

ADMIRING THE M. Z. Bennett school addition after the opening ceremonies were former board chairman Cyril Bishop, Mayor Les Duby, former

srea superintendent W. L. McNeill and former board member Orval Chapman, -(Staff Photo)

Issue warning to children

The Acton Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police investigated 14 general occurrences from June 15 to June 21. Investigations involving missing children, compassionate messages, theft of bicycles, break and enter, trespassers, damage to property and malicious damage accounted for received.

Three property damage accidents were investigated during the week. Nobody was injured but damages were issued traffic citations and two others were given warnings.

have been receiving complaints property, mostly hicycles. Also numerous break and enters of houses where nothing was taken has shown unmistakeable marks of children. Children have been found inside the public school after it was locked, and could window and gaining admittance. "Society."

Windows in businesses have been broken by children who were seen throwing stones.

Complaints involving children usually turn out to be innocent pranks by the kids, and were not meant to do harm to property. However, due to the number of these complaints and the nature of the damages caused by them, the majority of the complaints some people find it hard to see anything humorous about it. Fun is fun, but when damages reach the degree they did this past week in some of the new houses in Lakeview, something estimated at \$700 in the three must be done. If these accidents. Five motorists were complaints continue to come in and the children, who we feel are a select few, insist on making For the past month the police a nuisance of themselves, they will find themselves in Family of children taking other people's court before a Judge, charged as juvenite definquents.

Form the life-saving habit Haye a health checkup whenever you notice an unusual symptom, only have got there by opening a says the Canadian Cancer

Chest x-ray bus here last week

The bus from the TB division of the Ontario Department of Health visited Acton last week and X-ray technicians from the Department were busy taking many chest X-rays.

Later the hus was booked for visits to Varian Associates and Abitibi Provincial Paper Mill in Georgetown.

Grant Usher

passes course

Acton's deputy-clerk Grant Usher has completed his three year course from Queen's University and has successfully passed examinations to qualify him as a member of the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers. He received his results this month; the diploma comes later.

Now Mr. Usher may put the initials A.M.C.T. after his name.

Male, not mail

Hear about the out-of-town woman who stopped in town to mail a purcel? She dashed into the post office and confronted a gentleman in his apartment.

You guessed it - the was in the OLD post office.

Middle school program recommended for Halton ?

The establishment of middle schools was recommended to Halton County Board of Education Thursday when members received the 28-page report of the Middle School Council on the subject suggesting that grades six, seven and eight be included in the

· A pilot project in at least one was recommended by September 1, 1970 but Trustee John Noble was told Milton's Martin St. Senior Public'School project, in response to a question to the Council chairman.

Recent border changes have resulted in grade six pupils being ; hoped they would be cubanced. directed to the Martin St. Senior Public School in September 1969. Chairman of the program council, R. S. Campbell told choices" Trustee Noble there had not yet been enough study on the Middle. School program to suggested the successful aspects of the senior public school would continue to be carried out

at Martin St. Rationals for the middle school program included the fact children are maturing faster, grade six students are more compatible with grade eight

students and grade seven students with grade nine, a three year period would foster better staff understanding of pupil strengths and weaknesses, and introduction of rotary programs would be gradual rather than Armitage questioned.

Trustee Liberty Pease questioned members of the Middle School Council on what their standards of success would be and how the success would be evaluated. Chairman Campbell suggested this could be the task would not be used as a pilot of the Evaluation. Council to make a valid assessment on the program. He emphasized the middle school program was not

> ignoring the core subjects and "We want children's interests to be further aroused along with sufficient guidance to make wise

Trustee John Ronson observed the success of a program could never by fully evaluated until implement it in September. He the students had graduated from grade 13. He sought an opinion on how the senior public school program has affected pupils reaching the high schools. David Katz suggested it was very difficult to differentiate between high school students from a senior public school and a full public school.

"Is there a danger you will be picking up some who have not yet reached the level of maturity to allow them to move to senior public school? Will they be forced", Board Chairman F.

The Council Chairman emphasized the grade six ttudents would not be cast into . the middle school, program. "They will identify principally

with one teacher in their own classroom. They could have another teacher for physical education, music or art. It would be a very gradual change."

Questioned on the open concept and continuous programs operating in some schools and their success, Mr. the child, has benefits which far

outweigh what the regular school can do.

DirectorJ. Singleton cautioned that there are disadvantages, however. It doesn't fit all children and the more allowance there is for the development of native ability the more important it is to provide guidance to keep the student from chosing badly.

In approving receipt of the report for further study, Chairman Armitage stressed the importance in new programs of evaluation. "We don't want to Campbell suggested the open try everything willy nilly. There concept, in the development of . must be some guide to insure our actions are correct."



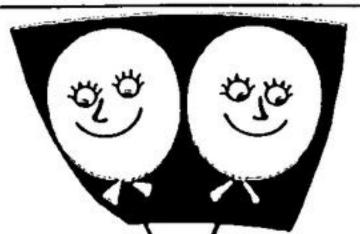
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> J. T. Hurst Clerk Administrator



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