



First time at A.D.H.S. two Ontario Scholars

For the first time, Acton has two Ontario Scholars at the high school. It was announced following a promotion meeting last Wednesday.

Kathryn Alma Sinclair, 18, of Glen Williams is the top student with 89%, and Susan Elizabeth Perry, 19, of R.R. 4, Acton, came second with 81%.

No mail

Lack of mail delivery on Tuesday has naturally hampered arrival of news articles for today's paper. These items will be published next week.

Our correspondence from the district, mailed Monday, was a victim of the holiday.

Office alterations for high school

Alterations in the office area of Acton District High School, estimated at \$1,750, were approved by the County Board of Education Thursday.

The alterations are to provide an office for the vice-principal and "to support greater efficiency in the operation."

Assistant Director D. Lawless noted a wall between the present principal's office and storage room would be removed and

young travel tour for highest marks in grade 11.

She has enrolled in Honors English and French at Waterloo University, and although she says she thinks about teaching more often than anything else, she isn't sure just what she will do after graduation.

Kathryn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sinclair, who have a farm between Glen Williams and Ballinafad.

Susan attended public school in Dublin and Speyside, and completed her five years of high school in Acton. She won an all-round proficiency award in grade seven.

This fall, she will enter nursing at Guelph General Hospital and plans to go on to Western University for her Bachelor of Nursing, specializing in obstetrics.

Susan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Perry of R.R. 4, Acton.

Acton's first Ontario Scholar was Trudy Morris, who won the award last year.

Ideal park plan presented to committee doubles acreage, eliminates Main St. homes

A "deliberately controversial" portrait of Acton's future park was presented to parks and recreation committee last Thursday night by Chairman Brendan Ahern. As he passed the large colored drawing around the meeting table he said "If we can generate arguments, we've succeeded. I don't say we should accept this as final, but it's a basis to move forward on."

The drawing (reproduced here) shows extensive parkland bordering Fairy Lake. (Several Main St. homes are conspicuously missing from the ideal projection.)

Unanimously, members of the committee approved the plan.

There are 13 acres in the present park. With newly dredged land and the addition of Lakeview parklands the area comes to about 22 acres. It is the committee's long-range hope to have parkland bordering the entire lake. There could be a bridge across the lake at The Breezes park, which is privately owned.

"This may be a 30 year project," commented Peter Marks. "We're not going to force anyone out of their houses... and we don't need all those houses gone to have a successful plan."

Added Mr. Ahern, who had had a friend prepare the drawing, "I'll possibly never see it in my lifetime, but it's something to dream about."

"If we can get people talking about it maybe it'll come a lot sooner."

There would be no vehicles allowed in the main part of the park. As at many other parks, patrons would have to walk to reach the swimming and picnic areas. The track would be seeded in.

The boat launching dock would be behind the community centre.

There is an additional parking

lot off Elizabeth Dr., for people who wish to walk or picnic along that side of the lake. The missing baseball diamonds have, in theory, been moved to the school grounds. The future swimming pool — another dream — is also hopefully located at a school.

An attractive innovation is the bandshell at the far tip of the point.

Mr. Ahern felt the fair could still be successfully accommodated despite the proposed changes.

A letter had been written to Esqueusing council asking a

meeting to clarify their zoning regulations around the shores of the lake. The answer, read by Mrs. Townsley, indicated the township doubted if they could be of help, as there is no zoning by-law. "Perhaps this could be solved by regional government," Mr. Ahern wondered.

The letter had been written in pursuance of the committee's hope for a walkway all around the lake.

Members also hope to set up a meeting with Joe Jany to discuss the use of his lakeshore property in Lakeview subdivision.

Walkways in the long-range

plan also continue all along the banks of the school creek, through into future subdivisions, over to Churchill Rd.

As members reviewed the lakeside farms now sold for subdivisions, Peter Marks commented, "We've got to move — no doubt about it!"

To fill the land beside the community centre, the dredgers may have to run pipe right across the park this summer, members learned. Since the dredging down the swimming arm of the lake would deepen the bottom to 20 feet, the shallower swimming area must

be well marked. A hundred feet of floating buoys have been ordered and six more life buoys.

There will be a sharp drop all around the swimming area if the dredger moves down there, property chairman Herb Dodds pointed out.

The parking pattern at the arena will be altered so no more cars will park right beside the new sidewalk and flower beds.

A new sign will be prepared for Glenlea park indicating the regulations with regard to malicious damage and dumping.

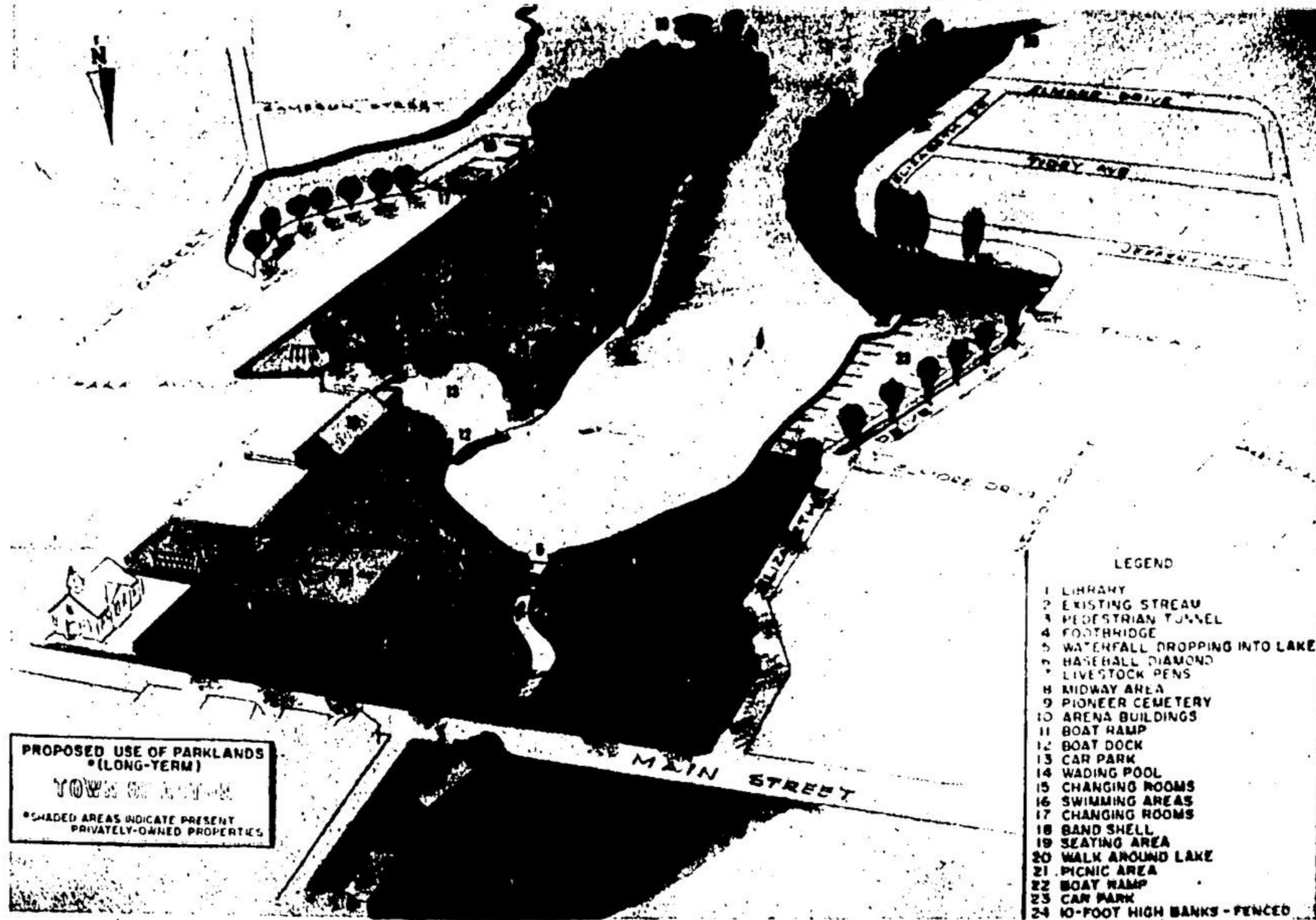
A letter was to be written asking that young lacrosse

players not play on the new flower beds.

The county school board's policy is to make schools available for the public for recreation, the committee was informed by letter. Mr. Marks pointed out the committee will take the responsibility for organizing these nights in the school for sports and classes. In the past, some groups paid while others were accommodated free of charge, as the policy was not always the same.

In exchange, the arena will be

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"Something to dream about" . . . a long-range projection for Acton's park

M.Z. Bennett school hosts grade eight closing party

For the first time, a closing party for grade eight students was held at the M. Z. Bennett school. The school was able to host the party in its new auditorium. Also, the program, a dance and refreshments, replaced the 20-year-old tradition of a banquet.

Mothers from both schools provided the lunch. Patti Dunn acted as master of ceremonies for the program.

On behalf of the Legion, Mrs. Helen Yateman presented awards to the two top academic students, Glen Lee of M. Z. Bennett and Caroline Merrin of

the Robert Little school.

Mrs. Ann Mowat made the presentation of Duke of Devonshire prizes to students making the most progress, Debbie Drinkwater of M.Z.B. and Sam Schonnop of Robert Little.

For the fifth year in succession, the M. Z. Bennett athletes amassed more points in the inter-school field day to win the Imperial Oil trophy. Sam Schonnop of the Robert Little school presented the trophy to Steven Mellor of M. Z. Bennett.

Two students sang several numbers, Cindy Lee and Bonnie

Bristow. Music superintendent Glenn Banks, who's moving to Wawa, accompanied his students.

After official photographs there was dancing. Some parents also enjoyed the evening. They had also been invited to attend, if they wished.

Making arrangements for the happy evening were Patti Dunn in charge of decorating; Debra Hall on the music committee; Charles McGinn property committee; Bob Toth soft drink committee; Glen Lee printing committee and Louise Harmsma program committee.

\$75-100,000 damage on Dominion Day

Fire gutted Coulter's Country Market at Campbellville Dominion Day in a stubborn morning blaze that caused \$75,000 to \$100,000 damage.

Milton Area Fire Brigade pumped water from the nearby Campbellville pond and poured thousands of gallons into the building, sections of which are over 100 years old. Three pumps took water from the pond and fed six large lines.

"We heard a poof and the fire seemed to be everywhere," Bill Coulter told our reporter. He said that within five minutes the building was completely filled with smoke and there was no time to remove the till, or phone the brigade from the store.

Fire is believed to have started in the south west corner of the building in a sealed area for storage of garbage. The room had just been emptied.

The store was open at the time and about six customers as well as six clerks were inside. In two apartments above the store, occupied by the Coulters, all escaped. Mrs. Bill Coulter and the younger children were at the cottage at the time but Gordon, his wife and father escaped at did Cindy 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Coulter.

The store had recently been remodelled at a cost of \$15,000 and a remodelling of the exterior was planned. With this in mind insurance was under review but had not been altered.

Traffic was blocked on the Guelph Line and a large holiday crowd watched as firefighter directed hose lines at new outbreaks in the frame building. Power lines to the building were dropped by the Milton Hydro crew and the hydro bucket was utilized by firemen to pour water into the second storey of the building.

Huge clouds of black smoke made the fire visible from Milton.

Loiterers pay \$30

Four Acton youths, charged with loitering, were fined \$30 each in court in Milton Monday. They were warned by Magistrate Allen the fine could go as high as \$1,000.

Acton's cases resulted in \$525 in fines in criminal court. One young Acton man was fined \$250 for supplying liquor to minors. This is the minimum fine.

Traffic charges resulted in \$450 in fines.

Dominion Day in town was quiet, according to Acton O.P.P. They had few incidents reported during the week and accidents were only very minor.

Cons. Dave Stafford is leaving the force and will be replaced next week.



TOP STUDENTS of the year, Caroline Merrin and Glen Lee, are congratulated by principal G. W.

McKenzie at the grade eight party last Thursday. They received Legion trophies.—(Staff Photo)



DAMAGE WAS estimated at \$75,000 following a Campbellville. Firefighters are shown pouring water on the blaze.—(Staff Photo)