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## C.N.R. vice-president answers Dr. Harley on closing station

Dr. Harry Harley, Halton M.P. notified the Free Press this week he had received a letter from the vice-president of the C.N.R., R. T. Vaughan, concerning the closing of Acton station.

In view of what the letter says, Dr. Harley writes, no firm decision will be taken until the case is reviewed by the Board of Transport Commissioners. He urges all interested parties, however, to write directly to C.W. Rump, Secretary, Railway Transport Commission, Canadian Transport Commission, 400 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa 4.

Local industries are still "greatly concerned" over the proposed closing of the station Chamber of Commerce chairman Paul Neilson told the Free Press this week. Several have written already to Dr. Harley. Mr. Neilson is canvassing those not previously contacted to get their reaction.

Mayor Les Duby said council was officially notified by letter this week of the closing with no

apologies enclosed for not notifying them sooner. Council has already sent a letter of protest out, however.

This week the Lions Club of Acton sent an official protest to Dr. Harley and to Mr. Rump. It is expected other boosters of the town will follow their lead.

Following is the letter received by Dr. Harley from the C.N.R. vice-president:

Canadian National Railways  
Montreal  
13 October 1967

R.T. Vaughan,  
Vice-President,  
Secretary of the Company.

Dear Mr. Harley:

I have your further letter of October 10 regarding the station at Acton, Ontario. Acton is included in a group of stations that may eventually be brought under the Kitchener-Guelph Master Agency Plan. In my letter to you

of October 5 where I stated that no decision had been made respecting the agency, it was intended to indicate that no decision has yet been made as to whether an actual application will be made to the Commission for the removal of the agent and that such a decision will not be made until after it has been given a full and proper trial.

As is customary in all our master agency projects, a trial period is undertaken before any decision is made as to whether an application is to be made to the Commission for removal of the agent. In the case of Acton, the first stages of implementation of the master agency are to be effected on November 6. All this means, however, is that the work will in fact be taken away from the station and placed into the master agency but the agent will be left on the premises although he will be performing no function insofar as the public is concerned. The trial period in this instance will last probably

until mid-January or early February at which time the whole situation will be reviewed and the matter will then be looked at in the light of whether or not an application should be made to the Commission for the removal of the agent under that particular master agency plan.

As you may be aware, under a Master Agency Plan, all previous services are retained in the community, but rather than dealing directly with an agent our patrons deal directly with a centralized master agency and their contact with that agency is generally by means of a free Zenith telephone system. This puts our patrons in contact with specialized people who are fully equipped to give excellent service to the communities.

I trust the foregoing will more clearly define the Company's position insofar as Acton is concerned.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,  
R. T. Vaughan.



WHITE MISTS ADD a wispy touch to the mill-pond placidity of Fairy Lake as it greets the early morning sun. New development in lakeview subdivision adds more reflection to the picture while dredging pipes stretch across the reach. Dredging is continuing now, further up the lake near the Breezes. (Staff Photo)

### R.L. school organizes

## Walkathon, car and window washes, pancake social to raise UNICEF total

A walkathon to raise money for UNICEF is being arranged this week by an eager group of Robert Little students. Other groups are also planning other special events to raise money. While the boys and girls in the lower grades will collect door-to-door as usual, some of the older children prefer to enter into the novel projects for fund-raising.

On Saturday morning at eight o'clock a group of energetic R.L. students will set out from Orangeville to walk to Acton, with sponsors - stores and parents promising 10 cents a mile.

The route: highway 136 through to No. 24 highway, to Brisbane, down the seventh line to No. 7, then along to Acton.

The finish line is the front door of the school, and the distance has been measured at 33 miles.

Sven Van Fleet and Mary Frances Marcoux, who are heading the arrangements, think it'll take 10 to 11 hours for the ones who finish. Others may drop out at any time as there will be cars along to pick them up.

About 30 boys and girls from grades 6, 7 and 8 are expected

to start out, carrying their own lunches. There are to be signs along the route, cars behind, teachers with them, and walkie talkies to keep in touch.

Miss Riseborough, who proved at Expo what a good walker she is (say the students) is going to walk right along with them.

Peter Morrison is chairman of the group of youngsters who are pledged to wash windows of stores for \$2 a store. The day they chose? What better than the morning after Halloween!

They start de-soaping the stores at 7 in the morning with three persons to each store.

An old-fashioned Pancake Social is the project of grade 8 classes. It's Friday November 3 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. right in the school auditorium.

Teacher Mrs. Reed has donated real maple syrup; there'll be entertainment, a door prize, and a prize for the person who ate the most pancakes!

Jack Holmes, who's in charge says everyone's invited. The time was set to catch weekend shoppers.

Mr. Batkin's grade seven class is sponsoring a car wash on Friday Oct. 27 and Sat. Oct. 28 at Bill Toth's Shell Station on Queen St. It'll run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Tickets are already on sale at a card table outside Simpsons-Sears order office. Price is \$1 a car.

James McNabb is chairman of this project.

Miss Braida's room of grade four and five students is having a bake sale on Monday. Chairlady is Susan Ancker. The classroom

is room 205 in the stone school. Other students are all invited. There will be two draws for UNICEF.

The young organizers of all the school projects promise "Every cent goes to UNICEF".

Originally the ideas for class and school events came from Jack Holmes, Riny Schuts, Pete Morrison, Harry Lawson and Steven Van Fleet. Then other students joined in to enlarge on the ideas.

## District woman injured in collision on Friday

Mrs. Ann McConnell of R.R. 1 Acton, is still in Guelph General Hospital following an accident Friday, October 20 at 8 p.m. on Main St. at Viny St. She suffered multiple fractured ribs, internal injuries, lacerations and abrasions. She was treated at the scene by Dr. C. Hutchison and taken by ambulance to hospital.

Mrs. McConnell, who had seen another vehicle approaching, was stopped on the road when her car was struck by one driven by Kenneth Peacock of Georgetown.

Mr. Peacock, travelling north of Main, passed a vehicle near the Viny intersection, lost control and collided with the front of the

stopped McConnell car. He left the scene of the accident but was contacted soon after trying to hitchhike a ride.

He suffered bruised neck and back, abrasions and lacerations.

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**Tick talk**

To be sure you're right about changing your clocks this Saturday night, remember the helpful saying: "Spring forward, fall back." It's back they go this week- end. \*\*\*\*\*

### Two-car crash at main corner

The two cars involved were towed away from a crash at the Mill-Main intersection on Friday Oct. 20 at 7 p.m.

David Stanley, Acton, driver of a westbound car, was stopped at the intersection to turn left when his car was struck by another driven by John Turnbull, Acton. Neither car was drivable after the collision, the Stanley vehicle having \$475 damage and the Turnbull vehicle \$800.

Mr. Stanley was slightly injured in the mishap.

Cons. Hildreth investigated.

### Firefighters sponsor campaign

Again this year Acton Firefighters will be calling door-to-door for donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada. The drive continues from November 1 to November 15.

On the campaign committee are Herb Dadds as chairman, Hilliard Price, Don Van Fleet and Al Duby.

MDAC will use money raised in the campaign to relieve the victims of muscular dystrophy in any way possible and to finance research into MD. The disease, which causes progressive paralysis, has its worst effects on children, whose life expectancy it severely limits.

Research aimed at finding a cure for muscular dystrophy is being carried on in North America, Europe and Japan.

### Recreation- parks board

## Set public skating prices

"As far as this season goes we're off and running," commented recreation and parks chairman John Goy after arena manager Harold Townsley gave a report to the board on the obstacles encountered installing ice in the community centre.

Because of a new law making it mandatory to have a 24 hour engineer on duty with motors over 50 h.p. the committee acquired a 50 h.p. unit from Beardmore and Co. to replace the present 75 h.p. However, when it was installed it wouldn't run and was sent away to be repaired.

Back again, the 50 h.p. went about 30 seconds before it blew up, making a major repair necessary.

A phone call to the Department of Labour telling of the board's plight resulted in the information being passed along that the Act forbidding motors over 50 h.p. without an engineer gave a three year grace period which wouldn't expire until 1968.

The 75 h.p. motor was speedily reinstalled and ice making resumed on Tuesday of last week.

Mr. Townsley was asked to get a price on rewinding the 50 h.p. motor and prices on brand new and used 30 h.p. motors since it was obvious the plant needed more than 50 h.p. to run it.

Reading last spring showed the ice plant was drawing 62 h.p. on the 75 h.p. motor.

Mr. Townsley reported the closed brine system was working well. He found it much faster than under the old system.

After much discussion on how negotiation were coming between the curling club and concessionaire Roy Goodwin the committee

decided curlers could have use of the entire facilities for \$70 a day. Previously on special occasions there was an additional \$25 charge to the curlers for special occasions.

Chairman Goy said it was agreed the \$25 charge would only be levied until the facilities, which were installed at the curlers request, were paid for. He

### Cons. Chamberlain is now with force

Acton's newest police officer is Cons. Frank Chamberlain who replaces Cons. Pat Thwaites, who has resigned. Cons. Chamberlain was transferred from the Oakville detachment, and began his duties here on Friday. He is still commuting from Oakville.

The five-man force includes Corp. Ray Mason, Cons. Bruce McArthur, Cons. Pete Campbell, Cons. Bob Hildreth and Cons. Chamberlain.

## Open deer season still uncertainty

The holding of an open deer hunt in Halton County on November 6, 7, and 8 was uncertain at County Council's October meeting last week.

Council had earlier agreed to an open season, providing neighboring counties also participated. It was reported Wentworth and

suggested the charge was excessive and more reasonable rent could now be charged and the committee agreed.

Vice-chairman Brendan Aberne asked if the curlers had met with Mr. Goodwin regarding use of the concession but was told they had perused the contract signed with the concessionaire and felt it wasn't necessary.

"Who countermanded our order?" asked Mr. Aberne referring to the last meeting when a delegation of curlers was told to see Mr. Goodwin to iron problems out.

Mr. Goy said two members of the board discussed the issue with Dick Lee, curling club president, and it was decided nothing could be accomplished by another meeting with Mr. Goodwin.

Mr. Aberne didn't agree. "The point is," said he, "two members of this board went against the decision at the last meeting and countermanded the order given." (Continued on Page 6)

## Snow leads Skuce by 161 votes

P. C. candidate Jim Snow's lead over Liberal Robin Skuce in last Tuesday's provincial election has been established at 161 votes. Halton East riding returning officer Allan M. Masson reports.

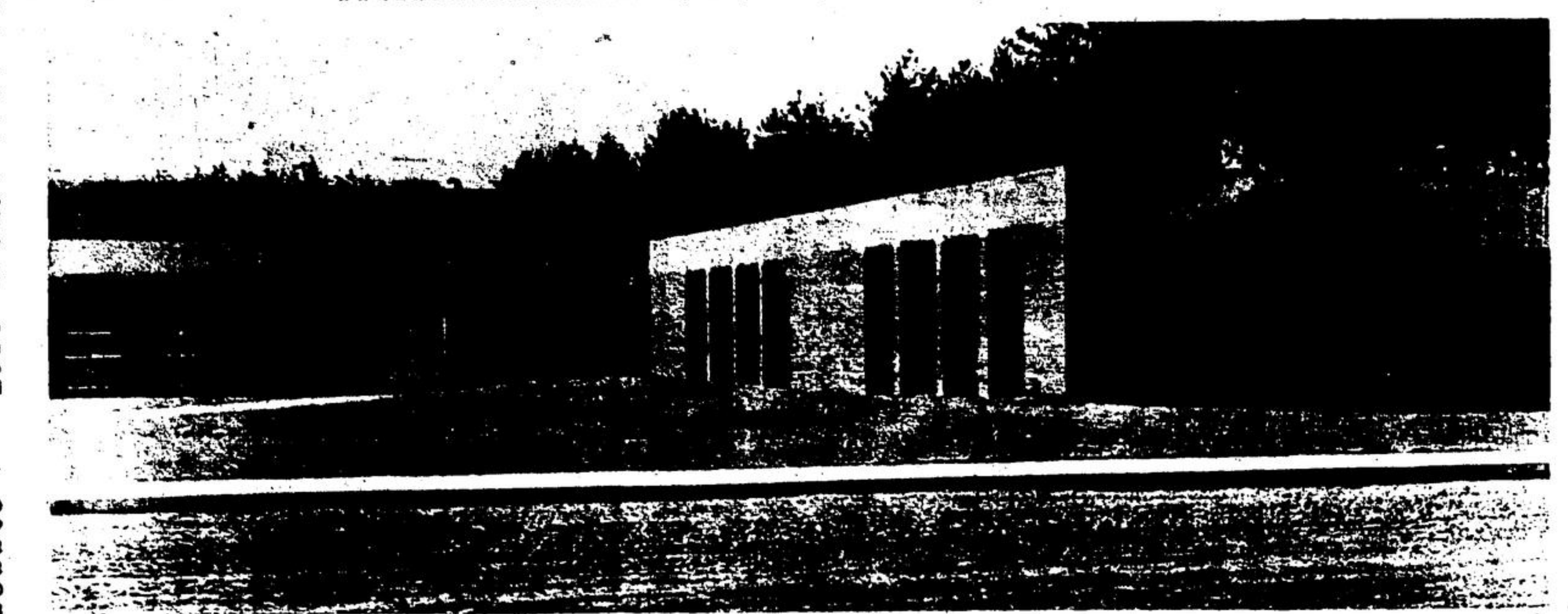
His compilation of figures as reported from the Deputy Returning Officers in the 163 polls and four advance polls shows Snow with 9,859 votes, Skuce with 9,698 and N.D.P. Bill Gillies trailing with 6,359. There were 121 spoiled ballots. About 65 per cent of those eligible voted.

At press time, Mr. Skuce had still not decided whether to call for a recount or not. He was waiting to see the results of the armed forces vote, which is expected to be counted within the next week or so. If a recount is demanded, some of the "spoiled" ballots may be counted as qualified votes. The returning officer cannot make an "official count" until Tuesday, October 31.

Original figures from the returning officer on election night had Snow leading by 160 votes, but late in the evening a 40-vote error was found, then another mistake turned up to narrow his lead to 102 votes. Later it jumped to 104 and then back to 161.

Here are Mr. Masson's figures:

Polls	Gillies	Skuce	Snow	Reject.
1-4 Advance	54	156	322	
24-35 Esqueving	382	658	813	10
36-60 Georgetown	1034	1219	1306	29
61-77 Milton	561	985	928	24
78-85 Oakville North 5 Hwy.	265	497	510	4
86-98 Oakville North Queen E.	662	846	693	10
99-161 Oakville W. 16 Mi. Cr.	2749	3496	3083	33
162-188 Oakville, E. 16 Mi. Cr.	652	1841	2204	11
	6359	9698	9859	121



MODERN ARCHITECTURE, beautiful setting and functional interior combine to make Rockwood's new centennial school one of the most up-to-date among educational institutions in the province. Grant McRee is principal of the 13-classroom school. (Staff Photo)

### Sprinkler system has gall stone

The human digestive tract isn't the only place you can find gall stones.

Arena manager Harold Townsley can testify the sprinkler system at the community centre has suffered from the ailment for years.

Certain parts of the system had low water pressure so experts from the Burnell Co. were called in to assist in locating the trouble. An incision was made in the pipes and the expert pulled out a smooth stone, suggesting it had been in the system for years.

"That's what you call a system with gall stones," suggested parks and recreation chairman John Goy at Thursday's meeting of the twin-hatted board. The pressure? It's fine now.