

St. Joseph's moves lock, stock and barrel

Moving an entire school is not an easy task, but one that St. Joseph's principal Fred Springer is getting used to.

Acton's newest separate school opened its doors today (Wednesday) to at least 231 students, with an additional 15 forecasted by the end of the week. Workmen doing last minute things will still be around, and not everything will be in its proper place, but basically the school will be ready to go.

Springer explained the teachers packed up all their books and teaching paraphernalia in June at the old school beside Robert Little public school on School Lane. The cartons sat there awaiting the move until last week, when board personnel took the equipment to the new school on Mill St., beside the Legion.

Teachers were not allowed in until Monday, Springer said. All the desks and boxes were placed in the gym and moved to the various classrooms in the latter part of last week and early this week. By last Friday, everything had been cleared from the School Lane building and was in the new structure.



Unpacking the hordes of boxes at St. Joseph's separate school kept principal Fred Springer busy all last week.

Of all the principals, Springer spent the entire summer in Acton preparing for the new school and the move. With the exception of two weeks he spent teaching a course, Rental trucks helped the board personnel do the move.



Ken Ellis, head of learning Resources at Acton High School shows his assistant Judy Auty some forms.



Math and drama teacher Bonnie McDougall fixes a stapler as she readies for her high school students.



Linda Richardson prepares for her grade one students at M.Z. Bennett.



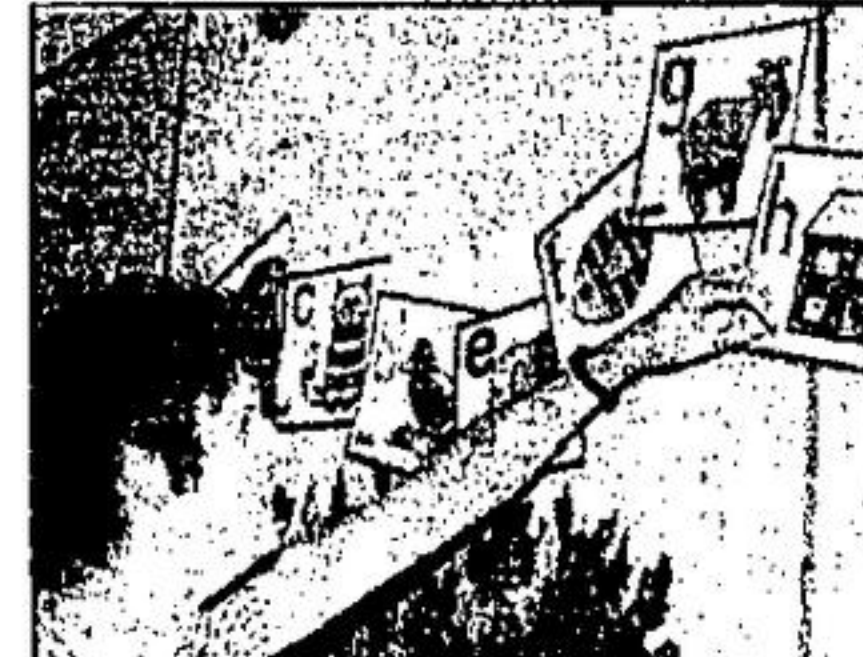
Jeannette Paquette, special education teacher at Robert Little school coated papers before the children arrived.



Anne Usher was moving furniture around for her grade 8 McKenzie-Smith students.



Brookville Public School grade five teacher George Straw says he's just about ready for day one of the new school year.



Robert Little kindergarten teacher Maureen Hyde gaily decorated her walls.



Dave Mashiter, grade four and music teacher at M.Z. Bennett school, prepared for school with the help of the copying machine.



Speyde Public School grade five teacher Rick Coe is ready for the first day of the new school year.



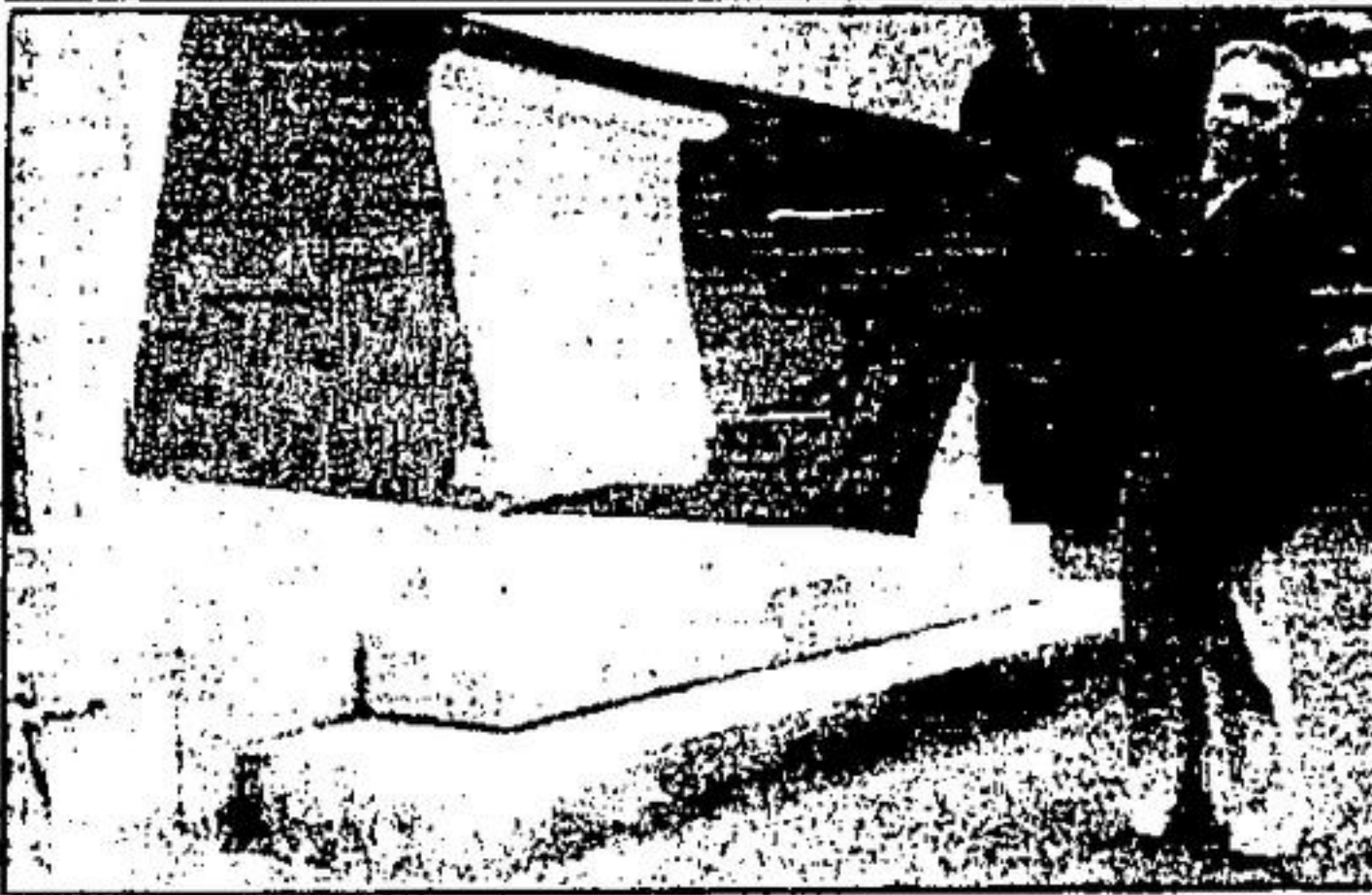
Larry Humphrey, special education teacher at Limehouse Public School says he's ready for opening day of the new school year.

This week thru the lens

School is back

The teachers are ready, but are the kids?

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Vic Bristow was on hand at the cenotaph last Wednesday for the raising of the CNIB flag. September is CNIB month.

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