

**Robert Little School Reorganizes Classes**

The steadily expanding population in Acton has resulted in the reorganization of classes at the Robert Little Public School.

Principal Hazen Allan says that in February alone 20 new pupils enrolled at the school, most of them coming from new homes in the Kingham Hill estates development on the west side of town.

School enrolment has increased from 585 in Sept. to 630, he noted.

In response to the extra enrolment the school has instituted an extra class and cut back on the time spent on specialized programs, he said.

He explained that vice principal Barbara Rennie has assumed new teaching duties to help the school cope with the extra children.

The new class started is mixed grade 3 and 4 group, now under the instruction of a former grade 6 teacher.

Her former class has now gone onto a rotation system, receiving instruction in different subjects from different teachers.

"We're snug," Mr. Allen commented, "but we'll be able to hold out with our real stress until the end of the year."

An anticipated further enrolment increase for next year will require additional space and staff, Mr. Allen believes. He said the school will rent portable classrooms to provide the additional space.

**LEEWAYS**

**Plastic Garbage Cans And A Council Change**

By David Lees

It's not a s though those old green garbage cans are my most treasured possessions, but on chill winter mornings looking at their badly located sides, at their bottoms caved in... well, it is a moving experience.

Frank Morette, head of the Halton Hills works department says that plastic garbage cans aren't worth a whole lot more than the stuff that goes inside of them, and after going through three pairs during the winter I believe it. Still, I wonder if the garbage crews couldn't be just a wee bit more gentle.

Frist of all, I blamed the neighborhood kids. Then when the second set was destroyed it was the wind, and maybe the help of a transport truck. The thinking was like this. Wind blows can onto street, truck goes over can, can is destroyed. It seemed the only rational explanation of the condition of the things.

The other morning I saw it for myself, a downfield running pass, from garbage to sidewalk. The plastic can made it well into the end zone and had the scars to show for it.

"Ah ha," thought I. "Regional government strikes again."

Well, that's not the way of it. Mr. Morette says the trucks may come from Georgetown, but the crews are the same old fellows that have always attacked the garbage around here.

It's the cans themselves he says.

"The changes in the weather do it," he explained, "When its warmer and then turns frigid you just bump them once and you have a crack in them."

The obvious solution is steel containers, but I've seen samples of those on the street too. The shiny silver sides were no more, instead they were masses of concave, convex humps and bumps and wrinkles. Still, they were all in one piece.

Cast iron might be the answer though.

**SIGNIFICANT CHANGE**

Halton Hills Council changed its ways Monday, and the adjustment to the agenda is a significant and important one.

Committee reports submitted to council will now be heard in the open. So far, Halton Hills Councils has studied, altered and even eliminated recommendations from its committee during a regular held in camera session of committee of the whole lasting a half an hour before each meeting.

That session was eliminated Monday.

Douglas Pritchard, clerk administrator makes it very clear that the council reserves the right to withdraw into a committee of the whole session during the course of the meeting. That means the press may be thrown out at any time.

The principle is acceptable, if it is employed with prudence. There are matters dealt with more efficiently in private, even more sensibly. Personnel matters should not be heard publicly, at least the part where individuals are being considered.

It isn't necessary to know who got the job. Personal feelings are important, and they should be considered.

It isn't necessary that the press sit in on land negotiations. The public has a right to know that the decision to buy land has been made, and it should know approximately how much it will pay for that land but the premature disclosure of just where that land might be can run up the price considerably.

On those matters the council has a right to its closed session, but so far this year committee of the whole meetings have served to cover councillors who take what they think will be popular stands, each council meeting has begun with a list, read at a staccato rate by Mr. Pritchard, of the committee recommendations, identified by number, that are to be deleted. No explanation is offered merely the statement that those recommendations are no more.

That attitude has undermined the principles of democratic government in Halton Hills. If a stand is unpopular, by definition it is a stand the public would oppose.

The purpose of local councillors is to represent the wishes of the electorate. If the people don't like the stand taken by a politician he should consider changing that stand, not seeking a way to express it behind their backs.

Council may have recognized that in the procedural amendment. Whatever its reasons, it is to be congratulated.

**LIMEHOUSE**

**Cubs Learn Survival From Acton Resident**

The cubs had an interesting meeting recently when William Colton from Acton came to tell the boys how to live and survive in the wilderness. His talk was well illustrated and the boys enjoyed it.

Three more boys have just been invested - Warren Somers, Geoff Creaghan and Chris Stansbury. Mr. and Mrs. Somers and daughter Elaine, Mrs. Creaghan and Mrs. Stansbury were present and took part by putting the new scarves on the boys. Coffee was served after.

Gordon Thompson has been presented with his red, green and blue stars as well as his woodsman badge - well done, Gordon.

John Klooster received his 3rd year service bar, Akela Steve Thompson his 4th year service bar and Raksha Elaine Hannah her 1st year bar. On February 17, 16 cubs and their 4 leaders left the Scout hut at 10:30 for a hike up the 5th line, across the Bruce Trail to the 7th line where they had lunch by the only reservoir. Then they followed the 7th line through the bush behind Caselman Pools and back to the Scout hut along the 22nd sideroad. It was sunny and cold and the boys had fun although one leader and one boy had to leave after 2 miles because of illness. The hike was 6 miles long.

Last Sunday, 13 boys and three leaders attended the special church service held in Holy Cross Church in Georgetown for all brownies, guides, cubs and scouts in North Halton District. This is an annual event held at the end of Scout Guide week and it also coincides with the birthday of the founder of the Scouting movement, Baden-Powell.

**HALTON HILLS POPULATION**

SO WHAT'S THE POPULATION? (Herald Photo)

A new sign on Highway 24 designates Acton as part of the New Town of Halton Hills

The group committee held their February euchre in the hall on Feb. 15 and had eight tables in play. The ladies high was won by Marjorie Thomson and the mens high by Gerry Ward. There was a three-way tie for the low prize so a draw was held from the three names and the winner was Bev. Banish. Lunch was served following the completion of play.

Oldtimers here will be interested that Mrs. Ed Wilson, mother of Teddy who attended Gibraltar School, passed away recently. She had been hospitalized nearly six months. Partially crippled from a stroke, Mr. Wilson is with Teddy and family at London.

Mrs. Johnson of Kenabek, who moved from here nearly 39 years ago, called on Mr. and Mrs. Noble and Mrs. Mitchell a week ago. She was with her daughter and son-in-law from Waubashene.

but what's the population? Perhaps Halton Hills council does not want a population given until after the interim tax report comes out.

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**Nine Month Sentence**

A former Acton man was sentenced to nine months imprisonment, definite, 24 months probation, less a day and to three years probation, at Milton Provincial Court.

As well, Ralph Kelly, 30, formerly of Moira Street in Acton was sentenced additionally to nine months imprisonment to be served concurrent to that sentence.

**Two Teachers Resign Posts**

Two teachers at the Robert Little Public school have announced their resignations, effective in June.

Jane Gamble will retire at that time. Principal Hazen Allen noted "Mrs. Gamble has had a long and highly successful teaching career, most of it in the Robert Little Public School."

Another teacher, Sandra Andress will accompany her husband to Waterloo. Ray Andress, formerly of the Acton OPP has accepted assumed duties with the Waterloo Regional police force, while Mrs. Andress has accepted a position with the Waterloo board of education, to begin in September.

**No Charges Laid**

No charges were laid following a vehicle accident at the Churchill Street apartments.

Acton OPP Corporal Robert Arbour explained, "there were no drivers."

A parked car owned by John Sample of 128 Churchill Street rolled without its driver into another vehicle owned by Frank Van Land of Burlington. The van Land car sustained \$50 damages.

**Impaired Driving**

An Acton man has been charged with impaired driving and with hit and run following a mishap at the intersection of Church and Main Streets.

Charged is Joseph Tarr, 52, of Longfield Road in Acton. Another car involved in the incident is owned by Fred Salt, of Crescent Street, but was driven by Florence Fryer also of Acton. Damages in the mishap totalled \$175.

**Another Day Off**

Public school students here will get another day off March 12, when school is recessed to allow for a teachers professional activity day.

Half of the day will be devoted to parent teacher interviews, while the morning will be used for teacher discussion of new teaching programs and materials.

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