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Officials, clergy open, dedicate library project, hydro building as many witness ceremonies

New library Acton's choice centennial project completed

With a crowd of about 250 joining in formal, dedicatory responses, Acton centennial library was officially opened under summer blue skies on Saturday afternoon. The happy occasion, culmination of three years of hopes and planning, brought townspeople and special guests to cluster around the fine new building for the ceremonies.

Newly dammed, the school creek has backed up and now passes the library flowing slow and stately. Reflected in the creek's new found width Saturday were the scarlet-coated bandsmen, guests and the attractive building itself.

Members of Acton Citizens' Band, seated in the shade by

the stream, played a concert while chatting groups assembled for the opening ceremonies outdoors, then a tour through the two floors and the serving of refreshments.

W. A. Roedde, provincial director of library services for the province of Ontario declared "Never did I expect to see such a charming library in such a charming location."

He unveiled the datestone outside the big glass front entrance and then placed Acton's centennial project in its larger context. In recent years the emerging development in library service in Ontario is remarkable, he told the assembled group. The two reasons for this are the development in regional library systems and the "tremendous awareness shown by municipal libraries such as yours". He gave credit to council and to the community at large.

Another unveiling required a small group to move inside the library, and Mrs. Isabel Watson, chief librarian for over 40 years, was chosen to do the honors there. This plaque is required to be placed, marking any centennial project.

Mrs. Watson was introduced by library board secretary Doug Copeland although he knew "she is likely the person who needs an introduction least of anyone here — and she is likely the one who looked forward the most to being

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RYE CHARLIE CHAPLINS? No. They're really members of Carol Wharton's dancers who staged a modern jazz dance as part of Saturday evening's recital at the Robert Little school. In the group are Cathy Hunter, Cindy Lott, Carol Ann Marzo and Lena Jensen. (Staff Photo)

New building fills needs of commission

Flags whipped in a warm breeze beside an improvised platform on the front step of the new hydro building, when a line-up of dark suited officials summed up their words of praise and commendation into the official opening of the new building.

After a short address, the distinguished chairman of Ontario Hydro, George Gathercole, unveiled the plaque inside the front door to complete the building.

Many gathered in front of the building on Alice St., but they retreated back into the shade for the series of short speeches. Afterward, there was a tour of the building, followed by a salad supper in the band hall for about 65 invited guests.

Hydro Commission chairman Ted Tyler Sr. introduced the members of the commission, Douglas Dawkins, Orval Brown, Wilfred McEachern and Mayor Les Duby.

"For many years we have been handicapped and our service facilities crowded," Mr. Tyler said. "We are pleased and proud to see the carrying out of these plans."

He announced to the crowd the news of the sudden illness which had taken meter reader Newt Hurst to the hospital a few hours before.

Those from out-of-town were especially welcomed. Among those attending were two former chairmen and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stewart of Guelph and Mr. and Mrs. Bob MacArthur of Georgetown.

Guest speaker was the chairman of Ontario Hydro, George Gathercole, who made a giant plug for hydro power by saying that 54 years ago when Hydro Electric power came to Acton, electricity cost 10 cents a kilowatt. Now, when everything else has soared in price the cost of power has decreased ten times! The average Acton bill, he went on, is about half the cost of a package of cigarettes a day.

Foresight of the commission was commended and he concluded "as sure as anything, Acton is going to move ahead."

Some of the officials moved from their hard chairs in the heat into the building briefly with Mr. Gathercole, while he drew the curtaining to reveal the attractive plaque.

Gordon Stacey of Guelph, president of the Association of Municipal Electrical Utilities, included in his remarks the assurance that "the staff will now have no excuses."

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List exemptions at Acton High

Principal E. A. Hansen issued a list of students who received exemption from writing examinations this morning. Also included are those students who received exemptions in all subjects but one.

Exemptions in All Subjects

9A — Jackie Lemon.
9B — Chris Brunelle, Dianne Fisher, Bonnie Garvin, Stephen Porty, Julie Smith, Carol McCutcheon.

10A — Valerie Coles, Judy Connell, Sylvia Hanousek, Mark Hurst, Marsha McKenzie, Nancy Morris, Jacqueline Palmer, Benita Pries, Marie Timbers.

10B — Cheryl Lee, Annie Vuk, Debra Winter.

10C — Anne Watson.

11A — Allan Gordon, Kathryn Sinclair, Paul Youngblut.

11C — Irene Anderson, Marilyn McIntyre.

Exemptions in All Subjects But One

9A — Karen Ashley, Peggy Day, Raymond Denny, Catherine Lasby, Joseph Petric.

9B — Carol Masales, Brian Sampson.

9C — Kathleen O'Rourke.

9E — Lyndy Lou Moon.

10A — Patricia Last, Linda Lawson.

10C — Jacoba Doornbos.

11A — Bob Bonnette, Barry Buchanan, Michael Joe, Dianne Stewart.

11B — Susan Allan, Barbara McEachern.

11C — Susan Rody.

11D — Marie Frank, Frances Higgins.

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Police report

Quiet week for O.P.P.

May 28 to June 3, 1967, produced a relatively quiet week for the Acton O.P.P.

The six man detachment patrolled 731 miles in and for the Town of Acton during 228 duty hours.

Fourteen occurrences, although the majority were of a minor nature, saw two thefts reported, with goods to the value of \$25, being stolen, and one man charged with "having liquor in a place other than a residence," contrary to the Liquor Control Act of Ontario.

Two motor vehicle accidents, one a hit and run, with a total damage of \$70.00 together with five traffic citations and 18 warnings issued was the full extent of the traffic activities observed and dealt with by the local constabulary.

Court activities, resulting from previous patrol were minimal, with two convictions for traffic offences resulting in \$46.00 in fines and costs being paid.

With the advent of warm summer weather upon us, the illegal conveyance and having of alcoholic beverage will become one of the more prevalent Liquor Control Act violations dealt with by the police.

The Liquor Control Act provides that you may take the beverage from the liquor outlet to your place of residence or from one place of residence to another place of residence (meaning at least an overnight stay).

By adhering to the provisions of the Act, you will most certainly avoid an unpleasant confrontation with the courts, said Corporal R. Mason.

Fred Salt engaged h. s. board secretary

Fred Salt was hired as the new secretary-treasurer of Acton district high school board, at their meeting on Monday evening. He replaces Billy Middleton, who is retiring from the position but will assist his successor during the summer.

Mr. Salt has retired from Beardmore and Co.

There is a good deal of work to be done in August preparing transportation schedules, transportation chairman Duncan Moffat pointed out, and other routine business matters continue during the holidays.

The resignation of Mike Bevan from the staff was tabled, and he has been replaced by Brent Turnbull from London. Mr. Bevan will be teaching in North York. Other teachers who are leaving are Miss Flax and Oscar Drjber, but a full complement of staff is hired for next September.

Five cement installations will be constructed so the track and field entrants can practice "rain or shine". Teacher Bruce Andrews explained the need to the board with a big diagram of the old and proposed new locations for jump pits, two-way runways, and circles for discuss hurling and shot putting.

Mr. Andrews said of 17 meets in the past year, Acton has won 12, but with better facilities for teaching and coaching "next year we can do better."

After hearing his review of the school's sports accomplishments, the board agreed to send a letter of congratulations to the physical education staff.

Twelve inspectors have visited the school with one yet to come.

Rail fare will be paid for five teachers who will accompany the 80 students to Expo next Wednesday.

Initial consideration was given to transportation next year for two students who will be attending classes in wheel chairs.

Due to his extra work load, members of the board agreed that the chairman should be paid an extra \$5 per meeting, retroactive to January. This is in accordance with a recent ruling and is being done in other places, it was pointed out.

Concluding arrangements for the driver training course were made.

Members present at the meetings were chairman Tom Watson, Duncan Moffat, Chester Anderson, Kerwin McPhail and secretary Mr. Middleton.

Michael Bennett ordained deacon

On Saturday Michael Bennett was ordained as a deacon at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Hamilton. He has been studying at St. Peter's seminary, London, and after one more year there he expects to be ordained as a priest.

His mother, Mrs. Kay Bennett, and other relatives attended the service in Hamilton on Saturday.

He will be working for the summer in a parish, but does not know yet where he will be.



RECOGNITION OF 24 YEARS of service in limehouse post office came for Mrs. A. W. Benton Tuesday afternoon when A. D. Fizzell, district director, presented a certificate signed by Postmaster General Jean Pierre Cote. An accompanying letter of appreciation signed by the assistant deputy Postmaster General, P. A. Fagny, was read to Mrs. Benton in the brief ceremony at Acton post office. Mrs. Benton took over from her husband's father who operated limehouse P.O. from 1935 to 1943. She retired last month when new owners took over. Mrs. Benton, left, Mr. Benton and Mr. Fizzell are shown, top. (Staff Photo)

LATE NEWS

in Brief

School teachers and Acton public school board have still not settled their 1967 schedule.

Trustee William Benson told the board last night teachers refused the last offer and then turned the matter over to the Teachers' Federation. However, he advised fellow trustees not to "shiver in their boots" as he considered the move was ill-advised.

He said his committee could do no more. The entire disagreement hinged on the fact the board would not pay two increments in one year. In rebuttal principal Elmer Smith said the teachers considered the salary offers fair and were quite happy but there were two classes objected to. One concerned cumulative sick leaves; the other was the matter of increments which effect only three teachers.

"It would cost the board only \$300 to settle the dispute and offer the staff contracts" said Mr. Smith. He suggested this difference could be deducted from his salary so contracts could be finalized.

Mr. Benson concluded the discussion by saying no resignations had been received by May 31; therefore teachers must use the last offer as a schedule until November 30.

Spokesman Robert Herrington objected to trucks using

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