



PERKY BONNETS ARE being made at the high school for the Centennial Days program. Teresa Steel operates the sewing machine and the girls giving her lots of good old-fashioned advice about the fabric are Jane Williamson, Monika Schmidt, Susan Ancker, Helene Gunther, Sandy Ross and Colleen Houston. The bonnets will be worn by store clerks marking Acton's centennial on the July 1 weekend.

Trustees seeking justification for use of controversial books

Halton Board of Education trustees Thursday refused to give their stamp of approval to a list of thousands of books planned to be used in connection with courses in 1975.

Several trustees objected to a number of books, referring to them as tripe, trash and having no educational value.

The 107-page list was tabled until the next board meeting. In the interim trustees will have the opportunity to speak to principals and teachers in an attempt to allow the teachers or principals to justify the use of the books.

Superintendent of Program John Boich explained that any books that could be considered controversial had to be justified in writing by the teacher. According to Boich the principal must be prepared to defend the decision if he accepts the teacher recommendation.

He noted there was a series

of checks and balances in the system. He said any parent had the right to ask that his or her child study an alternate book. According to Boich, no novel is mandatory.

Boich argued strenuously against censorship, noting that while parents do have and should have the right to remove any given book from the student's program, they do not and should not control what other children read or study.

Watson upset Acton area trustee Tom Watson said he was disturbed with the list and claimed the board should have something better to spend the money on.

"This stuff is available in paperback at the drug store. That's fine, kids can take it home and read it. No one can tell me that it is good literature and it shouldn't be in the schools," he charged.

Watson said it wasn't a

matter of censorship, but common sense. "Catcher in the Rye" was one of the books with which he expressed dissatisfaction.

Trustee Bill Hurd wondered what educational value was inherent with books dealing with the Rolling Stones, Creedence Clearwater and books of that nature.

Brought along Trustee Bill Venus said he wondered the same thing when his son (14 years old at that time) brought those very books home. Venus explained that at that point his son did not read at all. Now the boy has read intensively. Venus noted he was very pleased with the material his son was reading now. "I'm not sure how, but his teacher brought him along."

Trustee Dick Goodin called on the board to "keep trash out and bring the good books in."

Challenged by Trustee Ernie Bohner to define trash and good books, Goodin simply said it was an easy distinction. "We all know."

"This is a horrendous document. If this is not passed by the board, pray tell what will happen?" trustee Tony Goodyear asked.

What to do? Boich explained the result could be a sterile English course. "I'm not sure what we'd do for an English course if the list is not passed."

Vice chairman Judy Alexander said trustees shouldn't be discussing books, but rather the process at the meeting. She claimed the mechanism was there and there was a system whereby parent or trustee criticism could be handled.

Watson objected to having to come to the board table later and present resolutions to have books removed from

the list. He claimed the books would be named and published in the press and that would cause a scramble to buy that particular book.

Board Chairman Bill Priestner explained all books not on the provincially authorized list had to be passed by the board in resolution form.

Priestner asked why the

board had not seen the list in other years. "That's because I never presented the list in other years," Boich admitted.

Dick Goodin, Dr. Helen Howard-Lock, Tom Watson and Bill Hurd were among those trustees expressing dissatisfaction with the list as presented. Several declared their intent to vote against the list.

Assault

A 14-year-old Acton area girl reported an assault while she walked along the First Line Saturday, and Milton Police are investigating.

According to reports the girl was walking on the road when a man driving a silver compact car stopped and grabbed her by the neck. She managed to elude him and call police.

Fewer fires

There have been no fires in Acton in the past week, reports fire chief Mick Holmes.

THE ACTON FREE PRESS
Authorized as Second Class Mail
Postal Registration Number - 6515

Discouraged group waits Collison's call

Acton recreation advisory committee waited in vain Thursday night for recreation director Doug Collison, and finally left for home, discouraged.

Their May meeting had been called off due to Mr. Collison's being ill that day, and had not been re-called.

Mr. Collison had advised arena manager Harold Townsley by phone he would be late as he had to attend an unexpected council meeting.

"What's the use," was the general feeling.

Not even a quorum had arrived for the meeting. Waiting were chairman Diane Spielvogel, Gil Malcolm, Brendan Ahearne a arena manager Townsley. Missing were Lou Bonnette, Ed Wood, Barry Inscow and Peter Papillon.

Four, discussion The meeting was to have begun with a tour of the parks and schools for members to see the work to be done. Also on the agenda was the budget, discussion on community use of schools, consideration of

fall programs, a planned meeting with ward three and four committee on June 26, and a discussion of relationship with community groups.

Mr. Collison also later expressed frustration. He had had to go to council, but arrived at Acton arena shortly after 9 p.m., when everyone had left. He is arranging another date.

Regular meeting date was set for the second Thursday at the committee's first and only meeting in April.

Separate billing to continue for Acton

Representatives of the Halton Region were on hand at last Thursday's Acton Hydro Commission meeting to discuss the possibility of combined billing of water and hydro as opposed to individual billing from two separate offices.

Chairman Wilf McEachern explained that the present hydro machine could not handle the task and, to have it converted, would be extremely costly. Les Duby pointed out that the present method of handling Acton's hydro and water bills with separate billings and combined mailing has been working well for many years. "It's working well now, why change it?" he said.

After discussion, spokesman for the region, Don Farmer, said, "It sounds to me as if it shouldn't be implemented at this time."

Motions passed All members of the Acton commission were in attendance at the June 13 meeting including chairman Wilf McEachern, secretary Audrey Urquhart, Orville Brown, Ted Tyler Sr., Les Duby, Bob MacArthur and Doug Mason.

Motions were passed: THAT items be purchased

for give-aways at the Acton Fall Fair; THAT a letter be sent to Ontario Hydro requesting approval for higher rates in hydro for the town of Acton; THAT mileage rates for travel on Acton Hydro business be increased to 17c per mile;

THAT accounts amounting to \$59,041.95 be passed.

Also discussed was the purchase of the bucket truck, presently housed in the hydro garage. Commission members reviewed costs and examined the vehicle but made no decision as to its purchase.

more than 100 quality engineered, beautifully crafted homes priced to meet your family and budget requirements.

HALLIDAY HOMES DISPLAY COURT
551 Maple Avenue, Burlington, Ontario
PHONE 637-5261

I have enclosed \$1.00 for your home catalogue and/or \$1.50 for your cottage catalogue.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ PHONE _____

I own a lot Yes No

CENTENNIAL PRICE BLAST

AT

EXTRA HEAVY 10" FRY PAN
297

Acton Home Hardware
853-1730
VALUE - SERVICE - DEPENDABILITY

Water Softener
SALT
80 lb. Bag
\$1.99

<p>Picnic Cups Insulated foam. Keeps drinks hot or cold. Less Than A Cent Each. Fine Quality Styrofoam. 25 for \$2.22</p>	<p>6 GAL. STORAGE PAIL Locking Lid. Available Gold Your Choice. 1.88</p>	<p>982287 Steam Cooker Aluminum. Steam Cooks - Vegetables, Ham, Rice, Fish, Smoked Meat Etc. Only .88</p>	<p>982461 Portable Lamp "Cordless" Complete with 6 Volt Battery. Lantern Only 3.57</p>
<p>FOIL OVEN PROTECTOR 16" x 18" - 18" x 18" - 27" x 18" - Removes Fat Easy Cleaning. .88</p>	<p>KETTLE SCALE REMOVER Will not Damage Kettle. .88</p>	<p>TREAT WATER DEMINERALIZER For All Steam Irons. .88</p>	<p>STEAM IRON CLEANER With special inside of any Steam Iron. .88</p>
<p>COFFEE TIME MUGS Slacking and Non Slacking To Choose. Coffee Time - Dinky. 25c EA.</p>	<p>MEASURETTE CUP SET 4 Pcs. Set. Aluminum. .88</p>	<p>CLEAR CELLULOSE TAPE 4 Pcs. Per Pkg. 1/2" x 12" x 18". .88</p>	<p>FEATHER DUSTER Washable. Dry Dry. A Housewife's Convenience. .88</p>
<p>Magnetic Tool Holder Ideal For Kitchen, Workshop, Garage. .88</p>	<p>VACUUM CLEANER BAGS 100% All Purpose Vacuum Cleaner Bags For All Different Models. Best Choice. .88</p>	<p>PLASTIC SPONGE MOP 1.88</p>	<p>BACON DECURLER Cooks in 10 minutes. .88</p>
<p>ECONOMY ROLLER KIT 99c</p>	<p>GRAVY LADLE .88</p>		

EXTRA SPECIAL JAVEX
128 Oz. Size
79c
Limited quantity one gallon per customer

CENTENNIAL DAYS SIDEWALK SALE

20% OFF ALL MERCHANDISE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS JUNE 21 - JULY 2

- Leather thongs **\$4.99**
- Water Buffalo Sandals **\$4.50**
- White Dress Shoes and White Sandals **GREATLY REDUCED**
- Children's ABC Runners (Sizes 5 to 10) **\$2.99**

PLUS MANY MORE IN STORE BARGAINS

Sweetman's Shoes

(formerly Benson's Shoes)

19 MILL ST. E. - ACTON - 853-0360