



**DRAMATIC HIGHLIGHT** of the Rockwood centennial concert which played to packed houses Friday and Saturday nights last week was the fashion show. Ruth Musselle directed the production and introduced the models individually to the audience. In front is the only baby in the act, tentatively identified as Herb Saunders.

Some of the models wished to remain anonymous but from left to right they are Dave Hunter, quick-change artist Jim Milne, George Day, Tom Gellatly, Harvey Lavery, Grant McCrae, Tom Winlow, Frank Kelso and Al Jackson.

## Increase grant to festival consider budget at P.S. board

Principals G. W. McKenzie and Elmer Smith presented sheets listing items and projects for their schools, with estimated costs for inclusion in the board's budget, at the meeting of the public school board Tuesday evening. The monthly meetings are held in alternate schools, and this week's was in the M. Z. Bennett school.

A special meeting will be held to prepare a budget. Two full sheets of paper listed the requests from the individual schools. Included were educational supplies, visual-aid materials, health program supplies, kindergarten, art room and industrial arts supplies, reference books, repairs and improvements.

Mr. Smith's report included possible furnishings for the new addition. Mr. McKenzie also asked consideration for special trips for centennial year. Board members were particularly enthusiastic about the possibility of taking students to see the centennial train.

The items are all under consideration by the board. Indication of the variety of concerns of the board was given by the minutes. After the minutes of the inaugural meeting in January, secretary Wm. Middleton read the minutes of two special meetings. Another special meeting will be held this Thursday to discuss teachers' salaries.

One of the special meetings was held to authorize the preparation of plans for a 100 foot by 100 foot addition to the M. Z. Bennett school to include a classroom, library room, gymnasium, staff room, two change rooms, gym storage area and under-stage work-room area. The plans have been submitted to a committee of council at a special meeting Monday evening.

A special meeting was called late in January with trustees from Esquesing, Georgetown, Nassagaweya and Puslinch in the Robert-Little School board-room when a salary scale schedule was agreed upon.

This year the Halton Music Festival will be extended from a day and an evening to two full days and one evening. Board members, who had approved their annual grant of \$25 at the January meeting, debated increased costs this year and finally approved increasing their grant to "one-fourth of the total cost".

The festival will be in the Robert-Little School on Tuesday, Wednesday and Wednesday evening, April 25 and 26. Solo classes are being included again, and singing trustee Vic Bristow's pleasure was echoed by the rest of the board. There will be 21 more medals required this year for the first three place winners in seven solo classes.

All competitors this year will receive centennial certificates. Estimate of the cost was about \$500. Four school boards participate. Consideration had been asked for the higher grant and principal McKenzie noted that Acton's grant is low compared to others. The adjudicator alone costs \$100 a day — a set rate.

Mr. Chapman pointed out "we get off lightly, not having to pay bus transportation." Mr. Middleton reported he had sent the board's annual report to inspector McNeill and sent necessary information to the Workmen's Compensation Board.

The property committee recommended Colin MacColl become chief caretaker. Salary adjustments were made for school crossing guards and takers are Colin MacColl, George Barnes, Mrs. MacColl, Mrs. Irene Balogh, Mrs. F. MacColl and Ab Robinson.

Doug Manning and Murray Smith reported briefly on attending the Ontario Education Showcase in Toronto. With satisfaction, it was announced the perennially-leaking roof of the M. Z. Bennett school had not let through any moisture since January 20. More phone-calls of complaint were recorded.

A Proctor and Gamble company scheme to provide each school child with a dental health kit including a tube of toothpaste, toothbrush, color-

ing book, chart, etc. was discussed and approved. The kits have been given out in schools in Guelph, Toronto, Hamilton, London and Windsor, and the inspector approves.

All the members of the board were present at the meeting, chairman Orval Chapman, Doug Manning, Murray Smith, Bill Benson, Vic Bristow, Cyril Byshop and secretary Mr. Middleton.

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## Two baptized

Two babies were baptized at the United church Sunday morning. Catherine Alice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Coats and William David George, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Morrison.

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**AL JACKSON** didn't bat an eyelash as Mrs. Herb Saunders applied his make-up prior to Saturday night's fashion show at the Rockwood centennial concert.

## Policeman assists at birth in back of car

Acton O.P.P. constable Bruce McArthur lost a race to the stork in the early morning hours, Thursday.

Called to take Mrs. Lyle Cripps, R.R. 3, to Guelph General Hospital after her husband's car was ditched in a snowbank, Constable McArthur didn't make it.

A premature baby was born in the back seat of the police cruiser at 5 a.m. on Highway 25 about three miles north of Acton.

The infant was stillborn. Mrs. Cripps was in satisfactory condition after the birth at Guelph General Hospital.

Constable McArthur was called by neighbors of Mr. Cripps after their attempts to aid him ran into trouble on snow-clogged roads. The birth was fast and ran into no complications.

Father of two small children himself, it was the first time Constable McArthur had assisted at a birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Cripps are parents of eight sons and one daughter.

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## Georgetown rector speaker during Lent

On Wednesday evenings in Lent, the Rev. Eric Mills of St. George's Church, Georgetown, will speak at St. Alban's Church in Acton. The Rev. Ritchie McMurray will be speaking in Georgetown on Sunday evenings.

The first service, the evening of Ash Wednesday, is at 8 p.m. and all others at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Mills' six subjects will be the human mystery of life and death, the divine mystery in the person of Jesus Christ, the Body of Christ, the sacred signs of baptism and the Eucharist, the inner life, and the life manifested.

A charter engineer in England, Mr. Mills was hired by Avro aircraft, Malton in 1957 as a design mechanical engineer. He returned to England in 1959 and lectured in mechanical engineering at Birmingham, and returned to Canada in 1961 to study theology at Trinity college. He graduated in 1964. He served from 1943 to 1946 in the Engine Room Branch of the Royal Navy. He was inducted rector in Georgetown last week.

## Designate library

At a recent meeting of the Board of the South Central Regional Library System, it was decided that the Hamilton library would be the main centre for reference collections to serve the whole region. With the approval of the Hamilton Public Library Board, the Chief Librarian of Hamilton, C. E. Brisbin was appointed Director of the Regional System for the year 1967.

Acton library is included in the area. The Regional Board also created the post of assistant director, whose main duties will be to study the problems of

member libraries and work with them to help find solutions. This post, which is being advertised, will call for field work with libraries in the areas of Brant, Halton and Wentworth counties.

The Librarians' Committee has recommended that the cataloguing department of the Hamilton Public Library supply sets of catalogue cards for all new titles to all libraries. This plan is being put into effect and all libraries wishing to take part will shortly receive instructions as to the procedure to be followed.

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