Swimming pool number one students' centennial idea

Before classes ended for the summer vacation, grade eight students at the Robert Little School handed in essays on how they thought Acton should celebrate its centennial in 1973.

There were a variety of ideas expounded but one recurrent theme kept popping up through the essays - a swimming pool. Most of the students who wrote saw this as a real need for the town and 1973 as the time to ensure the town has one.

Here's a few of the ways the students thought we should celebrate 1973 in Acton:

Patti Gibson thinks we should get busy and invite Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau in for the festivities. She reasons that Mr. Trudeau spends a lot of time travelling so he might as well come to Acton. She suggests a real spring clean-up on Fairy Lake, renovating old beaches and developing new. Patti thinks the parks should be cleaned up and more garbage pails placed there as well as benches and shade trees. How about a new arena? she asks, or failing that fixing up the old one? She thinks people should get

get busy cleaning up, planting flowers and trees. "If my plans were followed and expanded," says Patti, "many people would be sure to stop and take a second look at the "new" Acton -may-be even Mr. Trudeau."

Lestey G. suggests' Acton could use a movie theatre, life-guards at the swimming area, more swings, slides etc. in the park and says, "There is a need for a swimming pool for the older ones." Lakeview roads were due for a real paving job, as well, thinks Lesley.

Ken Gallant suggested Acton should have a real old swinging barn dance with everyone dressed up in old fashioned clothes to celebrate the centennial, with hay and all the props. After the dance, Ken thinks there should be a hay ride and he sees the event going on for several weeks.

Pat Kelly plumps first for a built-in swimming pool near the park or in the YMCA. Next, she thinks Acton should have a bronze plaque with the names of Acton's founders on it, or else a statue commissioned showing the town's first fathers. Her last suggestion was a museum, craft centre or something along that line.

Linda Deforest is all for a drop-in centre "so the kids will have somewhere to go besides hanging around the streets and restaurants." She also feels a swimming pool is needed because there have been too many drownings in Fairy Lake.

David G. ideas for celebrating Acton's centennial consists of every home owner get out and paint their home and really clean up the town. He's also for an all year-round swimming pool and thinks Acton Fair could be a month-long deal with a roller coaster built to go over Fairy Lake.

Karen Cole suggests the Acton train station should be open to the public for centennial year and the town decorate the downstairs like a home of 1973, then hire ladies and men to serve tea. "This would make friends for Acton . . . and for people," Karen reasons.

Helen Robertson would like to see a swimming pool "for all of Acton, not just a wading pool." Two days should be set aside for celebrations with fireworks, street dances and games. She favors picking a Mr. and Mrs. Centennial at the beginning of centennial year and suggests a contest for the best kept home with appropriate prizes.

Sherri Phillips says a swimming pool is the number one need, but suggests among other things a souvenir shop with Acton crafts for sale and souvenirs of centennial, a theatre, new YMCA, with regular programs, a week of wearing old fashioned clothing, and a store run by various organizations to make funds for the celebration.

Susan Acker thinks the citizens of Acton should organize bake sales, draws, raffles, etc. and use the proceeds to construct a larger and deeper pool for everyone. She is also in favor of a centennial park with a two to four day street dance along the main

"We are all part of Acton and if we are going to make Acton's Centennial a year to remember, let's all buckle down now and work," Susan concludes.



PLAYGROUND leader Brenda McNabb shows these three young lads how to put lots of "umph" into the ball when they're playing the game. Object of the game is to direct the ball between the legs of other participants. Playground opened yesterday (Tuesday). -(Staff Photo)

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Teachers reject Board offer

Halton County secondary school teachers have said "NO" to the Board of Education's most recent salary offer, for many reasons, Halton O.S.S.T.F. president Tom Ramautarsingh said Tuesday.

The Federation leader said 52 per cent of the teachers voted against accepting the latest board offer. There are 827 secondary school teachers in the county.

Ramautarsingh said the board offer meant 20 per cent were first year teachers and would receive no negotiable increase except their \$400 increment. Forty-seven per cent of the teachers would

receive a 2.5 to 5 per cent increase and 33 per cent would be entitled to a 5 to 8.2 per cent hike in the last offer.

Raises offered teachers with four years' experience or less would not keep up with the cost of living, Mr. Ramautarsingh charged, and this would affect 50 per cent of them. Teachers also felt they were being pressured into a settlement before the school year ended and it was the feeling the board could have come up with a better offer sooner. It was similar to last year's action, and the sour taste still remains. Ramautarsingh also accused the board of dealing in bad faith.

"The Board has the peculiar attitude that keeping teachers' salaries down will cure the economic ills of the country", said the Federation leader.

Cure ills

He chastised the board for not taking full advantage of the grant system, claiming the county was entitled to another \$75,000 in grants for the budget. This subsidizing of the rest of the province was unfair to teachers, students and taxpayers, Ramautarsingh added.

The teachers said Peel County and other area boards were awarded increases of \$250 to \$400 more than what Halton teachers are being offered despite the fact

Halton has a higher teacher-pupil ratio than Peel.

Another sore point, Ramautarsingh said, was the board's intention to withhold \$250 until a teacher secured a permanent position. He saw this as a handicap to principals seeking qualified and experienced teachers.

One of the other sources of annoyance was the board's delaying tactics, the Federation head claimed. He said the board would call meetings to discuss negotiations and then schedule another meeting to attend so they wouldn't have much time for the teachers.

"It was very frustrating to

come to meetings for negotiations and then hear the board could not carry on negotiations for any length of time because they had another meeting to attend," Ramautarsingh said.

"I would like to see negotiations start in April and end in May," he declared.

Can't resign

The late settlement also worked to the board's advantage, Ramautarsingh said, since teachers may not legally resign for the coming year after May 31. He accused the board of locking them in their job.

meaningful discussions which would end in meaningful decisions," Mr. Ramautarsingh told the Free Press.

Negotiations won't start again until September and the teachers also want a second committee set up to discuss working conditions. Both parties agreed the salary question should be settled first but now the teachers would like to see their other grievances settled as well. They want more secretaries, additional audiovisual equipment and a reduction in the teacher-pupil ratio.

"The teachers want

Police intervene in walkway dispute

Residents of Lakeview subdivision disputing the right of an Elizabeth Drive resident to fence off a walkway which connects the subdivision and Prospect Park,

Seek meeting

Association is seeking a meeting

with the Deputy Minister or some

senior official of the Treasury

and Economics Department of

the Ontario Government. At that

meeting they hope to clarify

some of the ramifications of the

Toronto-Centred Region Plan for

The Planning Association is an

informal body with members

from each of Halton's seven

municipalities. They will ask

Halton County Council to seek a

joint meeting with the

Still vague

ferent municipalities in different

ways and because some of the

points and concepts in the plan

Because the Plan affects dif-

Development.

department official.

incidents Sunday with Ted Brankiewicz and police.

No charges were laid as a result of the incidents which were involved in two separate some adults and children no voice in the settlement.

are still vague, it was impossible

for the association to draft a

resolution, Roger Roberts,

association chairman and

Burlington planner told this

Some of the questions that still

remain to be answered are

whether Milton will be placed in a

slow growth zone and restricted

in its growth or whether it will be

placed in another zone where

growth is permitted. This is a

question of great significance for

exactly where the green parkway

belt will run. Mr. Roberts said the

plan called for encouraged

growth in Oakville and Bur-

lington and restricted growth in

Milton, Georgetown and Acton

with the other areas being used

as a playground for the urban

the town's future.

threatened to tear down the newly erected fence. Police board chairman Hugh Patterson warned those present to disperse. Ownership of the property is in

police said were instigated when dispute. Acton Parks Board has nothing to discuss about the

When the plan was first

released a year ago last May,

Milton was placed in zone two or

the zoung were made by Halton

East MPP Jim Snow and town

officials. In December of last

year the Toronto Globe and Mail

indicated in a story that Milton

had been lifted from the slow

Government officials have

remained mum on the subject but

have not denied the story's

authenticity. Minister of the

McKeough has said a more final

plan would be released in the fall.

-Both trailer camps on Fairy

Lake - the Breezes and

"full up" situations during the

Smallwood Acres - have had

growth zone.

Burlington hopes to determine treasury department Darcy

walkway Mr. Brankiewicz gave them till June 30 to agree to some form of rental of the property but Mr. Patterson said, "We are not going to negotiate with him because we don't believe he owns Want clear concept it. In our opinion it is Beardmore

Legal counsel has advised the parks board they were not a party to the disagreement so they had no part in discussions. a slow growth zone. Objections to

The Free Press asked parks

when the issue was going to be

resolved. He said there was

"The place to settle it is in court," Mr. Patterson said. Mr. Brankiewicz, meanwhile, believing he owns the property

has it fenced and signs posted

Coffee house

A coffee house will be held at the youth centre in the Y.M.C.A.

Recreational co-ordinator Brian Campbell reports redecorating inside the building has been almost completed.

This week he's been busy making arrangements to have guest speakers attend workshops at the centre. A movie-making club may also be started.

since the land borders on park an annual fee of \$700. Acton man joins

U.N. Ceylon team entering the University of

Frank Scott of 170 Tyler Ave. left for Ceylon on Tuesday to take up duties with the International Labour Organization, a branch of the United Nations.

Mr. Scott will be part of an international team responsible for establishing technical training programs for new industries in Ceylon.

An important aspect of the program is that each member of the team sent by the United Nations will hand over his building Friday and Saturday, position to his Ceylonese counterpart after setting up the program and ensuring it is working satisfactorily.

Leave of absence

Mr. Scott has a year's leave of absence from his present position. Mrs. Scott and Susan will be travelling to Ceylon to join him. They plan to leave Canada July 22. Meanwhile, Nigel will be

Waterloo in September and David moving closer to his job. The Scotts plan to return to

Acton when the contract expires.

FRANK SCOTT



JACKIE LEE has been engaged for the summer by Acton Parks and Recreation Committee to help recreational co-ordinator Brian Campbell with duties at the youth centre in the Y.M.C.A. building. Jackie was instrumental in organizing a coffee house for students at Acton District High School during the winter months. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lee, 42 Longfield Road.

-Weeds in town, especially in the business section, are making streets look untidy.

MARY ANN Freuler, an Acton District High student who has been active in the Acton Parks and Recreation summer playground program for the past three years, will supervise this year's program. Working with Mary Ann as leaders this year are, Susan Mills, Val Mitchell, Susan McPhail, Brenda McNabb, Kathy Krul, Cathy Dunn, Caroline Merrin, Diane Bousfield and Rick Rocher. Playground opened yesterday (Tuesday) and will run until Friday, August 27, two weeks later than in previous years. Mary Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Freuler, R.R. 3 Acton. —(Staff Photo)

Monday's rainfall 1.94 inches

According weatherman Walter Lock of Crewsons Corners, Monday's copious rains reached a depth of 1.94 inches.

Hain started in the afternoon and continued in the evening with long periods of drenching driving 1120. The rain helped relieve Monday's thick humidity but warm weather Tuesday with its bright sunshine brought some

The forecast for the rest of the seasonable temperatures.

Keen hay contest

The top 10 winners in the Acton Agricultural Society hay competition were announced this week. George C. Wallace headed the list with 94 points.

The competition was judged by Robert Alexander, Georgetown, on June 22. He termed it the closest competition he has had to judge. Sixteen fields were scored and all crops were exceptionally good.

Following are the results: George C. Wallace 94 points, Smith R. Griffin 93, Alex Mc-Phedran and Son 92, Norman Harris 91.5, Duncan McPhedran 91, Clarence Coles and Sons 90.5, Ben Fuchs 90, G. W. Lasby and Sons 89.5, John Duenk 89, Wallace Swackhamer 88.



Wonder what they're watching. Turn inside and find out. -(Staff Photo)

No concessions from minister Nassagaweya education rate up

A meeting with Ontario Minister of Education Robert Welch has failed to provide any education tax relief for Nassagaweya Township taxpayers. Township officials met the minister in the middle of June in an attempt to point out the injustice they felt their taxpayers are being subjected to.

Township officials have been unable to get the minister to commit himself one way or the other since the meeting.

At Monday night's council meeting township council passed a bylaw setting the 1971 rate of taxation. For the second year in a row township residents will face increased education taxes. The education mill rate for the township went up 5.38 mills this year and over seven mills last year.

County, fire areas up

Township ratepayers also face an increase of 1.3 mills for their contribution to the county and smaller increases to Milton and Acton fire areas. The portion of the budget the township controls will increase by only .99 mills.

The following is a summary of the assessment and mill rate to be charged for 1971.

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		Assess- ment	Mill Rate	Mill Rate	Amount Raised
			1970	1971	
	County	7,572,667	6.67	7.97	60,354,16
	Township, Commercial	1,861,107	7.54	8.42	15,670.52
t	Township, Res. & Farm	5,711,560	4.71	5.52	31,527.81
	Township Roads	7,053,647	9.47	9.64	67,997.16
	Eden Mills	142,550	14.5	19.85	2,829,62
•	Campbellville	376,470	17.99	7.90	2,974.11
1	Acton Fire Area	2,476,731	1.86	1.89	4,681.02
ı	Milton Fire Area	4,958,971	1.22	1.51	7,488.05
	Ele, Schl, Pub. Comm.	1,861,107	24.69	36.27	67,502.35
	Ele. Schl., Pub. Res. & Farm	5,671,960		32.64	185,132.77
	Ele. Schl., Sep. Res. & Farm	39,000	21.82	21.99	570.80
-	Sec. Schl., Acton, Comm.	17,525	22.85	19.87	348.22
,	Sec. Schl., Acton, Res. & Farm	2,493,700	20,56	17.89	44,612.29
i	Sec. Schl., Milt. Comm.	1,843,582	22.21	20.05	36,963.82
•	Sec. Schl., Milt., Res. & Farm	3,217,860	19,99	18.05	58,082.37

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