



A TEACHER FROM TRINIDAD, Harold Mahatoo is one of three new people on Brookville's staff this year from other countries. Two lady teachers are there from England. Mr. Mahatoo is shown at his desk, leading a class discussion period at the school. (Staff Photo)

### Acton Lions sponsor contest...

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dinner. Lion Ray, just back from a trip to Virginia, got a plug in for the south by leading the Lions in "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia".

The Lion Chief read a condensed version of the duties of the international president, the chair presently occupied by Jorge Irid, of Puerto Rico.

Guests present were Ron Rickles and Glen Near, both prospective members.

The Lion Chief reminded the local pride District Governor Howard Stewart would be visiting here Nov. 27.

Acton Lions donated six trophies to the recent Sportsmen's Show, held in conjunction with the Fall Fair and the Chief read trophy holder's names. All went to the model airplane contest.

October is membership month and the Lions hope to have four new members before November rolls around.

## Adventure at Expo delights 35 Robert Little students

By Miss Donna Riseborough

The thirty-five Robert Little students who attended Expo '67 on the weekend of October 13-16 found their experience thoroughly rewarding, both in terms of their education and the sheer, thrilling adventure of it.

Cruising along the MacDonald-Cartier Freeway in their comfortable Tyler Transport Coach, the opportunity to enjoy the colours of autumn at their magnificent best was not lost upon the delighted youngsters.

Mr. Ted Tyler Jr., who drove the bus and conducted the trip, stopped at one of the spacious service centres for the noon meal. Later in the afternoon, he stopped again at Upper Canada Village, and allowed sufficient time for the students to experience this unique presentation of our history. What was their delighted surprise when at Expo, the next day, they again found themselves in the streets of the same quaint reconstruction of our past - by means of that veritable miracle that was the film in the Bell Telephone Building.

It was a thrill just to arrive in Montreal and feel its bigness and its fascination. By about seven o'clock in the evening, Mr. Tyler was depositing his passengers in the Montreal Hostel, their lodgings, only a mile and a half from the Expo site. He soon took them all down to the near-by restaurant he had recommended. This was a place which served good food at reasonable prices, and at which our group ate their breakfasts and evening meals on the weekend.

After supper, while the youngsters were unpacking and making up their bunk beds, Mr. Tyler got the five adult chaperones together and spent some time in

outlining what he recommended would be the best general plan by which the most might be seen in the time available. This help was invaluable to the groups on the following days.

On their Saturday and Sunday forays they all did manage to see some of the more outstanding pavilions such as the Theme pavilions, Canadian pavilion, Ontario pavilion and the Bell Telephone building. Then each group saw many others as it made its own way about.

Not until after six o'clock on Sunday evening did they go near La Ronde, where they participated in various amusements until about nine o'clock.

They left at ten o'clock the next morning to return home and bless their hearts, most of the kids slept quite a bit that day for the weekend had certainly kept them going and constantly on their feet.

The generous help of several persons gave the students the opportunity to profit from this enriching experience. Mr. Copeland initially organized the students for the project, and they greatly appreciated his work. On their return they presented him with a gift of cuff links with engraved Expo insignia.

The students appreciated the financial assistance given the chaperones. The leadership, supervision and understanding of the chaperones contributed greatly to the success of the expedition. On their return, the students sent thank-you cards to their several chaperones: Mrs. Bern Van Fleet, Mrs. Herbert Collett, Mrs. Kerwin McPhail, Miss Donna Riseborough and G. W. McKenzie.

Not least was Mr. Tyler's contribution to the trip. He so easily took firm and friendly charge

of his youthful load of passengers that they enjoyed themselves immensely. With the many changes in the educational field and the experience gained in organizing and conducting an educational tour, it is felt that the students should become involved in many more "field trips" in the future.

## Harley to Halton

by harry harley m.p.

In the past week a good deal of time has been spent on setting up the new Department of Corporate and Consumer Affairs under the Registrar-General, the Honourable John Turner. This does not mean another Government Department but a change and annexation of a previous one.

Under Canadian constitution no single level of government has control over all the matters in which consumers are interested. For example, the Federal Government has just made regulations that all banks must give to the borrower of money the total charges, interest and any other charges, that the borrower will have to repay. There are also many areas in which both the Federal and Provincial Governments have control in closely related fields.

In the field of food and drugs for example most Provinces have regulations concerning milk and farm produce, and over the retail sale of food and drugs while the Federal Government has control over the manufacturing, importing and distribution of drugs.

The goals of the Department of Corporate and Consumer Affairs may be summarized as follows:

- (1) full protection for the consumer against fraud, deception and unfair trade practices.
- (2) maximum standards of quality, safety and protection in the services and goods bought.
- (3) provision of full and accurate information on which to base purchases.
- (4) give the consumer active representation in the Cabinet and Government.
- (5) a consumers representative will be involved in any decision affecting all consumer interests.

In addition the Department will enforce the existing legislation and if necessary initiate new legislation. It will distribute the best information available on matters of consumer concern, and do research into market problems. It will investigate consumer complaints brought to their attention. It is expected that the first duty of the new Department will be to amend the Trade Marks and Patents Act to allow more competition in the drug industry, which is designed to lower the cost of drugs.

## Lions write to M.P. protest station closing

One Acton service club, the Lions, has written to Dr. Harry Harley, M.P. protesting the closing of the C.N.R. station.

Following is the text of the letter: As chairman of the Acton Lions Club civic improvement committee, I have been asked to write you on behalf of the club, to express our grave concern regarding the closing of the C.N.R. station in Acton. The members of our club have always striven for community betterment and are convinced the loss of this facility would be a retrogressive step.

While we respect the railroads desire to trim unprofitable facets of its operation, we also feel the railroads' actions here over the past several years are partly responsible for the loss of business. Passenger service from Acton is practically nil because most of the trains go right through without stopping.

Acton is in a very, envious position because of its proximity to the large markets of the Metro area. Thanks to the foresight of a past council, a tract of industrial land was obtained before land skyrocketed and is available to industries wishing to locate here. These advantages are somewhat diminished by the loss of rail facilities. We would also point out that while centralized service from Guelph may be more expedient

for the railroad, the cost of truck pick-up in Acton for delivery to the station in Guelph is much higher.

I think that from the experience of other stations that have been closed, these empty buildings invariably become targets for vandalism and a source of annoyance to the police.

I am sure you need no urging from us to put forth a protest to the railroad commissions in the strongest terms. Bearing in mind that whether we have a railroad station or not, we as Canadian taxpayers will continue to share in paying the C.N.R. deficit.

Thanking you, I remain Yours truly  
Neil R. Miller

## soccer...

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So as it now stands, Acton has no chance to win the league title. Their present record is as follows:

- First game Sept. 28-Erin 3 - Acton 0.
- Second game Oct. 5-Orangeville 0 - Acton 0.
- Third game Oct. 12-Orangeville 1 - Acton 0.
- Fourth game Oct. 16-O.S.D. 0 - Acton 2.

## Set public skating price...

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The chairman said the board had no jurisdiction over the curlers and couldn't order them to do anything.

"It's just a matter of interpretation," replied Mr. Aberne. "Let's all get together and do it, not just two members."

Mr. Goy said he agreed on that point but the evidence had changed and the entire committee couldn't be called every time there was a decision to make.

In his report to the board, arena and parks manager Townsley said the recent roller marathon was a success but he hoped to improve on it next year. He requested the board's consideration for a bill extending into the arena from the phone and also an improvement on the present hot water system.

Mr. Townsley reported there were few hours of ice time left to be rented.

A discussion on whether spectator should be charged to watch public skating was initiated but the board decided against it. Mr. Townsley felt a charge might discourage some would be patrons from creating a nuisance of themselves.

"I'm not worried about the adults," said he.

"I'd like to see it established so people don't just come in to clutter up the place," remarked committee member Helen Othel.

"It would be better to have kids in the arena than at the four cor-

ners Sunday afternoon," said chairman Goy. "We don't want to penalize everyone for the sake of a dozen who give you grief. Better policing of the arena would give us as much progress."

It was agreed to crack down on offenders and review the policy again later in the season.

The board also: \* Agreed to purchase a new tape recorder for an approximate price of \$225.

\* Set admission prices for public skating at 50 cents for adults and high school students and 25 cents for public school and younger children.

\* Agreed to purchase five sets of plastic lines for curling houses at \$40 a house. Mr. Townsley said the plastic houses would last for years and save untold hours of painting.

\* Passed a motion authorizing the administration committee to investigate all complaints arising from use of the community centre.

\* Authorized treasurer Mrs. H. Townsley to pay the board's tenth financial statement.

\* Heard from Councillor Ted Tyler, one of two council appointees on the board, that the construction company doing work for the town would also fix Glenlea Park up before it leaves town. Chairman John Goy presided at the meeting with committee members B. Aberne, H. Othel, E. Masales and T. Tyler, arena manager Townsley and sec-treas Mrs. H. Townsley in attendance.

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