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## Queen's Park slow with St. Joseph's

The wheels of government indeed move slowly.

There was a classic example of the incredible slowness of bureaucrats recently which will have a little impact on many, many Acton families.

In mid-August the provincial Ministry of Education received final designs for the new St. Joseph's School to be built on Mill St. West.

This of course wasn't the first time the people in charge of new school buildings had seen plans for the new separate school in Acton, in February of this year a floor plan and site plan were sent to the province for approval.

But it wasn't until early this month that the brass at Queen's Park called Halton separate school officials, including Trustee Irene McCauley, down to Toronto to have a meeting and ask their feelings about modular construction.

They could have asked about modular construction and heard the same local feelings back at the start of this year when the plans were on the drawing board for the first time.

The province would have been told then, as they have been told this month, that trustees and staff seriously looked at modular construction and rejected it feeling Acton's only Catholic school should be a completely permanent structure. Declining enrolment in some areas and increasing enrolment in others are the

reasons for modular construction schools, fluctuations which simply aren't going to happen in the years ahead at St. Joseph's.

This is the first time the issue of modular construction has been raised with local school board officials. The only direction they've previously received was a general type policy statement urging more use of modular construction.

Now, because the province didn't raise this issue with Halton's board months ago approval of the designs has been delayed, and thus the start of construction has been delayed.

However, to further point out how slowly government moves, after fully explaining their position on a modular school for Acton the local representatives were directed to submit a written explanation. This time-consuming extra step was completed by the next week, with no new reasons for the local decision being offered.

That was three weeks ago! The province hasn't approved or rejected the designs for the new St. Joseph's School. The next steps toward having the school built remain on hold.

Is it any wonder people have given up on government?

It took the province eight months to ask Halton about modular construction in Acton.

It has now taken another three weeks, and may take much longer, to decide if they agree with the answer or if they want the board to go back to square one with its plans.



## On the Leavell

With Helen

Neighbors of Mark and Louise Jones, parents of three-year-old Derek Jones who was tragically drowned last week, have collected over \$400 for the family.

500 Club winners this week are: 142 H. Townsley and 419 Eileen Molody.

Frank Freeman of R.R. 2 Acton called the Free Press to tell us about the Ontario Farm Vacations Association annual convention held recently for the third year in a row at Ballinacraigh Hall.

People came from as far east as Ottawa, as far west as Thunder Bay, and as far north of Cochrane, according to Mr. Freeman. Some 42 people were in attendance. Frank and his wife Lucinda were made honorary members as were Bob and Linda Cliphams, R.R. 2 Erin. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Steel, R.R. 3, Acton were also in attendance.

Remember Patricia Gwyer, one of the judges of the Miss Acton Fair contest in September? She's the one who got to sit beside Vic Cummings of Channel 11 television, he received most of the attention that evening. Well, it seems Pat, co-ordinator of the fashion technique and design program at Sheridan College, is one of the judges at the Miss Canada Pageant on Monday night.

Pat is in good company. Other judges are National Ballet of Canada star Karen Kain, International Canadian Film Actor John Vernon, courtier fashion designer Richard Robinson and fashion co-ordinator for Yorkdale Shopping Centre Norma Wildgoose.

Crowning Miss Canada 1982 will be Dominique Dufour, last year's winner, whose first personal appearance of her

year-long reign was in the Milton Santa Claus parade.

Over 40 people attended an Appreciation Night given recently at the Wooden Heart Restaurant in celebration of their first year in business.

Eva and Kenneth Jorgensen invited representatives from firms advertising on their menus in addition to regular customers. The hungry guests were treated to duck a l'orange and baked Alaska with all the trimmings.

Businesses represented were: Olde Hide House, Phylor Fashions, Emily's Natural Foods, Wilson Car Sales, Blue Springs Flower Shop, Lakeview Centre, Nielsen's Clothing, Maplelane Meats, Foodland, J-T Sports, Brandco Insulators and Speyside Autobody and Collision.

Hey parents! Are you getting tired of all the Professional Development Days for teachers, when you are stuck with the kids home for an extra day (usually it's a rainy day). Well, now it's your turn.

The Halton Council of Home and School Associations and its member associations are holding a Halton Parents' Professional Development Day on Saturday November 21, at which parents may learn first hand "Do you know how to influence decisions in education?"

Workshop sessions will deal with: The home and the school—grassroots involvement; the grassroots—organizing to get the job done; administrators and trustees—what is their role?; councils and boards—two way communication.

The workshops will be held at the Halton Board of Education Central Office, 2050 Guelph Line, Burlington, and director-designate W. Beevor will give the opening address.

A warm welcome is extended to everyone in Halton who is interested in examining the roles of parent groups, trustees, and administrators in influencing decisions in education.

Registration deadline is November 9. For further information contact Arlene Bruce at 853-1267.

Sincere get well wishes go out to Gail Thompson who has been a patient at Sunnybrook Hospital the past couple of

weeks. Gail's four month stint at the Free Press reception desk was cut short by two weeks and no one got a chance to say a proper goodbye to her. We'll all miss her and wish her well in the future, and at the same time hope she is feeling much better since her illness. She was a cheery addition to our office.

Gail replaced Carolyn Artem who was on maternity leave. Carolyn is now back answering phones and taking ads and looking forward to meeting all the customers after her four month absence.

Tom and Rene Watson were on a recent trip to their home in Nova Scotia, when they decided to stop in and visit former residents Flo and Louis Charlebois in New Brunswick.

Tom reports the couple were extremely busy with their new paint business, and had already made a lot of new friends. Flo and Louis are sorely missed in Acton as both were active in the community.

Don't forget Halloween is this Saturday night. Youngsters usually start knocking on doors between 6 and 8:30 p.m. so be prepared.

Also be ready to contribute something to the UNICEF boxes. Parents, please remember to make sure your child can see clearly out of his or her mask, and that costumes are light colored. Failing that, make sure there is a light colored tape on the back and front of the outfit!

Ted Tyler still has pups to give away. Remember last week I made an appeal to anyone who wants to own a cuddly puppy to contact Ted, who has plenty of them to give away. Well, he still has some left, and is desperate to get rid of them.

They aren't even his pups either. A stray dog made her home under an old car near his transport business property, and gave birth to 10 puppies. Ted and his staff have taken a personal interest in the little critters, and have managed to get rid of seven. But there are still more.

Youngster Bert Huisman celebrates his 30th birthday this Sunday. Happy birthday Bert!

Our favorite neighbor has for the past week-and-a-half been giving hubby Gord a hard time for turning 30 on October 18. Kept calling him an old man, and other such niceties. What he failed to say out loud is that he is only two weeks younger than Gord.

Actually, the only difference in the two is that with Bert's blonde hair the grey hairs don't show up as much.

**MEANDERINGS**  
by Mabel Barkman  
Quick Quiche

If you have all the ingredients for making your favorite quiche but feel making the pie-shell is a lot of trouble, make a quickie one.

Put a cup of flour with a pinch of salt and a teaspoon of baking powder in a bowl and add two tablespoons of shortening. Cut the shortening into the flour and add enough milk to make a ball which you dump into a pie plate with floured hands.

Shape it to fit the plate and then add your quiche ingredients. Slice tomatoes on the top at this time of year. Bake in oven about 350 degrees about half an hour and then shut off heat and leave in oven 10 or 15 minutes longer and you will be sure the custard part is set. I'm sure you will enjoy this tasty quiche and save yourself a lot of work.

## Our readers write

### Bankers not quite telling the truth reader charges

Dear Sir:  
I don't feel the Banks were quite telling the truth in their statements in the October 14 issue of the Free Press that no one was in danger of losing their homes.

I for one have been forced to put my house up for sale because of an increase from 11% per cent to 21 per cent. Even though my mortgage is with the

Permanent I approached my bank manager about a month ago and asked for assistance. His reply was, "do you have any rich relatives to help pay off your mortgage?"

I am sure there are some others in town who are in my position, but perhaps they are afraid to speak out.

A concerned homeowner,  
Harold Solowoniuk

### Santa's coming to town

Dear Sir:  
We would just like to remind everyone that the Santa Claus Parade sponsored by the Acton Y's Men will be held on November 28 at 1:30 p.m. from the McKenzie-Smith Middle School.

We are endeavouring to make this the biggest and best parade to date. So to make this possible we need as much participation as possible from the

businesses, service clubs, churches, school and children's groups.

So come on everybody, kick off the festive season by supporting the Acton Santa Claus Parade. Float entry forms can be obtained at the Y building.

Yours truly,  
B.W. Jones,  
Chairman Santa Claus Parade '81.

### Appreciate fair coverage

Dear Sir:  
The Directors of the Acton Agricultural Society have asked me to write to you, and thank the Acton Free Press and its staff for the help that was given during our 1981 Acton Fall Fair.

We appreciate the coverage that was given to us by the paper, and it all helps to make our fair what it is today.

Please offer our thanks to all from the Directors of the Acton Fall Fair Board,

and we hope that those of you who attended our fair, found it to be of interest and fun.

Once again I would like to thank all for whatever part that they had to make it turn out the way that it did.

Yours truly,  
John B. Rowe,  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Acton Agricultural Society

### Thanks for knitting

The following letter was submitted to The Acton Free Press for publication.

To the Acton Women's Auxillary:  
Dear Dear Ladies,  
A small note of sincere gratitude, for the time and thought, involved with the donation of the beautiful knitted work given to the ward.

The patients appreciate the warmth and colour your gifts so aptly supply. It is small thoughts like these, that help them to feel so much better, and bring

that important personal touch to a hospital stay.

So often there are people who work hard behind the scenes because they care, and never want or receive much gratitude for their efforts.

To you we say thank you for your thoughtfulness and hard work.

Sincerely,  
Nurses and Staff  
Wd. 395  
Oncology Unit  
Henderson General Hospital



## Outdoors

BY LORNE FLETCHER

Looks like Harry Otterbien and John Goy Sr. have won all the prizes for the best and most fish caught on a recent trip with nine other local fishermen to the Lake Superior wilderness area.

They have credit for 12 of the 30 Rainbow Trout landed by the party. Fishing was slow, hard and wet work due to plenty of rain and up to eight inches of snow.

It was no place for armchair fishermen.

Other participants in the trip to Wawa were Bill Cook, Keith Andrews, John Arnold, John McNabb, Steve Goy, John Goy Jr., Herb Dodds, George Cook and George

## Back issues

10 years ago

October 27, 1971

Probably the most surprised person in Halton West riding Thursday night was Minister of the Environment George Kerr. The whooping plurality he chalked up in defeating Liberal Bob McNutt and New Democrat Walter Mulkewich—16,000—was totally unexpected.

A Free Press survey of Acton industry conducted this week revealed that most have not yet experienced any adverse effects of President Nixon's levy of a 10 per cent surtax on imports to the United States. Of five industries contacted, only one, Keates Organs, related a loss of business.

Three Ontario Scholars, 32 grade 13 graduates and 84 grade 12 graduates were the centre of attention at Acton High School's commencement exercises Friday. Chris Brunelle was valedictorian.

20 years ago

October 26, 1961

Something must be done NOW. Public interest must be aroused, additional manpower acquired or the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Acton is doomed to fold.

Acton Home and School Association folded last week. The decision was reached when only 14 parents including executive members and teachers were present for the emergency meeting to decide the fate of the organization.

Les Duby gave the sermon during laymen's service at the church of St. Alban the Martyr Sunday morning. Vic Bristow sang the response, William Denny took the state prayers; Ernest Coker read the first lesson and Sam Snow the second lesson. The Rev. Donald West took the opening and the blessing at the end.

50 years ago

October 29, 1931

One day last week as Harold Robson was playing with some other lads on Brock Ave. near the bridge over the creek he came down the hill and slid beneath the guard rail and down to the edge of the creek, a drop of about 14 or 15 feet. Fortunately no bones were broken and beyond a severe shaking up he was not badly injured.

The seventh anniversary of the Acton United Church will be observed this Sunday with fitting services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. On this occasion Rev. I.M. Moyer of Hespeler a former pastor of the church here will be the special guest speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Davidson, and Wilmer and Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Vincent and Billie spent Sunday with friend in Toronto.

75 years ago

October 25, 1906

Work has been commenced at the new 138 foot chimney for Beardmore and Co.'s sole leather tannery. The brick work is 12 foot square at the base.

Mr. Samuel Laird was the first among the members of Acton Court, I.O.F., to attain the age where the claim for old age annuity matured. Mr. Laird reached his 70th year and is now entitled to receive \$100 per annum from the treasury of the Foresters.

Acton has the distinction of having the first circumcision performed here by a rabbi. About three weeks ago Ben Goldstein and family arrived here from Russia and the baby was born on Thanksgiving Day. Rabbi Soloway of Toronto performed the rite in the presence of Russian Jew residents and Canadian neighbors.

The Beardmore football team played in Toronto on Thanksgiving for a return game with the Beardmore team of that city. The score was tied 1-1.

The young men who practice speeding their saddle horses on Mill St. should go to the track in the park.

An old-fashioned spelling bee was held by the Epworth League. The word desecrate floored all but the preacher.

100 years ago

October 28, 1881

The statistics of our county jail show the number of prisoners in the goal during the year ended Oct. 1 was 131, 123 male, 8 female. 113 were reported intemperate. It cost an average of 7 1/2 cents a day for keeping each prisoner in the goal.

Mr. C.W. Hill, Photo Artist, was married to Emma, eldest daughter of Dr. McGarvin, both of this village.

A great many people complain that Thanksgiving was appointed at too early a date this year, and that farmers especially were unable to attend the church services, owing to the fact they were too busily engaged in taking in their roots.

During a fight at one of the hotels at Ospringe last Thursday, one of the men bit off the other's nose.

Owing to the bad roads, and being a very busy season for the farmers, the special services conducted by Rev. T.L. Wilkinson at Crewsons Corners have been discontinued for the present.