



ROBERT F. HARDY, chairman of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority Foundation, left, accepts the bell from Churchville Public School from Art Cummins, superintendent of public schools for the Toronto Township Board of Education. Glen Grice, Ward Four representative on the Board looks on at this historic occasion. The bell will be hung in the Foundation School north of Hillsburg. The school, built in 1900, is being restored by the Foundation to show future generations what a "Little Red Schoolhouse" really looks like. Restoration is almost complete and the school should be open to the public in the near future. (CVCA Foundation Photo by Joan Rollings)

### Free Press news in brief

—To swell the entries and make a good contest, Acton and district girls are urged to enter the Miss Acton Fair contest. There's not one entry yet from an Acton girl—all are from out-of-town. Deadline Friday!

—Earl's Bakery has an attractive new sign at the front of the store.

—After being closed for renovations for a couple of days, Ledger's IGA was crowded with shoppers on the weekend.

—The banners advertising Acton Fair are lying, letting motorists know what days the fair is here.

—Dr. Vicki Zavitz, who treated plenty of district animals when she was a veterinarian in Georgetown, has been taking training in SCUBA diving at Georgetown pool. She is now associated with Guelph University, and with her new skill, she hopes to conduct research on seals.

—No news is good news? Well, not in the newspaper business. The papers will be bigger now with more advertising and more meetings. Remember to let the Free Press know of any special events.

—Back this week are M.P. Dr. Harry Harley's column, written especially for the papers in his constituency, and Bill Coats' bridge column.

—Flags were flying from high standards on Monday, Labor Day. They are to remain flying until after the Acton Fall Fair.

—Quite a number of children went back to school Monday—it was just a day ahead of time. They were merely restless to get back to classes and visited the school to see if there were any exterior changes.

—The Acton Free Press staff left ahead with production this week by staggering the Labor Day holiday. Some took the holiday Friday and returned to work Monday so the rest could enjoy the day off.

—Quite a number of Acton residents attended the C.N.E. air show Friday and witnessed the unfortunate death of pilot Lieut. Commander Richard Oliver of American naval "Blue Angels" as he performed for the vast crowd at the waterfront.

—Counterfeit bills are still turning up in other parts of the district.

—One of the fitting ideas the Centennial Commission has adopted is the plan next year to present a special scroll to those marking their 100th birthdays. Is there anyone in this district, born in 1867, who will receive one? According to statistics, there are 684 in Canada.

—Households are back to the new routine which centres around school hours. Most parents, and children too, welcome the change. But, like most routines, it will lose its appeal.

—"I can tell a train has been through," said someone after the strike was settled Friday, "because I can see its tracks."

—Some students attending university or technical schools are checking in this week although classes don't begin yet.

—Work on the new Centennial library was halted Monday. It was Labor Day and the workmen enjoyed the holiday.

—Some from Acton and district enjoyed the steam show in Milton on the weekend. Hallinford and Limehouse groups had booths. Miss Milton Chamber of Commerce, Miss Carolyn Hoey of Mollat, was in the parade Saturday. Riding in a survey advertising Halton County Museum were two Acton girls, Mary Watson and Kathleen Mills. Survey was led by Jack Penberton. Esquising and driven by museum board secretary Jim Andrews.

—The band day camp at Rockwood concluded Friday after a very successful week. The juniors are making good progress.

—It was back to school for high and public school students Tuesday. The town seemed to quiet without the youngsters about in the carefree way they have been all summer.

### Business meeting precedes speaker

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I.O.D.E. met on Tuesday, September 6 at the home of Mrs. H. R. Force, with the Regent presiding.

At the conclusion of the business portion of the meeting, Chapter members proceeded to the Legion to join with the Lakeside Chapter and members of the Golden Age Club for the evening was Mrs. A. K. Gorton, liaison officer of the Ontario division, Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society of Canada (C.A.R.S.) who showed an interesting film on the research and work carried on by this society. Later Mrs. Gorton answered questions put by the interested audience.

Since September is Arthritis Month it was particularly appropriate to learn more about the work at this time.

Mrs. H. Mainprize thanked the speaker and lunch was served to the group by the Lakeside Chapter members.

### Water diviner on TV program

A special CBC television program on water this week began with pictures of Mrs. Jean Sprout, Acton, divining for water. She explained her talent, which enables her to locate streams and estimate their depth and width, and showed how she does it with a divining rod.

The shots were taken about three weeks ago at the Sprout farm east of town. She divined a stream flowing through their property while the camera crew from Toronto took pictures.

The program continued about water throughout the world and the amount estimated to be below ground. Scientific details made the program interesting throughout.

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—"Calamity Corners" recorded an accident this week. And there are plenty of near misses at the Mill-Main corner, too.

—Safety patrol members are on duty already, but there is still some organizing to be done.

—Steven Wolke, formerly of Acton and now of Guelph, has been awarded a scholarship by the University of Toronto. He was also an Ontario scholar.

—Children on their way to the R.L. school the first day were going and coming over the "new lights".

—Good-bye, summer. There'll likely be ice in the arena October 15.

### No known cure listeners told

Facts about the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society were outlined Tuesday to an interested group of members of the two chapters of the I.O.D.E. and the Golden Age club. The Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E. acted as hosts in the Legion Hall.

Mrs. A. K. Gorton, liaison officer for Ontario for the Society, explained there are four units in Ontario where treatments are given free of charge, but the lack of trained physiotherapists delays the work. The Association gives \$25,000 each year to each unit for research.

Some of the interesting film illustrating her talk showed how a powerful microscope magnifies the affected fibres for study.

She urged her listeners to trust their local doctors, as the treatment is slow, and there is no known cure.

She was introduced by Mrs. H. R. Force of the Duke of Devonshire chapter and thanked by Mrs. D. Reid of the Senior Citizens' Club. She was presented with a gift by Mrs. H. Mainprize.

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### Church hours

Church and Sunday School return to regular hours this week. There's a change at the United Church, where services will be at 10 a.m. from now on, on a six-months' trial basis. There will be an 11 a.m. service at Church Hill United Church, also conducted by the Rev. Dwight Laugel.

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**Weed Control News**  
 by V. E. McArthur  
 halton weed inspector

Mr. V. E. McArthur, Weed Inspector, County of Halton. Dear sir: After reading your article on ragweed in July and speaking to several people about ragweed control, I find that interesting opinions emanate, such as:

(a) That farmers, nursery workers and dairy men are very familiar with the weed and can control it, readily.

(b) That highway men, grass maintenance crews and street cutters, may pay particular attention to its destruction.

(c) That sufficient seeds and pollen could come from small plots of land such as unattended gardens, vacant lots and rights of way, to reseed and pollute the areas around, causing itching eyes, then hay fever, asthma and subsequent death may result.

It is felt that your article is far from being adequate in imparting education on this subject because, although the hazard of its prominence is clearly told and the result of letting it spread is discussed, there is no description given, no pictures or identification or methods of its destruction for those of us who honestly do not know what ragweed looks like.

In view of the fact that a great percentage of people suffer from the pollen of this plant, may we respectfully request that an all-out effort be made, through the newspapers, to prevent ragweeds existing another year. If you consider a warning and/or penalty for permitting this plant's growth as in the public interest, by all means proceed.

Other causes of hay fever are constantly being tested and the patient is told what to eat, eliminate or avoid, and he can do just that, but not so with ragweed's dreaded pollen. This is your department, sir. Let's see you go after it.

A very interested party without hay fever.

Yours truly,  
A Resident of Halton County.

### BE SURE YOU RECOGNIZE RAGWEED

One of my weed control articles on Ragweed appeared in the local papers. Shortly after, I received the above letter from an interested resident of the county. This was to remind me that I had not given a description of the Ragweed plant. Actually, I took for granted that almost everyone was familiar with this health hazard weed. So I am now including a description of this troublesome hay fever activator.

Common Ragweed is an annual plant and varies in height from a few inches to three feet. The stem is simple or branching, hairy or smooth, leaves alternate or opposite and very much dissected, usually hairy but sometimes smooth. It has flowers of two kinds — the pollen producing ones are in long terminal strings on the ends of stems or branches. These are drooping, small and greenish, producing large quantities of pollen. The others are fertile reproducing flowers and may be in single or multiples on the upper leaves and are quite inconspicuous in comparison to the others. The fruits are rather pear-shaped with spines at the upper end. The mature seed covering is gray or brownish.

### Leaky roofs

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go to the polls every second year.

It was explained to trustee Smith it would be too costly to hold an annual election for just three school board members. He said he was worried about the possibility of an entirely new board which would discontinue the present continuity of having experienced members on the board at all times.

In future, pupils at both public schools will not be allowed to use power equipment such as lawn mowers. Trustee Oval Chapman expressed his alarm at seeing youngsters using the power lawn mowers on occasion and wondered what would happen in the event a child was injured. "It is costing the board \$300 per pupil per year for education and the children should be in the school learning," he stated.

It was agreed to notify caretakers they would be solely responsible for the use of power equipment in the future. Secretary-treasurer William Middleton explained the caretakers would be covered under workmen's compensation in the event of an injury but not the children.

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