



COMPLETED AND READY for the grand opening ball on June 15 is the new crafts house at the Halton County Museum. The building is Halton County's Centennial project and an old time dance is planned for the official opening. (Staff Photo)

Problems with high school board budget

Acton High School Board accepted the finalization of salary increases for teachers, the principal and vice-principal, for the coming year, at the regular meeting last Thursday night.

The slight budget problem which results is further complicated by the change in payments of staff from a twelve-month basis to a ten-month basis. This year's school board will go into the fall with a small deficit. Moved by Watson and seconded by Anderson, a letter is to be sent to the auditor asking him to submit a revised statement including the amount carried over owing the teachers at Dec. 31, 1968, in an attempt to have the school grant adjusted accordingly.

The treasurer's report was accepted and everyone was reported "in line" except the library which is \$30 over the budget. This was explained by the fact that most of the orders were placed before this year's 10 per cent cut was announced, as requested by the board at the beginning of the year.

The board agreed to lend the chairs from the auditorium to the Fall Fair committee for Sept. 20, 21 and 22.

The resignations of four of the staff were accepted. All have been replaced for the coming school year. H. L. Goodman of Toronto has been hired to teach Mathematics and Science next year.

Brian D. Skarrett was authorized to attend an Information Conference in Ottawa this summer, expenses paid. The conference is expected to provide the guidance department with valuable material for next fall. Mr. Skarrett was hired for the vocational department, starting in September.

Must stop for buses

Complaints have been received about motorists failing to stop for school buses, Milton O.P.P. reported this week.

As a reminder to all drivers, Section 94 (2) of the Highway Traffic Act states:

"Where a school bus is stopped on a highway or part of a highway on which the maximum speed is greater than 35 miles per hour for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children, the driver of vehicle,

(a) when overtaking a school bus on which the words "do not pass when signals flashing" are marked and two red signal-lights are illuminated by intermittent flashes; and

(b) when meeting on such a highway, other than a highway with separate roadways, a school bus on the front of which two red signal-lights are illuminated with intermittent flashes, shall stop the vehicle before reaching the school bus and shall not proceed until the school bus resumes motion or the signal-lights are no longer operating."

Name Ray Evelan new Lion Chief

Deputy district governor Ed Wiggins installed Ray Evelan as president of Acton Lions Club at the regular dinner meeting Monday. He succeeds retiring Lion Chief Vic Bristow.

Also installed at the meeting were:

1st vice-president - John Griefeneder.

2nd vice-president - Neil Miller.

3rd vice-president - Art Gordon.

Secretary - Bob Hall.

Treasurer - John Trotter.

Lion Tamer - Tom Manes.

Directors - Gerry Lamarche, Dave Hunter.

The new executive takes office on July 1.

Announce merger of Rockwood companies

R. H. Armstrong, president of Stag Lubricant Co. Limited, manufacturer of Stag hunting equipment and Ed Cumings landing nets, and Northern Tackle Company Ltd., manufacturers of Northern and Newton Fishing Lines announced the merger of the above companies under the name of Northern Stag Industries Ltd. The companies are located in Rockwood.

R. H. Armstrong remains president of the new group with Roy L. Murphy as general manager and W. P. Homer as assistant to the president.

An addition to the present Stag building is being made to incorporate the combined operation.

R. M. Root, formerly the general manager of Stag Lubricant Co. Ltd. has joined Gracombe Associates Ltd., an associated firm.

Keep ambulance agreement despite Ontario directive

Although the clerk-administrator received a mandatory directive from the Department of Health telling the town to terminate their ambulance agreement, the Royal City Ambulance has not yet been advised of the action and knew of no alternative service.

The Province intends to take over all ambulance service in Ontario soon, the clerk told council Tuesday night but it put the town in a predicament.

"It's premature for the government to dictate to us if they can't provide the service," Mayor Dube observed. "The responsibility lies with us and we can't run the risk of being without service."

Mr. McGeachie told council he talked with the ambulance operators and they agreed to provide Acton with the service until advised otherwise.

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Committee rooms set up for PCs

Progressive Conservative committee rooms in Acton have been set up in part of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Spielvogel, 93 Mill St. E.

Peter McWilliams was in town last Thursday and introduced himself to men at Beardmore's

14 receive First Communion at St. Joseph's Sunday

Fourteen girls and boys received their First Holy Communion at the 10.30 Mass Sunday morning at St. Joseph's Church.

The eight girls dressed in the traditional white dresses and veils and the boys in Sunday best with bows on their arms and flowers in buttonholes were also enrolled in the Brown Scapular after receiving the sacrament for the first time.

Father V. J. Morgan, pastor, addressed his remarks to the first communicants in the crowded church, speaking fittingly of the life between them with God and the church.

"He told the children it was a happy and blessed day" not only for them but for their families and their pastor.

Despite the humidity and high temperatures, the First Communion class, divided into spring and fall groups, seemed not to mind the oppressive air bothering most adults on this important day.

Girls making their first Holy Communion were Diane Baginski, Elizabeth Reynolds, Cindi McGilloway, Christine Arbic, Eunice Gibb, Caroline Van Der Eycken, Kerry O'Brien and Susan Patsky.

The boys were Stanley Petric, Danny Porty, Gene Braida, Paul Timmings, Charles Ancker and Gregory Robson.

Parents, friends and relatives followed the procession from the church to take pictures after the ceremonies.



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Senior girls opener set Mon. night

Coach "Dude" Lindsay has the senior girls' softball club groomed for the league opening at the park Monday evening.

He and manager Charlie Thomson are highly optimistic about the club's chances in the Halton league this season.

Nassagaweya Council Briefs

During the regular June meeting of Nassagaweya Township Council Monday evening at Brookville, council:

* Decided to hold an inspection tour of local quarries in early June.

* Moved opposition to closing of an abandoned road allowance needed to be added to a landowner's holdings because of health regulations, on the grounds the road would have to be reopened if and when sale of several adjoining building lots is completed.

* Entered into an agreement with Acton Five Area Board similar to those in existence for fire protection of the northern end of the township for several years.

* Heard a report on the annual C.O.R.D.C. meeting from Nassagaweya representative councillor Mrs. Anne MacArthur.

Widen, reconstruct No. 7 highway

A five year reconstruction program for Highway 7 between Acton and Georgetown was approved by Acton Council after a meeting with the Department of Highways and representatives from Esquesing, Georgetown, and the county.

The highway will be completely reconstructed on a major basis with stacking lanes at intersections and new curves at Silvercreek and Georgetown.

Queen St. in Acton will be widened out to the Acton Box Co. where it will funnel back into two lanes. The two lanes will be widened the entire distance.

There was no mention of an Acton by-pass but councillors felt this was still far distant.

Supreme Court

One of the heaviest dockets in recent years will face Mr. Justice Stark when he sits for the Supreme Court of Ontario sittings in Milton next week.

There are 59 cases on the docket -- including 45 divorces, 10 civil cases, two requests for annulment and two alimony claims. No criminal cases are to be heard at this sitting.

Major case before the judge is a suit for a total of \$140,000 in damages following a collision near Milton two years ago.

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