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Three New Teachers for H. S. Mrs. E. C. Reed Returns to Staff

Three new teachers have been engaged to date to fill vacancies on the high school staff. A total of nine vacancies were created by teachers leaving at the end of this term and, an additional teacher is required due to establishing another grade 12A class.

Hired is Mrs. E. C. Reed, who was assistant principal in Acton prior to leaving five years ago. Mrs. Reed, who taught here for seven years will return to teach French after teaching at East York.

A husband and wife team, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Martindale of Hanover, have also been engaged.

Mr. Martindale will teach geography and his wife Latin and Spanish. Present geography teacher C. L. Rognvaldson will teach industrial arts replacing the former teacher who is leaving this term. Four other teachers have given verbal approval to join the staff in Acton next term, but their contracts have not been finalized. Principal E. A. Hansen, vice-principal Joe Bray and board members Tom Watson, Chester Anderson and Ray Arbie interviewed teachers at the Park Plaza Hotel in Toronto during the past two weekends.



A ROSETTE ON THE CHEST is worth a flower in the hat, Pineview school clown Chris Neill discovers as he wins first place in the comic class at the public schools' carnival last Thursday. Recreation committee chairman Len Lovell leads the honors.

Howard Pearce Recreation Director Guelph Student Formerly Part-Time

Acton Recreation Committee hired a full time recreation director at their regular meeting last Wednesday in the council chambers, defining his duties and discussed means of combatting dropping revenue at the community centre in the later part of the season.

Howard Pearce, who assumed the recreation director's post on a part time basis in January, was hired as the full time director at a salary of \$4,800 per year. His duties will commence as soon as he is finished the directors' course at the University of Guelph April 8.

Mr. Pearce has had extensive experience in the recreation field including a stint as an assistant director in Haliburton and two years as a director in his home town as well as serving on a part-time basis with the Acton Y. He will graduate from the recreation directors' course with a "B" certificate which entitles the committee to a grant of \$2,000 on his services.

Mr. Pearce will receive his salary plus all the existing municipal benefits to which town employees are entitled. There is no scale for annual increments. Salaries are reviewed each year.

"How much is this going to cost the taxpayer?" asked committee member John Goy, his mind on the mounting town budget.

A quick appraisal of the figures brought a \$3,300 answer from chairman Len Lovell with a small amount needed for this year since only nine months remain. The committee estimated 75 per cent of Mr. Pearce's time in the winter months will be spent managing the community centre.

Existing employees at the centre will be under his supervision. April, a low revenue month at the community centre, was the subject of a long discussion between members with the high cost of keeping ice in a contributing factor. John Goy told the



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committee the arena had to stay open to accommodate the intermediate hockey team if they kept going. "So why not rent to the Toronto Hockey League if we've got ice available?" he asked.

Secretary Art Cooper informed Mr. Goy revenue was still holding up. Most available ice time was being snapped up by town and district teams and organizations.

The secretary was directed to send a letter to the T.H.L. informing them ice time was available in April if the league was interested.

Committee member Harold Townsley, perturbed at the large amount of water used at the community centre, asked why a tower wasn't built so water could be reused. A history of past negotiations for a cooling tower was discussed but the committee felt no action could be taken this year.

"It's not as serious as it looks," commented chairman Lovell. "When we pay the water bill the town is actually taking it out of our pocket and putting it in another."

The committee was told Esqueing catering service had pulled

out of the booth at the community centre and no one was available to dispense food for the school carnival. Efforts are being made to have someone finish up the season.

Murray Harrison, representing Acton Lions Club, was assured the community centre could be reserved for a western show the Lions intend to run tentatively on June 11. Mr. Harrison enquired about the extent of the facilities available and was told the centre's new holding stage would be adequate for the Lions needs.

The committee asked the Lions for five per cent of the gross gate receipts for rental stressing this was a special rate since they had contributed so much to the community centre.

The recreation director informed the committee G. McKenzie of the Acton YMCA board had contacted him to ask if any arrangements could be made to program the "Y". The committee reviewed the last attempt to form a liaison with the Y. Negotiations broke down when the Y board wanted the committee to have the

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Fire Guts Former School Family is Left Homeless

A former one-room school, S.S. No. 8 on the fifth line of Nassagaweya, being used as a residence, was completely gutted by fire Sunday night during the second outbreak within two and a half hours. The brick walls remain standing.

Occupants of the building, Mr. and Mrs. Andre Brouillard and family of three children, were left homeless and lost all their belongings.

Acton firefighters received the first call around 7:20 p.m. and extinguished a blaze with damaged curtains, bedclothes, chesterfield chair and chesterfield as well as a section of the ceiling. Occupants of the home were reported to have remained in the building about an hour and a half after firefighters had been satisfied the fire was completely out.

The second alarm sounded around 10 p.m. and when firefighters arrived entry to the building was prevented by dense smoke. Smoke ejectors were set up in an attempt to clear smoke. Firefighters donned smoke masks but were unable to gain entry.

Dense clouds of smoke poured from the building but at first there was no sign of flames. When flames became visible water from the booster tank on the truck was used and a portable pump set up in a swamp about a quarter mile away.

Suddenly the entire building was engulfed in flames and the fire was raging out of control. Firefighters stayed at the scene until around 3:35 a.m. Monday morning wetting down burning embers. With everything to be put in order at the Fire Hall, firefighters didn't get home to bed until 4:30 a.m.

The old school is owned by Sam Symon, principal of the school at York, Ontario, and is insured. Contents of the building were not insured.

331 Attend

45 High School Students Donate Blood at Clinic

The second largest attendance at a Legion Blood Clinic in Acton on Monday — a total of 331 — helped swell the fast depleting blood bank at the Hamilton headquarters of the Red Cross. Forty-five high school students attended the clinic for the first time to donate blood. There were 10 prospective donors who were unable to give blood because of minor ailments.

Red Cross workers from Hamilton, headed by registered nurse Miss Donna Arner, were kept busy throughout the day. Line-ups filled the Legion auditorium and several donors had to wait in a downstairs room.

The telephone canvass campaign was headed by Legionnaire Vic Patrick and Legion Ladies' Auxiliary past president Mrs. William Finlay and was credited with the increased number of donors. Various organizations helped with the phoning of everyone in the phone book.

Red Cross workers included technician Lois Borbath, drivers Dorothy Dorey, Joan Sharpe and Peg Pugh. Assistants included Do-reen Morita, Phyllis Millington, Irene Cserhati, Dawn Brown and Colleen Weston.

Local Assistants Assisting Red Cross workers were registered nurses Mrs. Herb Ritchie and Mrs. George Benton, as well as nurses Mrs. Doug Rogers and Mrs. Robert Hart. Also helping were St. John Ambulance Brigade members Mrs. George Hargrave, Mrs. Edward Heffernan and Miss Bella-Maye Roszell.

Mrs. Frank Toth Jr. was in charge of registration and receptionists included Mrs. Arthur Ford, Mrs. George Angell and Mrs. Charles Shultis. Typing out forms were Mrs. Mac Symon, Miss Esther Taylor and Miss Olga Dyriv.

Cloakroom helpers included Mrs. Robert Johnson, Mrs. Wally McHugh, Mrs. George Friser and Mrs. Gordon James. Coffee, tea, doughnuts and cookies were supplied by the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary under the supervision of Mrs. Lloyd Masales. Helping were Mrs. George Lazenby Sr., Mrs. Charles Higgins, Mrs. Del Jordan, Mrs. A. Turkosz, Mrs. James McKnight, Mrs. Charles Townsley and Mrs. Vern Wheeler.

List Donors Following is the list of donors who gave blood at the clinic: Arthur Cooper, Jack Walker, Gordon Van Gils, Susan Radford, Helen Jaque, Frank Reinink, Bernard Freuler, Douglas Garrett, Frank Kersman, Roger Lazenby, Douglas Allan, Frank Cassano, Axel Nieszerri, Doreen Lee, John Robson, Evelyn Marshall, Wendy Almond, Anne McCabe, Peggy Holmes, Jenny Holstede, Egbert Hofstede, James Matthews, Elsie Halladay, Edna Dobbie, Kathy Molnar, Catherine Meredith, Marjory Lillie, Pat Adam.

Wendy Thompson, Kenneth Thomson, Greta Heller, John Johnston, May Wilds, Kay Ross, Jessie Price, Henry Jensen, Gay White, Linda Linham, Flora Wisenz, Verna Murchison, David Woodhouse, Jeffrey Goy, Bert Rennick, W. H. Halladay, Jean

Search Parties Form Quickly

When a boy was reported missing Monday evening, O.P.P. Const. Peter Campbell recruited about 20 men, divided the town and immediate outskirts into sections and sent out search parties. Corp. Ray Mason came back on duty to assist.

Queries were made locally and information was also sent to other police departments by radio and telex. The boy was located at Brampton and brought home shortly after midnight. Prompt action by the police department was praised. The volunteer searchers were firefighters, curlers, friends and others who heard of the problem.

Court Monday

Fines totalling \$208 with court costs assessed at \$59 when 10 persons were convicted in police court in Milton Monday. Four of the convictions entailed speeding charges and six charges were laid under the Highway Traffic Act.

Speyside School Tops Five at Arena Races, Costume Contest at Carnival

For the second year in succession, Speyside school captured the championship at the public school ice carnival. Five schools sent 1,019 to the arena Thursday evening of last week to roar their applause as their representatives entered skating races, relays and costume contests.

Seated with a few teachers and parents in allotted sections, the rather raising supporters were very well-behaved — but very vocal.

Announce Champion Their jubilation only spilled out onto the ice surface when the annual event's grand winner was announced — Speyside school with 700 points.

M. Z. Bennett school came second with 664 points and Robert Little school was third with 640 points. Two other schools entering events were Pineview and Limehouse. A special handicap system was devised for the carnival. First place winners received five points, second three points and third one. But for schools under 200 enrolment, this figure was multiplied by 10; for the M. Z. Bennett school, the figure was multiplied by eight, and for the Robert Little school, multiplied by seven.

New recreation director Howard Pearce, just 24 hours after he was hired by the recreation committee, was in charge of one of the biggest and noisiest programs of the regular recreation scene. Assistants were well briefed and everything ran smoothly and speedily. Some of those helping were fellow students from the University of Guelph.

Statistical was Ken Kuhn. Starter was Dave Courtemanche and his assistant, Harold Townsley. Race judges were Hugh Patterson, Don Perry and Eric Lynch. Costume judges were Mrs. H. Otterben, Murray Harrison and Don Perry.

Len Lovell presented the ribbons to the winners and the Y's Men's big gold trophy was presented to Speyside school representatives by Bill Nelles. The winner's banner was accepted by principal Gary Dawkins.

The events were forced to begin when the line-up of people waiting to pay admission to enter was still right back out to the road. First of all, the costumed characters swung around the ice. With 60 entered, decisions were difficult.

Costume Winners

In the comic class, hillbillies predominated. Chris Nell of Pineview placed first as one of the hill clan, then Larry Douglas of Speyside with a jug, and Sandra Palmer of Robert Little third.

In the most original class, giant green candle Corrie Maxwell of RL was first, robot Terry Rozee of Speyside second and perky leprechaun Gene Braida of MZB third.

National costumes placed Lizette Clendenning of Speyside first as a Japanese lady, Ricky Rocher of RL second as an Irish lad, and Debbie Rippon of Speyside third as a Spanish bullfighter. In the pairs competition, Pauline and James Lynch of MZB (Continued on Page Five)

School Addition

Tentative approval for a five-room addition at Speyside public school has been given by the Department of Education and Esqueing township council. Final approval will not be given until architects Barnett and Rieder present completed plans.

The addition proposed by the Esqueing school board includes three classrooms, one kindergarten classroom and a general purpose room. It has been proposed to build the five rooms at one time, but it is expected the architects will have final drawings ready for board perusal next week. After they have been accepted by the board, plans will be submitted to both Esqueing council and the Department of Education for final approval.

At present, Esqueing school board rents one room at the stone school in Acton where one class from Speyside school receives lessons due to crowded conditions.

Planning Board Budget Finalized at \$3,500

Planning Board members finalized their 1966 budget Thursday evening of last week and will requisition council for \$3,500 to meet expected expenses during the coming year.

A breakdown of the budget shows \$1,000 has been allotted for the planning consultant's fees, \$600 for salary for the secretary, \$25 for membership in the Municipal World and \$25 membership in the Planning Association, \$800 legal fees, \$200 for printing and \$850 for possible amendments to the zoning by-law.

Charge Applicants? Secretary Jack McGeachie informed the board cost of processing any application requesting a change in zoning is at least \$300. Board members discussed the possibility of charging applicants a fee but reached no conclusion on the suggestion.

Allow Three Homes An application to the Committee of Adjustment from Giuseppe Gatto for minor variances on three lots in Glenlea to allow him to erect a house on each lot was not opposed by the Planning Board. However, members recommended to the committee that the applicant install a retaining wall at the rear of each home to prevent land from washing away.

The property in question is located on Longfield Road. The owner had previously applied to have an apartment erected on the three sites but it was refused. Planning Board members agreed not to oppose the application.

Not Enough Information Another application to the Committee of Adjustment from Tony Scavuck to sell 5.8 acres of his land abutting Acton Boulevard to Cranston Greese for a small subdivision was opposed by board members. It was agreed the application lacked sufficient information regarding a plan of subdivision and members will recommend to the committee of adjustment the application not be granted.

New Joint Secretary The secretary informed members it was council's wish for him to be relieved of duties as secretary of the Planning Board and Committee of Adjustment as soon as possible. It was agreed to have the board chairman contact the chairman of the committee of adjustment and, if both agree, to advertise for a joint secretary.

Accounts totalling \$1,205.78 were approved for payment. Present were chairman Aldo Braida, mayor Les Doby, councillor Bob Drinkwater and members Ed Footitt and Neil Miller.



COMPLETELY GUTTED, the former one-room school, S.S. 8, Nassagaweya, owned by Sam Symon and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Andre Brouillard and three children, illuminated the sky for miles around when flames shot through the roof Sunday night. Acton firefighters made two calls to the scene within two and a half hours.



NEW CANADIAN FLAGS were presented to the Robert Little school Thursday morning of last week by members of Lakeside Chapter of the I.O.D.E. Taking part in the brief but solemn ceremony were honorary regent Mrs. Joe Jaque and Rev. Ritchie McMurray. Included, with the two (above) are some of the children who received flags for their home rooms, front row left to right Kenny Marshall, Kathy Frost and Roger McEachern; back row Judy Rody, Mrs. Jocquey Linda Perry, Rev. McMurray and Jane Watson.