

Demonstrations highlight Open House at Robert Little school on Monday

Families and friends filled the Robert Little school Monday evening for Open House. Besides visiting the regular classrooms to talk to teachers, parents enjoyed watching demonstrations in gymnastics, oral French, industrial arts, home economics and art. They also saw students making use of the learning aids in the new resource centre.

Principal G. W. McKenzie and the teachers were joined by a junior staff of students to actively present the displays. In the geography room, the displays, tape recording and slides were accompanied by tasty samples of coconut. In the home economics room, there was a constant supply of takers for the delicious cup cakes the girls were making. Other girls were sewing on their projects. Tumbling and acrobatics were shown in the gym. "Ici on parle francais" noted a sign on the teachers' room door, and inside Mrs. Reynolds had a series of students in demonstration lessons of oral French. In the pally decorated art room, a main attraction was the hooked hanging designed by students themselves. Visitors were all invited to take a few stitches. The hanging is due to go up in the resource centre. Other students were working at a variety of interesting projects. Boys were working in the shop, which is now moved into the stone school. In the mathematics room, students tried to persuade parents to take a challenging test. All the classrooms were attractively decorated. Again this year the Open House was considered to be very successful. Special invitations had been sent out to board members and friends of the school as well as to parents.



PARENTS WERE INVITED TO try their hand at hooking in the art room during Open House at the Robert Little school. Showing Mrs. C. Timbers how it's done are Janie Waites and Colleen Vuk, while Lana Jensen and Tineke Vryenhoek watch.—(Staff Photo)

Another S.B. levy

Township council worries about borrowing power

Esqueving Council is concerned that they may be paying \$100,000 more to the Halton County Board of Education than the township's fair share. One councillor felt the money was subsidizing Oakville and Burlington. At the regular meeting of the township council Monday night Clerk K. C. Lindsay told council another levy of \$53,000 was requested by the County Board of Education, making a total of \$275,000 the township will have paid the Board this year. "The thing that concerns me," said Mr. Lindsay, "is that our borrowing power is just about gone." He said the township's business could be drastically affected if there was no

borrowing power because the tax rate is usually not set until late May or early June and there is no tax money until after bills go out. "It may interest you to know that on the basis of last year's assessment, education costs raised the rate by 16 mills," Mr. Lindsay said. Because the township has been reassessed up to 33-1/3 per cent the mill rate for education would remain the same as last year. Prompted by Councillor Ken Marshall, Mr. Lindsay said the most recent statement by the Minister of Education Mr. Davis could change the picture since he had said the maximum levy for education would not exceed five mills based on the provincial

equalized assessment. "If we had left the assessment alone we would have been alright," Mr. Marshall complained. (Council followed the advice of the government and reassessed the township.) "The school levy is up \$205,000 over last year, an increase of 32.68 per cent," Mr. Lindsay told council. "We're subsidizing Oakville and Burlington to the tune of \$100,000," Councillor Marshall concluded. Dr. W. J. McNabb was at the meeting to request the township to stage a free anti-rabies clinic. Council made no decision but agreed to consider the matter.

Dr. McNabb, from the federal government, could not answer the reeve's query on why the bounty for foxes paid by the provincial government was cut off. He agreed with him, however, that foxes were one of the main carriers of the disease. He suggested Esqueving would be wise to have a clinic since rabies was also spread by dogs and cats and the only cost would be for advertising and help for the veterinarians. Reeve Currie reminisced about the last rabies clinic he attended with a police dog at Dr. Young's. "A lady came in with three cats in a bag, he recalled. "The lady let the cats out of the bag and the dogs got loose," he grinned and there were cats on the ceiling and turmoil all over the room.

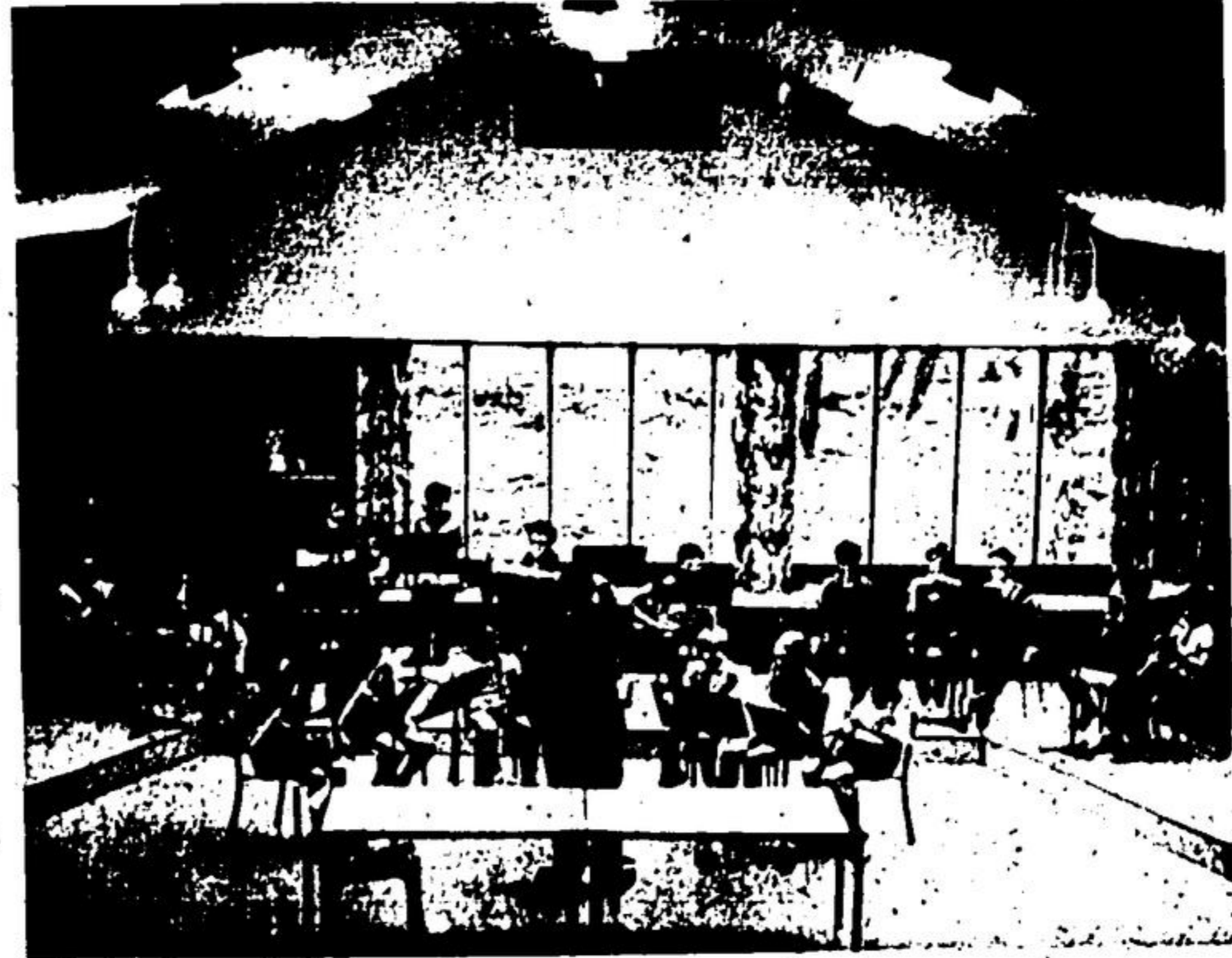
Last accounts paid by former board

The end of April sees the end of responsibility for Acton's two former school boards. The official "phasing out" date is today (Wednesday). The high school board met for the last time Monday evening to pass their last accounts. It was a short meeting, over about 8:30, as responsibilities had been taken over gradually month by month by the new county board of education. Present at the meeting were the last chairman, long-time member Duncan Moffat, Chester Anderson, Kerwin McPhail and secretary-treasurer Fred Salt. Mr. Salt will continue to work with the new board until the end of June, paying accounts and salaries in conjunction with the new board.

Mr. Salt presented Mr. Moffat with a framed photograph of the last meeting this week. Mr. Salt had snapped the picture of Mr. Moffat receiving the new gavel at the inaugural meeting when he was installed as chairman in January, 1968. Mr. Moffat expressed his surprise and gratitude, and said the picture would always bring back pleasant memories. The letter from the county board which confirmed the final "phasing out" also invited the secretary and all board members to attend a dinner at the Mohawk Inn on Tuesday, May 6.

Serious condition

The condition of Adrian Champaign, critically injured in a car accident three weeks ago, on the Dundas Highway was still listed as serious Monday by Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital authorities. Mr. Champaign suffered a fractured hip and internal injuries in the accident.



BAND BEGINNERS played a concert for parents Tuesday evening at the music centre prior to playing as part of this Sunday's Acton Citizens' Band concert at the high school. Bandmaster George Elliott explained the different lessons to parents and the junior bandmen demonstrated. Band president Bill Buchanan welcomed the guests to the evening of music. Lunch followed served by the band ladies.—(Staff Photo)

Three grass fires in past week

Acton firefighters were called to three grass fires in the past week. Last Friday about 2 p.m. fire from Esqueving dump apparently spread onto a grassy hillside and the alarm was turned in. Firefighters stamped out the low flames smouldering in new growth. On Saturday about 5 p.m. a neighbor turned in the alarm when he detected a grass fire in a field at the home of J. Stovner Moffat. Tuesday about 5 p.m. a grass fire burned out of control at the Erin twp. home of Sam Snow. Firefighters remained to soak down a large pile of rails and the surrounding area which were threatened by the flames.

McKeough puts damper on Halton as region

In a speech to Burlington Chamber of Commerce last week, Darcy McKeough dashed hopes of a Halton regional government separate from Peel. The Minister of Municipal Affairs said, "I do not believe the County of Halton can be reformed alone to create an enduring region." He described an enduring region as a governmental area capable of standing on its own feet. Last January the Minister announced his "tentative proposal" for a Halton-Peel "supercity" embracing both counties in one regional unit. Since then Halton County Council and most of its seven local municipalities have supported Halton regionalizing as one unit and Peel as another while mixing the proposed merger for a two-county region. Halton County's decision came last Tuesday afternoon just a few hours before McKeough made his speech at the Burlington meeting.

The daily route that the letter carrier takes is officially called a "walk".

NOTICE

A PUBLIC MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS THURSDAY MAY 15, 1969 AT 7.30 P.M.

FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN OF THE TOWN OF ACTON.

IAIN WILLIAMS SECRETARY TREASURER

Massive projects

Plans for two massive development projects that will create new urban communities for 200,000 people on 9,000 acres of land were announced Friday in Toronto. Erin Mills New Town and Meadowdale projects will spill over the Halton-Peel boundary into north Oakville, about 20 miles from here. A major portion of the site is located in Mississauga.

Acton Citizens' Band

PRESENTS A "SPRING CONCERT" MUSIC FOR ALL TASTES ASSISTING ARTIST MRS. DONNA BELL - SOPRANO AT THE Acton High School Auditorium Sunday Evening May 4th AT 8 p.m. ADMISSION FREE REFRESHMENTS

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