

# R.R. Parker in 19th year with Credit Authority



MURRAY HARRISON

"I think the community centre would help the young people. If I had a choice, I would choose the community centre, as I am youth oriented. It can also be used by older people. Yes, we should further the community centre."—Murray Harrison, Scoutmaster.



M. PARKER

"A new town hall would be a greater asset. I think it is an immediate demand."—M. Parker.



FERN HARDING

"We definitely need a swimming pool, one for children, and one for the adults. To me, this is the main project for Centennial."—Mrs. Fern Harding.



BILL LANDSBOROUGH

"Building a swimming pool is not a bad idea. It is good for the winter. I think they should fix up the whole centre."—Bill Landsborough.



MARGARET FRYER

"I think they should fix the ice and build a swimming pool. The kids don't have much to do, and they don't have very many places to go. They need some more to do."—Margaret Fryer.



L. MILLS

"I think we should finish the arena, and build a swimming pool. We need a swimming pool in Acton. About 14 or 15 years ago, the residents put up money for a swimming pool, and instead they built a wading pool. Fairy Lake is too dirty. I keep my children away from there."—L. Mills.

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority approved a 1972 budget of \$1,621,991 at its inaugural meeting Wednesday, February 16.

Of this amount \$598,098 is earmarked for various flood control projects on Cooksville Creek in Mississauga, Mains Creek in Brampton, Orangeville Reservoir, Orangeville Drainage project, acquiring floodplain land in Mississauga, channel improvements and floodline mapping in watershed areas not yet covered by existing mapping.

Development in Conservation Areas will take up \$206,945 and acquiring Niagara Escarpment lands \$178,300. Administration will cost \$137,288 and a large amount of \$500,000 will be used for the waterfront study and land acquisition and development along the Lake Ontario shoreline.

The municipal levy which, along with Provincial grants, makes up the working capital of the Authority will cost the 16 member-municipalities 11.68 cents for each \$1,000 assessment.

### New members

Three new members were welcomed to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority by Chairman R. K. McMillan—Paul Moore of Mississauga, Ed Black of Caledon and Jack Kavanaugh of Brampton.

Three charter members of the Authority, Robert R. Parker of Acton, A. M. "Hap" Greenaway of Port Credit and Eric M. White of Mono Township are starting their 19th year with the Authority. J. W. "Jack" Pawley of Brampton is beginning his 17th year and Chairman McMillan his 15th year in the service of Conservation.

The same executive committee as in 1971 was re-elected. The advisory board chairman, along with the Authority chairman and vice chairman, make up this committee.

These include A. G. Clarkson, J. W. Pawley, G. A. Blackwell, A. M. Greenaway and Howard Stewart along with vice chairman Parker and chairman McMillan.

## Community centre centennial choice

By Wilma Hlokhuls

This week the Free Press enquiring reporter asked about the Acton Centennial project. Should the Centennial Commission build a new town hall complex, with council chambers, etc. or finish the community centre, fixing up the arena, adding on a swimming pool, etc.? Here's the reaction:

"I think they should finish the community centre, and build a swimming pool. It would be better for the town."—Anonymous.

"The community centre is a better idea. Everybody can enjoy a swimming pool."—Mrs. Helen Hurmsma.

"The community centre is important. There is a lot that has to be done to it yet."—Mrs. S. Holmes.

"We need some recreation in this town. They have built a park, but there was no supervision. All the tough kids scared the little ones away, and they have taken all the swings down. It would give the teenagers something else to do rather than hang around the street corners."—Mrs. A. Reynolds.

Actonians will be able to voice their choice of a centennial project at a public meeting to be held at the arena Sunday, March 19th at 3 P.M., sponsored by the Centennial Commission.

### Obituary

## Gerald L. Kean

Gerald L. Kean passed away in Guelph General Hospital on Sunday, February 27, in his 88th year.

He was the eldest son of Alexander Kean and Isabella Field and lived at Sodom in Nassagaweya Township where he attended the Presbyterian Church there and S.S. No. 3 school.

In 1916 he married Edna E. Wilson, also of Nassagaweya and together they farmed at Lot 5 Concession 2 Eramosa till 1968 when they retired to Guelph. In 1968 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. Kean's health was greatly impaired in 1919 after he experienced a very serious polio illness complicated by the flu. In spite of this, he resumed farming after he regained a measure of health and activity and fortunately he remained active though in a limited way until the last few

weeks. He was in hospital only a few days.

### Survivors

Surviving are his wife and three children, Lloyd of Holywood, Lamey (Mrs. John Bird) of Georgetown and Vera (Mrs. E. Packer) of Guelph, also five grandchildren. In his own family of two brothers and four sisters, three are still living, Mrs. Alleen Wyatt, Royal Oak, Mich., Mrs. Esme McKenzie, Toronto and Hugh of California.

The funeral was held Wednesday, March 1, at the McIntyre and Wilkie Funeral Home, Guelph, conducted by the Rev. Donald Sinclair of Eden Mills Presbyterian Church and burial was in the Eden Mills cemetery.

Palbearers were Ben Hoeking, Borden Soby, William Gillfillan, Stanley Hewittson, T. T. Skov and Norman Bird.

### Forbidden education

## Irish "hedge" schools supplied knowledge

Each year on the nearest publication date to St. Patrick's Day, Mrs. Catherine Graham of R.R. 1, Limehouse, writes something about her native Ireland. This year Mrs. Graham has chosen the famous Irish "hedge" schools as her subject, from a time in history when the native Irish people were barred from regular schools. She wonders whether the disaffection of some of today's students could be cured by application of some of its principles.

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### The Hedge School

Inherent in the Irish race has always been a love of learning, and down through the ages Ireland has had many famous schools. The first recorded were the "Bardic Schools" that flourished one thousand years before the coming of Christianity.

When the Irish were converted to Christianity by St. Patrick in the fifth century, many schools and colleges sprang up. Here students came from all over

Europe to be educated. The ruins of these buildings can still be seen.

However, a few centuries later this trend was reversed. When Trinity College opened its doors in 1591, the real Irish people were barred from attending.

Naturally they looked towards the continent, or had to, as all other schools were more or less closed to them also. Many young Irishmen left their native land at this period, and attended the universities of Spain, France, Italy and Prussia. Here they received a classical education, and came back to impart their new-gained knowledge to their less fortunate brothers at home.

This was the time of the "Hedge School". They were found all over Ireland.

Here, with only the blue sky for a roof, the green fields for a desk, and the song of the birds in the background, the Irish children were taught by these men, not only their native Gaelic, but English, French, German, Latin and Greek.

Some of Ireland's greatest scholars had

their beginnings here, especially some of her song writers.

Today we are far removed from "The Hedge School" but we are all well aware of the confusion that exists in education. All is not rosy in the classroom, especially amongst the more mature students. They seem disillusioned by schools and courses in general (speaking from a little experience). I suppose no one has the right answer. Perhaps something less elaborate in the make-up of schools, would be more appreciated.

When our children attended "The Stone School" they seemed very happy there, often speak of it still. This was one of the many one-roomed schools, that dotted the rural landscape. All have disappeared.

Perhaps a summer school (weather permitting) for today's students, with Mother Nature as an added incentive to learning, might be a worthwhile innovation.

—Catherine Graham, R.R.1, Limehouse, Ont.

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