

Carl Cayer

"Bienvenu"



CARL CAYER has replaced Mrs. Martindale on the Acton District High staff.—(Staff Photo)

By Brian Sampson

Knowledge-hungry students of Acton district high school, felt with great regret the retirement of Mrs. Martindale, who taught French, Latin and English. However, they now look upon the situation, not as one of losing a personality but as one of gaining an international traveller.

Deep roots

Carl Cayer is the man replacing Mrs. Martindale. He was born in Ottawa where his family has deep roots. His grandfather worked on the Colonel By Canal. Attending Rideau High school, he was one of the few students who never had Russ Jackson as a teacher, even though he took all the maths. Furthering his education he attended the University of Ottawa and received a Bachelor of Commerce Degree. After this he worked for two years and discovered that he didn't especially like commerce.

To break the monotony, he spent three months in Europe, two of which were spent in Holland. When he returned to Canada he travelled out west and while in B.C., held a job with the provincial government, in labor statistics. Again the travelling urge struck him and he travelled back east to Expo and from there down into the United States.

Attends U. of G.

Back in Canada, he attended the University of Guelph and received an Honors B.A. in French. Having accomplished this he was one of three people from Guelph to receive a scholarship from the University of Aix-en-Provence in France.

While at a school in France he travelled through much of Europe. He returned to Ottawa once more, this time with a Masters Degree in French.

Mr. Cayer then started to look for his first teaching opportunity. Finding none in Ottawa, he headed for this region where he secured the opening in our school. He looked for a small school with a small number of classes, independence and a flexible system. He has found all of these plus a helpful staff at Acton.

His hardest job was to find exactly what the students know and don't know in his French, English and Latin classes.

Throughout his life he has done exactly what he wanted and has always kept busy. He has exercised caution in making decisions. He looks forward to the semester system next year and thinks it will greatly benefit the students. The future is up in the air, but it looks promising.

Fills vacancy

Peter Blake



PETER BLAKE has taken over Mrs. Reed's classes since the popular ADHS teacher was hospitalized with a broken hip, recently.—(Staff Photo)

By Shirley Mitchell

As most Acton students are aware by now Mrs. Reed, Head of Moderns, had an unfortunate accident when she fell injuring her hip on Monday, thus leaving Acton High with only one French teacher.

On Monday the position was filled by Peter Blake, who came from Preston. Mr. Blake had been supply teaching in the Kitchener area and had planned on taking his *Docteur des Lettres* in France at the *Universite de Besancon*.

Preston-born He attended Preston high school in his home town and later

studied at Waterloo, Western and Montreal Universities. He got his Master's Degree in Linguistics, majoring in French and Russian with minors in German and Spanish.

Mr. Blake has a wide variety of hobbies. He is very interested in computer programming and enjoys listening to classical music, especially the period of Bach and early Mozart. His interests extend to swimming and singing and he's taking up skiing this year.

Everyone at Acton High School including Mr. Blake hopes for a speedy recovery by Mrs. Reed.

NOTES FROM ACTON HIGH

By Mary Ann Freuler

The fatal week has finally arrived. Examinations begin this Friday and will continue until the 29th.

If the students become discouraged and discontented during this trying time they can look forward to the month of February and the Winter Carnival. As last year, the entire program will be entitled "Operation Oopik" with advertising, events and awards working in relationship to their title.

Look ahead

Everyone can wait with anticipation for the Torchlight

Junior Boys—Steve Van Fleet, John Hamilton, Glen McKenzie, Jim McNabb, Roger McEachern, Steve Marshall, Alex Gray, Bruce Swift, Robert Vinsky, Wayne Bannon, Ken Withers, John Fuchs, manager John New, coach J. Cristello.

Senior Boys—Gary Turkoz, Randy Bigney, Dave Pink, Phil Morris, Bob Smith, Dave Manes, Chris Bayley, Mark Nielsen, Terry St. Pierre, Jack Holmes, Dale Fisher, coach Gary Oldham, manager Paul Cooper. Mrs. Marion Reed our French teacher, is greatly missed by the students. Her replacement Mr. Blake is doing a fine job, but we all wish to have her present with us again.

Parade, Hockey Game, pie-eating contest, coffee house, dance, movie, athletic activities and as a final closing the semi-formal. The carnival will be held from the 15 to 20 of February.

The school photographer was present last Tuesday. He took the remaining photographs of clubs and teams for this year's book.

Basketball games

The Basketball teams have been very busy. The girls' team was defeated by Arthur and Erin. The teams are as follows. Girls—Debbie Slingerland, Linda Perry, Carol Somerville, Cathy Cook, Cathy Dunn, Denise Drinkwater, Shirley Mitchell, Cathy Prystasz, coach K. Oit, captain Linda Perry.

Voyageurs getting set for adventure

By Dianne Fisher

Well, the countdown is on and it is now less than two months till the big day—the day when a plane full of adventuresome high school students leave for a trip to the other side of the big pond, the Atlantic Ocean.

With the departing time drawing closer, preparations under Mr. Black's careful eye are in full swing. The most enjoyable one of these, vaccinations, is over and to date everyone has survived. It is possible however that we happy wanderers may receive the brunt of another hypo. I can't wait!

Decide on projects

Just about everyone has his passport by now, although there are still a few holdouts who don't seem to realize just how close March 11 is!

Individuals and groups have been deciding on projects to do on the trip. Everything from movies to plays to diaries is going to be

keeping us voyageurs busy during our travels. If you see someone downtown shooting a film of you, don't panic! You won't have to move to Hollywood; it may just be Acton students practicing with their movie cameras.

Start packing

Everybody is starting to collect post cards and gift lists. Some girls are searching frantically for summer material and clothes, others are marking the trip on their atlases and some have even started to pack.

We're slowly getting ready for our big excursion and looking forward to it more every day. So when you see that great silver bird fly across the sky on March 11, please don't complain about air pollution. It may be us, on our way to invade another continent.

You can even look at it this way: You'll be rid of a few teenagers for 17 days!

Plan films about Acton

Films of Ontario are being sought for Ontario Place at the C.N.E. and a letter was sent to Acton's mayor asking for local movies. Now some of the local students at the Robert Little school say they'd like to undertake such a project.

Teacher Ena Gibson will help them, but she'd like to hear from any other adults who might help, too.

To put Acton "on the map" in Ontario Place, Mrs. Gibson would like to hear suggestions; her number is 853-1626.

Circulation drops

George Lee heads board

Chief librarian Mrs. Isabel Watson presented her annual report at the first meeting of the '71 library board Wednesday of last week. Board members and staff all remain the same for this year.

Mrs. Watson informed the board that the 1970 circulation of 33,588 volumes was down slightly from the year before. All three schools now have good library facilities which are used more by school children.

New members

She reported there were 427 new members during the year, 211 adults and 216 children.

Innovations during the past year include offering records on loan and the Wednesday story hours for children. An average of about 18 hear the stories each week, Mrs. Watson said. The story hours were begun by the regional library personnel but

are being continued by the Acton staff.

Same personnel

Again this year the chief librarian is Mrs. Watson with librarians Esther Taylor and Eileen New, pages Mrs. Merrin, Stephanie Merrin, Barbara Pratt and Nancy Frost. Mrs. van der Kooy is caretaker.

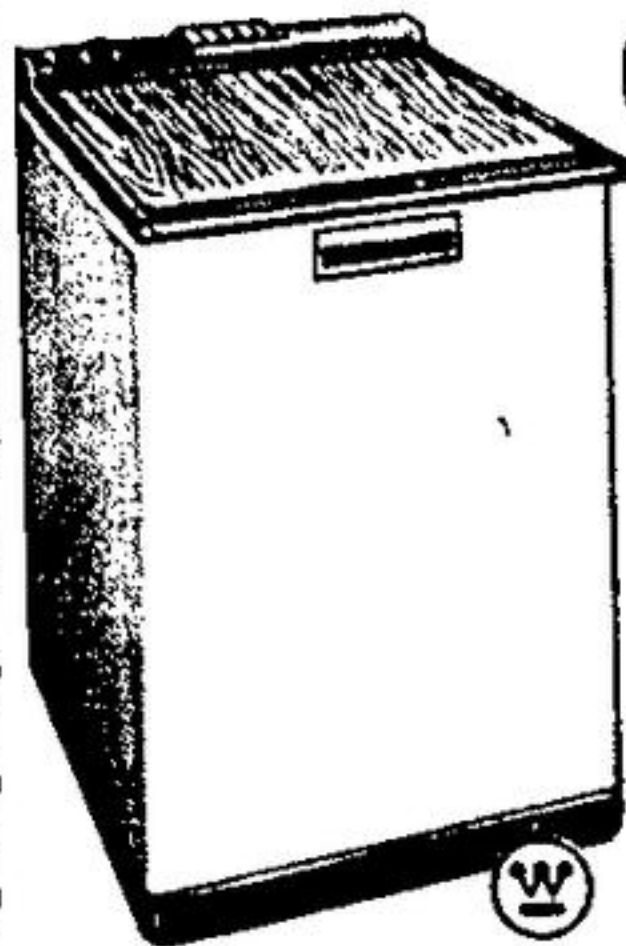
George Lee was again elected library board chairman. Board members, same as last year, are Rev. Harry Dawson, Fred New, Ted Pratt and town representative Mayor Les Duby.

The board discussed setting up a capital fund for eventual library repairs. A budget will be considered at the next meeting. Members also discussed the possibility of air conditioning.

—The weather has been pretty cold this past week.

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Free Press Personals

Friends will be sorry to learn that Jeff Shields is a patient in Guelph General Hospital where he underwent an appendectomy.

Newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sousa of Quincy, Massachusetts, stopped in to visit Mrs. Alice Coles and Jessie on Tuesday. Mrs. Sousa is a grand niece of Mrs. Coles.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cheyne and girls, Main Street N., have returned after a three week holiday in Scotland.

Mrs. William Nesbitt, Young St. had the misfortune to fracture her arm recently and spent a few days in the Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. MacDonald of Detroit, and Mrs. W. T. A. Bell of Toronto, spent a few days last week with their mother, Mrs. R. M. MacDonald, during which she observed her 91st birthday.

After being in hospital following a snowmobile accident, Miss Karen Shortill is home again. She received bruises in the accident.

There will be a family get-together this Sunday to mark the 89th birthday of Mrs. Sayers on January 26. With Mrs. Sayers will be her daughter Mrs. Ward Bruce, with whom she lives; daughter Mrs. Gordon Johnson and son James Sayers, all of Acton district.



IT'S UP for another two points for Erin! Linda Perry and Cathy Dunn watch helplessly as Erin's top scorer does it again. Erin girls defeated Acton District High seniors 19-8 here, Thursday afternoon.—(Staff Photo)

Want crest

New teacher

Halton County Board of Education may develop a crest or emblem symbolic of the board. Trustee Bill Priestner suggested the board should consider the idea. He said it would show the board's desire to stay intact as a Halton unit even in the throes of regional government.

Trustee Fred Armitage supported the idea and suggested a contest among art students to design an appropriate crest.

Mrs. Judith Allen is the new teacher at the Robert Little school this term, replacing Mrs. Joyce Ribey who resigned. Mrs. Allen gained her experience in Brantford before moving to Georgetown last August.

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