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School, bank holiday Friday

With Remembrance Day falling on Friday, November 11, school children and both the Bank of Montreal and Bank of Nova Scotia employees will observe the occasion with a holiday.

For the first time in years banks will be closed November 11 but will conduct the usual business hours Thursday until 3 p.m. and re-open again at 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. the same day to compensate for the Friday closing.

Normal procedure for school pupils is to observe Remembrance Day on the right date and therefore schools will be closed Friday.

The tannery whistle will sound at 11 a.m. on the 11th and remind citizens to pause briefly in remembrance. For the past several years, the town service has been on the preceding Sunday.

Accidents this week

A four-car crash on Acton's Mill Street Wednesday of last week resulted in a total estimated damage of \$1,355, reported to have resulted after the linkage to the carburetor of one car broke. All four cars were proceeding west on Mill, in the vicinity of the Station Hotel.

A car driven by Steve Tocher of Acton was in the lead and the driver told police he had slowed to make a turn. The second car driven by Pete Homer, also of Acton, slowed as well as did the third vehicle driven by Ray Mason of town. The fourth car involved was driven by Charlie Auger, Acton, who reported after stopping at the C.N.R. tracks for a train he proceeded west on Mill in second gear when the linkage broke throwing the throttle wide open. His car crashed into the Mason vehicle causing the chain reaction.

Constable Bruce Kressler investigated the accident. Prior to this Constable Kressler investigated a two-car crash at Reliable Taxi when a cab driven by Don Grein was backing out of the driveway and was in collision with a car proceeding south on Main driven by Edmond Hillier of Acton. Total damage was estimated around \$500.

On November 3, Acton Police investigated an accident near Canadian Tire when a parked car owned by Fred Mooney, Rockwood and a second vehicle driven by Ken Brown, R.R. 2, Acton, were in collision. Total damage was estimated around \$225.

On Monday, constable Mervin Harness of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment investigated an accident at the intersection of Mill and Willow Streets when cars driven by Barry Inscoc and Bill Shepherd, Acton, were involved. Police report the Inscoc car had stopped at the cross walk for pedestrians when the Shepherd vehicle travelling in the same direction, collided with it. Total damage was estimated around \$100.



GRADE 13 GRADUATES received diplomas during commencement exercises at the high school Friday night. Front row left to right are Dorothy Thomson, Susan Radford, Tom McKeown, Steven Coles, Linda Braida and Marilyn Kirkwood. Second row left to

right are Mrs. Joan Pratt, Elizabeth Bagby, Victoria Newton, Gwen Lauder, Carol Swackhamer, Vivian Smith, Nancy Rognvaldson and Gay White. Third row left to right are Russell Masales, Ron Henry, Gary Murr and Axel Nieszczerl.

18 graduates

new record

350 attend high school commencement

The best graduating record that Acton high school has had to date was proclaimed when 350 attended the annual commencement exercises in the high school Friday evening. There were 18 grade 13 graduates, all of them present to receive their honor graduation diplomas from principal Ted Hansen.

There was a steady parade of students and donors across the decorated platform of the school auditorium for the lengthy program, which was followed by serving of refreshments and a dance.

Two students who made regular appearances, to considerable applause, were the two top graduates. It had been impossible to name a top student from the final year, and Tom McKeown and Steven Coles shared the honors for various awards. Both are at the University of Guelph.

(All the awards and presentations were listed in the Free Press last week.) Bouquets of flowers in the school colors — red and white — brightened the platform. Principal Ted Hansen introduced the first half of the program and school board chairman Tom Watson, the second half.

The previous year had been a most successful one, principal Hansen said, with the school's position consolidated and no increase in enrollment. Failure is replaced by accomplishment due to the reorganized plan for

Ontario. Average and below average students have now been able to replace a feeling of failure with a sense of accomplishment.

There were several minor changes in the program from that published last week, and a couple of new items on the program.

Driving instructor Clarence Rognvaldson presented certificates to four students — Jill Bag-

by, Eleanor Karn, Dorothy Thompson and Susan Radford. Earning these involves written work as well as passing the driver's test.

When the Never Late, Never Absent certificates were presented, it was pointed out that five were earning them for the second time; four for the third time, Theresa Marzo, Chris Krandonk, Gordon Reed and Jane Wong; and one for the fifth

time, graduate Nancy Rognvaldson.

Since a CWOSSA championship was brought to Acton for the first time by the junior cross country team, a surprise presentation was arranged for commencement. Gordon Dawe presented gifts to teacher-coach Bruce Andrews and team manager Bob Waller.

When Mrs. John Bird presented the Halton District Women's Institute bursary to Carol Swackhamer, it was pointed out this is the first time the presentation was made at commencement. Previously the award was made at a W.I. meeting.

An outstanding educator and scholar, guest speaker Dr. Murdoch H. MacKinnon was introduced by his former student, Ross Lambourn of the high school staff. Dr. MacKinnon is now dean of Wellington College at the University of Guelph. He has taught at Queen's, Western and the University of Alberta, and was dean at Western.

"Your school and my school" was his topic, first he spoke about the students and their parents, and then about the University of Guelph.

He hoped the parents of the students who had appeared on the platform were proud. Steering a child is a difficult problem. They're overconfident and nervous, yet want parental guidance. He quoted the philosopher Santayana saying "a man

St. John Ambulance Brigade, referees' association, figure skating club and Legion minor sports group.

Assisting arena manager Herb Ritchie with chores are Murray Winger, Jim Ingles and Jim Ralston who looks after the ice making equipment. Four high school students have been engaged as utility men scraping ice, Steve Goy, Kevin Hall, Barry Elliott and Steven Townsley. The four, along with Neil Anderson, Jim Lee and Don Ford also act as patrolmen during public skating.

Curling, hockey, figure skating and public skating keep most of the ice time taken up and only on the odd night is rental of ice available.

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Council learns difficulty of getting C.M.H.C. loans

"Change money is generally tough all over. There is no application by CMHC that Acton does not have a housing shortage. They won't even consider owner applications. We feel Acton doesn't get as good treatment as the other towns in this area."

"CMHC has been very pessimistic, possibly because of their bad experience after the Avro close-down. We feel Acton should be considered on an equal or better basis than other towns of the area," said W. C. Lawrence, representing Long Term Investments Ltd.

Mr. Lawrence appeared at the council meeting Tuesday with A. Zonky, the builder in Lakeview subdivision; Joe Hurley, Brampton, of Long Term Investments, and Ian Johnson, local real estate agent.

"We felt council should be aware of the difficulty of negotiating CMHC loans for this area," Mr. Lawrence said.

"If council sees fit to authorize representation to CMHC to point out the need for housing in this area, this might prove helpful. We think the municipal-

ity is being hurt and we would like CMHC to look more favorably on Acton," Mr. Lawrence continued.

Councillor Leatherland, chairman of Acton Development Commission, advised council that the development commission would be meeting Wednesday (last night) and would be studying the situation.

Reeve Hinton said the CMHC never gave reasons for their approach to lending in Acton and suggested that CMHC representatives could be invited to attend a council meeting.

He felt council should make some attempt to ease the mortgage situation.

No. 2 committee recommended the approval and installation of the traffic control signals at the Mill - Main corner and this was accepted by council.

Councillor Drinkwater said the Department of Transport had approved installation of lights and recommended they be installed, but that the department would not participate in the cost of installation because of the volume of traffic at the corner.

Reeve Hinton reported rate-payer opposition to the installation of the lights by a citizen who had cited a report in Popular Mechanics magazine that traffic lights do not always reduce the rate of accidents at intersections.

He suggested the control at the corner at present is adequate and working well. He felt by clearing the streets of parked vehicles, cars would "slit" through the intersection, resulting in worse conditions. That traffic lights are not required is backed up by the lack of participation by the Dept. of Transport, Mr. Hinton felt.

Others disagreed and Mrs. Fryer added "Some people say we need the lights worse than the library!"

Installation of the traffic control lights will be complemented by "no parking" areas on Mill and Main Sts. which will provide turning lanes.

Tenders for the lights will be received Nov. 22. Seven firms have indicated an interest.

Ontario Provincial Police will appear to be responsible for police. (Continued on Page Four)

Devise amalgamation method for two boards

Every suggested method of amalgamating parks board and recreation committee was discussed with Dean Taylor, supervisor of the Department of Municipal Affairs at a special meeting of the two boards with the mayor and No. 1 committee of council Monday in the council chambers before a possible solution to the dilemma was found.

All avenues were explored in lengthy discussion and vetoed one by one by Mr. Taylor, before councillor Earl Masales came up with a method which found acceptance by all parties concerned.

Mr. Masales proposed that the 17 existing members of parks and recreation committee resign and from their numbers seven be renominated. Five members of the seven-man board would be citizens and two others would be councillors.

The board will meet for parks board business, adjourn the meeting and then reconvene to handle recreation committee matters. It would be necessary to keep two sets of books, a fact neither board found palatable in previous meetings.

Other proposals were that recreation director Howard Pearce's title be changed to Director of Parks and Recreation. The two present employees, working at the community cen-

tre under Mr. Pearce's direction would be hired on a year-round basis and used in a combined role in the park and arena at the director's discretion.

The proposals must come up before council for their approval before any action is taken, but no opposition to the move is anticipated. Council, led by

the mayor and councillors on the parks board and recreation committee, have been wrestling with the problem of duplication between the two boards for some time, hoping to find a workable solution.

Earlier meetings had arrived at several suggestions for amalgamation. (Continued on Page Three)

Cousins meet in crash collide at Silvercreek

Seven accidents in the North Halton area during the past week involved Acton and district motorists, and five persons were injured.

A car driven by Mrs. Barbara McMullen of 8 Park Ave. was involved in a one-car accident on Highway 7 at Silvercreek Thursday morning of last week, which injured both her and her 21-month-old son David John McMullen. The child suffered facial lacerations and a broken right ankle, while his mother had bruises to the chest and head, Milton O.P.P. said. The car received \$800 damage.

Following the accident, the same car was involved in a collision with another car driven by Wilbert McMullen Jr. of 179 Poplar Cres., Acton. In this collision each car received \$100 damage.

Mrs. Barbara McMullen and Wilbert McMullen Jr. are cousins by marriage.

An Acton man, Thomas Flarity of R.R. 4 and a Milton man, W. E. Moore were injured Saturday evening when Mr. Flarity's car went off the road on Highway 25 south of Speyside. Damage was \$1,000.

Bullinad resident Howard W. Snider, a passenger in a car driven by Timothy Charles Roden of Erin Township, was injured in an accident on 22 Side-road Esqueping, Saturday evening, and taken to Georgetown hospital for treatment. The car received \$300 damage.

Three other accidents involving property damage only. Wednesday of last week cars driven by a Cookville man and Brian Scott of 26 Meadvale Rd., Acton, received \$400 total damage in a collision on Highway 7 four miles east of Acton. The same day a car driven by Stepan Bartolac of Main St. Rockwood, received \$250 damage when it struck some highway guideposts on Highway 25 just north of Speyside.

Friday, on the Seventh Line at Sewardtown, \$300 damage was caused by a car driven by Kenneth Robert Davidson of 37 Westport St., Acton, in a one-car accident.

Poor visibility, slippery driving conditions and rain were blamed for many of the rash of accidents investigated by Milton O.P.P. during the past week.

H.S. teachers offer students \$50 week at Expo

Enthusiastic high school students heard on Tuesday afternoon at an assembly about a teachers' plan which would enable them all — except grade 13 students — to attend Expo in Montreal next June. Teachers Mrs. Karin Walker, Mrs. Margit Laszlo and Bill Coats had prepared a presentation which was accepted by the high school board at their meeting Monday evening.

The Acton group would participate in "The Elmvale Plan" which will enable perhaps one million Canadian students to attend Expo between May and September of 1967 at the lowest possible cost, staying in a huge campsite accommodating 10,000 for a full week.

A letter was sent home to all parents on Tuesday, and by Monday the registrations and accompanying \$5 fee must be in to the school so the applications

may be forwarded to Elmvale Expeditions Limited, with headquarters in Barrie. Total cost per student at camp, based on a minimum camp of 10,000 per week for 10 weeks, is \$34 per student including \$6.75 for an Expo passport. Other expenses are full board for seven days at \$11.69; commuter bus fare \$3.50; campsite facilities, \$10.50 and supervision \$1.56.

Transportation costs will be added to this, and return fare from Acton to Montreal on the required Wednesday (a "white fare" day) is \$14.88. The CNR also gives a 35 per cent discount for groups of over 200. Mr. Coats has learned.

Therefore, about \$50 per student is what will be required for a full week at Expo.

Dates requested will likely be between June 7 and June 14,

and this cuts the upper school students from the list of those eligible for the dates of the departmental exams can't be changed. Elmvale Plan officials were called and said there would still be room available on those dates for Acton. Already they have 30,000 registrations.

With the inspectors' permission, the dates of exams in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 will be advanced so they will be all over before the big holiday, June.

Alternative dates are June 14 to 21.

Keen to have no student deterred because of lack of money, the teachers are already thinking up encouragement and assistance. The student council can run special events to raise money. Perhaps the proceeds of special projects can be diverted to the centennial project.

Ian McGillivray of the staff has agreed to run a "bank" and put the money for each student in a trust fund. Following the \$5 deposit, other payments can be made at intervals to the students' accounts.

It's possible a cardex system will be set up, listing students willing to work to earn their Expo money and kinds of part-time jobs available locally.

Interest-free loans might be arranged for students who required them but wanted to go.

The student council already has a balance from last year to start with.

The boys and girls, in separate campsites, will be doing all their own cooking including preparing their box lunches to take to Canada's big fair each day. The boys do their own cooking. Yes, they will — so home ec teacher Mrs. Davis says she'll

give them lessons before they leave.

One teacher will accompany each 20 or more students, and be responsible for them.

There are to be 10 students per tent, the students bringing their own sleeping bags, air mattresses and cooking equipment. Literature from the Elmvale Plan recommends sleeping bags and air mattresses as perfect Christmas or birthday presents for high school students this year!

Menus and work parties, for each group are all outlined already: four draw rations, one prepares instant potatoes, 10 make box lunches etc., etc.

Already listed are stern penalties for infractions of rules. For instance, a boy or girl caught smoking in a tent will be sent home at once. Any student who strays at Expo, or is

late for roll call, is confined to camp for a day or two. Acton teachers may also add rules of their own.

There will be doctors, nurses, a dentist and infirmary at the site; there will be telephones and a p.a. system. There will be dancing and campfires in the evenings, and outdoor church services.

Almost every conceivable aspect of running such a large operation has been covered in the information already received at ADHS.

A monthly newsletter will be coming to inform staff and students here of progress at the campsite and give other information.

A very busy survey at Acton high school showed about 30 per cent of students in higher grades expected to see Expo and far fewer in lower grades. It is felt that this plan allows 100

per cent of the lower and middle school students to attend.

The three teachers heading up the scheme told the school board, in brief, "This plan will provide teachers with an opportunity to demonstrate the enthusiasm and vision which exists within the teaching profession."

Despite the tremendous responsibility, Acton's teachers have displayed a great deal of enthusiasm.

The school board approved approximately 200 students for the scheme from Acton, plus up to \$15 per teacher attending to cover their transportation costs.

Regular school grants will be allowed for the days the pupils are at Expo.

In this district, Fergus, and Elora high schools are participating.