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Water Heater Tanks Discussed By Public Utilities Commission

Water heating tanks provided the major subject of discussion at a short regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission last week when members reviewed problems relating to purchasing, inspection, installation and charge rating for these domestic water heaters.

Early in Thursday night's session the commission noted the type of heating tanks being installed in new homes at the Glenlea subdivision are so wired that they cannot be eligible for flat rate. It was agreed the building at the subdivision should be notified of this.

Considerable time was used in discussion of a replacement order for the water heaters damaged in the recent hydro shop fire. This involved into an examination of heater types which could be installed to draw power on the flat rate when the wiring does not conform with local requirements for this charge rate. Other types, it was suggested, could be unlawfully tampered with.

Consider Roof Damage
Discussion continued on this and other related matters. Finally, the commission agreed to buy six new water heaters—21 tanks were damaged in the fire.

Hydro superintendent D. Mason reported repairs at the hydro shop are progressing. There is still some question, he indicated, about insurance settlement on the meter testing board.

Commission members considered the suggestion that the shop roof is faulty as a result of fire and heat damage. There is no way of ascertaining this, it was pointed out, until spring.

The hydro superintendent also told of arrangements for the conversion of the town's transformers to 50 cycles. He asked for approval to begin purchase of new transformers necessary. He was given authority to buy six new transformers.

Dramatic Action Urged
Waterworks superintendent J. Lambert reported some trouble with the disposal plant's airator time clock which would require inspection by conversion technicians. He also reported back holidays owing A. Duby and himself were cleared off.

Reservation arrangements at a Toronto hotel for the forthcoming O.M.E.A. convention were briefly discussed earlier in the meeting. At the close members gave renewed attention to outstanding power bill accounts. It was agreed drastic action should be taken on these overdue bills. Secretary J. McGeechie was given commission support to put off the power of these in arrears. Any complaints or argument as a result of such action should be referred to the commission as a body, it was emphasized.

The following regular accounts were ordered paid:

Waterworks Accounts	
Bell Telephone Co.	\$13.50
Acton P.U.C. Hydro	215.83
Thompson's Fuel Serv.	36.82
Don Schroeder, mdse.	6.50
Gordon's Hdwe., mdse.	9.36
Total	\$282.01

Hydro Accounts	
Bell Telephone Co.	\$40.95
Petty cash, exp. trans.	32.23
Watson Dairy Bar, lunch.	2.45
Toth's Garage, acct.	21.15
H. G. Barlow, supp.	2.18
Ellis and Howard, fuses.	39.78
Grand and Toy Ltd., cards	2.16
Fitzner-Bowen, acct.	4.00
Micro Plastics Ltd., hose	2.38
Williams Supply Co., mdse.	115.25
H.E.P.C. of Ont., Jan. power consumption	10510.16
Supreme Power Supp., transformer	322.00
Sangamo Ltd., mdse.	359.00
Federal Wire and Cable	147.98
J. B. Kearney, mdse.	24.90
Can. Line Materials, mdse.	254.07
Packard Elec., mdse.	469.68
Elec. Meter re new meters	18.00
Total	\$12,368.52

At the last session of the night school, classes adjourned for refreshments and presentations.

May Abandon Tree Splintered Home

The 10-foot tree which crashed onto a Campbellville home, smashing it to splinters Tuesday day of last week, was finally completely removed from the shattered house on Wednesday (yesterday). Mr. and Mrs. William Turner, who were in their home when the terrifying incident happened, are still living with their daughter in the village. The house may be abandoned altogether, it is rumored.

Cubs, Scouts Hoist Six Tons of Paper

Over six-tons of paper—12,600 pounds—was hoisted by Acton Cubs and Scouts into waiting trucks last Saturday in the first paper drive for some time. Over 30 boys helped the leaders in the day-long drive in which they completely canvassed the town.

By 3 p.m. all the papers and magazines were loaded into a transport truck and taken to Guelph. Seven boys and leaders went with the paper on the final lap of the day's work.

Lowered prices for scrap paper had made the regular paper drive unprofitable but now a favorable price has been obtained by the local group again, and the collections will resume regularly. There will be another in two months.

Lorne Scots Band Plays at H. and S.

A concert by the Lorne Scots Band highlighted the monthly meeting of the Public School Home and School Association on Monday. C. Taylor presided over a short business session which was followed by the most entertaining concert given by the Lorne Scots Band under its conductor, A. Perrott.

The program ranged from light opera to the very modern. This Old House, and during the evening the band played a selection of best loved Harry Lauder songs. The audience was asked to name as many as they could. Mrs. Ian Ross and Mrs. Bill Wilson tied for first place, naming six each.

Bob Parker, a very witty M.C., hit on a wonderful idea to break the tie. Each lady in turn conducted the band, playing Blaze-away. This provided a most amusing interlude. Neither lady knew how to stop the band from playing once they got them started. Mrs. Wilson was declared the winner by a narrow margin but Mr. Perrott has no fears of losing his job.

A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by a lunch served by Mrs. Leatherland and her committee.

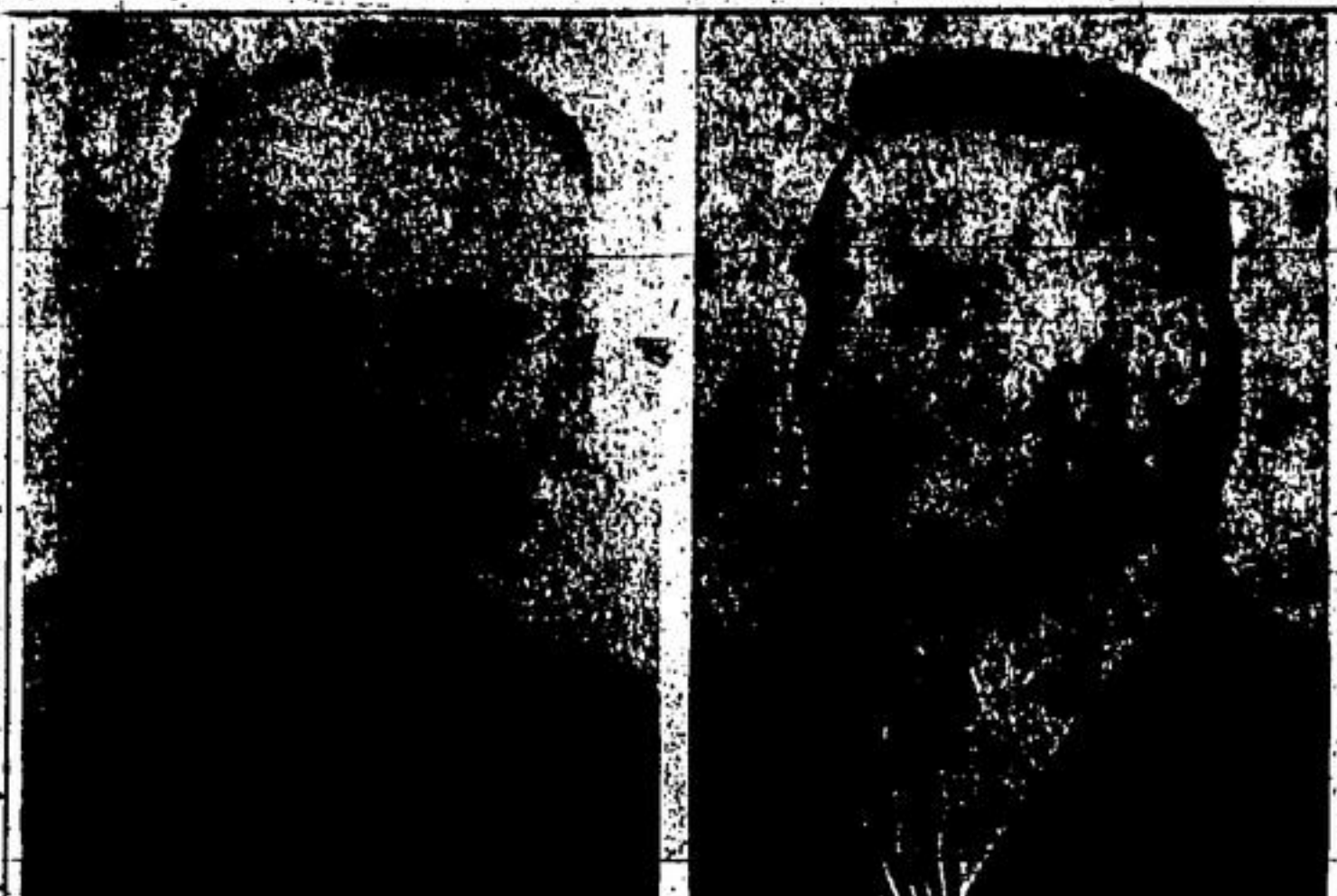
\$21 was collected for the piano fund, which now stands at \$468.

Smash Car, Trucks In Road Mishaps

Two accidents involving over \$1,000 damage were this week reported on No. 7 Highway east of here by district police.

Sunday evening, east of the fourth line, a car driven by A. McKay, Silvercreek, went out of control and crashed into a telephone pole when the driver claimed he was blinded by the lights of an approaching car. Damage amounted to about \$200. The driver was uninjured.

Monday morning, near Silvercreek, a truck driven by Roger Clark, Toronto, collided with a second truck driven by Stanley Lyon, Georgetown, on the hill. Damage was about \$800 to the first vehicle and about \$10 to the second.



ACTON ROTARY CLUB this week joined thousands of other member clubs of Rotary International throughout the world to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Rotary movement. One of Canada's foremost Rotarians, J. A. Caulder, left, was the guest speaker at Tuesday night's Golden Anniversary dinner here. Local club president is Art Padbury, right.

Rotary 50th Anniversary Celebrated by Acton Club

The history and role of Rotary since four businessmen gathered in a tiny Chicago office 50 years ago this week was recounted in enthusiastic terms by one of Canada's foremost Rotarians, J. A. Caulder, at the Golden Anniversary dinner gathering of the Acton club here Tuesday evening.

Mr. Caulder, Toronto executive with a large dairy company and holder at various times of many local, national and international Rotary posts, referred to his personal acquaintance with Paul Harris, founder of Rotary, and other men who formed the nucleus group of office-rotating club members half a century ago.

From the desire of these men to provide a highly-ethical business group, the speaker told how this developed into first a national spread of affiliation in 1910 to international scope with organization of similar clubs in Canada and Great Britain the following year. In succeeding years outgrowth of the Rotary movement spread to other countries, a common constitution was drawn up and "Rotary International" came into being, he recalled.

Service Biggest Factor
In addition to tracing the pertinent history of Rotary, Mr. Caulder told this audience of Rotarians and guests how, in addition to effecting an ethical code in business practices, Rotary has given rise to many works and movements which support worthy causes. Service, he emphasized, is the biggest single factor in the function of the Rotary movement and its effect on individual businessmen and in promoting international goodwill. Rotary's greatest claim behind worldwide recognition.

Mr. Caulder was introduced by anniversary chairman F. L. Wright and thanked by A. Long. Mr. Wright also introduced several other guests present for the jubilee dinner.

Rotary president A. Padbury welcomed guests from Orangeville and Georgetown. He noted that Georgetown will shortly hold its charter meeting.

Several musical selections were played by a trio, R. Braids, L. Du-bay and G. Rose, before the guest speaker. A song was led by W. Woodburn with T. Hansen at the piano.

Inside This Issue

The Golden Anniversary of its founding is being celebrated this week by thousands of members clubs of Rotary International throughout the world. Acton Rotary club is this week joining in the celebration.

In recognition of the Rotary movement and as part of the 50th anniversary observance here, the Free Press has devoted full page to the history of Rotary, particularly the local club. This interesting feature will be found on Page Nine.

No. 3 Well Blows in

Another Gas Strike in Esqueving

A second natural gas strike in Esqueving township was reported this week by Acton oil and gas explorer Tony Seynuck, who last October sank an 1800-foot shaft south of the Speyside sideroad and gauged, according to drillers' testing at the time, over 700 pounds of rock pressure and metered a flow of 6,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

The latest strike on the same property but about half a mile east of the first well, came Monday after drilling foreman Earl Sherk reached a depth of 1833 feet. While no testings have been made on this well, rock pressure and gas flow was compared favorably with the October strike.

The original well on this property, owned by A. McDonald,

Georgetown, and under lease to Mr. Seynuck, now tests between 800 and 900 pounds of rock pressure. Tony Seynuck, who last October sank an 1800-foot shaft south of the Speyside sideroad and gauged, according to drillers' testing at the time, over 700 pounds of rock pressure and metered a flow of 6,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

No definite test has been made on the latest well, which is actually No. 3 well. Last summer, near 6,000 cubic feet of natural gas, was struck by Mr. Seynuck. Following this operation he moved into Esqueving township and struck gas on No. 2 well early in October.

Mr. Seynuck reported following his latest strike that a company, Anthony Gas and Oil Exploration Limited, has been formed with officers from the district as well as outside this area. No shares will

Seek Glenlea Agreement to Develop Rest of Subdivision

Initial 10 Houses Near Completion

An agreement to provide for development of the remaining lands in the 200-lot Glenlea subdivision was sought by the builders, Thomas and Thomas, at a council Monday night when representatives of the subdivision asked when the town expected to begin installation of services to the 10 houses now nearly completed.

Last year an agreement was set to provide services in stages as development and construction progressed. Bunting out Monday night that a 14-day clause in this agreement put the onus on the town to begin water and sewer line work two weeks after a construction start on foundations, the builders noted this time has long lapsed. Sales are being affected, they claimed, because no occupancy date can be given, all contingent on installation of town services.

It was pointed out on council's part that the town could not begin work until the extension, by-law, now before the Municipal Department, is approved. It was further argued that depth of frost in the ground now would deter digging.

Sewer Trunks Enter
Council gave assurance, however, that work would begin as soon as possible. The subdivision then asked for preparation of an agreement to cover services to the remainder of the subdivision.

Clerk J. McGeechie warned that before any further development took place in this area council would have to take some sewer trunk considerations into account. In any event, he added, a plan for the remaining area would have to be produced by the builders before another agreement can be drawn up. This will be supplied shortly, the subdividers agreed.

Earlier in the meeting council was notified regarding the proposed stop lights for school crossing safety that a motion on the request would have to be supplied to the registrar of motor vehicles before further action can be taken.

A complete report on a 580-foot culvert to divert the creek at the school grounds was submitted by engineer Ross Simmons. The report (Continued on Page Five)

No Flying Saucer

But Strange Object From Sky Smacks Some of Outer Space

Some kind of ray-gun from outer space? A flying saucer? A non-existent but expensive toy?

When brothers Jack and Eugene Ferguson of R.R. 2, Rockwood, discovered a weirdly shaped contraption that had fallen to the ground near them, they didn't know what to make of it. The small, white plastic box, with a weapon-like muzzle filled with gauges and electrical equipment, was guided to the ground by a parachute tied to the box by a 30-foot long string. The mysterious parachute—obviously no child's toy—was three feet across.

Jack Ferguson was in Daymond's used car lot in Guelph, when he heard the contraption strike the ground. He discovered it first, and then his brother Eugene joined him in puzzling over the object.

They started sleuthing and immediately discovered a tag on the mystery object that it be mailed back to The Commanding Officer,

Lexington Signal Depot, Lexington, Kentucky.

Had it come all the way from Kentucky, the parachute blown by prevailing winds?

Further clue spotting revealed the facts of the case: the mystery box had been raised by a gas balloon (it was burst by them) by the Signal Corps of the United States army at Detroit for the purpose of obtaining weather information. Apparently the tiny, delicate instruments are attached to a radio transmitter which sends information on weather conditions at altitudes as high as 14 miles.

The "radiosonde modulator" as it was labelled, was released on February 21 at Detroit and discovered the same day.

The box with its long snout, looking just like an outer-space weapon from some comic strip, is in the Free Press window to baffled passers by.

Antics on Ice Provide Laughter Excitement During Booster Night

Hockey of all varieties and players of all ages were features of the Acton Minor Sports Association's Booster Night in the arena last Friday. A good crowd cheered the youngest puck handlers and laughed at the antics of the older pucksters during the evening's sports events.

In sharp contrast to the nonsense of the special hockey games and the intensity of the Minor League games, was the outstanding display of skating by stars of the Hamilton Skating club.

Tamara Halliday, the Niagara ladies' champion of 1952; Dianne Nicholson, senior pairs' champion of 1954; and Sue Edmonds, senior ladies' champion of 1954, all contributed to the exhibition of fancy skating. Also from the Hamilton club came a comedian, Les Nutley, who particularly delighted the many youngsters in the audience.

The evening's events began with three matches between six Minor League teams, which have been playing a regular schedule of games during the season.

The Juveniles and Midgets combined forces to ice two teams which met in another exhibition game. Last year's champions in a broomball match, the Y's Men's club again took on an improved Rotary club team, the lines bolstered with stalwart firemen. Scores were more even this year; the game ended in a draw, 0-0.

Legionnaires met the firemen on skates in another specially arranged ice duel which featured some quality play. Legion took the game 4-1.

R. R. Parker acted as master of ceremonies for the event, directed by George Hollinger. The Acton Citizens' Band provided music throughout the evening.



ADMIRING THE CANVASSES in the oil painting display, are some of the 250 people who attended the Night School Open House in the public school auditorium Friday evening. Other articles on display included metal etching, clothing and woodworking. Clothes made were shown by models.

Canadian Indians Subject of Paper

The regular monthly meeting of Bannockburn Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. J. Fox with 12 members present. After the minutes of the last meeting were read, business was disposed of and arrangements for the monthly euchre made.

Mrs. J. Anthony gave a very interesting paper on Canadian Indians which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Night School Classes Conclude With Open Night Display Here

A most profitable season of night school courses concluded on Friday evening with an exhibit in the public school auditorium. The crowd of about 250 which attended confirmed the belief of the committee that interest and enthusiasm in Acton warrants the continuation of the classes another year.

Keith Barber, the chairman of the Halton Night School committee, commended the local group on the fine exhibition when he spoke a few words. Similar night schools were held in Milton and Georgetown.

Centering the auditorium was the large display of the metalwork class. Gleaming under the lights, the table immediately attracted the attention of the crowd. Articles included trays of all sizes with etched patterns, copper covered boxes, copper pictures, hot plate stands and allied articles.

The display of the woodworking class was not large but attractive, including a variety of items, from small lamp bases to tables.

Oil painting classes have been held in Acton for the past five years, but this year's displays showed considerable difference from the paintings of the past. The advanced class had painted still life and portraits, both of which are a great deal more difficult than landscapes. The beginners and intermediate class had also tackled tricky subjects as well as the usual landscapes

copied from other pictures. The display was very attractively arranged and was much commented on.

Children's clothing and elementary clothing classes showed some of the work done during the year on tables at another side of the auditorium.

A highlight of the evening was a "fashion show" when ladies of the advanced sewing class modelled their new dresses. Mrs. Brown of Guelph, the teacher of the class, commented on the dresses mentioning how much they cost and how much had been saved. About a dozen showed their work.

A beauty counsellor from Guelph came with Mrs. Brown and helped the ladies with their make-up before the display. Several from out-of-town attended the display, including Mr. Reid and Mr. Muller of Guelph, the oil painting teachers. Lloyd Minshall of the Community Programs Branch of the Department of Education, who has been assisting the local committee, expressed his pleasure at the success of the venture this year.

Formerly, the night school for the county was held in Milton only. This year, with the sponsorship of the North Halton High School District Board, classes were held in all three North Halton towns.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program, which was under the direction of Mrs. W. Beatty.

THIRD GAS STRIKE in this district was made by Acton oil and gas explorer Tony Seynuck, right, who announced a high natural gas potential on his second well in Esqueving township this week. Centre is drilling foreman E. Sherk and A. Harris, Acton, left.