

## Brief cites tradition records of principals

The brief presented by the Acton delegation to the Board of Education reads as follows:  
 "Re: Name of the Acton Middle School  
 "In September, 1977 the third elementary public school will be opened to serve the Acton community. This new middle school, which will occupy the existing Acton High School building, has yet to be named and it is in this matter that we wish to address the board with our proposal.  
 "A tradition has developed in Acton in the naming of its schools after former educa-

tional leaders in the community.  
 "Robert Little Public School, the older of the two elementary Acton schools, bears the name of the man who served as principal of Acton Public School from 1863 to 1872 and who was the first inspector of schools in Halton County, from 1872 to 1885.  
 "In 1957 a second elementary school was opened in Acton and named M. Z. Bennett Public School after Miss Minnie Z. Bennett who had served as principal of Acton Public School from 1920 to 1939 when she retired.  
 "We submit that in the

naming of the new Acton Middle School, there is an opportunity to continue the tradition of recognizing former educational leaders in the Acton community by naming it the McKenzie-Smith Middle School.  
 "Garnet W. McKenzie and W. D. Elmer Smith worked a combined total of eighty-two years as teachers and principals, sixty-five of which were spent in Acton schools where it is estimated they provided education for approximately 3500 students.  
 "Until 1957 both men were on the staff of Acton Public School, Mr. McKenzie as principal and Mr. Smith as vice-principal. During the war years, while Mr. McKenzie served in the Royal Canadian Air Force, Mr. Smith was principal of Acton Public School. When, in 1957, M. Z. Bennett Public School was opened, Mr. Smith was appointed to the principal's position of it.  
 "In 1973 both Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Smith retired from their principalships. Tragically, Mr. Smith lived to enjoy his retirement for only four months. Mr. McKenzie on the other hand has enjoyed his retirement from his educational responsibilities and continues to be active in the field of municipal politics serving as both an area and regional councillor for Ward 1 of Halton Hills.  
 "While both Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Smith were dedicated teachers and principals they were in addition dedicated citizens who gave unreservedly of their time and talents in service to their community.  
 "In the light of the remarkable record of service of Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Smith and in continuing tradition to which we have referred, we respectfully request that The Halton Board of Education name the new Acton Middle School the McKenzie-Smith Middle School.  
 Sincerely,  
 (Mrs.) Kathy Sanford  
 (On behalf of over 400 interested citizens)"

## \$6,000 increase in town grants

A maximum of \$23,000 for community grants this year was recommended by Halton Hills finance, administration committee, Monday night.  
 This is an increase from \$17,000 actually spent last year.  
 Each individual grant request will be considered at budget time and the maximum amount may not be used.  
 Councillor Pat Patterson said the budget should not be raised one dollar.  
 Councillor Walter Biehn said the committee had just added \$6,000 to the projected budget, and pointed out if everybody did that, the tax rate would jump.  
 Groups receiving grants last year were: Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band, \$850, asking \$1000 this year; Acton Citizens' Band \$4,860 last year, asking same this year; North Halton Contact Centre \$2,500 last year, asking same this year; Acton Agricultural Society \$700 last year, asking \$1,200 this year; Georgetown Agricultural Society \$450 last year, no amount stated this year; Halton Agricultural Society \$100 last year asking same this year; Canadian Mental Health Ontario \$35 last year, asking same this year; Acton Community Services Centre \$3,000 last year, asking \$5,687 this year; Town's share of Ballinacree community Centre costs \$400 last year, asking \$150 this year.  
 Other miscellaneous grants last year amounted to \$3,809.  
 Requests made this year for the first time are \$200 to the Credit Valley Artisans; \$475 to the Georgetown Choral Society; \$4,092 to Halton Helping Hands; \$160 to Royal Canadian Air Cadets; \$25 to Norval Community Group; \$300 for recognition night for residents' achievements; \$190 for crests for the Acton Centennial Atom Hockey Tournament; \$425 for crests for the Kinsmen Bantam Hockey Tournament; \$25 to Optimists to cover use of the park for fireworks.  
 Biehn questioned the \$5,687 for Acton Community Services.  
 Councillor Peter Marks said it is financed 40 per cent by the Region of Halton, 40 per cent by Halton Hills, and

20 per cent by the residents of Acton by public campaign.  
 Councillor Pat Patterson queried the Halton Helping Hands request for \$4,092.  
 Both said they applied to the Region and had part of their budgeted amount approved. He pointed out in Burlington and Oakville the remainder is made up by the United Way. "Since we don't have that it has to come from the local area."  
 "You're asking the taxpayer to pay for it, when basically we don't have a United Way because of a conflict between the north and south," commented Patterson.  
 Marks said that is not the reason the north is not in the United Way. He claimed the northern area receives services from agencies in the south sometimes funded by the United Way. He said frequently Halton Helping Hands takes care of citizens in this area. "For every dollar spent on these kinds of services, we get back an untold number of volunteer hours."  
 A request for a grant from the University Women's Club to partially cover the cost of a project not yet named this year brought surprised reaction from Biehn. "If we give them why not some other group?" he asked.  
 The treasurer explained there was a grant of \$200 made last year to cover an appearance of a symphony orchestra in a music appreciation night, aimed at children.  
 He said a grant of \$100 made last year to the Centennial School St. John Ambulance team to travel to a competition may have been a one-shot deal.

**Motorcycle accident**  
 Spring weather brought out the motorcycles last Thursday and one consequence was the first motorcycle accident of the year. David Morris, 113 Elizabeth St., Acton, was the driver of a motorcycle which was involved in a collision with James Rivett, Eramosa, on Main St. in front of the Dominion Hotel. \$400 damage was done to the bike and no damage was done to the car.



WORKERS AT DISSTON plant watched as Acton firefighters put up their ladder so they could dislodge soot which was clogging an exhaust pipe Wednesday. Clogged pipe set off the fire alarm.

## Strict rules for municipal arms

The complete town of Halton Hills municipal arms has strictly limited use, according to rules of heraldry.  
 In a report on the subject by Clerk Administrator Doug Pritchard points out the municipal arms, which includes the mural crown, the shield and the motto, may only be used on the mayor's chain of office, the corporate seal, identification of the municipal headquarters where the council chamber is located, official notices, office stationery, council's gavel, blazer badges on jackets used by members of council, department heads and deputy department heads, and gifts for V.I.P.'s, but not on wearing apparel, other than jewellery.  
 The Shield alone is limited to gifts to visiting dignitaries as recognition, display plaques, and silver dishes, and other items that may not be worn.  
 Retiring municipal employees who have held ap-

pointed office may have the shield on items listed above, but may also have them on cuff links, brooches, lapel pins, etc.  
 The municipal badge is for the ordinary folk, and can be used by anyone, sports groups, and service clubs or can be sold to the general public in any form of jewellery.  
 Halton Regional Council will be asked to provide \$115,000 in the capital budget for 1977 to cover costs of land acquisition and the construction of an addition to police headquarters to facilitate the new communications system.  
 Council's administration committee was advised that the new communication system would come as close as possible to eliminating "blind spots" in the region.

**Dangerous**  
 Neighbours were concerned about children venturing out onto Fairy Lake this past week.

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