

# New principal, vice principal, portables, cafeteria at schools

Twenty years ago there were 800 children returning to two schools in Acton after Labor Day. Next Tuesday that number will be more than tripled, with 490 expected at the high school, about 550 at the M. Z. Bennett school and 640 at the Robert Little school. During the summer three portable classrooms have been added to existing accommodations, two at the high school and one at the R. L. school. Pleased with the size, electric heat and big windows in the portable, principal G. W. McKenzie feels it will be "one of the better rooms" in his whole school. A primary room will be allocated to the portable.

At the high schools, teachers in the two portables will be Jeff Sansom and John Cristello. Mr. Sansom is introducing a grade 11 course in creative drama so the portable will provide a more private location for his productions. He may build a small stage in the room. He also will teach other English courses there. Mr. Cristello will teach math in the other portable. (Mr. Cristello has married during the summer.) High school students will not be dismissed during the morning as they have been on the first day of

school in past years. They'll be at classes as for a normal day but periods will be shorter than usual. The R. L. school has a new heating system in the older section and workmen are just finishing up this week. The school has been plagued for years by the problem of breaking underground pipes. Now all the piping is overhead. Walking to school will be safer for students at the adjoining high school and M. Z. Bennett school with the recent installation of sidewalks there.

## M.Z.B. near capacity

The M. Z. Bennett school is almost completely filled now, says principal Elmer Smith. He is expecting more than last spring's 545 enrollment next Tuesday. The addition at the school, including a gymnasium and resource centre, has been in use since Easter of 1968. On the staff are: Elmer Smith, Principal; Mrs. Ilene Andrews, Gary Bateman, Miss Cynthia Blados, David Boycott, Miss Mary-Lou Brown, Mrs. Arlene Bruce, Walter Dubois, Mrs. Freda Gillies, Mrs. Mary Irwin, Ed Leatherland, Miss Katherine McKenzie, Miss Joyce Musty, Miss Nancy Oakley, Mrs. Christine Shean, Mrs. Vivian Smith, John Taylor, Mrs. Ann Usher, Mrs. Helen Vadeika.

primary specialist Mrs. Nancy Aldrich from Oakville. She was married during the summer. John Taylor from London will be teaching music at both Acton public schools. Mrs. M. Blassor of Milton has retired. New oral French teacher is Mr. Brouillard from Milton, who will be teaching at the M. Z. B. school, Hayside and Limehouse school. Members of the staff at Limehouse Public School include: Ralph McKeown, Principal; Mrs. Lois Barrager, Mrs. Glenda Benton, Mrs. Pamela Biggs, Mrs. Lois Helmer, Miss Margaret Lawson, Richard May, Richard Noble, Mrs. Anne Pederson.

LIMEHOUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
Members of the staff at Limehouse Public School include:  
Ralph McKeown, Principal; Mrs. Lois Barrager, Mrs. Glenda Benton, Mrs. Pamela Biggs, Mrs. Lois Helmer, Miss Margaret Lawson, Richard May, Richard Noble, Mrs. Anne Pederson.  
NORVAL PUBLIC SCHOOL  
Members of the staff at Norval Public School include: Larry Cigen, Principal; Mrs. Sandra Melynk, Miss Lois Schuyler.

## New vice principal for R. L. school

The Robert Little school has a newcomer to town as vice-principal, Mrs. Mary Judd. She has been teaching in Oakville. She replaces Doug Copeland who becomes a principal in Haldimand county. Principal G. W. McKenzie is expecting the highest enrolment ever — about 645 — next

Tuesday, with the overflow outside in the white frame portable classroom. Staff members are: Garnet MacKenzie, Principal; Mrs. Mary Judd, V. Principal; Mrs. Rosemary Black, Mrs. Linda Coe, Richard Coe, Mrs. June Doberthein, Mrs. Dorothy

Engoetz. Mrs. Jane Gamble, Mrs. Ena Gibson, Mrs. Dayle Griffon, Lorenzo Hill, Mrs. Catherine Kavanagh, John Kavanagh. Mrs. Margaret Masales, Miss Barbara McEachern, Mrs. Joy Pantilla, Mrs. Joyce Ribey, Mrs. Helen Rogvaldson, Mrs. Kathleen Ross, Mrs. Sandra Rympa, Miss Rea Sanderson. Mrs. Katherine Sanford, Mrs. Marlene Titon, Mrs. Elizabeth Vaughan, Miss Sandra Wilson, Mrs. Marjorie White.

A remedial room has been installed at one end of the kindergarten.

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## Innovations at h.s.

With new courses, introduction of remedial reading and a goal of more integration in subjects, Acton district high school starts its first term Tuesday under new principal David Katz. He anticipates enrolment of about 490, the same as last year. Staff members are:

David Katz, Principal; Joseph Bray, V. Principal; Bruce Andrews, Keith Black, Earl Brears, Miss Susan Burns, William Coats, John Cristello, Alan Eastwood, Ken Ellis. Mrs. Sandra Fleischer, Mrs. Dina Hueniken, Mrs. Kathleen Hurst, Mrs. Olga Martindale, Ian McGillivray, James May, Mrs. Kathryn Ott, Miss Mary-Louise Quinn. Mrs. Marion Reed, Clarence Rogvaldson, Wallace Rowley, Geoffrey Sansom, Boris Shean, Brian Skerrett, Harold Swallow, Mrs. Margaret Tamblin.

Remedial reading will be taught in the high school for the first time by Mrs. Connie Latimer, who will divide her time between Acton and Milton. She is a graduate of Bowling Green University, Ohio, with her Master's degree in education specializing in remedial, effective and corrective reading. "There is a real need for this," principal Katz remarked, "so much depends on being able to read well."

Former principal Ted Hansen will be teaching English in Milton.

An art course being introduced in grades 9 and 10 will be developed in January into an integrated arts program hopefully including home economics, industrial arts and art. Mr. Katz also expects to see integration in other subject areas.

There are nine newcomers to the R. L. staff, including three part-time teachers. Mrs. Ena Gibson will be teaching grade 8 English half time. John Taylor from London is teaching music at both public schools. Mrs. Barbara Mann will be teaching oral French in the R. L. school and Brookville school; she comes from Hamilton. Actonian Miss Barbara McEachern has her first teaching position here after graduating from Lakeshore Teachers' College. Hamilton Teachers' College grad Miss Rae Sanderson joins the staff. Mrs. Joyce Ribey, who as Joyce McLean was teaching in Wingham, has moved to town since her marriage to Ross Ribey of the funeral home staff, and will be teaching at the R. L. school. Another teacher married during the summer is Mrs. Elizabeth (Taylor) Vaughan of Toronto who taught last year in Oshawa. Miss Sandra Wilson of Milton who taught in the North Bay area is the ninth new member of the staff.

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