

# Earning graduation diploma was fun, valedictorian says

Earning a graduation diploma at Acton high school was fun, class valedictorian Andy Thomson told 122 graduates and about 350 proud parents and friends at the school's 1976 commencement exercises Friday.

"But fun's not something that's given to you," said Thomson in an entertaining address with a light-hearted touch that tickled graduates and teachers alike, as he reviewed highlights of the academic careers of the class of '76. "You have to get it on your own."

The graduates began their last official day at high school with a banquet at the Royal

Canadian Legion after which they moved to the high school auditorium for the presentations of secondary school diplomas, scholarships, bursaries and awards.

Principal Dean Fink told The Herald that community colleges took many of last year's graduates and that "a very significant percentage" of the class of '76 were heading for community colleges.

"They're really up about it," Fink said in contrast with the university-bound graduates "who feel so anonymous."

Although next year Acton high school will move into new quarters on Churchill Boulevard, the present Grade 13

class may graduate from the school they've known, Fink said. "If that is their wish, I can foresee no problem," he said.

Among 33 awards to graduates were two to commemorate John McHugh Jr. and Kevin Broostad who died with five others in a head-on collision March 6th.

The first recipient of The John McHugh Jr. Memorial Outers Award, valued at \$100, was Carol Buchanan. Carol McKenzie received the Broostad Memorial Art Award which is a keepsake and the inscribing of her name on a plaque to be displayed at the school.



Andy Thomson, Acton high school valedictorian.

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School trustee Tom Watson presents a Province of Ontario Scholarship to Nancy Shorthill at Acton high school's 1976 commencement exercises Friday. There were 122 graduates.

## Tractor - Trailer tips over, damage estimated at \$600

A tractor-trailer tipped over on the Fourth Line half a mile south of 22 Sideroad after it stopped with its right wheels on the shoulder, police said.

The incident happened after the truck re-entered the south-bound lane on the road, which was being graded, police said. Estimated damage to the tractor trailer, driven by

Mississauga trucker Michael West, was \$600. Damage to a mail box owned by George Book, L21 C4, was \$25.

Queen Street and Churchill Road was the scene of an accident Oct. 19 when a car driven by George Robert Paul, 242 Mill St., collided with one driven by James Morrison, L27 C1, Esqueping Township, police said. Estimated damages were \$400 to each vehicle.

## Adler seminar planned by two AHS teachers

Two Acton high school teachers who plan to form an Alfred Adler Institute in Guelph are organizing a day-long seminar for parents and teachers throughout Halton to learn parenting skills, marriage arrangements and other aspects of living as seen through that psychologist's viewpoint.

The seminar is Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the University of Guelph. For more information call either Sue Burns or Brian Skerritt at Acton high school.

Mrs. Burns, who said that Adler's teachings are beginning to replace those of Sigmund Freud, remarked: "Thank goodness."

**GRADE SEPARATION**  
A \$3 million grade separation is in the works for Bronte Road just south of the Q.E.W. Regional council will be responsible for only a portion of the cost since the Canadian Transport Commission will provide a rail crossing subsidy.

## Engineering started on Wallace Street

The consulting engineering firm of R.V. Anderson will be hired to design Wallace Street even though it may be some time before the road can be completed.

Town engineer Robert Austin told the works committee the intent is to make Wallace Street a "highway-type road" with an asphalt surface passable 12 months of the year requires "substantial maintenance", he said.

Having a design allows the town to acquire property needed at both ends of the roads, Austin said. The proposed design would exceed ministry of transport and communication standards where the road intersects with Main Street N. (Hwy. 25), he said.

Bids for construction of the two ends of the road could be called about February 1977, and work begun in April, he said. He estimated that the entire construction of Wallace Street "may cost \$100,000."

Even if the entire road isn't done next year, "at least we've got the engineering done," he said. "We can do the road in the middle later."

Coun. Joe Hurst who agreed with Coun. Ern Hyde that complete construction next year may be "premature," said that truck traffic would have to be kept off Bower Street or it would be damaged. Truck traffic presently detouring on Bower Street may not necessarily return to Mill Street after it has been reconstructed, he said.

And trucks which run on Highways 24 and 25 now will use Wallace Street as soon as it is constructed, Hurst said. This will increase problems of turning left and right at the intersection of Wallace Street and Main Street near the railway tracks, he said.

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