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## Scene Street Waterworks Extension to be Completed

### Special Meeting of Council on Friday Night Clears Matters Left Over—Council Adheres to Provisions of Building By-law Regarding Fire Hazards—Dust Laying Material Ordered for Streets

Acton Council met in special session on Friday evening with all the Councilors and Reeve Kirkness present. The first part of the meeting was spent in a tour of inspection on Main Street, Scene Street and Queen Street. The purpose was to see the location of waterworks extensions and the grading on Queen Street where the road was being cut down before decisions were made on procedure.

Attention of Council was drawn to the erection of a portable building on Mill Street. No permit had been secured and the building did not meet the building requirements for structures in the fire limits. The by-law was read and the provisions noted. The law had been violated in two points. Fire Chief Hazell met with the council. Instructions were issued to Chief Harrop to have the building removed and the owner of the land was to be notified that the regulations regarding buildings must be complied with.

Council gave approval of the Cripps survey of building lots on the east end of Queen Street. The alterations had been made as required.

Mr. H. H. Hinton was present regarding the by-law prohibiting the sale of fire crackers and fireworks in Acton. He asked that the clause be rescinded. The by-law clauses were read. Council decided to make no change in the by-law as there had been no general request from the public for a change and the danger of fireworks was very real. Mr. Hinton agreed to return his stock.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Anderson regarding the payment of amounts to Knowles Construction Co. and sub-contract to Gowdie and Campbell. The letter was accompanied by an itemized progress report and an account for engineer's fees.

The Clerk was instructed to secure 15 tons of calcium chloride from the County of Halton.

Council then came to the main point of the meeting, the completing of the waterworks extensions contract and cleaning up where the mains had been laid and the laying of the mains on Scene Street. Council agreed unanimously that the mains should be continued on Scene Street so that residents could have water service the same as other sections of town and the contract completed in this section.

The Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Knowles that the Council wanted the contract completed and also send a copy of the letter to the engineer. The work was to be commenced not later than June 1st and completed as per contract.

Mr. Oakes was authorized to have fill made on Elgin Street and in the old cistern on Main Street. It was to be filled at 35c per yard for material and delivery.

Council decided to lay a four-inch main across Main Street to the property now being erected by Frank Toth and other buildings proposed for this section.

A resolution was passed fixing the salary of the Clerk at \$125 per year, the same as the previous year.

As a result of a letter written to Reeve and Council by Messrs. Gratton and Joyce, evangelists, Acton Council met with them and Fire Chief Wm. Hazell in a special meeting on Tuesday at which Councilors Oakes and Creighton were present and Reeve Kirkness presided.

The Reeve explained that the notice given to remove the building from the fire zone by Chief Harrop was in accord with Council's instructions and that Council must enforce the by-law for all. There was no permit secured to bring the building into Acton and the construction was such that it must be placed outside the fire zone.

The by-law clauses were read and explained and Mr. Joyce pointed out that their efforts to rent the Legion Hall, Y.M.C.A. and Town Hall had all been refused and they felt the need of their meetings in Acton and the erection of a gospel tent was their only alternative.

After reviewing the whole situation, Council re-affirmed their instructions to Mr. Harrop regarding enforcing of the by-law. Council and Mr. Harrop agreed to outline locations outside the fire zone limits to which the building could be moved. A permit was necessary and the Fire Committee agreed to give an application for a permit prompt attention. It was agreed moving of the building from its present site would be commenced not later than Monday.

## Halton Juniors To Compete For Three Trip Awards

Three young people in Halton County are going to see a little more of Canada and United States this year as a result of decisions reached at an executive meeting of Halton County Junior Farmers on May 6th. Since Halton is now allowed only one representative at the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, this year this coveted award is to go to the boy receiving the highest number of points in judging and who also reaches a team.

The two girls with highest points at Achievement Day on June 1 will be the guests of Lincoln Juniors the first week in August, on a trip through New York State, where they will visit points of interest, experimental farms, Cornell University and New York City. Prizes for other girls in the Competition will feature silver flatware again, and boys' awards will be in cash. It is hoped that the usual splendid turnout of young people will make June 1 this year an eventful day.

Pleasant memories of the Halton Junior Farmer's "At Home" in the Brant Inn last month were recalled when this report was presented. Mr. Whitlock commended the executive highly on the success of the party and announced also a substantial return in the treasury. The report of the Junior Farmers Annual Meeting at the O.A.C. in Guelph in April announced the prominence of two Halton Juniors in provincial Junior Farmer circles. Miss Betty Ruddle is one of the two Junior Institute girls in Ontario to be elected to sit on the Federated Women's Institute Board, and Geo. S. Atkins, County President, is the new director for Halton and Wentworth on the Provincial Junior Farmer Executive.

The meeting approved a resolution, to be sent on to the County Council for action, to prevent indiscriminate slashing of woodlots in the interests of soil conservation.

The Junior Plowing Match, May 25th came in for discussion as did the Federation Field Day on June 21st. The Junior Farmer contribution to the Field Day is an exhibition baseball game. The Federation is presenting a trophy to the winning Club team.

The executive also made plans to visit the Halton Youth Centre at Cayuga in the near future. The meeting adjourned till the first Monday in June.

## Hillsburg and Orton Will Observe Daylight Saving

### Reeve Swackhamer Chairman for Township for National Clothing Drive

Erin Township Council met on May 6th at Hillsburg. All members were present, the Reeve presiding.

Resolutions passed were: That the Police Villages of Hillsburg and Orton be allowed to go on Daylight Saving Time, at their own request and a by-law was passed approving the request.

That the Township join with Erin Village in sponsoring a civic welcome to those who had signed active service.

That the Reeve be appointed Chairman for the Township in the National Clothing Collection to be held from June 17 to June 29.

The Council recommended that the Wellington County Council endorse the scheme of Childhood Vaccination against Bang's Disease as sponsored by the Dept. of Agriculture.

The tender of L. M. Arnott, contractor, was accepted for the erection of a cement hedge on East Garrafrua and Erin boundary line at \$21.75 per cubic yard, subject to approval by the Highways Dept. Henry Wheeler, Road Superintendent, was appointed inspector for the same.

The Township Road and Bridge Committee made an inspection on April 2nd and made several recommendations for repairs in different parts of the Township.

The following accounts were paid: general, \$302.90; relief, \$82.40; sheep, \$29.00; road, \$95.10; Sawyer-Massey Co., grader and snow plow, \$13,098.63.

Council adjourned to meet on Monday, June 3rd at 10 o'clock, standard time, as a Court of Revision and other township business.

## WELCOME HOME

The Ile de France, which docked in Halifax this week, brought two more Acton servicemen back from overseas and they will soon be back in Acton.

They are Pte. J. L. Cripps, R.C.A. S.C., R. R. 2, Acton and Capt. Johnnie Gray of the Auxiliary Services. Capt. Gray joined Y.M.C.A. War Services in June 1942. He is a Y.M.C.A. secretary and prior to becoming a supervisor, was general secretary of the Y.M.C.A. at Acton, Ont. (Mr. Gray's wife has carried on this position since his absence). His first posting was with the army at Terrace, B.C., one year later going to Newfoundland. He went overseas in June, 1945 and posted with C. R. U. 1 C. B. W., and in July posted to No. 3 Cdn. Inf. Div. CAOP.

## Thirteenth Power Bill Shows Largest Surplus on Record

### Additional Man Secured for Waterworks Dept. — Salary Adjustments are Made

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday evening. Chairman C. M. Hansen presided with Reeve C. L. Kirkness and Commissioner J. R. McArthur being present.

Superintendent Wilson reported that the hydrant on Main Street north, near the C.N.R. tracks, had been repaired.

The contractors, who were given the job of painting the water tower, have begun the job of sanding and painting. A tender was received from Heather and Little, Ltd., for replacing the roof on the reservoir at the spring, which was damaged when the filter bed broke away some two months ago. It was decided to accept this tender for \$315.00 for a new roof and also to have the same firm install two new ventilators on the reservoir at a cost of \$70.00 for the pair.

Mr. Roy Holmes of Seaforth was present to discuss with the Commission the handling of the work of the Waterworks Dept. Mr. Holmes has had 9 years' experience on water and hydro services in Seaforth. He is a married man with a daughter in her teens. He was engaged at a salary of \$1800 per year to commence work during June if a house is available.

A letter notified the Commission of an Accident Prevention meeting to be held in Guelph on Monday, May 20th. This Association is sponsored by the Electrical Engineers Association. The Commission and the workmen are to attend this meeting as Supt. Wilson is to be presented with a certificate for saving the life of employee Robert Dix last summer when he was knocked from a pole and almost electrocuted.

Supt. Wilson was to make arrangements with Messrs. Gowdy and Campbell to install a 4" main across the Highway to serve the property with water now owned by Frank Toth.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Department	Amount
H.E.P.C. of Ont., supplies	\$ 3.87
Bell Telephone Co., services	6.72
C. W. Mack Co., supplies	20.78
Highway Garage, truck repairs and oil	123.05
Lane and Cable Accessories, supplies	48.54
Northern Electric, supplies	51.81
Zenith Electric Supply Ltd., supplies	27.73
Federal Wire & Cable Co., supplies	160.88
Force Electric Products, supplies	25.33
MacDonald Electric, supplies	47
Symon Hardware, supplies	31.51
Sangamo Co., Ltd., supplies	108.00
Jas. R. Kearney Corp., supplies	30.00
Automatic Electric, supplies	18.48
J. E. Holdcroft & Co., supplies	413.81
Express and transport	4.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1085.21</b>

Department	Amount
Waterworks Department	
Power & heating at Spring	56.00
Corp. of Village of Acton	45.03
Can. Brass Co., Ltd.	297.13
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$398.16</b>

Supt. Wilson reported that last Monday a fire at the spring had burnt off the pole which carried the transformers. As far as can be learned, a short circuit due to the rain had caused the damage. The transformers were not damaged when the pole broke. Fortunately a new bank of transformers had been partially installed and were quickly hooked up.

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## Improvements Being Made at Acton Park for Summer

Several improvements are being made at the Park this week preparatory to a big summer of activity in this out-of-doors centre in Acton. The hard ball diamond has been levelled with the base lines widened and pitcher's mound raised. Some low spots have been filled in and the sods related. Several loads of filling material have been put on the diamond.

The softball diamond nearer the park entrance is also having attention and necessary fill and levelling is being done.

The race track has been widened, the turns have been made easier and banked and the stretches made with ample width to make it the finest track in this section. It is planned to have a race meet in June and races are being considered again for Acton Fair in October. The grader is taking the surplus track dirt to fill in and level on the west side of the park where the Fall Fair Board plan to haul enough soil to make this section complete and on park level and add the finishing touch to every evidence of spring in Acton Park. The lawn mower was busy clipping the grass yesterday.

## Community Centres Address Subject at Y's Men's Conclave

### Forums and Banquet Held for Eight Clubs in District at Acton Last Saturday

About a hundred members of Y's Men's Clubs from Brantford, Galt, Guelph, Hamilton, Mount Hamilton, Kitchener P. W. and Kitchener Park, Poltarae and Acton assembled on Saturday at Acton Y.M.C.A. for the Central Ontario District Conclave. Mr. Dick Bean, District Governor, was in charge.

Ted Force extended the welcome to the visitors and reports were heard from various sections in the afternoon session.

At 6.30 the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Club served a delightful banquet to the group, which maintained the culinary reputation of this group admirably. There were informal introductions of guests at the head table and Reeve Charles Kirkness extended a welcome to Acton on behalf of the municipality. Felix Harrison led in a song that was one of the most hearty and enjoyable we have ever listened to. We don't know whether it was the good leadership, the splendid accompaniment or the good fellowship that attained such a result. Mrs. Wm. Gowdy, presided at the piano. On behalf of the Y.M.C.A. Board, President Wes. Wolfe extended a welcome to the Clubs.

Guest speaker was Ralph Albrant, General Secretary of Brantford Y.M.C.A. He was introduced by Dick Doty. His subject was "The Community Centre Movement." In thanking Mr. Albrant for his address, Mr. R. R. Parker expressed a regret that all the people of Acton could not have heard this presentation. We wished Acton folks as a whole could have heard it too, because it had so much of a constructive nature in community leadership and an urge for caution and careful planning before any building program was entered. A community centre need not have a building but to be a centre it must have leadership and interest for all the community.

Two important forums were also held in the evening session and the report of the Resolutions Committee presented.

Acton Y's Men's Club, in co-operation with Beardmore and Co. presented each visitor with a souvenir that was prized. It was a genuine leather notebook which contained information about Acton and its industries, a list of Y's Men's International Officers and the name, address, business and telephone numbers of members of all the Clubs taking part in the conclave. The covers were suitably printed for the conclave.

## MONTHLY MEETING KNOX W. M. SOCIETY HELD LAST WEEK

Knox Church W. M. S. held their monthly meeting in the class room of the church on May 9th, 1946. Mrs. E. J. Hassard, vice-president of the Society, was in charge. Mrs. Blow, president, who had hoped to be present to preside at the meeting, was called away, owing to the sudden illness of her father.

The devotional period was taken by Mrs. Geo. Lahtz and Mrs. Cordner led in prayer. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Mrs. Buchanan read the scripture and Mrs. H. Malprize gave a very instructive and interesting reading from the Study Book on Africa.

## School Pupils of Halton Guests of County Council

### Industrial Holidays In Acton Plants For This Summer

With a view to being able to present to employees of other firms and being helpful to business men generally in Acton, the Free Press made inquiry on Tuesday from most of the industries located here to ascertain when holiday periods would be held this year. The list is not complete but when all firms decide the list with changes will be published again.

Beardmore and Co. (Owing to continuous processing in this plant, operations cannot be discontinued for any period. Holidays for employees are arranged as conditions permit.)

Storey Glove Co. Plant closes after Friday evening, July 26th and re-opens Tuesday, August 6th.

Wool Combing Corporation - Plant closes after July 26th and re-opens August 6th.

Canadian Wool Co. Plant closes after July 26th and re-opens August 6th.

Force Electric Products Plant closes after July 26th and length of holiday not yet decided.

Baxter Laboratories Plant closes July 27th for two weeks and re-opens on Monday, July 29th.

Mason Knitting Co. Plant closes July 26th, re-opens August 6th.

Ajax Engineers Dates not yet available.

Acton Machine Shops Holiday period not decided.

Armco Plant closes August 2nd, re-opens on August 12th.

Micro Plastics No period yet decided upon.

Superior Glove Co. - Plant closes July 26th, re-opens on August 6th.

Acton Free Press - Plant and office closes July 26th, re-opens on Tuesday, August 6th. No issue of Free Press on August 1st.

MRS. J. INGLES HOSTESS FOR MEETING OF KNOX Y. W. A.

Knox Y. W. A. was held Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Ingles. The meeting opened with Mrs. Wilder reading the scripture. Mrs. F. Anderson and Miss Elliott gave a reading each. Mrs. Somerville led in prayer.

Mrs. O'Hara took the topic of "The African People." The meeting was closed and a social evening was spent with the hostess, Mrs. Ingles and her committee serving a lovely lunch.

## Committees Agree Service Recognition to Council Attention

### Support of Organizations Promised in Whatever Recognition Council May Decide Upon

A meeting of Acton Council and representatives of various local organizations was held on Tuesday evening in the Council Chamber in accordance with adjournment at the first meeting held on Monday, April 29th to consider suitable recognition for those who served in the armed forces in the last war.

At this meeting Mr. Aylsworth brought back a report of the meeting called by Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion. The meeting had chosen Gordon Cook as Chairman and R. M. Aylsworth, secretary. Mr. Aylsworth read the report of proceedings and gave a copy to Reeve Kirkness.

A motion had been passed at the meeting on May 2nd, which in effect expressed the desire of the service men to have the matter of recognition dealt with by the Council.

Reeve Kirkness drew attention of Mr. Aylsworth to an error in the minutes in that the meeting of May 2nd was called by Acton Branch of the Legion and not by Council and at the initial meeting members of the Legion had told of the meeting already arranged. Representatives who had attended both meetings confirmed this understanding and Mr. Aylsworth agreed to rectify the minutes to comply with this general understanding.

Mrs. W. Coles made a suggestion which was later turned into a motion seconded by Mrs. Collier and approved by all attending that the Council take over entirely and that everyone back their decision wholeheartedly. This action it was felt would save a lot of confusion and discussion.

The meeting adjourned after several others had spoken briefly and assurance had been given that Council in their work would have the assistance of all organizations to carry out their program of recognition.

## Annual Visit of Fifty-five Boys and Girls Have Banquet, Tour of County Buildings and Hear Addresses — Reports Given on High School Areas in County — Prizes for Essays Offered to Pupils on Visit

Fifty-five boys and girls, entrance class pupils from schools throughout the county, were guests of the Halton County Council in regular session at Milton last Tuesday.

Before the business of the day got underway, the children were welcomed by the Warden, Reeve C. H. Hillmer of Oakville and also by members of the Council who were introduced to the children one by one.

At noon the students were entertained at a splendid luncheon at St. Paul's Church Sunday School Rooms for which members of the Mountain Union Women's Institute were responsible. A short program followed at which Mr. L. L. Skure, P.S.I., was the guest speaker. The topic of his address was "Success" and he took each of the seven letters in the word "success" to illustrate characteristics necessary towards successful living.

It was a most inspiring address and was listened to intently by students and adults alike. Mrs. Mary Pettit, in her usual apt and humorous way, moved a vote of thanks to the guest speaker, Reeve Chas. Kirkness. Acton, expressed the appreciation of the Council and their guests, to the ladies of the Mountain Union W. I. for the sumptuous and appetizing meal which they had served and to which, Mr. Kirkness noted, everyone present had done full justice. He also thanked young Joe Nova for the delightful selections he had given them on his piano-accordion. Mr. Kirkness told Joe "he thought he had a grand future ahead of him."

At 2 p.m. Council resumed and Committee reports were considered in Committee of the Whole with Reeve Kirkness in the chair. While this business was in progress the boys and girls were on a tour of inspection of the county buildings with Mr. Smith and Miss Maxted in charge. They visited the gail yards, the registry office, office of the Provincial police and the work of each department was explained to them as they went along.

Later in the afternoon with the students again assembled in the Court Room, His Honor, Judge Munro addressed the youngsters, explaining to them the various forms which the Administration of Justice takes, as it concerns the Civil Law of the County.

Crown Attorney W. I. Dick, also addressed the students, and he explained to them the law as it applies to the Criminal Court. He enlightened them as to the why and wherefore of finger-printing and the way in which criminals were apprehended and tried. It was quite obvious the children followed the talks given by both officials with the closest interest.

Business dealt with by the Council was as follows:

Special Communications: Copies of resolutions were read from the Township of Trafalgar, the Township of Nelson, and the Town of Oakville, all of which requested the establishment of a new High School area. Reeve Craig said Burlington had not yet sent in their request but he was confident that they would be doing so. Members of the committee appointed to look after the northern end of the County had no report ready but announced a meeting was being held in the near future. However, a letter from the Milton Board of Trade protested suggestion of a school being built at Speyside and requested the County Council to consider placing the school in the town of Milton instead. The letter was filed.

Accounts recommended for payment by the Finance Committee and passed by Council were as follows:

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## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Conventions, or other events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 5c.

Euchre, Wednesday, May 29th, Legion Hall, 8.30 p.m. Admission 25c. Lunch. Good door prize, Auspicious Scout Mother's.

St. Alban's Choir will present their 3-act comedy "Aunt Tilly Goes to Town" in the Town Hall, Rockwood, Monday, May 20th at 8.30 p.m., D. S. T. Auspicious Presbyterian Ladies Aid, Rockwood.