

Teachers combine to compose M-S staff

The teaching staff of the McKenzie-Smith Middle school is a combination of teachers from Robert Little and M.Z.B. Bennett schools.

Principal Gary Dawkins held the same post at M.Z. Bennett until last January when he was named principal of this new graded school. Since then he has been busy working out details of courses, staff, renovations, etc.

both R.L. and M.Z.B. last year, French: Helen Leousis, Brookville and Acton schools part time last year, two classes of grade 6 French; and Jean Dunlop, Learning Strategies Teacher (Remedial). She will be working at all three Acton elementary schools this year.

Rose Anne Littlefair is the school's secretary. There will be no recess at the middle school, something which will be new to some of the children. Also new to some of them will be the rotating classes, as students go from class to class for their various subjects.

Halton children have one day longer vacation

Halton school children had one day longer for summer vacation than most Canadian children, as teachers held their first of nine professional development days Tuesday (yesterday).

Staff meetings were held at all four Acton public schools, including the high school, with program planning and setting up of classrooms keeping them busy.

Last year, Halton schools had four professional development days in succession the first week of school, giving students an extra week longer than most.

The remaining eight P.D. days this year will be taken throughout the school year.

Principal pleased with enrolment

St. Joseph's separate school principal Sean Briggs is very pleased with enrolment at Acton's first Catholic school. It now stands at 115 pupils, but he hopes it will continue to rise.

Mr. Briggs will be teaching the grades 7 and 8 students in the mornings, but will be spared off during the afternoons by Rudy Lipp. Mr. Lipp teaches at Holy Cross school in Georgetown in the mornings, but will travel to Acton during his lunch break.

Mrs. Margaret Maronese will be teaching the kindergarten classes and will be teaching French to grades 6, 7 and 8. Grades 1 and 2 will be taught by Mrs. Joyce Munkacs, and Mrs. Margaret Graham will be teaching grades three and four. James McGeragie will be instructing students in grades 5 and 6.

The school, located in the old stone school house, will share some facilities with neighboring Robert Little. Separate school students will be using the Robert Little library and old students will use the gymnasium. They will also take recess and lunch at the same time, and will be sharing the Robert Little's playground.

Mr. Briggs also said he hopes that the students of both schools will intermix for house league games at lunch time.

There have also been arrangements made for the St. Joseph students to use the Scout Hall as a gym, assembly hall, etc.



SAVE FOR A FEW boxes, the art room at the McKenzie-Smith middle school is all ready for students. A kiln, left behind by the high school, construction paper and various other art supplies sit ready for use.

Enrolments down

Total enrolment in schools in Canada is expected to be down this year, according to Statistics Canada. But although enrolments are dropping, the costs continue to rise.

Statistics Canada says that last year it cost every adult and child in Canada an average of \$656 a year for education. Ontario's average cost per person was \$635 a year.

This year it will be even more.

Enrolment is expected to drop by 120,000 each year for the next two years. The post-

war baby boom is moving through the educational system and university enrolment will increase this year. University enrolment will drop in about a dozen years.

This year is expected to be the peak year for high school enrolments. Elementary school enrolment hit its peak in 1968.

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The Hamilton Automobile Club says that the beginning of school is an exciting time for most youngsters, and therefore, adults must be on the look out.

Children are active, inquisitive and never miss an

opportunity to explore something that interests them, to the point of distraction—even if it means venturing out onto the streets. North American Statistics show that nearly 50 per cent of all pedestrian accidents are accounted for by children under 15 years of age.

If students ride a school bus and the distance is not great, let them walk to the stop. Traffic hazards near schools

also multiply when children are dropped off and picked up in family cars.

As a motorist, drive with extra care whenever you see a school bus in front of you or coming towards you. Remember that if the bus flashes its red lights, traffic

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Interested parties who wish to participate in the discussions are cordially invited to attend.

Additional information may be obtained from the Regional Public Works office, telephone 878-5571, extension 207.

Mr. Garfield Brown, Clerk
The Regional Municipality of Halton,
3027 Harvester Road,
BURLINGTON, Ontario.

Robert Little staff remains the same

There will be no additions to the staff at Robert Little school, although several teachers have left to teach at the McKenzie-Smith Middle School.

Hazen Allen will continue his job as principal and Larry Ciglen will remain as vice-principal.

Teachers are: Carolyn Beavan, grade 3; Rosemary Black, kindergarten; Kandy Ciolek, grades 1 and 2; Rick Coe, grade 4; June Doherty, librarian; Ethel Gar-

diner, special learning disabilities.

Barb Holmes, grade 2; Mary Hurst, grade 2; Maureen Mellor, grade 1; Alice Minton, grade 1; Berna Ormsby, kindergarten; Joan Pearce, grade 1; Sharon Preston, grade 4; Shirley Scott, grade 5; Susan Sheehan, grade 5 and Mary Smith, grade 3.

Betty Ashley is the school's secretary and John Krul, Irene Balogh and Bill Withers are the custodians.

39 teachers ready for new school

There will be 39 teachers, including the principal and his vice-principal at Acton high school this year.

Dean Fink will maintain his post as principal and Lyn McLaren will be vice principal for the second year. Both will also teach a few classes a week.

Other teachers are: Bruce Andrews, Keith Black, Rick Boychuk, Wayne Bridle, Susan Burns, Mary-Louise Cayer, Nancy Clark and Bill Coats.

Paul Tamblin, Bill Taylor and Ruth Wilson.

Holding the fort in the various offices throughout the school are secretaries Betty Cole, Glenda Hughes, Audrey Pendleton, Joan Williamson and Sheila Wilson.

Beverly Law is the library technician, Val Walters is the nurse and Doug Price, a recruit from M.Z. Bennett school, is head caretaker.

One student day early

With Halton County schools opening a day later than most other communities, it was not surprising that somebody made a mistake.

One little lad went tearing over the bridge and up to the Robert Little school Tuesday morning, his lunch pail in his hand.

He was a day early, but staff members found him and made sure someone was at home when he returned.

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