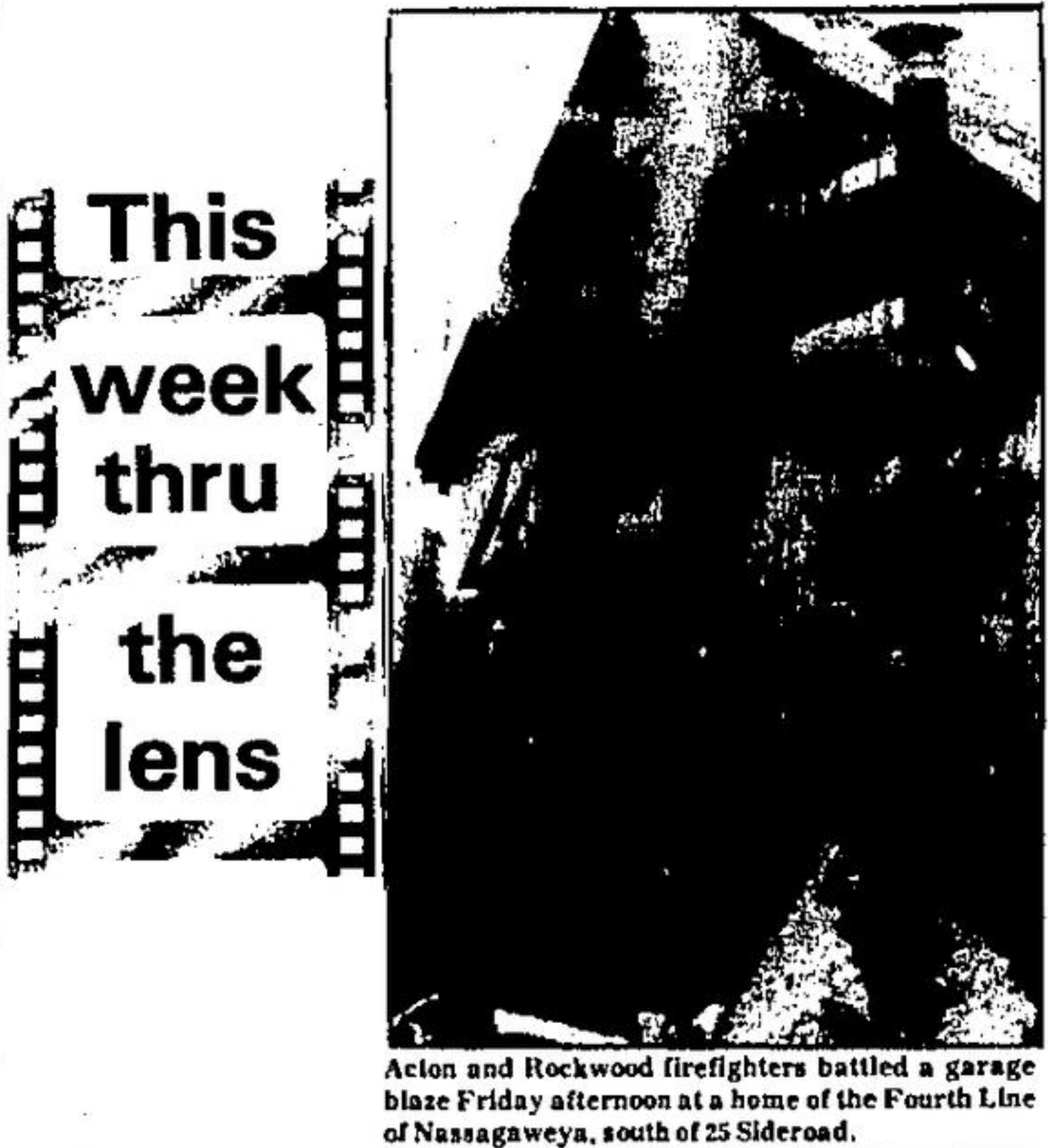




The Golden Age choir entertained their fellow seniors last Wednesday night at the group's annual Christmas party at Knox Presbyterian Church.



Kaye Rossell celebrated her 91st birthday Monday at her home on Willow Street.



Acton and Rockwood firefighters battled a garage blaze Friday afternoon at a home of the Fourth Line of Nassagaweya, south of 25 Sideroad.



Acton's Mr. Music, Ray Agnew, performed the Actario draw Saturday morning.



The rush is on at the Acton post office. With deadlines for Christmas mail this week, workers at the post office are putting in overtime sorting and sending. Janet Swackhamer, Vic Bristow and Joe Marie McAfee look over the many parcels the post office is handling.

Board predicts 441 fewer pupils

If Halton Board of Education projections pan out enrolment will decline by 441 students at seven Acton and area schools between now and 1985, likely resulting in teacher cuts.

In a report tabled Thursday board administrators envision enrolment declines at Acton High School as well as Brookville, Limehouse, McKenzie-Smith, Robert Little, Speyside and M.Z. Bennett schools in the first half of this decade.

The biggest drop will be at Acton High School where enrolment will drop by 191, from 771 this year to 580 in 1985.

Brookville will also suffer a large drop in student population, from 509 now to 369 in the next five years for a total enrolment decrease of 140 students.

The decline will be less pronounced at other area schools. There will be 52 fewer pupils at M. Z. Bennett in 1985 than there are now, enrolment will dip from 372 to 315. At McKenzie-Smith the number of students will drop 48, from 357 to 309.

Speyside has had enrolment problems for a few years now, the school was twinned with Robert Little a couple of years back, and between now and 1985 the student population will decline from 181 to 134, a drop of 27 students.

Limehouse has also had enrolment problems and was twinned with Joseph Gibbons in Georgetown. Enrolment there will slide from 156 to 138, a drop of 18.

Enrolment at Robert Little will slump slightly, from 423 to 404, a drop of 19.

Overall across North Halton, there will be a 328 student decline for elementary schools by 1985, the report predicts, while high school enrolment will drop 304.

Throughout Halton the number of elementary students is expected to drop from 28,454 to 25,799 and the number of high school students will slide from 18,574 to 15,444.

Five hurt in Sunday crash

Five people were sent to hospital after a three vehicle collision near Everton Sunday morning.

Bad weather Sunday caused a rash of accidents in rural areas.

According to Guelph OPP who investigated, a snowplow-sander driven north-east by Cecil Meredith tipped the door of a 73 Datsun driving south-west with Robert Clarke at the wheel. Little damage was done to the Clarke vehicle at that time, investigating officer, Constable Farthing, describes the Datsun door as "having the paint peeled off". Clarke stopped his car but was hit in the rear by the following vehicle, a Chev pickup, driven by John Vandervlugt, which came to a stop broadside in the road. It, in turn, was rammed by a 69 Pontiac driven by Randall Pemberton.

Clarke, his wife and two children, passengers in the car, and Vandervlugt, were taken to Guelph General Hospital suffering multiple lacerations and bruises. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke have been released, the Clarke children and Vandervlugt are expected to be released shortly. There was an estimated \$10,000 damage to the vehicles.

Gary Moodle suffered a lacerated nose when his 70 GMC pickup left the road early Sunday afternoon at the Eden Mills Road junction with Highway 7.

Guelph OPP say Moodle lost control of the vehicle on ice, hit a hydro pole, snapping it off. This was \$2,000 damage to the vehicle.

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Trustees vote themselves raise

Members of Halton Board of Education voted themselves a \$600 a year raise Thursday night.

The nine per cent annual pay boost was the first item of business dealt with by the new board.

Back in 1974 the province revised the pay scale for school boards and Halton public school trustees were eligible for up to \$7,200 a year. However, the next trustees raised their pay to just \$6,600 and haven't taken an increase since then.

Past board chairman Bill Herd, who proposed the \$600 a year pay hike at the final meeting of the outgoing board last month, said Thursday trustees held their pay \$600 below the maximum back in 1975 as a "symbolic gesture" towards financial restraint. Herd suggested the effect of this "symbolic gesture" has now been lost and Halton was the only Ontario board "out of step" in pay.

Another Oakville member, Trustee Len Auger, said if the board had any extra money to give trustees raises it should be spent in the schools to help parent volunteers to provide more for the students. Auger observed Halton has about 150 parent volunteers for every member of the board.

Considering the impact of inflation on the value of the dollar Bill Priestner said the \$6,600 a year wage set by the board in 1975 was now worth just \$4,151.

The increase in the honorarium wasn't large and was the first in five years for trustees Jackie Cutmore noted in supporting the raise.

There was nothing wrong with the raise, Trustee Anne Fairfield said, but she thought the timing, the first item of business of the new term, was poor. She suggested the board should have dealt with this matter a couple of months ago, before the November election.

New board chairman Bill Lawson with receive \$3,300 annually in addition to his \$7,200 honorarium for a total of \$10,500 a year.

Sprackman plaza hearing still on

The issue of a plaza on the east side of Acton is still slated to be settled by the Ontario Municipal Board.

Last Tuesday night Halton Hills planning board chairman Councillor Mike Armstrong said he had heard from developer Jerry Sprackman of Landawn Shopping Centres and the possibility of his dropping his case to the OMB was discussed. Armstrong said Sprackman had indicated he would contact Mayor Peter Pomeroy by Friday to inform the municipality if he was going to drop his appeal of the town's decision not to approve an official plan and zoning amendment for the plaza proposed for land south of Highway 7 and east of Churchill Rd.

The mayor is still waiting to hear Sprackman's decision.

Recently the Minister of Housing Claud Bennett referred the issue to the OMB. No date for a hearing has yet been set. Both the town and region requested the minister not refer the matter to the OMB, but Bennett rejected the suggestion.

The town and region solicitors have suggested the municipality have a marketing study deal with the need for a plaza here done by a consulting firm. Landawn has retained two firms for marketing studies in the past.

Council endorsed planner Mario Venditti's recommendation that the firm of Larry Smith and Associates be contacted to discuss the type of study the town needs and the costs involved.

Money has been budgeted for the study.

AHS band will be busy

Acton High School's band has a busy winter and spring ahead of them.

Last year the band hosted a band from Edmonton for a week and later travelled west for a week. They gave performances both in Acton and Edmonton.

Next year they won't travel as far, but will still be involved in a band exchange. In February the band will travel to Huntsville to play with that town's school band and then host them here for a joint concert in May.

The band will also perform a musical, Superman, in April.

Breast feeding year

1981 will be the year of the Breast Fed Child in Halton Hills. Monday night Halton Hills council passed the proclamation requested by La Leche League Monday.

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