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Canadian-owned as possibly can. There are, however, parts of the machine he cannot purchase in Conada and has to get from the United States.' But for the most part, he says, it is a Canadian machine.

Ont. scholar changed

Being an Ontario Scholar isn't the honor it once was, according to Halton Hills' Trustees Don Long and Bert

Hinton. graduates at Acton and Georgetown High Schools, 31 were Ontario scholars. Over 21 per cent of the graduates had 80 per cent or better.

Provincially the number of Ontario Scholars has been on the increase since 1967. In 1967, 9.7 per cent of Ontario grade 13 grads were Ontario Scholars and that figure leaped to 18 per cent in 1972 and jumped to 26 per cent in

The number of Ontario Scholars has been steadily rising ever since standard province wide exams for grade 13 students disappeared in 1967.

Long said the whole purpose of Ontario scholars is to outstanding recognize scholastic ability but with watered down standards now too many students receive the

He believes instead of the top 20 per cent or more students being Ontario Scholars only the top five or ten per cent should be given the award and \$100 that goes with it.

Long suggests instead of 80 per cent the minimum standard for an Ontario Scholar should be 90 or 95 per cent.

He says from his own personal observations the top five per cent of the student body is smarter today than it ever was but the others are no better or worse than previous graduating classes.

Long noted with students having so many subject options today and few · mandatory courses it is much easier to get high marks since a pupil who isn't doing well in a subject drops it.

Hinton says the rising number of Ontario scholars is the result of "watered down" standards in education.

He says what was once an honor can now be achieved by virtually "everybody and his brother."

"There are so many Ontario Scholars now what does it mean anymore?" Hinton wondered, adding it seems to be an easy way to win \$100.

"The high number tarnishes what used to be a real accomplishment."

He wonders how many grade 13 pupils in Halton Hills could get 80 per cent if they had to write provincial exams and suggests it would be far fewer than the 31 at Georgetown High School and six at Acton High School this

Hinton says standards are so variable and poor now that nobody knows what real scholastic ability is any more.

"This is just one of my concerns. I want to see the education system, parents and students made more accountable to the tax paying public for the quality of education."

He believes all students in high school should be writing final exams which account for at least 50 per cent of a student's final grade. Hinton also thinks the standards used in Halton should be the same as those used in Thunder Bay, "Portability" of standards is essential to employers and post secondary school institutions trying to evaluate applicants.

He thinks the Ministry of Education should be setting province-wide standards.

Mishap in pool lot

An accident in the parking lot by Acton Lions' Pool resulted in a total of \$500 to two vehicles Thursday afternoon. Police estimate \$200 in damages to the vehicle driven by Armanada Arenas of 7

Kingham Rd. The vehicle owned by Austin Peter Murphy of Smiths Falls received the balance of damage, according to police. Police also say the Murphy vehicle was parked.

centrating sales area", he says, meaning Ontario and neighboring provinces, he does have hopes of international and

selling his machines over-

There is only one vehicle of this type in existence, and it was made in the Acton Steel building. This demonstrator cost \$85,000 to build and is at present on the road giving demonstrations. He is aiming his market at the regions and countries big enough to warrant a machine of its expense. Mr. Prucyk realizes it

they will get every cent back in saved manhours alone. Another small device is in the planning. This equipment can be installed on the back of Out of 169 grade 13 spring a pick up truck and does smaller jobs such as crosswalks, stop bars etc.

costs a lot, but wants his

potential clients to realize

vehicles and spent many, many months researching other equipment in Canada and the United States. However, it wasn't until February that he rented half the Acton busi Steel building and got pro-

duction underway. His staff was small but dedicated, he said. From February until completion date in June they had only one weekend off, and worked into the small hours of the morning, and then continued on to their regular jobs.

Owner of Acton Steel, Gus Bollert did all the welding and his father Joe Prucyk of R.R. I. Limehouse did all the plumbing. Both jobs, he said, required a lot of skill and patience. Nelson and Phil Barber did the odds and ends, which in itself was a full time job. Mr. Prucyk also pointed out there were two designer

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Mr. Prucyk designed both a great deal. There were also 501 various suppliers of items to go together to design and construct the machine. Mr. Prucyk himself has had

> many jobs in the construction ess. His latest venture was in partnership with a grading

Right now the president is out on the road promoting the concept. More machines will be made as orders come, and Roadline International Inc. is currently negotiating with New Brunswick and Durham

When discussing the price, which will vary between \$85,000 and \$100,000, Mr. Prucyk explained that every piece of equipment on the machine is the very best which can be bought. "We are keeping it at a reasonable level and giving a maximum machine for the money," he friends in Toronto who helped



MARK GRENIER (LEFT) and Albert Walker are the owners of Hornby Box and Pallet (Acton) Ltd., formerly Acton Wood Products on Main Street North.

New owners wood factory

Final papers to transfer ownership of a town wood products factory were signed Friday.

Hornby Box and Pallet (Acton) Ltd., replaces the former Acton Wood Products in 285 Main St. N. The new firm will produce crates, boxes and skids. The new owners are Mark Grenier of Hornby and Albert Walker of Orangeville.

Mr. Grenier has been in the wood products business for about seven years. He moved his operation here because the building and land were set up for the same type of business. The site covers five acres.

Mr. Grenier is trying to build up the business here. He said there are five employees in the plant, but hopefully the number will rise to 15 by the end of September.

Several windows in portable classrooms by Robert Little Public School were damaged during weekend.

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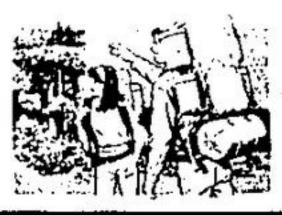
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