



GROUP INSTRUCTION on the cornet is administered by Mary Watson and Heather Buchanan to students Steve Mitchell, Dunc Waidy, Russell Allan, Lance Alton and Robert Allan. They are taking advantage of a free

band instrument instruction program offered by members of the Acton Citizen's Band with an OFY grant. (D. Pink photo)



TROMBONE STUDENT Don Harding receives his instructions from Janet Allan. Janet is one of seven Acton Citizens' band members who have received an OFY grant to teach music to willing students between 10 and 13 years of age.



STUDENTS OF THE CORNET, Robert Allan and Steve Mitchell receive free training on the instrument an hour a day, five days a week from Mary Watson. The two boys are among over eighty who are

taking advantage of the free band instrument lessons given by members of the Acton Citizen's Band working with an OFY grant. (D. Pink photo)



FRENCH HORN instruction is given to Jerry Paul by Band member and OFY group participant David Marcoux. Dave teaches five French horn classes a day.

### New truck

Council accepted the tender of L and L Ford sales for a new half-ton truck for the town at a cost of \$3,077.40 Tuesday night.



WORKING at the Churchill Bible School Ricky Allan, Bradley MacPherson, Michael Hines, Greg Near and Guy Maltby receive instructions from helper Mr. Anderson. Classes met six days in the past two weeks with the program scheduled to end today. (D. Pink Photo)

## 80 enrolled for free musical instruction

by Dave Pink  
Instruction on musical instruments such as the French horn, flute, clarinet, cornet and the trombone has been made freely available to 10 to 13 year-olds in the Acton area. Working with an Opportunities for Youth grant of \$4,500, seven young members of the Acton Citizen's Band have organized a program to spend their summer days teaching the basics of band instruments to children from grades five through eight. University of Guelph student Stephanie Merrin, recent Acton high school graduate Barb Pratt and Heather Buchanan and high school students Mary Watson, David Marcoux, Janet Allan and David Morris conduct from three to five classes a day to one, two or three students a time.

The bulk of the classes are held at the Acton Music centre on Wallace St. but many are scheduled in private homes. Interested parties were asked to signify their willingness to hold lessons on the application form.

The project has been a remarkable success with over 80 enrolled. Though some have dropped out, the number of students climbs every day.

Instructors have from three to seven years band experience and though they don't expect their pupils to become proficient by the end of the summer they do hope the child will develop an interest in the instrument and will continue with it.

Some members of the band have been interested in the formation of a high school band

and because of the lack of musical training in Acton high school decided it would be necessary to give extra-curricular music training. Grades five through eight are the best to teach because high school students are likely to be working during the summer and smaller children would not be able to take the course seriously.

Classes are conducted from nine to three each day followed by instructors practice, preparing for a public concert in the near future. Instructors teach the beginners various notes, rhythm patterns, theory and some elementary songs. Music books will be introduced later in the summer.

Members of the OFY group are also planning a day camp at the Rockwood Conservation area between July 23 and August 3. Activities will include music lessons, swimming and hiking.

The high school graduates will be receiving \$90 a week and others \$70 until the program ends August 24. It is hoped by that time several pupils will be ready to give a concert and form a band.

### Sorry!

Debra Storey's name was inadvertently left out of the list of Grade XII graduates of Acton High School which appeared in last week's Free Press. We apologize for the error.

## Drug, theft charges

A pick-up truck was reported stolen from Meadvale Rd. on Friday morning at 6 a.m., and by 7 a.m. two youths had been charged with the theft. The pair, one from Acton and one from Limehouse, had been involved in an accident outside of town. On Monday a man was arrested in Lindsay, who was wanted on a warrant by Acton O.P.P. for driving under suspension and for failing to appear in court. He was brought back, lodged in Milton

jail and will appear in court today (Wednesday). Two drug seizures were made by Acton police during the week, both on Thursday. One seizure was made in the park and the other on Mill St., with the charges of possession of marijuana laid against two R.R. 1, Georgetown youths. A car stolen from Toronto was recovered on Mill W. Thursday. It had been stolen Tuesday of last week.

## Tow breaks — car loose

Tuesday of last week an unusual accident happened on Main St. N. and was investigated by Acton O.P.P. Jack Krogh of Windsor was towing a car when the tow bar broke. The towed car broke loose and ran through the fence on the east side of the high-

way coming to rest in the field. Damage to the tow hitch was estimated at \$25, to the towed car at \$25 and to Lorne Masales' fence 150. There have been no other accidents from then until the Free Press news deadline check.

## Council bounces tennis ball

Council Tuesday agreed they "won't drop the ball" after hearing a tennis club brief read by councillor Barry Inascoe.

Possible funds Deputy-reeve Marks said his committee would look into the possibility of a locating lot levy funds for tennis courts.

Mr. Inascoe explained the delegation to parks and recreation was well-organized and enthusiastic. Several questions were asked and Mr. Inascoe explained the club is still investigating.

"Don't drop the ball," councillor Chapman advised his colleagues.

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