



WHAT DOES A GENTLEMAN DO when a lady wants an assist onto an open air streetcar? Takes her hand, of course, and gives her skirt a lift up as well if she happens to be your wife. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson were right into the spirit of the occasion at the

official opening of the Halton County Radial Railway Museum Sunday afternoon, when hundreds gathered to see the first electric cars traverse the northern Nassagaweya tracks. Turn inside for story and more pictures. —H. Coles Photo

## Apply for dispensation on Bower Ave. work

Acton council has inserted an advertisement in this week's Free Press applying to dispense with a vote of electors for the reconstruction program on Bower Avenue.

Residents will be given 21 days to complain about the proposed \$99,409.93 improvement, of which \$60,996.96 must be raised by

debt. Construction will affect 1750 feet of the street from the Willow St. corner and includes excavations to new subgrade, placing a granular base, placing catchbasins and connecting to existing sewer system, constructing curbs and sidewalks, constructing asphalt

pavement and sodding disturbed areas.

Clerk Joe Hurst said that in the event anyone complains the work could be postponed for another year. The town has been anxious to make improvements to the street which is rapidly deteriorating.

## Suggest moral development course

Moral development could become an optional course in Halton County elementary schools. An ad hoc committee on Religious Education recommended Thursday that the Halton County Board of Education establish a task force to develop a sequential course in moral development for kindergarten to grade eight children.

The executive committee of the board will consider the matter prior to the board authorizing the development of a course. In November of 1971 the board passed a resolution supporting a published guideline on World Religions and recommended

schools consider the development of detailed courses of study. A course outline, "Values Inquiry," has been developed. The committee recommended it be made available to teachers and be used in the teaching or moral development if the teachers want.

Half hour The committee urged one half hour a week be attributed to a course for moral development in the elementary schools and the committee asked the board to contact the Ministry of Education concerning their attitude towards the development of a

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## Fireworks Sat. July 1

Acton and district will celebrate Canada's 105th birthday combining the Firefighters' annual display of fireworks with a garden party and band concert at Prospect park this Saturday evening.

Acton Citizens' Band will lead off the celebrations with a concert starting at 7 p.m. The garden party, which also includes an amateur show, will start at 7.30 p.m. The Choralists and several local and district soloists will entertain.

Fireworks will begin at dusk. The firefighters will have a refreshment booth on the grounds and are asking people to bring their own camp chairs or other conveniences to sit on during the show. There is a small admission charge of 50c for adults and 25c for children. In the event of rain the show will be held Sunday, July 2.



School's out Friday!

AND ENTHUSIASM for carefree summer days is showing. These girls blithely skipping down the hill at the Robert Little school know that the last few days in the classroom are really a breeze. No more pencils, no more books, no more teacher's inquisitive looks.

## School creek clean-up keeps 10 students busy

Acton's school creek is beginning to flow at a normal rate of speed again, as a result of the efforts of 10 Acton High School students who have now completed a week and a half cleaning debris from the creek bed on the first leg of a summer-long cleanup project.

Frank Ondesluys, David Hodgson and Mark Nielsen, grade 13 graduates, Corie Maxwell who will begin grade 13

In September, Glen Lee, Sharon Barber, Diane Charette, John Kingsmill and Roger McEachern, grade 12 students, and Emily Hodgson, grade 10, are undertaking the project with the benefit of an \$8,454 grant under the federal government's Opportunities for Youth program.

Work progressing Work began Monday, June 19 on the portion of the creek near

Wallace St. Students plan to extend the cleanup west to the area of the Centennial library, cleaning out debris, dredging silt and squaring off and building up creek banks where necessary. They've already completed their work down as far as the C.N.R. tracks.

Later in the summer the group will tackle the creek which flows from Fairy Lake east underneath Mill, Church and Brock Streets to

the Beardmore plant. Six half-ton pickup trucks loads of debris, including everything from wooden logs to a child's tricycle were recovered from the creek last week and hauled away to the dump.

The students are acting on advice on creek cleanup received from officials of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, as well as information they learned in their environmental science

classes at school. Tools necessary for the job are being loaned through the courtesy of the town works department and Tyler Transport Ltd.

The government grant provides for a salary of \$90 per week for the three graduates and \$60 per week for the seven students who will be returning to high school next fall, as well as approximately \$800 for equipment.



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## Suggest Centennial project survey

In a resolution, opposed only by Councillor Bill Coats and Mayor Les Doby, Acton Council has suggested that the Centennial Commission that since all citizens will be contributing to the Centennial project, a detailed questionnaire be mailed to all residences or a home to home survey be made for recommendations as to the ultimate project.

At a public meeting held in the community centre last March, a majority of the 40-odd people in attendance favored renovations and additions to the community centre as a Centennial project.

Not fair Councillor Peter Marks said last night (Tuesday) he feels the "30 people" who attended the March meeting do not represent a fair cross-section of the town.

"Council endorses the Centennial Commission wholeheartedly and their enthusiasm is far in excess of what I thought it might be," Marks made it clear. "This resolution is just to suggest to them that we've heard a lot of static."

Marks said he thinks most people will express themselves on the project more readily in the privacy of their own home, if a

survey is taken.

Additional benefits Councillor Earl Masales pointed out a circular could have other benefits in that it could draw many additional ideas from residents about the program.

Explaining his opposition to the resolution, Councillor Coats said he feels the Centennial Commission took adequate action to

ask people of the town to respond by advertising the March public meeting.

Prior to the vote, Coats recommended that if the resolution passed, it be delivered personally to the chairman of the Commission. Coats represents council on the Commission, but he'll be holidaying in Western Canada for the next two months.

## Questions delay on engineering

Acton Council has passed a by-law authorizing the reconstruction of Elizabeth Drive from the entrance at Lakeview subdivision, west to Elmore Drive. However, roads committee chairman Earl Masales says work on the project this year will be confined to the laying of a sidewalk.

Councillor Peter Marks questioned the public works committee's delay in having engineering done there, claiming time could be saved by having it done now, even though a transfer of land between the town and Elizabeth Drive resident Ted Brankiewicz is not yet officially completed.

The town is trading land on a road allowance which runs through the verandah of the Brankiewicz home in exchange

for a parcel directly opposite on the south side of Elizabeth Drive. The intention of the reconstruction is to widen the road making it safer. The sidewalk will run along the south side of the road from Main St. to Elmore Dr. A curb and a boulevard are also to be installed.

Frosty remark Marks charged the town could be laying sidewalks "when the frost is in the ground" if they don't start on engineering now. "Personally I can't see doing engineering on land we don't really own," Mayor Les Doby offered.

Explaining the fact no engineering has been done on the project yet, Masales said up to a month ago his committee was still not sure whether they would have to expropriate or not.

## Dr. W.G. Onions new minister

New minister of Trinity United church will be Dr. W. G. Onions, who will come here at the end of July from Fredericton, New Brunswick. Dr. Onions and his wife will be living in the parsonage. A native westerner, he has had charges many hundreds of miles apart - in

Winnipeg, Bermuda, London, England and the Maritimes.

Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Turner and son Scott moved Tuesday from Acton to Oshawa where Mr. Turner is going to Harmony United church. He has been minister at Trinity for the past four years; son Scott is a kindergarten student at the Robert Little school.

## Agnes' fury spent when she visited

Agnes left a trail of destruction and grief in her path up the Eastern seaboard of the United States but outside of brisk winds, a few branches knocked down, and a two hour power cut-off and several days of rain, this area was relatively untouched by the hurricane.

The weeks long spell which had started to turn grass brown was relieved by welcome rain which started Wednesday and cleared Sunday afternoon.

Power was cut off in some sections of Acton for two hours Thursday evening due to the high winds. Streets were littered with debris from trees but no serious damage was reported after winds abated.

HIGH school report cards go out this Friday, although school has been out two weeks.



CLERGYMEN AT THE 100TH anniversary services at St. Alban's Anglican Church Sunday morning included the Rev. Ritchie McMurray, left, rector from 1966-68 who celebrated the Sung Eucharist, present rector Rev. Harry Dawson, middle, and the Rev. Phillip Sawyer, who was rector from 1926 to

1933. Native Actonian the Rev. Laurie Doby preached the sermon replete with mutton chop whiskers and long tail coat. Parishioners entered into the spirit of the occasion in a medley of centennial-styled clothing. Turn inside for more pictures. —H. Coles Photo

## Strawberries sold out early at country mart

Despite intermittent rain squalls, there was an even larger crowd at the Country Market on Willow St. last Saturday morning. All the stall renters were back again for the second week except for Caroline Nurseries, while Eramosa Flower Mart took a stall for the first time.

A highlight was strawberries, freshly picked at Brobar Farms by the market organizers. They were all sold out by 9.45 a.m. and

the young people promise they'll pick more for next Saturday.

Despite the holiday weekend, the market will again operate on Saturday morning as usual.

Bread added Last week Bonnie Gillespie sold out of home-made bread. Janis Hillman expects to have home-made bread for sale this week.

Four of the booth renters have signed up for the whole season, Hopping Hill with vegetables, White Oaks ceramics, Reinecks

who sell eggs and the Maxwells with eggs and jam.

The organizers now have an office in a small room behind the council chambers which will be open from 9 to 4, Monday through Saturday. Phone number is 853-1200.

Planters, cans Flyers advertising the market are being distributed this week. The group is also making planters and arranging for garbage cans.

## Oil recycling hopes to locate here

Town council has received an offer to purchase on five acres of land in the industrial basin from a firm which wishes to establish an oil recycling plant there.

Councillor Bill Coats said last night (Tuesday) the company requires a railway siding and is prepared to guarantee the CNR 300 tanks of oil per year shipped. He said the company would have

to follow stringent regulations laid down by the Air Management Branch of the Department of the Environment.

The plant would employ 10 people the first year and as many as 35 or 40 after three years.

Councillor Jack Greer, council's representative on the Acton Development Commission explained his reasons for voting

against the proposal at the commission level.

"The selling price was below the price we set for land in the industrial basin and it would be the choicest part of the basin," he said.

Greer also pointed out the town would not gain a great amount of assessment from the plant, since underground storage tanks

associated with it are not assessable according to law.

It is believed the company is the same one that tried to locate in abandoned kilns belonging to the Rockwood Lime Company recently. Possibility of delays in getting land in the village rezoned led the company to seek the alternate site.