

## Building 69 elementary classrooms for Georgetown, Burlington students

Construction of 69 elementary classrooms and 1,250 pupil places in secondary schools was approved by members of the County Board of Education at their meeting Thursday.

The action came after review of a 45 page report outlining enrollment projections for the county system in the elementary field and a 10 page report on growth at the secondary school level. The detail had been compiled after discussions with planners in the various municipalities to determine residential construction plans and the pupil yield from the various types of accommodation.

The board approved planning

and construction for opening in September 1970 of:

\* 15 room school in Tyandaga (Burlington),

\* 15 room school on Prospect St. (Burlington),

\* 12 room addition to Ryerson Public School (Burlington), and

\* 12 room addition to Centennial Public School (Georgetown).

The report concluded that there is sufficient accommodation in Milton, Acton, Esquesing and Nassagaweya Townships until 1972.

In secondary school projects

The Board approved the construction and equipping of a 600 student place addition to T. A. Blacklock High School in Oakville to open in September 1970.

The addition will include commercial areas, technical shops and a learning resource centre.

The Board also approved construction and equipping of a special vocational school with a capacity of 650 students with the location to be determined by March 31.

The report observed that the addition to the Georgetown District High School and the excess places in the Milton District High School will serve the needs of the northern education area until 1972.

Ninety-Fourth Year. — No. 36

ACTON, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 1969

Second Section.

# The Acton Free Press

## Meeting hears details, ask questions on housing

Climax of a question-filled public meeting which discussed the proposed Ontario Housing Corporation senior citizen and family housing unit construction project on Cobblehill Road came at the tail-end of the Wednesday meeting.

Deputy-revee Ted Tyler Jr., after listening to arguments batted back and forth for and against the OHC housing project, issued an eloquent plea asking newer citizens in Acton to consider the plight of some of the town's senior citizens who can not find suitable quarters they can afford.

Pointing to two or three senior citizens in the half hundred at the meeting in the Robert Little school, Mr. Tyler said these people have seen costs rise to the point where they can no longer afford what housing is available. People from other places like Toronto came to Acton to get better housing cheaper, he said, urging newer residents to allow the older people to have the same opportunity.

Mr. Tyler said he welcomed the housing units which would give people the opportunity to live within their pocketbooks, a right every human being was entitled to.

One newer resident stood up to answer the deputy-revee. He said cheaper living isn't what attracted him to Acton. "I want to live in Acton because I like the community," he told the meeting.

Earlier in the meeting Mayor Les Duby was the chief conciliation officer in a verbal spat between chairman Paul Nielsen and Mrs. J. Brown who owns the land where the 12 senior citizen and 12 family units are projected.

Mrs. Brown said the land had been up for sale for some time and she'd never been approached once by a buyer. She claimed no knowledge of the OHC proposal to buy her land until a local real estate man and Mr. Boyd of the Headway Corporation arrived with an offer to purchase a day or so

after a listing with a real estate company had lapsed.

Mrs. Brown said she was dealing with experienced people and was now sorry she had signed the offer to purchase. She also claimed to have lost two tenants in her apartments after they had read she had sold the adjacent land for an OHC project.

My neighbor said "you've got yourself a box" she reported. Mrs. Brown also said when the offer to purchase was made no cheque accompanied it.

At this juncture chairman Nielsen asked Mrs. Brown to refrain from conducting personal business at the meeting since it was called for another purpose.

Another man at the meeting asked why Mrs. Brown was given such a short time to close the deal and a barrage of questions and answers flew back and forth from the floor to Mr. S. Kaye of the OHC and Mr. Boyd of Headway Construction. Earlier they showed drawings of the project and explained it for the meeting.

Some of the questions: Is this one of the most suitable sites (Cobblehill)? Yes, best for us, answered Mr. Kaye. We haven't got a rubber

band cheque book. Negotiations for the site were completed by Headway Construction, the successful bidders.

Any planning going into town?

Mayor Les Duby told of a project presently being conducted by professional planners.

Why a chain link fence around the project? What good's that? Mr. Kaye said the projects formerly were enclosed by a wood fence but had been damaged from within and without.

If the plan is approved when will construction begin?

Midsummer.

Will the area be landscaped? Yes!

Mr. Kaye told the meeting he would like to see the area developed as an R1 zone but finances dictated otherwise. He said Acton was fortunate in

getting semi-detached family units. Other places like Guelph were now getting only row houses.

How many children per family unit?

Three children per unit. The houses will have a 25 ft. setback from the street. People who rent in the project must have lived in Acton for a year.

Are the buildings maintained? Yes, by a resident manager.

Laws are rigidly enforced. People who don't abide by the rules are evicted. "We own the project for 50 years so obviously we're concerned with maintenance of the property," said Mr. Kaye.

Mayor Duby said council was concerned that the people be informed on the project. There had been valid requests from sufficient people to provide senior citizen and family units. Council felt it must do all it

could to provide houses for those who could not afford it.

People were leaving Acton the mayor asserted because they couldn't find accommodation within their means and the town was losing good citizens.

Rentals in the project start at \$32 a month. A family earning \$300 monthly would pay \$70 a month. The family units have a 70 ft. frontage, are semi-detached and have 1,040 square foot plan. Four 2-bedroom, six 3-bedroom and two 4-bedroom units will be constructed initially but Mr. Kaye predicted more geared-to-income housing for Acton.

Next step in the program is an OMB hearing to change the two and half acre parcel of land on Cobblehill Road into an R2 zone. Some residents of the area have already indicated to council that they will oppose it.

Down about \$7,000

## Set \$31,318,000 capital budget

A \$31,318,000 five year capital budget for education was approved by the Halton County Board of Education last week.

In submitting the budget Superintendent Bruce Lindley noted it was down from the capital budgets of previous boards which were projected at \$38,172,500.

The 1969 budget of capital projects includes the addition of a \$100,000 library resource centre at the Martin St. Senior Public School in Milton, for opening in 1970. The 1970 budget includes a library resource centre at the J. M. Denyes School, Milton estimated at \$110,000.

The budget envisions capital projects of \$8,773,000 in 1969; \$4,480,000 in 1970; \$5,270,000 in 1971; \$8,855,000 in 1972 and \$3,940,000 in 1973.

The allowance of \$400,000 for a school site was questioned by a trustee. Superintendent Bruce Lindley pointed out the site would have to be near the centre of Oakville and land was selling there for \$20,000 per acre. An area of 20 acres was required.

### P.C. delegates

Halton-Wentworth riding delegates to the forthcoming national meeting of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada to be held in Ottawa March 10, 11 and 12 are Claude Twiss and James R. Swanborough both of Burlington, Boyd Hoddinott of West Flamboro, and Mrs. A. Genovese of Dundas.

The Halton-Wentworth riding consists of Burlington, Dundas, East Flamboro, Nassagaweya, Waterdown and West Flamboro.

An ice boat can sail faster than the wind, but a sailboat because of friction drag in the water, cannot.

### Bilingual school will be studied

A special advisory committee to study French-language instruction in Halton County Schools was appointed last week by the Board of Education.

Trustees Tom Watson of Acton, John Noble of Milton and Fred Bidwell of Burlington were named to the committee. French-speaking ratepayers will be chosen for the committee at a meeting called for March 12 at the Martin St. Senior Public School, Milton.

The committee was formed after 19 French-speaking ratepayers requested it.

Director J. Singleton explained the representatives realize it would not be possible to have French instruction throughout the secondary school but they hope to see the development of a bilingual school. "They recognize their limited number restricts", the director noted.

### Lawson heads region brief

Trustee William Lawson was named to chair a Halton Board of Education committee preparing a brief on regional government.

The committee is charged with assessing the effect regional government proposals will have on education in Halton and the effect any separation of Burlington from Halton would have on the present county board.

Others on the committee will be trustees Ernest Bodner, Liberty Pease, Hubert Cloney and G. H. Thorpe. Staff members will be J. Singleton and Bruce Lindley.



WORK ON THE addition to the water pollution control plant is continuing despite deep snow and frigid weather. Clairson Construction has the contract.—(Staff Photo)

### Membership up

## Credit Union has annual meeting, dance, election of new officers

Acton Community Credit Union annual meeting and dance was held on Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Legion auditorium.

President Charles Blake opened the meeting with a brief account of the year's activities and progress, followed by the treasurer's report, when members learned that their Credit Union had reached \$115,000 in assets with an ever-increasing membership.

Reports followed from the Supervisory Committee and Credit Committee who reported 143 loans granted to members totaling \$109,719 during 1968.

The membership approved the Board of Directors' suggestion for distribution of profits which included a 5 per cent dividend on shares and a 15 per cent patronage rebate of loan interest paid by members during 1968.

The election of officers followed with these results:

Elected to the Board of Directors, Robert Drinkwater, John Last.

Elected to the Supervisory Committee, Robert Zmija.

Elected to the Credit Committee, Glen Skuce.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. when members were joined by friends and enjoyed an evening of dancing to Bill Mathers and his orchestra. The

evening was climaxed by a delicious meal, served by the C. Sneok lunch service.

On Sunday, March 2, the Board of Directors of the Acton Community Credit Union met to elect its officers for 1969, with the following results:

President, Bob Drinkwater; vice-president, Jack Denny; treasurer, Brendan Aherne; secretary, Bob Bruce.

Appointed to the Promotion and Education Committee were Charles Blake, Charles Troit and John Last.

Appointed to the Delinquent Loan Committee were Jack Denny, Brendan Aherne and Bob Bruce.

### Name four more vice principals

Personnel appointments continued at the meeting of the County Board of Education last Thursday, with the naming of co-ordinators and vice-principals. Vice-principals of secondary schools were named as Keith Craig, Oakville; J. Ian Downie, Burlington; Robert Langlois, Oakville; and Paul Walsh, Oakville.

Mrs. H. Mitchell from North York was appointed co-ordinator of communication arts; J. Henderson of Oakville as

assistant co-ordinator of language arts; and J. Pettit of Welland as assistant co-ordinator of pure sciences.

Miss Susanne Whitbourn of the P. W. Merry school was granted a leave of absence for a year to return to school for advanced training.

## Puppets coming to library

Acton youngsters are in for a treat during the Easter holidays. On Thursday afternoon, March 20 at 1:30, the Roving Regional Puppets will be performing in the Acton Public Library.

The program will include plays, stories and songs, put on by staff members of various libraries in Brant, Halton and Wentworth counties. The group is sponsored by the South Central Regional Library System and will be making the tour of libraries in the area.

Red Cross volunteers regularly visit the bedside of thousands of hospitalized war veterans.

**The Sprinter was made for running.**

There's a new leader in the Corolla pack. The Sprinter. A sleek fastback with room to spare for five people. Its new, luxury interior has fully reclining, contoured bucket seats, deep pile carpeting, padded dash and recessed instruments.

The Sprinter is purebred Corolla. Moved along by that same brute of a Corolla engine. A full fledged 60 hp. that'll push the Sprinter to a quiet 90 mph.

And don't forget Corolla's uncommon "extras", like double barreled carb; 4 on the floor; and 3 speed heater; are all standard on the Sprinter. Automatic transmission is optional.

You still get 40 miles to the gallon on a car that never needs greasing.

That's quite a package for only \$2050. (Dealer set local price.)

Take the new Corolla Sprinter for a fast run at

**PARK MOTORS**

NO DOWN PAYMENT if Credit Approved

1 mile below Silvercreek on No. 7 Highway

Ph. Georgetown 877-9439 — Open 'til 9 p.m. Daily

**BOWL for Pleasure**

for the fun of it... BOWL for Health.

THE ENTIRE FAMILY CAN BOWL TOGETHER

It's the "IN" Thing to do.

GO BOWLING ACTON BOWLING LANES

10 MAIN ST. N. MEMBER B.P.A.C. 853-0170

**CLEARANCE SALE**

OF

**FRIGIDAIRE PRODUCTS**

We Are Clearing Out All Floor Models To Make Room For Additional Stock

SHOP EARLY for A BETTER CHOICE

● ALL NEW MODELS

● LARGE VARIETY TO CHOOSE FROM

● VARIOUS COLORS TO CHOOSE FROM

**MANNING ELECTRIC**

54 MILL ST. E ACTON 853-2950

SHOP AND SAVE AT

**DOLLAR DADDY**

**BRYLCREEM** Reg. \$1.49 **\$1.19**

MICRIN — Reg. \$1.49 Value **MOUTH WASH 99c**

ROWNTREES — Reg. 29c Size **Choc. Bars 2:47c or 4:93c**

SILVIKIRIN — Reg. \$1.19 **SHAMPOO 89c**

BAYER — Reg. 95c **ASPIRIN 65c**

ALL GIFTWARE AND HOUSEWARE AT DISCOUNT PRICES

SEE OUR LARGE DISPLAY OF GREETING AND SPECIAL OCCASION CARDS, BOWS, RIBBONS, WRAPPING PAPER

**ROBERT R. HAMILTON, O.D.**

OPTOMETRIST

116 Mountainview Road S. Georgetown 877-3971

**24 Hour Approvals**

2nd & 3rd MORTGAGES ONTARIO WIDE LOANS

Low cost, up to 20 yrs. You can call to 10 pm. today for helpful, courteous service. Prompt investment Corp. Ltd., 62 Richmond St. W. Toronto 366-9586 EVOS. 239-4913