

Remember when: Shoemakers retire, J.K. dropped

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This is the second installment of the Acton people and events encountered in 1995.

July

TALKS BREAK DOWN OVER PARKETTE: The Acton BIA discontinues talks with Toronto lawyer Ted Rachlin, over donating the parkette and adjoining property at Mill and Main Streets. Rachlin had expressed an interest in donating the land as a memorial to his father, Ben Rachlin, the original owner and former mayor of Acton. Problems arose after the land was appraised at \$48,500 by the Region and at \$100,000 by a firm Rachlin hired.

JOB BANK A SUCCESS: Actonites looking for work find a useful resource at the library. The Canada Employment Centre's Job Bank kiosk has close to 300 uses in its first six weeks of operation. The Job Bank allows job hunters to do a self-service job search either locally, in the surrounding region or across Canada.

SCHOOL BOARD ACCEPTS TENDER FOR LINK: The Halton Board of Education narrowly accepts a tender to link M.Z.Bennett and McKenzie-Smith schools. The construction bid accepted was more than \$26,000 over the \$500,000 budgeted for the project, and brought criticism from some school trustees, who argued the Board had higher priorities than the linkage.

HIGH BACTERIA COUNT AT BEACH: The new beach at Prospect Park is found to far exceed accepted levels of E.coli bacteria. Counts of 240 at the beach behind the boathouse, were much higher than the standard of 100 E.coli per 100 mL sample of water. The large number of geese and other birds in the area may be the explanation.

August

NEW ROTARY PRESIDENT LOOKS FOR FEMALE MEMBERS: Peter Van Dam says getting female members involved with the Rotary Club is his top priority as president of the club. The new president's other objectives include streamlining meetings to get club business done more quickly.

LEATHERTOWN FESTIVAL BEST EVER: The fourth annual Leathertown Festival shines as the most successful to date, with close to 6,000 people visiting Mill Street, which was closed to traffic. The Festival attracted 35 crafters, 14 community groups and 12 merchants.

GNOMES CONGREGATE ON PORCH OF HOME: Six gnomes, a birdbath, a deer flower pot, a butterfly and two wooden geese cutouts are left on the front porch of Valerie Mahon's Cobblehill Road home. Mahon found the "gifts" after returning from a holiday. Her daughter, Charlotte, suspected some friends had gone "gnoming" and left their bounty as a welcoming party.

SHOEMAKERS SELL FUNERAL HOME: After 40 years of running the Shoemaker Funeral Home, Bruce and Rhoda Shoemaker sell the home to Trillium Funeral Services. The 60-hour work week was starting to get tiresome for Shoemaker, who said selling the business was a clear break for him with no misgivings.

September

50 YEARS FOR LEGION LADIES: The Legion Branch 197 Ladies Auxiliary celebrate their 50th anniversary. Membership was once restricted to women whose husbands, fathers or grandfathers were serving as soldiers overseas in the First World War, but is now open to anyone.

82ND FALL FAIR PROFITABLE: The annual Fall Fair brings thousands of people to Prospect Park to take part in the midway rides, the crazy canoe relay race, the lawn and garden tractor pull and much more! Acton High student Jamie Davis, 17, is crowned Acton Ambassador, as her mother had been 22 years earlier.

ARENA LAND DEAL COMPLETE: Town Council approves

the by-law authorizing staff to close the deal to buy eight acres of land for the new Acton east arena. The Town will pay \$160,000 to Rinada Limited for the land on the north side of Hwy. 7, east of Churchill Road.

MOM WINS BUS BATTLE: Acton's Bev Bailie persuades Halton Board of Education officials her home is more than one kilometre from Robert Little school, giving her children the right to free bussing. The Board had measured the distance as .93 km, but then discovered it had misjudged where the school property line was. The new distance was just over one kilometre.

October

FIGURE SKATER KEVIN PARKER DIES: Celebrated former Acton figure skater Kevin Parker dies at the age of 34. Parker was a star in the popular Icecapades show for eight years and was a role model for young skaters in the area.

JOAN WALDIE HONOURED: Acton's Joan Waldie receives public praise and thanks at a Town Council meeting, where she was honoured with a Provincial Seniors' Achievement Award and a plaque from the Town. Waldie's achievements include her work with Acton Foodshare, seniors and local churches. Councillor Gerald Rennie describes Waldie as, "Acton's Mother Theresa."

COUNCILLOR ROBSON DIES: Ward 2 Councillor Bill Robson collapses and dies of a

heart attack during a Regional Council meeting. Town Council held a memorial service for Robson, where Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson praised him as being a strong representative for the rural community.

GARDINER ELECTED TO SCHOOL BOARD: Ethel Gardiner easily wins the Halton Board of Education's election for Ward 1 and 2 trustee. The race attracted eight candidates for the job. Gardiner's votes tallied up to more than double the amount received by her closest competition.

November

SCHOOL BOARD DROPS J.K.: The controversial Junior Kindergarten program is dropped from all Halton schools, effective at the end of the 1995-96 school year. The program was forced to start in January 1995 by the NDP government but was deemed too costly to continue under the present Tory government.

SCHOOL NAME CHOSEN:

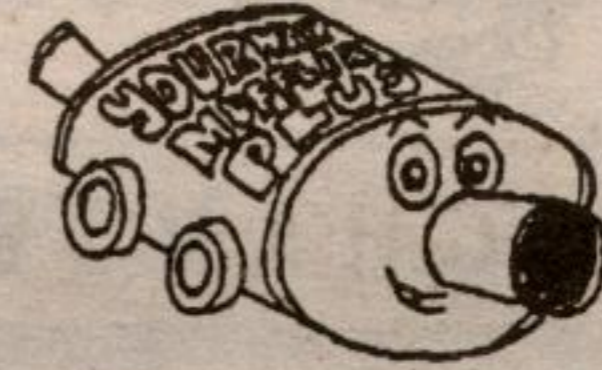
After much debate, the new name for the linked McKenzie-Smith and M.Z.Bennett schools is chosen as McKenzie-Smith Bennett. A survey distributed by Milton Trustee Tim Kingsbury resulted in 42.8 per cent in favour of this name. Other names suggested had included Acton Public School, Bennett-McKenzie-Smith, Sir Donald Mann, Gary Dawkins and Thomas T. Moore.

ACTON DEVELOPERS IN AGREEMENT: Developers in Acton agree to a reduced development surcharge to help pay for development-related water and sewer servicing upgrades. It was a major issue delaying housing development and the plans for a new arena in Acton east.

TOWN GETS NEW SLOGAN: In an effort to portray Halton Hills' personality, character and corporate identity, the slogan, "Working Together...Working for You" is chosen. Town Council approves setting up a committee

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