

Students drum up present for reunion time capsule

Jeanne Dixon, George Orwell and Jules Vern are renowned for their predictions of the future. In 20 years Acton High School students might also be praised for the prophecies they placed in a time capsule last week.

The capsule, one of two to be filled, is to be opened for the school's 25th reunion in the year 2001.

\$1,386 raised for Oates

In the past week the total amount of money raised for the widower and two children of murder victim Colleen Oates swelled to nearly \$1,400.

Lynda Ruse reports 28 deposits have been made to account number 4139089 at the Bank of Nova Scotia. Last week there was \$583 in the account and that figure has risen to \$826.30. The account will remain open for two more weeks.

In addition \$420 was raised in a canvass by two friends of the family and \$140 by the Mr. and Mrs. Bowling league.

Besides essays by the students on life in the future, they'll also find a Rubick's cube, essay on school life in 1981, a 10 year plan for the Halton Board of Education, report cards, a model of the space shuttle, an AIDS jacket, copies of several newspapers including this issue of the Free Press, salary schedules for teachers and support staff, a year book, catalogue, food prices and some games.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy put a town crest into the capsule.

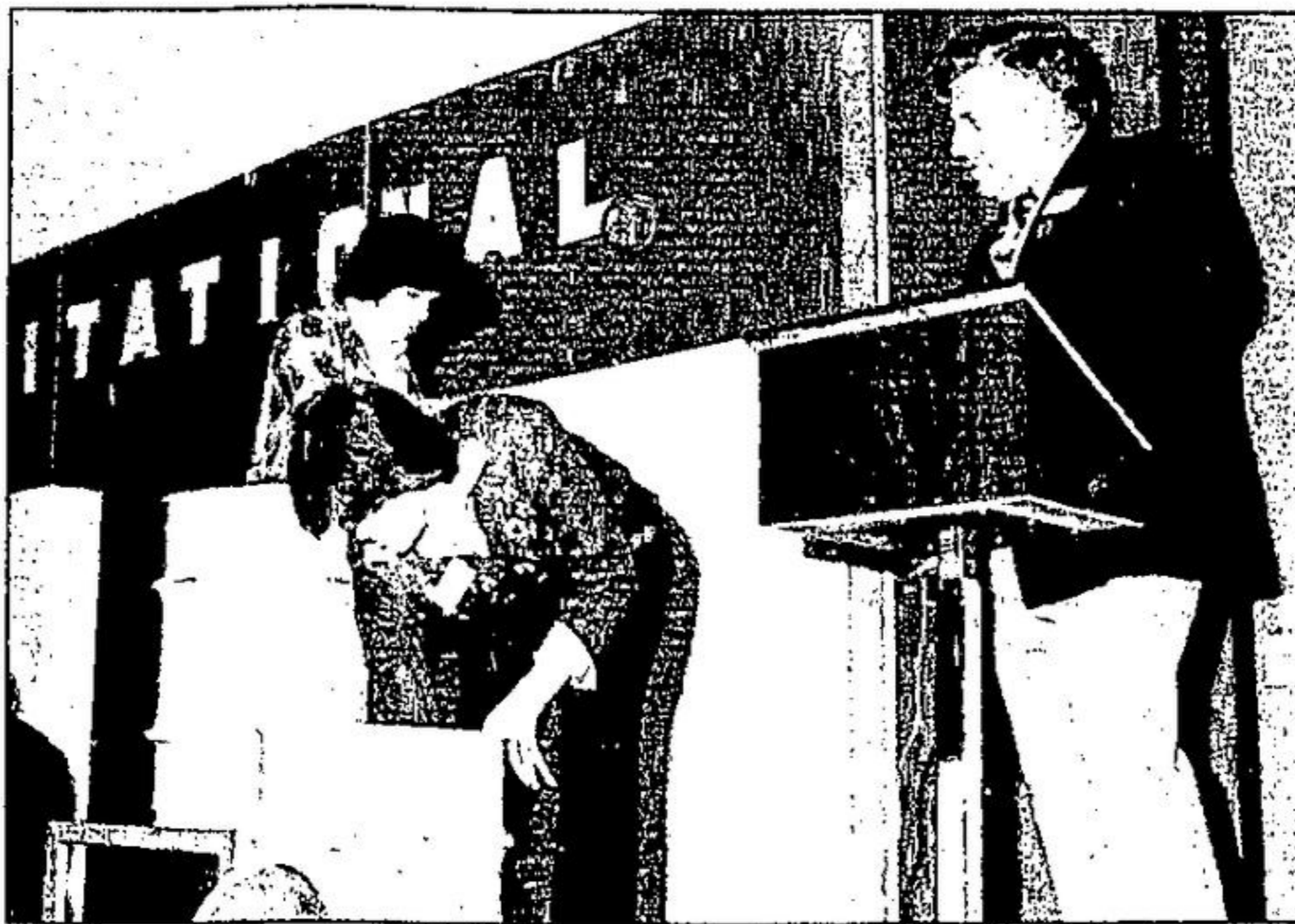
According to the organizer, Keith Black, the time capsule will be an interesting focus for the 25 year reunion at the school.

"It says something about our society, provides a conversation piece, adds human interest and was in the official plan of the school," said Black.

The school has two chlorine drums to be filled with articles and placed in an old phone booth in the school. One was filled by the students Friday, the other will hold artifacts donated by the community.

Black is encouraging anyone in the area to bring in artifacts for the time capsule. The two containers will be sealed behind the phone booth wall in early December.

"We're privileged to have such a beautiful facility. And, how can you have a reunion without some reason for coming," he added.



Keith Black (right) looks on while AHS student council president Laura Spadkin and vice-president Karen Kilner place some articles in the time capsules. The capsules will be sealed in the school and opened for the 25th anniversary in the year 2001.



Halton Hills' mayor Pete Pomeroy places a crest from the town in the time capsule.

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Six of the 157 deer killed during last week's four day hunt were killed by Acton and area residents. Shown here are, left to right, Doug Sheppard, RRI Acton; Wayne Sheppard, Terra Cotta; Bill Sheppard, Ransom St.; Mel Sheppard, Ransom St.; Ron Sheppard, Holmesway Place; and Lorne Saunders, RRI2 Acton.

The deer hunt kill was up from 129 last year with 700 licensed hunters to 157 this year with 900 licensed hunters and an extra day of hunting. The province wanted to see 180 deer killed during the four day Halton hunt.

Consultants' report for Leathertown

Town hall is not falling down, restoration \$130,000-\$160,000

After a brief study of the town hall a Woodstock consulting firm has concluded "it is not obvious that the building has to be torn down due to irreparable or insurmountable required repairs." This firm pegged restoration costs at \$130,000 to \$160,000.

R.M. Pow, consulting engineers spent about two hours last month examining the town hall and then researched the history of the hall and its role in the community to prepare a "brief overview of the condition of the facility, proposed uses and likely costs involved" for the Leathertown Association. This study was carried out while Leathertown was preparing a proposal to acquire the town hall for the community, but when the complete backing of the Restoration Committee and Actario wasn't secured Leathertown dropped its plan. The \$700 study is being paid for by Leathertown.

While the consultant says the building doesn't

have to be torn down before it falls down, they do express reservations about restoration.

They suggest, based on their brief look, that fur-



ther study and input is required to evaluate the need and uses for trying to save the building, such as the Kleinfeldt Group is doing now for Halton Hills.

"It would be our impression at this time that the expense is not justified based on potential costs involved, operating costs and the architecture, location and presentation of the town hall." The consultant also said they'd have to see evidence that community floor space is needed where the town hall is located.

"But, in any case, retention of this facility even with a revenue producing use will be more expensive than construction of a new facility."

"Renovating the exterior, renovating the interior for professional offices and renovating the second floor for community use will require a budget of \$130,000 to \$160,000 with \$20,000 per year operating budget plus considerations for rezoning and/or parking." Referring to an old study by Alan Zegan, Pow's report says unknown costs could be \$5,000 to \$25,000 or higher.

Pow suggested the firm doing the town hall study shouldn't be allowed to be involved as consultant for potential construction or renovation work "to ensure a completely unbiased report on the advisability of renovating or tearing down the structure."

"The architecture and location of the town hall is not one of the more attractive older buildings which we are observing being restored for these reasons. The removal of the rear portion of the town hall and the abutting fire hall together with the "side street" location of this hall are negative aspects for incurring considerable costs to renovate and restore."

"Certainly, if the town hall was at a main intersection of the downtown area or at the centre of a T intersection of one of the busier streets and if the hall was of a more attractive architecture and placed on a larger lot which would lend itself to attractive landscaping, then restoration might be indicated. In this particular case, restoration of the building is going to be almost hidden, requiring

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Trio fined \$1,000 for assaulting cop

Three Acton youths were fined a total of \$1,000 in Milton Provincial Court Thursday after being convicted on charges stemming from the assault of a Halton Regional Police officer in July.

John Mervin Nasset was fined \$500 while both Richard Turkosz and Tracy Maria Wood were fined \$250. All three have 90 days to pay the penalties or else go to jail. Failure to pay the fine would land Nasset behind bars for 50 days and Turkosz and Wood 25 days apiece.

Nasset pleaded guilty to assault while resisting arrest and Wood and Turkosz both pleaded guilty to obstructing police. Charges of causing a disturbance against Nasset, common assault against Turkosz and assaulting police against Wood, were dropped.

Outlining the evidence of Judge William Sharpe, Assistant Crown Attorney Mark Adamson said on July 15 around 7:50 p.m. Constable Donald Cousens was on Mill St. East in Acton on routine patrol when Nasset, who was intoxicated, shouted profanities at the officer. Cousens advised Nasset go home for his own safety.

A short time later the officer again observed Nasset and the accused again shouted obscenities. Nasset became louder and violent with Cousens and was informed he was under arrest for causing a disturbance.

He swung his fists at the officer who needed help from civilian bystanders to get the suspect under control.

The court was told Turkosz was also on the scene and came to the aid of his friend who was being arrested. He tried to interfere with the officer by grabbing Cousens around the neck from behind.

Wood was also there and got involved in the "mele". Adamson said, by striking Cousens on the right side of his face, bruising the officer and giving him a bloody nose, as well as kicking the policeman.

Defence lawyer Gerald Punnett said Nasset admitted resisting arrest but denied shouting the obscenities at the officer which were read by the crown into evidence. He agreed the evidence against Turkosz was substantially correct and noted

Wood did strike the officer, but he wasn't aware she kicked Cousens.

In discussing sentencing Adamson told the court that Nasset is a local "troublemaker" and reviewed his previous record of driving offences.

He said he wasn't pushing for a jail sentence, feeling the ends of justice would be served by stiff fines.



Bob McClure and Paula Ruppert were the commencement valedictorians. More on page 5.

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There have been few claims for damages from Acton's brown-yellow water. Details on page B4.

Halton Hills is looking at new soccer and ball fields for Acton. More on page B4.

Olto Jelinek is demanding help for homeowners in the budget. See page B6.

Plans for downtown Acton's new look have been completed. Turn to page 2.

The Rockwood and Oustic CWL celebrated its 25th anniversary last week. More on page 8.



Hugh O'Rourke and the Citizens' Band lead the Remembrance Day parade. More on Remembrance Day on pages 3 and B9.

Missing boy is found

A ten-year-old boy missing from his Ospringle foster home for five days has been found.

The boy disappeared after school last Wednesday and was found Sunday in Burlington, Halton Children's Aid spokesperson Theresa Palomo said.

Identified only as Derek by the CAS, his des-

cription: four feet, five inches tall, weighing about 60 pounds, blue eyes, bright red hair and protruding teeth, was publicized and a citizen informed police he saw him in Burlington.

He ran away with a 12-year-old friend who has a history of running away. Derek has returned to his Ospringle foster home.

Council decide town hall fate by December 19

Halton Hills council will decide what to do about the Acton town hall by December 19.

Restoration of the town hall has been pending for several years now but Councillors Terry Grubbe and Harry Levy told 11 interested citizens at a public meeting last Wednesday night that council will make a final decision on the fate of the building within 11 days after receiving the final report from the Kleinfeldt Group which is looking at the structural soundness and feasibility of using the town hall as a community centre.

There were as many councillors, municipal staff and members of the consultant's study team on hand for the first of two public meetings as there were interested citizens present. The second public meeting will be held November 23.

Actario chairman Ted Tyler noted there are three options the town can follow which will result in

restoration. One is to use municipal and community funds along with provincial grants to fix up the building as a community centre. The other two proposals involve selling the building to Leathertown Association or leasing it to the Restoration Committee and Actario. He said he didn't feel the town hall's fate should be left hanging much longer.

Levy reported a final decision must be made by December 19 and Grubbe noted council must follow one of two forks in the road on the town hall issue before the end of the year. One fork is to rent or sell the building to a community group and the other is to try and secure government grants to restore it. The deadline for the town finalizing an application for Wintario grant is the end of this year. She added the consultants are aware of the Leathertown and Restoration Committee-Actario proposals.