

This week thru the lens



Lee Bradshaw puts the finishing touches on his bulletin board in his grade seven classroom at McKenzie-Smith school. Students may have just started school today (Wednesday), but teachers have been busy preparing themselves for the big day for the past few weeks.



Sue Burns (sitting) and Audrey Pendleton may be making a list and checking it twice, but they're not Santa's helpers. Burns is head of the student services at AHS while Pendleton is secretary of the same. They're checking the computerized timetable lists.



Ina Gibson (sitting) and Anne Usher look over some new textbooks they'll be handing out today. The two grade six teachers, who nicknamed themselves "the grouches" are at McKenzie-Smith Middle School.



Grade four students in Penny Carlos' class were greeted with a welcoming sign this morning at M.Z. Bennett school. The colorful sign makes going back to school a little more fun.



Teacher Cindy Blades looks forward to her first year instructing grade four pupils. She was busy cutting letters for a bulletin board last week, at M.Z. Bennett school.



Half-time Robert Little Public School kindergarten teacher Anne McIntyre dresses up the room for the arrival of new pupils. The kindergarten features new carpeting for youngsters to sit on; a new slnk and shelving plus eight-foot high bulletin boards and new furniture. Four other rooms in the school have new desks. The improvements also include a new piano and stalls in the boys' washrooms.

Councillors run again

All three of Acton's present councillors will be running in the November municipal election. Ward One regional councillor Ed Wood and both area councillors Terry Grubbe and Ross Knechtel revealed they will run again this year. Voters elect one person to sit on both regional and Halton Hills councils and also elect two additional people to sit on Halton Hills. All three are completing their freshman terms in politics. Wood was elected regional councillor in the 1978 vote and Knechtel earned his Halton Hills seat in the same march to the polls. Grubbe was elected in a by-election last October to fill the vacancy created by the death of Les Duby.

Region CAO replacement not expected soon

The vacancy left by retiring Regional Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid will probably not be filled for some months. Jack Charlton, Halton Centennial Manor Administrator, has been made the acting CAO until a full-time replacement can be found. Regional Administration and Finance Committee has decided to defer hiring a new CAO until its management study report is completed. This could take four or five months. Regional Personnel Director Dennis Camm had suggested three methods of conducting a CAO search, but it was decided it would be best to have the complete management report.

Hotel fire hearing set

A preliminary hearing for three Acton men accused of second degree murder is scheduled to start Monday in provincial court at Milton. The men, Cosimo Mercuri, Michael McCristall and Leonard Cripps, are accused in the Dominion Hotel fire death of Howard Gibbons in August 1979. Since January all three have been released from jail on bail. Halton Regional Police arrested the men just prior to the New Year. Gibbons, a resident of the hotel, died of asphyxiation during the August 19, 1979 fire which gutted the century old structure.

Salt, sand budget may be overspent

Haltion Public Works Department has already overspent its budget to date and there are no reserves to fall back on. Public Works Director Bob Moore told his committee the roads maintenance budget is 63 per cent spent while it should have only been 58 per cent spent by now. When it was suggested by the committee the department could fall

back on reserves, Mr. Moore said that "every dime" of the reserve had been taken away to help shore up the Region's attempts to make good its \$700,000 budget deficit. In addition, Mr. Moore warned there must be cutbacks and/or a reduction of current spending if there is going to be enough money to handle any snow or ice emergency between now and Jan. 1. "Our total winter control budget is expected to be underspent, although the sanding and salting portion of it will possibly be overspent, depending on the weather at the end of the year," he said. Mr. Moore said he is hoping against hope this winter will be as mild as last winter. Public Works Committee Chairman Ron Planché said he wanted to know if some money could be saved by reducing the amount of salting on roads. He said he thought he had been the "victim of something like a write-in campaign" in the winter of this year by residents complaining of too much salt. Mr. Moore said the amount of salt was not above average, however.

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Teachers vote on pact

Haltion's elementary school teachers will vote Friday on the terms of the new tentative contract agreement. Details of the pact will remain secret until after both sides have ratified it. Most of the region's 1,255 elementary school teachers learned of the contract's details today (Wednesday) during an afternoon meeting in Milton's Roma Hall. Halton Elementary Teacher Association (HETA) President Jerry Dunn said last week he hopes for 1,000 teachers to turn out for the information meeting. The Halton Board of Education and HETA ended eight-months of on-and-off negotiations August 19 with a provisional agreement. The teachers' ratification vote is expected to be followed by the board's ballot. Dunn noted that in the past recommendations from HETA's negotiating committee have been accepted by the teachers. The old-two year contract ran out in June. The board threatened, with a formal motion, to expose terms of the proposed contract if an agreement was not reached August 21. Neither side has released details of proposed agreements in earlier talks. More than 30 issues, including salaries, working conditions, lesson planning time and lunchtime supervision, were negotiated.

Firefighters air kitchen
Acton Firefighters checked and aired out the home at 170 York Rd. after a kitchen fire call Tuesday at lunch time. The fire was extinguished when the fire truck arrived. Firefighters were at the scene for about 25 minutes.

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