

# Smallest crowd yet at program

A small crowd, numbering less than 200, gathered at Fairview cemetery Sunday afternoon for the annual Decoration Day service. Again the weather was perfect as the band played, clergymen spoke and representatives of town organizations planted geraniums.

Many families had previously planted flowers or placed bouquets on the graves of their loved ones. The cemetery was in near-perfect condition.

The parade led by Acton Citizens' Band, included a color party of flags of participating organizations. The sound echoed throughout the town as the parade started at Fellow St. and went along Mill and Main en route to the cemetery. The parade went to the Legion hall afterward.

The number of firefighters marching was cut in half due to a false alarm which sounded just as the parade was forming up.

In the absence of mayor Tom Hill, representative councillor G. W. McKenzie spoke first on the program. He found the date of D-Day an especially apt one for the service and hoped "we will always be able to find time to pause and remember."

He had special praise for Alf Dudy and the town men who take care of the cemetery.

Three from the Clergy Association attended.

**Speaker**  
The Rev. Charles Beaton was speaker this year; he is the new minister of the United church. He re-iterated the reason for coming - to pay our respects to our loved one no longer with us. They are all represented here - the crib deaths, the car accident victims, the middleaged people taken by illness and then the older folk. There is special attention given the graves of veterans.

It is very difficult to try to impart the experience of war to our young people, he said. Yet it was less than 30 years ago.

The people we remember are not here. The stones are only symbols. "We believe man's final destiny is not six feet of ground but in the greatness of God."

The Rev. James McFadden of Churchill church read Scripture: The Rev. A. H. McKenzie of the Presbyterian church led in prayer and said the benediction.

Abide With Me was sung and the band played while groups chatted and walked throughout the cemetery property.

Dublin and St. Joseph's cemeteries were also trimmed and tended for the day.

The Decoration Day committee is headed by Jessie

Coles this year with David Hunter the secretary-treasurer.

**Sponsors**  
The program is under the auspices of the town, Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Lakeside and Duke of Devonshire chapters of the I.O.D.E., Women's Institutes of Acton and Dublin, firefighters, the Citizens' Band, L.O.L. No. 467, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Y's Men's Club, Golden Age Club, the Friends in Deed and the clergy association.

Represented Sunday in the parade were the Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Lakeside I.O.D.E., firefighters and L.O.L.

The Scouts, Guides, Brownies and Beavers did not parade as they usually do, but there were six cubs with two leaders marching.

The attendance was the lowest since the program began over 20 years ago.

6, 7, 8

Last week's Free Press reported grades seven and eight would be transferred to the new middle school. Wrong: it's grades six, seven and eight.



PARADE ENTERS Fairview cemetery grounds, all flags flying, Sunday afternoon. Both parade and attendance were the smallest since the inauguration of the program over 20 years ago.

## Teenagers help nab hit-and-run suspect

Six observant teenagers from the Nassagaweya area of Milton have been credited by the Ontario Provincial Police with aiding in the arrest of a hit-and-run suspect Saturday night.

Constable Jim Redpath of Milton OPP said Monday the

incident occurred on 20 Sideroad at 8 p.m. when a long stake-truck smashed into a hydro pole.

Trucker flees  
The trucker left the scene, leaving area residents without electric power.

Constable Redpath, the investigating officer, said he had only a basic description of the wanted truck until he came across the half-dozen male teenagers on the Guelph Line.

Describe vehicle  
The officer said the young-

sters explained that a truck, answering the description, had gone by shortly before, and gave police more details on the vehicle.

Constable Redpath radioed ahead to the OPP detachments in Burlington and Waterdown, and the truck and its 28-year-old male driver were apprehended near Waterdown.

A Waterdown trucker has been charged with failing to remain at the scene of an accident and careless driving.

## Charges are laid

Two charges of assault and two of failing to appear were laid against a young Acton man June 4. He was taken to jail and bail hearing was Tuesday.

### Charged

An Acton man and a district man were charged with being in possession of marijuana Sunday. The district man was also charged with driving while disqualified.

The AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP meets at The Acton "Y" on Mondays at 8 p.m. Information 853-3310 After Hours 853-2504

## Advertisements out for co-ordinator

Halton Hills Recreation Director Glen Gray does not expect the position of recreation co-ordinator for wards one and two to stay vacant long.

John Cooper held that position until yesterday when he left for a similar job with the city of Brampton.

Mr. Gray said advertisements for the job had been placed in local newspapers and in brochures put out by the Ministry of Culture and Recreation. He also pointed out that people applying for the same job in wards three and four a few months ago

would still be looking for employment. Recreation co-ordinator position for wards three and four was open for several weeks after Mr. Gray had been promoted to recreation director when Doug Col-

lison left. Miss Karen King was hired for the co-ordinator's job just a few weeks ago. She was one of several applications.

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## New middle school ..

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Mr. Craig thought there was no chance of bussing policy changing since the board must restrain spending.

One parent commented he thinks children are spoiled these days; it's not that far. Others agreed the youngsters would get used to the walk in a week.

**Lunch hour**  
Other questions concerned lunch hour. Some parents preferred such young children home at noon; teachers felt the children would soon rather stay at school where there are sports and planned activities.

Area superintendent Don Gentlemen said he expected children would be allowed to eat their lunches in the school gym, with supervision.

It is expected the new principal and vice-principal would be named in January 1977. There is no name for the

new middle school.

**Take advantage**  
Dean Fink said a middle school takes advantage of facilities and organization. He referred to science labs, home ec, art, music, industrial arts and the gym as areas that will be used effectively for the three grades.

The "special needs and interests" of that age group will be noted; school spirit will be aroused. There will likely be three open areas and some closed areas; students would not spend all their time in either type of classroom. Some pupils and some teachers work better in one or the other, and this will be flexible. "People learn in different ways."

Transition from public to high school has sometimes been a problem. The middle school will be a "different kind of world."

## Car rolls, takes fire toppled hydro lines

A car was completely destroyed by fire Monday night when it rolled over on the Fourth Line at 17 Sideroad after striking a hydro pole. Driver Cheryl Reed, Raylawn Cres., Georgetown, and a passenger escaped without injury.

Power lines were knocked down in the incident and the

hydro pole broken. Damage to the car was estimated at \$2,000.

The car was travelling southbound when it went out of control on loose gravel, mounted the embankment and hit the pole, rolling over.

Georgetown firefighters were called.

## Coat stolen from car

An Acton man reported his parked car hit by another vehicle which left the scene. Police soon arrested and charged a Kitchener man. The incident occurred Sunday.

The parked car, owned by Gordon Dawe, Mowbray Pl., had about \$1,000 damage and the other car the same.

## False fire alarm

A false alarm Sunday afternoon has Acton volunteer firefighters a little more than upset.

The men were gathering on Fellow St. for the annual Decoration Day parade when their personal pages signalled there was a fire.

According to fire chief Mick Holmes, all but a handful of firefighters raced to the firehall and responded to the call, which was supposedly a car fire in Limehouse. A trip to that village soon revealed there was no fire.

Mr. Holmes says that the volunteers felt sure someone deliberately put in the false alarm to spoil the parade.

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