling club's final series.

Some of the minor hockey teams are playing exhibitions and the industrial hockey league is in the finals. You can follow them all in The Acton-Free Press.

## Halton Municipalities to Share \$2,870,000 Prov. Roads Grants

Road construction and maintenance grants for all the municipalities in Halton County from the Ontario Department of Highways will total \$2,870,000 for 1966. The Honorable C. S. MacNaughton, Minister of Highways for the Province, outlined the estimated grants in a report to the Ontario Legislature.

Burlington, Oakville and the County of Halton will get the lion's share of the total with Burlington leading the way with \$400,000 for construction and \$255,000 for maintenance for a total grant of \$655,000 from the Province. Oakville will receive \$400,000 for construction and another

\$400,000 for maintenance for a total of \$800,000; while Halton County will get \$450,000 for construction and \$300,000 for maintenance for a total of \$750,000.

Grants to other municipalities in the county include: Esquesing \$32,000; Georgetown \$37,000 for \$117,000; Nassagaweya \$25,000 for construction and \$40,000 for maintenance for \$65,000; Acton \$5,000 for construction and \$21,000 for maintenance for \$26,000; Georgetown \$37,000 for construction and \$80,000 for maintenance for \$117,000; and Milton \$5,000 for construction and \$65,000 for maintenance for \$70,000.



CAROL PATTERSON, grade seven pupil at the Robert Little public school, was chosen top orator Friday of last week during the inter-school public speaking contest. The young winner is shown with E. G. Tyler Sr., chairman of the Acton Hydro Electric Commission, who presented her with the Hydro trophy.



BOB ARMSTRONG gives the Acton Novices some tips before they skated out to wallop Fergus in the Four Town Tournament in Georgetown Saturday.