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## Hire Six Teachers, Two Tentative Public Schools Lose Eight on Staff

Acton ratepayers will be relieved to know \$30,000 has been chopped off the anticipated cost to taxpayers for elementary school education. Tuesday evening, Acton public school board reduced its requisition to the town by this amount.

The Department of Education grant system was changed this year and due to this change, both public and high school boards, as well as town council, were enveloped in a mystery, unable to decipher the grant system. As a result, both school boards based their requisitions to the town on last year's grant system, which was lower than this year.

**Grants Higher**  
The town auditor was asked to visit the Department of Education in an attempt to solve the grant mystery. This was done and Tuesday, the public school board learned the department grant was considerably higher this year. The board's original requisition to the town amounted to \$137,722 and this can be reduced to \$107,722 as a result of clarification of the grant system.

Acton council has been unable to strike a mill rate, due to the uncertainty of the Department of Education grant. It is anticipated the high school board will also reduce its requisition to council, now the grant system has been clarified.

Tuesday evening, the public school board learned eight new teachers would be required for next year. Two new teachers will be needed for the M. Z. Bennett school and six for the Robert Little school.

To date, six new teachers have been engaged and two are pending.

Leaving the staff of the Robert Little school at the end of this term will be Miss Mary Golem, Mrs. Doreen Byerman, Mrs. June Doherty, Ross Farrelly and John Lewis. Teacher Robert Govanlock will also have to be replaced due to illness. Leaving the M. Z. Bennett school will be Stewart Cowan and Miss Gail Hanna.

Teachers hired to date include Garry Bateman who left Acton to teach in Toronto, Douglas Hinds from St. Catharines, Arthur Urychuk of Sudbury, Miss Marian Gallagher of Belleville, Mrs. Marlene Titon of Toronto and Miss Elaine Ellis of Galt.

**Roof, Trees**  
The property committee reported materials for the replacement roof at the M. Z. Bennett school would be arriving soon, with possible installation during the Easter holidays.

It was also agreed to purchase a number of trees for planting at the schools.

Accounts totalling \$12,115.73 were approved for payment. Following is the teacher salary schedule adopted by the board:

Exp. in yrs.	A	B	C	D
10	\$8000	\$7500		
9	7700	7200	6800	
8	7400	6900	6500	
7	7100	6600	6200	5800
6	6800	6300	5900	5500
5	6500	6000	5600	5200
4	6200	5700	5300	4900
3	5900	5400	5000	4600
2	5600	5100	4700	4300
1	5300	4800	4400	4000
0	5000	4500	4100	3700

Allowances above the salary schedule are: (a) vice-principals, \$25 per room; (b) teacher of auxiliary class \$200.



**HUSBAND AND WIFE** teamed up Saturday at the second annual skating carnival to please the large audience. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Skuce gave a dance demonstration. Mrs. Skuce is the skating instructor for the Acton Figure Skating Club and both have their bronze dance medals. More pictures of the carnival appear on the front page of the second section.

## Second Skating Carnival Fills Arena 80 Youngsters, Mrs. Skuce Entertain

Dreams came to life Saturday night when Acton Figure Skating Club professional Mrs. Glen Skuce presented her 80 captivating young skating pupils. "Fairy Land" and "Candy Land" comprised the two sections of the enchanting program, Land of Dreams on ice.

Parents, friends and neighbors of the skilful girls — and six boys — filled the community centre for the second annual closing carnival. Attendance was close to 600.

Slight Mrs. Skuce choreographed her first entire show, designed about half of the costumes, selected music, directed the youngsters and then skated herself. Mrs. Skuce and her husband, industrial arts teacher at Milton high school are both bronze dance medalists and demonstrated the Westminster Waltz, Argentine tango and Rocco foxtrot. Mr. Skuce, when he was a high school student in Oshawa, was Canadian dance champion. They have lived in Acton nearly eight months.

The show was a family affair in more ways than this. Mrs. Skuce's father, R. Barclay of Toronto, was master of ceremonies announcing the numbers. And her mother, Mrs. Barclay, made most of the gay ornamented headpieces for the numbers. Mrs. Barclay has had plenty of experience helping prepare for carnivals.

Swelling the audience were the parents, relatives and friends of both Mr. and Mrs. Skuce from Oshawa and Toronto.

Hard-working property manager for the show was Harold Blackman, vice president of the Acton Home and School Cup presented by Mrs. Marjorie Mowbray, for their efforts. The Bank of Commerce, Georgetown, Ontario, was presented to M. Z. Bennett public school, Acton, by E. L. Burman, accountant. Song was "For All Thy Care, We Bless Thee".

tickets and Don Ford was in charge of sound. Mr. Townsley taped all the music.

About half the costumes were made here and half rented from St. Catharines. Mrs. G. Malcolm and Mrs. S. Reed were in charge of the sewing, assisted by a few mothers. They had the dressing rooms well organized with a roster of duty mothers. Mrs. H. Townsley was assistant property manager.

Club executive members are president Phil McCristall, secretary Mrs. E. Baxter and treasurer Phil Elliott.

As the program progressed promptly, the colorful group num-

bers were interspersed with solos and guest numbers. The clever costumes added to the skating routines.

Skating solos were Cathy Pappilon as a fairy princess, Susan Schupp as a jack-in-the-box; Colleen De Bruyn as Little Bo Peep; Sharon Barber as Red Riding Hood; Ann Marie Luty as a mama doll; Lynn Dunn as the ice cream princess; Kim McCristall as Miss Lollipop; and Valerie Irwin as Miss Sugar Drop.

In Fairy Land, the first half of the show, the Old Woman in a Shoe was Brenda Denny with children — Debbie Hurgett, Heather Reed, Colleen DeBruyn, Su-

san McPhail, Sharon Barber, Susan Hurgett, Jean Elliott, Susan Peycha and Kim McCristall.

Toy Soldiers — all the boys in the show — were Gordon Bollert, Harry Schupp, Peter Schupp, Danny La Marsh, Scott Malcolm and Ron Guest.

Sheep were Theresa Luty, Marilyn DeBruyn, Diane Baginski and Cathy Masson, while the Three Little Kittens were Julie Townsley, Frances Cunningham, Lynn Fisher.

In Teddy Bears Picnic the Bears were Harry Schupp, Peter Schupp, Danny La Marsh; Bunnies Sharon Phillips, Beverly Du-

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## Competition Keen Wednesday As Music Festival Concludes

competition keen wed music fest. Brookville Public School songsters were jubilant Wednesday evening when they carried home a first place trophy and a second place shield during the Halton Music Festival wind-up.

The two-day festival which began Tuesday, concluded Wednesday evening with a packed auditorium of parents and friends of the young singers.

In the first competition class for the triple duet, including singers from grades five and six in schools with six rooms and under, the Speyside School was presented with the Miss Ruth Evans trophy by Mrs. All. Long. Second place shield, donated by the Ebenezer church choir was presented by Elwood Long to Campbellville school.

In the triple trio competition for grades seven and eight, Brookville took top honors to receive the Milton Kinsmen Club trophy presented by Ralph McKeown. Second place went to the Acton M. Z. Bennett school which received the Halton Music Festival shield presented by Mrs. S. J. Brunelle.

In the final competition for boys' changed voices choir, Stewartrtown school received first place to receive the Milton Public School Board trophy from board chairman, John Johnson. Second place went to Brookville school

which received the Acton Women's Institute shield from Mrs. Fred Anderson.

Also entertaining the large crowd were the junior choir from the Acton Robert Little school, which won the competition Tuesday. The Robert Little school boys' unchanged voices choir, winners from Tuesday, also sang.

Other winners from Tuesday singing Wednesday included the senior choir from Norval school and the senior choir from Milton Martin Street school.

Halton Music Festival Association president, Mrs. Jean Marcoux, welcomed the large crowd and Acton school board chairman Vic Bristow extended greetings from the board and expressed his gratitude to the Association.

Inspector W. L. McNeil introduced the adjudicator, Miss Ina Bowen, supervisor of music for Brantford public schools. Principal Ken Trowbridge of Brookville thanked the participants and the adjudicator for a splendid performance.

## Cancer Month

April is Cancer Month. In Acton, under campaign chairman Mrs. Ray Arbie, the many volunteer canvassers have begun calling door-to-door, expecting the usual excellent response. Returns will be reported later.

## Hundreds Sing Tuesday In Halton Music Festival

The Robert Little public school auditorium in Acton was jammed Tuesday as parents and friends came to enjoy the North Halton Music Festival.

President of the festival was Mrs. Jean Marcoux of Acton. She was assisted by vice-president Jack Reed of Norval; secretary, treasurer Mrs. Bert Benton; trophy convener Mrs. Richard Appleby; and assistant trophy convener Mrs. S. J. Brunelle.

Also assisting were inspectors W. L. McNeil and O. W. McDowell. Music supervisors in charge of the singers were Glenn Banks of Acton, Mrs. A. Ledwith for Milton, Mrs. Mary Kidney for Esquesing, and Mrs. Doug Vickery for Nassagaweya.

Adjudicator of the competition was Miss Ina M. Bowen, supervisor of music for the public schools of Brantford.

The results of the competition were as follows: Triple duet, grades 5 and 6, 7 rooms or over, receiving the Kinetic Club of Milton Cup presented by Mrs. Bovine Clement, Pineview public school, and winners of the Bank of Nova Scotia Shield from Milton presented by Wesley Clow, principal of J. M. Denves, J. M. Denves, public school, Milton. Song was "April".

The John Milton I.O.D.E. Cup for primary choir, kindergarten to grade 3 was presented by Mrs. John Henry to Stewarttown; with Brookville winning the Duke of Devonshire I.O.D.E. Acton Shield presented by Mrs. H. R. Force, regent. Song was "Watchman, What of the Night". The Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E.

Acton, Cup for junior choir, grades 4 to 6, 7 rooms and over, was won by Robert Little public school, Acton, and presented to them by Mrs. H. Helwig, second vice-regent, The Rotary Club, Milton. Shield, was won by W. I. Dick public school, Milton, presented by W. L. McNeil, Rotarian. Song was "The Lord is my Shepherd".

"Lovely April" Williams, was presented to Campbellville public school junior choir, grades 1 to 4, 6 rooms and under. The presentation was made by V. Bristow of the Acton public school board. Winner of the M. Union W.I. Shield for the same class was Norval public school. Presentation was made by Mrs. Frances Marcoux, president of the festival. Music for this group was "Lovely April".

In the boys' unchanged voices class, recipient of the Bank of Montreal, Acton, Cup was Robert Little public school, with the presentation of the trophy made by bank manager Ted Pratt. Winner of the Sarah Martin I.O.D.E. Shield from Milton, presented by Mrs. John Beverly, first vice-regent, was Brookville public school. Song was "The Time to Sing".

The senior choir competition, grades 5 to 8, 5 rooms and under, was won by Norval public school. They received the Acton Home and School Cup presented by Mrs. A. Cooper, social convener, Winner of the Campbellville W.I. Shield for the same class was Campbellville public school. Trophy was presented by Mrs. Omer Van Stickle, secretary-treasurer of the W.I. Music selection was "Do You Know?"

## Early Papers Reveal Budget

Acton's tax rate will be struck by council next Tuesday. The budget committee will meet on Monday and present their budget to council on Tuesday. To bring the news to Free Press readers sooner, the paper will be published and distributed on Wednesday afternoon rather than Thursday morning next week.

## Head-On Collision During Snowstorm

Two motorists from Rockwood and Guelph were injured in a head-on collision on Highway 25 south of Speyside during the snowstorm early Friday morning and the collision resulted in \$700 total damage to their vehicles.

Elmer Roy Carton of R.R. 1, Rockwood, driver of one of the vehicles, received chest injuries, a fractured kneecap and facial bruises. Mervyn E. Litchy of Guelph suffered face cuts, knee and chest injuries and had several broken teeth. Milton O.P.P. said one of the cars slid out of control on the slush-covered highway.

## Guides' Enrolment Held Last Thursday

The Second Acton Girl Guide Company had an enrolment on Thursday night with six girls being enrolled: Diane Charette, Judy Holmes, Heike Bollert, Debbie Pappilon, Carolyn Duval and Anne Rodgers. Some of the mothers were in attendance.

Tuesday evening the Brownies and Girl Guides attended the Holy Week Service at the Presbyterian Church.

## Teachers' Salary Schedule Approved At Short High School Board Meeting

Acton District High School board members held the shortest meeting to date Monday evening when they concluded business within an hour. During this time, they agreed to purchase trees for planting, finalized the teachers' salary schedule and approved installation of a push-button telephone system in the school.

Tree planting was brought to the attention of board members by property chairman Kerwin McPhail who produced a copy of an advertisement by the town council for trees on a half-share basis.

Principal E. A. Hansen stated he would like at least three or four trees for planting along Acton Boulevard in front of the school. After objection by the property chairman to the type of tree being offered it was unanimously agreed to purchase the trees.

Mr. McPhail, citing his 20 years' experience with Ontario Hydro, noted hydro men had trouble with red maples, splitting during storms. He said he preferred a hard maple but would go along with the wishes of the majority of members.

Trustee Duncan Moffat, a farmer in Nassagaweya Township, said there was only one maple tree and that was a "hard maple". Before deciding to make the purchase everyone agreed the trees were a bargain at half price.

Principal Hansen requested installation of a push-button phone system which would allow more than one call at a time. The present system prevents this. It was agreed to install the different type of phone during the summer months.

Accounts totalling \$18,727.70 were approved for payment. Following is the 1966-67 salary schedule adopted by the board:

Basic Group one, minimum \$5,400, maximum \$9,000; Group two, minimum \$5,700, maximum \$9,400; Group three, minimum \$6,400, maximum \$10,600; Group four, minimum \$8,800, maximum \$11,000.

Position Allowance, principal, separate negotiation; vice-principal, separate negotiation; major department head, \$1,000; major acting department head, \$700; minor acting department head, \$400; minor department head, \$700; minor acting department

head, \$400, subject co-ordinator, \$200.

Annual increments, teachers, group one and two, \$300; teacher, group three and four, \$400; department head (major, minor, or acting), \$500; assistant department head, \$500; subject co-ordinator, normal teacher increment plus \$50.

Experience allowance: secondary school teacher — group one and two — in that category, \$300 per year to maximum; group three and four — in that category, \$400 per year to maximum; primary school teacher — with degree, in applicable areas, \$300 per year; without degree, \$150 per year. Approved business, industrial, professional experience, \$150 per year, maximum seven years. Graduation Degree, \$200 to \$400 depending on degree.

Cumulative Sick Leave: 20 days per year to 100 days, then 10 days per year to 200 days maximum.

Gratuity: The Acton District High School Board will pay any teacher retiring permanently from the profession while in the employ of the Acton District High School Board, a gratuity of accumulated sick leave days at the salary rate last received, up to a maximum of 100 days.

Supply teacher rate: \$20 per day and up per group.

An improvement in category will be retroactive at the date the category change is earned.

## New Drug Store

Acton will soon have a second drug store to be located in the former Bell Telephone building which Doctors Brian Moore and Craig Hutchison recently vacated.

The owner of the building, W. J. McLeod, told the Acton Free Press Wednesday morning the building was presently being renovated to accommodate the new business.

In a telephone conversation with one of the prospective owners of the drug store, it was learned he hopes to open the new store early in June.

Names of the business partners are not available for publication at the present time since there are many details yet to be completed.

The staff recognizes that the Board has the right to place any teacher in a higher category than the teacher's category in recognition of long and exceptional service.

Special allowance re new teachers: Teachers eligible for category 2, upon completion of Interim B, paid category 1 plus \$200; teachers eligible for category 3, upon completion of Interim B, paid category 1 plus \$400; teachers must obtain basic category within three years or revert to category 1.

Teacher management committee chairman Ray Arbie told board members the salary schedule represented a median of 38 schools in three districts surrounding Acton. "This puts us right in the swim with the best of boards. We don't have to take a back seat to any," remarked the committee chairman.

## Cons. Breaks Leg

Constable Bruce Kressler of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment will be off duty for perhaps six months as a result of a fracas in the police office with a young man.

Friday evening of last week, Constable Kressler and Constable Peter Campbell were called to the Royal Cafe to investigate a disturbance caused by Pat Churchill. On their arrival the Churchill youth had left but was located a few doors away.

The police took him to the police office for questioning and there Constable Campbell was assaulted by the youth. Constable Kressler attempting to break up the skirmish, fell to the floor as he grappled with the youth and Churchill fell on his leg breaking a bone.

Dr. D. A. Garrett was called and the police officer was hospitalized in Guelph where he underwent surgery.

Meanwhile, a police officer from Milton O.P.P. Detachment arrived at the Acton office and when he was attempting to take Churchill to Milton jail, the youth took off on foot. His escape was brief and he was recaptured a short distance away.

He has been charged with assaulting a police officer and escaping custody.



**ROBERT LITTLE SCHOOL** boys' unchanged voices choir captured the Acton Bank of Montreal trophy Tuesday afternoon taking top spot during Halton Music Festival. Pictured with the trophy are bank manager Ted Pratt and Ricky Rocher and Raymond Bailey representing the choir.

## Lower H.S. Requisition After Grants Explained

Acton district high school board has reduced its 1966 requisition from council by \$20,576.18. This action was taken after the town auditor went to the Department of Education in Toronto and solved the grant problem. Secretary-treasurer William Middleton told the Free Press of the change Wednesday.

Originally it was believed the government grant would amount to \$63,534.75 and the school budget was based on these figures. It was learned Tuesday the grant would amount to \$84,110.90.

**Change Townships**  
Also changed is the requisition to the town of Acton, and townships of Nassagaweya and Esquesing amounting to \$96,061 in

## Tanners One Up

Acton Tanners took the edge in a best four out of seven game series Wednesday (last night) when they defeated Hespler Mic Macs 5-2 in Hespler.

Acton showed a slight edge throughout the game as they showered Jack (Waldo) Watson with pucks. The series resumes in Acton this Friday night in Acton arena.



**LEAGUE CHAMPIONS** in the Legion cribbage league were presented with the Legion trophy and sets of folding trays at the annual banquet in the Legion Friday night. Front row left is captain Pete Turkosz receiving the trophy from first vice-president Gordon James. Back row left to right are Pat Waldie, Grant Allan, Harry (Bunk) Holmes and Ted Elliott.