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**KARL GEBHARDT**, superintendent for McNally Construction, lines up the transit as the first shovelfuls of earth are removed for the M. Z. Bennett public school addition Tuesday morning. Mr. Gebhardt said if he got two weeks of good weather the construction company would have footings in and the long awaited addition could get underway. Meanwhile classes at the school are staggered. (Staff Photo)

## Charge residents throw dead fowl in twp. dump

Some residents of Esqueving township are using the township dump on the fourth line for the disposal of dead fowl and animals, declared Councillor Pat Patterson at the regular meeting of the township council Tuesday.

"A fellow called me to say there were 400 dead turkeys, a deer and dozens of chickens lying in the dump," said Mr. Patterson.

Deputy-Reeve Tom Hill nodded. "I took it on myself to

phone the Health Unit about it and was told it was against regulations to leave dead animals on the ground," he informed council. "People should bury their own animals or give the township notice so they could bury them."

"Where did the deer come from?" asked Councillor Patterson. It was his understanding deer killed by vehicles went to the county.

Road superintendent Bud Snow snorted and referred to his

recent experience with an unburied deer.

"The day I took the deer over to the dump to bury it there were rabbits there, too," he declared. "I've seen chickens there several times, too."

Council agreed to a suggestion from Assessor Art Benton that all the turkey and chicken growers be contacted by letter asking them to give notice when they intended to dispose of dead fowl in the dump.

## C. Bishop will stand for new school board

Despite many changes in the public schools this week, the principals had no serious problems to report to the public school board at their meeting Tuesday in the Robert Little school.

Construction on both the M.Z. Bennett Senior wing and the Robert Little library addition began the first day of school.

M.Z. Bennett school enrollment has increased from 360 last June to 440. Robert Little is down from 603 to 505 due to the boundary changes.

Chairman Cyril Bishop announced his intention of being a candidate for election to the new county school board. (This is the first public announcement of a candidate.)

Commenting on clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie's resignation last week, he stated the board has appreciated Mr. McGeachie's help with the additions. "We can ill afford to lose him."

He said the last year was "interesting" and "progressive," specially mentioning the introduction of oral French and remedial reading, and the two new additions.

He felt it unfortunate each school board will not have a representative on the new county board. Local representative Murray Smith assured him "the north will be well taken care of."

Mr. McKenzie pointed out Burlington with nine representatives on the 20-seat board, has 45 per cent of the enrollment, while Acton has 3.2 per cent.

On the first day of school, a Tyler bus transported 19 public school transferees to the new General Brock Academic and Vocational School in Burlington for a two year course there. Ted Tyler Sr. attended the meeting to suggest students from Campbellville and Milton might also be included in the bus load.

Chairman Cyril Bishop commented the public school board was concerned with the apathy shown regarding these students. "We have special classes here for those who require it (in public school) but they are misfits in high school... I feel when the county board gets organized they could consider the need of a vocational school in north Halton."

Esqueving and Nassagaweya students are presently travelling with the Acton group.

Both schools advertised for applications for kindergarten enrollment of children with January and February birthdays. Since the M.Z. Bennett school received six applications and the Robert Little school seven, the younger pupils can be accommodated. Mr. Smith said his smaller rooms are now full with 22 kindergarten-primary pupils per class. Mr. McKenzie, with larger rooms, has 68 pupils in three rooms and can accommodate more when new families move into the new homes under construction.

Four teachers are taking a special librarians course during this school year in Hamilton. When Mr. McKenzie presented his list of teachers, he pointed out about 50 per cent live out of town in Guelph, Rockwood, Milton, Georgetown or Mississauga. "We do need apartment buildings!" he exclaimed.

It's possible a new heating system will have to be installed to standardize the old wing with the new wing, and to correct recurring problems. This is a major job which would disrupt the whole building, and would have to be done next summer.

Area superintendent McNeill suggested the board consider getting tentative department approval, preparatory for work next summer.

The Ontario Housing Corporation wrote requesting land beside the library for the building of 12 senior citizens units. Secretary Middleton replied by letter that the remaining acreage at the school was essential for playground, adding the board didn't think the senior citizens would enjoy "the capers of the 600 children who belong there."

Four families wrote a joint (Continued on Page 3)



**VIRTUALLY UNSCATHED** after failing to make the turn at Queen and Yonge Sts. in dense fog and rain early Monday morning, this truck-trailer combination parked neatly on Charles Hansen's lawn. Only a large bush was disturbed. (Staff Photo)

## Three charged following theft at Duncan's store

Two Waterloo youths and a Waterloo juvenile have been charged following theft of \$117.17 from Duncan's Variety store Saturday night at 9.25 p.m.

Clerk Mrs. Angell was helping one of them with a purchase when another of the young men took the money from the till. The three sped away in a late model car.

Cons. Roy Wood investigated, and informed Milton and Georgetown O.P.P. The information was also sent over Telex to other forces.

About half an hour later, information was received that three youths had robbed the B.P. service station in Norval, and the license number was obtained there.

At 9 o'clock the next morning the car with three occupants was located by police at Orangeville. Two of these were believed involved in the thefts, and the third was later located at Waterloo.

Of the total night's take of about \$150, \$50 was left.

## Defective light sends girls home

Cons. Nick Farion stopped a car at 4.20 a.m. early this morning (Wednesday) to check a defective light. He became suspicious and after radioing for a check on the license number discovered the car was stolen.

The two girls in the car were arrested for the Toronto police department.

## Seek deputy clerk-treasurer

The town of Acton is advertising this week for a deputy clerk-treasurer.

Clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie, who has resigned, placed the ad for the person who will partially fill his shoes at the town office.

## Any more?

## Hate literature sent to area home

A fat packet of blatant anti-Jewish "hate" literature has been received in the mail by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner, R. R. 3, Acton.

The envelope, postmarked Brantford, contained copies of articles from United States publications and a bumper sticker which advises "unite Germany."

The Turners want to return

the hate literature to its sender, but there's no return address. They're naturally annoyed that their name would be selected for the receipt of this offensive reading and can't understand where the sender would obtain it.

There are only addresses at the bottom of the reproduced articles so the readers could send-to the United States-for reprints of such articles as "The Liberal is your deadly enemy!"

At the post office, no one can recall sorting the letter so it's unlikely that a great number came to Acton.

This week's Burlington Gazette also reports a woman phoning to complain of receiving the literature.

The Turners wonder who else has received this "bunk."



**ST. JOHN AMBULANCE** Staff Officer for Southern Ontario, Mr. Potter, chats with Les Duby and plant supervisor of Beardmore and Company, R. L. Evelan, after a dinner given by the company to honor employees who completed a first aid course. Mr. Evelan was among those receiving certificates Thursday night. (Staff Photo)

## Record number from Beardmore complete St. John course

Acton's St. John Ambulance Brigade awarded 21 beginner certificates, 19 of them to employees of Beardmore and Company, at a dinner given by the plant in their honor last Thursday night.

One of the first to receive his certificate, was plant supervisor R. L. Evelan.

"We in management are very much interested in safety," said Mr. Evelan, "and it's not all humanitarian—it is good business. The first thing we can do is to take a first aid course to help us over-come that feeling of panic and give us one of confidence."

"We learned as much what not to do, as what to do. Our presence of mind may be all that is needed to avoid a tragedy."

On the suggestion of Personnel Officer Les Duby, a record number of employees took the seven-week course. Mrs. Joyce Carpenter and Linda Gordon joined with the group and will be continuing with a 10-week St. John home nursing course this September.

Guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Potter, St. John Staff



**THE ONLY PERSON** to speak English during the entire closing program at the Ukrainian camp brought greetings from the town of Acton. More pictures inside. (Staff Photo)

Officer for Southern Ontario. He stresses that safety is everybody's business and any safety program should be a continuing one. "In order to retain our efficiency we must continue to practice," he said. Mr. Potter pledged his services to the company if they wished to set up practice sessions in the form of contests among different teams. This could be expanded to contests with teams from other plants.

Theo Papillon, first aid man at the plant for many years, was on hand to receive his seventh label with the brigade.

The new holders of the St. John certificates are Elmer Andrews, Ken Brooks, Ross Buddell, Ernest Coker, Phil Drysdale, Bert Fowler, Peter Holmes, Jerry Lamash, George Lee, Philip Lesueur, Chester Lewandowski, George Lockery, Alfred Roach, Henry Ruppert, Arthur Saunders, Walter Soa John Tumbull, Kory Vryenoeck, Harry Walker, William Nelles, Ray Evelan.



LINDA PARKER

## Linda Parker graduates with R.N.

Linda Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parker, Acton, graduated from Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children Wednesday, September 4.

Miss Parker took her first year at Western University before entering Sick Children's. She will be returning this fall to complete her final year for her Bachelor of Nursing degree.

She attended Acton District High School for two years and took the final three at Haverhill in Toronto.

Miss Parker is planning a career in either public health or nursing administration.

Her parents attended the graduation ceremonies at Convocation hall on the University of Toronto campus.

## Plan sidewalk bargains

Next week Acton and district shoppers will be able to browse along the business section and choose from displays outside the stores.

Acton merchants are sponsoring a big Sidewalk Sales weekend and they're offering plenty of bargains for shoppers. Several businessmen have banded together to ensure the project is a success. Others are expected to follow suit.

Merchants interested in being included in the project are asked to contact The Free Press by Friday.



**JIMMEY SALT** and Allen Bennett are impressed with the variety of things to do at the M. Z. Bennett kindergarten, Mrs. I. McGillivray soon had the new students busy with a multitude of tasks which overcame first day shyness. (Staff Photo)

## Reeve outlines composition of county board

"I don't know if I voted right at the county council but the Department agreed it was the only way we could have done it," Esqueving Reeve George Currie told fellow councillors of the apportionment of members for the new county school board.

The county committee had no alternative, the reeve said. The Ontario Municipal Board set up the scheme for apportionment of members and the committee had no choice but to adopt it.

Some criticism has been received because the new board will be heavily manned by representatives from Burlington and Oakville, traditionally at odds with the north end of the county. The north end received only four members in the 20-member board: one from Georgetown, one from Esqueving, one from Milton and one from Acton-Nassagaweya.

"It could be an interesting election," commented Councillor Pat Patterson.