

Four Ontario scholars among mid-winter grads

Four Acton high school students have been recommended for Ontario scholarships having obtained sufficient credits to receive their secondary school honor graduation diplomas on completion of the past semester.

Andrea Broostad has a final 91.8 percent average but is not satisfied that her six credits are sufficient. She plans to stay at Acton high school for a further period with the intent of getting an all-round average in nine subjects. She will concentrate on English, maths and physics, and, on completion of the school year, will apply



Andrea Broostad at the University of Toronto

to take pharmacy. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Broostad, 44 Nelson Ct.

Susan Jamieson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Jamieson of Ballinacree and completed her semester with 85 percent.

At the Caledon ski club over holidays and weekends Susan has been working in the office but she is applying for steady office employment to keep her busy until the fall.



Susan Jamieson course at Sheridan college in September.

Carolanne Merrin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Merrin, 25 Knox Ave., received 82.1 percent and has applied to both Guelph and Waterloo universities. She intends to work towards a B.A. and hopes to become a teacher of the retarded.

Dedicated and interested in children she has had experience in this field as a summer school playground leader in Acton. Last summer Carolanne was employed as playground supervisor at a northern resort in Huronia.

Presently employed with Fiberglass Canada Limited in Guelph, Bonnie Bristow is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Bristow, 120 Elizabeth Dr.



Carolanne Merrin With a graduating mark of 80 percent, Bonnie has applied

at two universities, Guelph and Western. She hopes to be accepted at the University of Guelph for May entry in Family and Consumer Science.

Bonnie is interested in working with fabrics and hopes, eventually, to work into industry.

Grade 13 students receiving secondary school honor graduation diplomas are Bonnie Bristow, Andrea Broostad, Ian Campbell, Russell Coultrup, Joyce Denny, Wendy Hannah, Susan Jamieson, John Kingsmill, Roger McEachern, James McNabb, Carolanne Merrin and Susan Somerville.



Bonnie Bristow Students receiving their grade 12 secondary school

graduation diplomas are Yvette LeRoy, Patricia Jordan, Debra Martindale, Elizabeth McCutcheon and Susan Shoemaker.

Chimney fire

Firefighters were called to the log home of H. Campbell, on the Fifth Line, Nassagaweya, at 10:30 Wednesday morning to extinguish a chimney fire.

Flames shot out of the chimney when the cap was removed but it was soon under control. Pipes from a wood burning stove were removed and cleaned.



INTERIOR wall of Limehouse school collapses in wind.

Wind tears down wall

The almost hurricane-force winds which buffeted this area Sunday tore down a cement block interior wall at the new Limehouse public school addition.

Force of the wind scattered blocks over the interior of the addition and weakened some brick work.

Principal Dave Hales said the block wall had not yet been tied into other parts of

the addition and when the wind came roaring through it was an easy victim. Fortunately, it happened on the weekend and did not pose a danger to any children, staff or construction people.

The children were alarmed to see the new addition partially destroyed, Mr. Hales said, and it has set back construction which had

been taking advantage of the fine weather to make up for other delays. The contractor has been having trouble getting bricklayers and had just secured another two when the wall collapsed.

Workers spent most of Monday cleaning up damage. Tuesday morning they were busy laying brick on the exterior walls.

Power off Sunday during wind storm

Severe storm conditions over the weekend caused problems for the Acton and district hydro commissions and the west end of town was without constant power for a period of two and one-half hours until the problem righted itself.

Contacting the Ontario

Hydro in Guelph, superintendent Doug Mason was instructed to switch to the new lines along the railway tracks. "We really don't know what happened," he said later, but suggested it could have been a heavy branch over a high tension line which finally fell away.

The power went off at approximately 6:10 a.m. Sunday morning and was on and off sporadically until about 9:45 a.m.

Well affected The town well on Churchill Rd. north was also affected by the weather when two limbs fell down. According to Supt. Doug Mason, "Burned down two phases of primary line."

Dozer plunges

When his bulldozer fell 10 feet Thursday, Ernie Medland had a fortunate escape but lost part of three fingers in the accident. He will be off work ten weeks as a result.

He was working at the landfill site when his machine slid sideways over the icy edge and down a 10-foot drop. With his hand badly injured he was able to climb out and go to the sewage treatment plant where he got quick help

from Red Curtis and Paul Phelan. From the medical centre he went to hospital but was released after a couple of hours. He lost the tips of three fingers of his left hand, down to the first joint.

He also suffered a sore back in the accident. Those who viewed the badly damaged bulldozer wondered he wasn't injured even worse. Ray Swackhamer is filling in for him on the works crew for the time being.

Betty Eastwood new C. of C. president

Spark-plug Chamber of Commerce secretary Betty Eastwood was unanimously elected president Wednesday at the annual meeting of the group. About 40 in the Dominion Hotel enjoyed roast beef dinner, followed by elections and reports.

Polytechnic manager Michael Worthington, a newcomer from Burlington, was unanimously elected first vice-president.

There was an election for second vice-president with Bramalea realty salesman Gordon Dawe named, Paul Nielsen the loser.

Brendan Ahearne of the credit union, who had taken over as treasurer during the year when Wayne Hogsteen moved to Kitchener, was returned to office. New secretary, replacing Mrs. Eastwood is Marjorie Staley.

Alan Eastwood. Directors elected for a one year term are Hank Ruppert and Paul Nielsen. Keeping their positions for another year are Cam Fraser and Ron McKnight.

There were elections for directors with Bill Coats and Hank Stachyra acting as scrutineers.

George Bowman and Bob Sly will be auditors.

Halton Hills mayor Tom Hill conducted the swearing-in ceremony. "We're Halton Hills now and we might as well start to live with it," he recommended.

He mentioned the enthusiasm of the Chamber in Acton and wished them the best.

Protect, too Mrs. Eastwood said the Chamber's motto is Community Builders, and she thinks the Chamber will now have to be community protectors as well. She looks forward to a civic and municipal committee making contacts with Georgetown and Milton Chambers of Commerce.

Three past presidents formed the nominating committee: Roy Goodwin, Paul Nielsen and Bert Hinton.

Former president Ed Bendicks conducted the meeting and Mr. Goodwin introduced everyone.

81st birthday There was a birthday cake, candle and song for Fred Wright, celebrating his 81st birthday on Robbie Burns Day Friday. He said the Burns grace before dinner. After thanking everyone, this long-time Chamber member

elicited everyone's congratulations for his friends and neighbors, Pat (Clemens) and David Lees, who have just been married a couple of weeks ago. Mrs. Lees operates The Anonymous Benefactor and Mr. Lees is Acton correspondent for Thomson newspapers.

A chemical engineer from Mexico, Adrian Hermosillo was a guest. He is returning this weekend to bring back his wife. He is working several months at Building Products on exchange.

Year's activities were reviewed by Mr. Bendicks. The debt has been considerably reduced and the Chamber had been very cautious all year, cancelling dances if there was a possibility they would not make money. He recalled the speakers on the Industrial dumping proposal, the Citizen of the Year dinner and briefs prepared on the commercial holding zone and expansion of Acton to the east.

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No money for Halton Hills till interim taxes, grants delayed

The finance committee of Halton Hills is pondering how long the municipality can operate without income.

A letter from the Hon. John White, treasurer of the province, in reply to a letter from council, promised provincial start-up assistance for the municipality but said no firm figure was yet available. However, he had been advised that grants to the Halton Region would be \$1.4 million higher than in 1973 and payment to Halton Hills would probably be double what the three municipalities collected last year.

The Minister said he appreciated the unusual expenses the new town must deal with in getting started up but gave no further information as to when the money would be available or the exact amount.

"That's not what we asked," said Councillor Ernie Sykes. He said council felt Halton Hills was entitled to more provincial assistance than other municipalities because it was the only one to combine three municipalities

into one. He felt the Minister had evaded the question.

Chairman G. W. (Pat) McKenzie said he was also concerned about comments he received from people

about the usual interim tax billing. They don't know we are waiting on the assessment department, he said.

It was also acknowledged by Treasurer Lloyd Peterson that no more had been heard from Queens Park about the transitional grants since the Hon. Jim Snow had brought them up at joint meetings of

the three councils prior to the implementation of regional government. "There's no word on any kind of grant," said Peterson, noting attempts to get some word from the Minister had not been successful.

"Ask them what we are going to do in the meantime," said Councillor Sykes. "It's ludicrous."

"The Georgetown surplus is keeping the municipality afloat," the treasurer admitted. "We are deprived of income waiting for Queens Park, Levy stated."

Treasurer Peterson said the interim tax billing was held up because the assessment department of

C.N. to be replaced with the GO service.

Decision ridiculous Mr. Hales agrees that there is no comparison between the present train service with its old cars and slow progress and the updated GO train, but feels that area residents are being handed an injustice which doesn't make sense.

He said the GO train concept is a combination arrangement between the province of Ontario and C.N. in their attempt to give aid to commuters working in Toronto. He agrees it's a great idea as a way to take cars off the highway and give good comfortable service. "With the energy crisis it is more important than ever that we consider these things," he said. But, he felt that, for the difference of the 20 miles concerned, it was ridiculous not to carry the service on to Guelph which would include countless residents from Acton, Rockwood and the area in between.

Mr. Hales is taking advantage of the federal government's Jan. 11 to Feb. 26 recess and is visiting around the riding, arranging private interviews with constituents and generally looking into the needs of the people. He has been the Conservative member for 17 years.

GO to Guelph, Hales insists

Wellington M.P. Alf Hales expresses strong viewpoints this week on the provincial government's lack of consideration for district commuters.

Asked what he thought about the proposal to take out the two commuter trains serving passengers from Guelph to Toronto and put in the GO train to Georgetown requiring commuters between Guelph and Georgetown to take a bus before boarding the train, Mr. Hales had this to say:

"It seems an asinine idea to me to terminate the GO train at Georgetown. Guelph has suitable accommodation for the GO train to stay overnight and start out early the next morning for Toronto. Why stop at Georgetown when the equipment is in operation, the staff aboard, the tracks are there and all other railway facilities available?"

Not far enough Mr. Hales, speaking to the Acton Free Press, said the federal government have given \$13 million to the province to help institute a GO service to Richmond Hill. For the past year and one-half the province has been looking at the whole service and, with two successful runs already

in operation, steps have been taken to run on into this corridor. "I suppose it was felt that Georgetown was far enough. But it is not far enough," he continued. "The province should have looked beyond!"

The Wellington M.P. expressed deep concern that, with the GO train terminated at Georgetown, there would be 20 miles with no commuter service available.

"Stupid!" he said. "Who's going to get on a bus? I can't for the life of me see the point of the GO train stopping off in Georgetown with only 20 miles more to go!"

Referring to a recent advertisement in a Toronto newspaper, Alf Hales said that the Railway Transport Committee, a branch of the Canadian Transport Commission, are calling a hearing to be held at the Guelph Court house so that people can express views. "The hearing will be a public one which the public can attend at 8 p.m. on Mon. Feb. 18 and every night thereafter until all views or briefs have been heard," said Mr. Hales. He is strongly against cancelling the No. 986 and 987 trains presently running between Guelph and Toronto as requested by the

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Free-Halton was bogged down with 1500 appeals over 6,000 title transfers but wouldn't admit it. He also advised council the data processing had been moved to Ottawa from this area and it looked like it would be March 1 before interim tax bills were sent out. Originally he hoped they could be mailed February 18.

Councillor Levy suggested that in view of the assessment department's delay the Minister be asked for payment of unconditional grants to tide Halton Hills over the drought.

Meanwhile the municipality would continue to pay but not to collect.

\$8,500 salaries are ratified

Amidst boos and hostile comments from a crowd of about 35 angry ratepayers Halton Regional Councillors set their salaries at \$8,500 per year. A motion ratifying the decision made earlier was passed at the council meeting in Milton Wednesday.

The salary matter was the topic of great ratepayer interest since it first surfaced in October. Both Burlington and

Oakville ratepayer groups protested the move and appealed to council to reconsider.

Three different speakers had addressed the council and each speaker objected to the arbitrary manner in which the decision was originally made.

Avoid discussion Council avoided discussion (Continued on page 3)

Duby opposes rail service cut

The general administration committee of Halton Hills council, will oppose any attempt to cut off train service from Guelph.

The committee backed councillor Les Duby when he urged the committee to protest any move to have trains 986 and 987 taken away. Duby said there would be a public hearing Monday, February 18 at Guelph. The Transport Commission should be compelled to continue these trains so at least we can get to Georgetown to catch the GO train. They are taking everything away from us," said Duby.

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DIRECTING THE Chamber of Commerce for Acton's centennial year are, back row, treasurer Brendan Ahearne, first vice-president Michael Worthington, second vice-president Gordon Dawe. Front row secretary Marjorie Staley and president Betty Eastwood. Elections were held at the Dominion Hotel Wednesday.

100 march for pledges

With final plans soon to be completed, Acton Lions are confidently approaching the February starting date for the town wide campaign to get their \$250,000 indoor swimming pool project off the drawing board.

Vic Bristow is the chairman of the door-to-door canvass which will sweep Acton from Feb. 1 straight through to the end of the month. "There will be approximately 100 volunteer canvassers out in full force," said enthusiastic project chairman, Art Gordon. He explained that each collector will have his own territory to be completed by Feb. 28.

"We hope anyone missed

will contact Lions Club members or headquarters," he said. "If all goes according to plan, we should be starting on building by the first of March."

The project chairman spent part of Tuesday afternoon going over plans with general contractor Gordon V. Hicks. They visited the high school so that Mr. Hicks could generally familiarize himself with the vicinity," said Lion Gordon.

Campaign headquarters will be set up at the former Cameo Shoppe, 25 Mill St. The chairman foresees no difficulties which could keep the project from moving ahead to early completion.