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NEW THEATRE FOR ACTON



The New Roxy Theatre is nearing completion and will open in Acton next Thursday night. Here are two pictures of the exterior and interior of the new building as it will greet theatre-goers in Acton and district on Opening Night. It is modern in every detail and Mr. R. L. Gregory has in the new building provided the finest for the town in which he first started in the motion picture business.

Turkey Dinner and Social Night for Acton Hockey Club

Holy Name Society and Altar Society Entertain Royally Last Night

To honour Ontario's Int. B finalist hockey club—Acton Tanners—the Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's Church in conjunction with the Altar Society and pastor, Rev. V. J. Morgan last night tendered a turkey dinner to the team and executive in the church hall.

An attendance that filled every available place testified to the esteem in which the local club was held by the parishioners. As Father Morgan remarked in his opening remarks when the assemblage was seated, "It is our intention to provide as interesting a program tonight, as the team presented during the hockey season." The result apparently was synonymous, as an evening of mirth in the appropriately decorated hall was accepted with enthusiasm.

After partaking of a scrumptious dinner while an accordionist provided a musical background, the banquet hall fairly quivered as a rousing sing song roused the more hearty diners. A toast to the King was proposed by Father Morgan, to which Frank Terry, the team manager responded. Introducing Rev. Father J. L. McBride, a former pastor, active in hockey while in residence here, proceeded to "wee bit a of Scotland" portrayed by two visiting clergymen, Fathers Shea and McHugh. Resident in the traditional kilt sporran and tam o'hanter, the two Scotsmen kept the audience in stitches with their antics of song and dance, that included practically everything in a Scottish natives' repertoire.

Mr. J. Royston, president of the Acton Athletic Association moved a vote of thanks to the hosts and added that he was delighted to see someone remembering the boys after seasonal activities were finished. Messrs. Vic Rumley and Dr. Sirrs also spoke briefly, reviewing a splendid season of hockey.

Two visiting speakers in the persons of Frank Guapp, widely renowned mentor of the Hamilton Wildcat football club and Bill Sherry of Hamilton Tiger's hockey fame gave their impression of sport with emphasis on the small town picture. Bill Sherry said that he had followed the Tanners through the past season, but really didn't know much about Acton—until to-night, when I found out that the greatest hockey team and the grandest people in the world all come from Acton. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Frank Guapp gave a humorous and authoritative talk on the different sports as he knew them.

Acton Council Approves Additions to High School

Will Build New Room in Acton for Commercial Course—Council Assumes Part of Cost for Health Insurance for Employees—Traffic By-Law has new Clauses—New Power Mower for the Park

Councillors McLeod, McIsaac and Davison and Deputy-Reeve Wm. Coon were present last night when Acton Council met and Reeve F. J. McCutcheon presided.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:
Coopers Drug Store \$ 6.05
J. B. Mackenzie & Son 44.70
Public Utilities, services 227.69

\$277.84
A resolution was passed authorizing the Public Utilities to connect the water service on the present line serving two residents for E. Footitt's house on the Crescent.

Dr. C. A. Martin, chairman of the North Halton High School District Board with Messrs. F. W. B. Fitzgerald and G. A. Dills, members of the Board met with Council and members of Acton School Board to discuss the additions to Acton and Milton High School buildings. Dr. Martin gave a full review of the work of the Board. They had endeavored to have Georgetown join the district without success and in view of this, the Department had authorized construction of additional rooms at Acton and Milton. This was subject to the approval of the four municipalities. Architect's plans of the additions were presented. It was estimated the cost of the three rooms would be \$51,000 and with equipment would bring the total to \$65,000. The building and equipment in Acton would cost \$17,000 and the one in Milton \$48,000.

The cost of debentures for each of five years would be \$13,854.99 for Esqueping Township, \$755.09 for Nassagaweya, \$539.85 for Milton and \$467.87 for Acton based on the equalized assessment. The Department would pay 75% of the cost. It was the opinion that these costs would be less than the pupil costs per year if district pupils were obliged to attend schools in other centres. The Acton School Board owns the school property in Acton while the Milton School is owned by the four municipalities. Milton would have to issue the debentures for the building there and Acton issue the debentures for the building here. The repayment would, however be made by the assessment on the four municipalities. These were not buildings of temporary construction but could be used in the municipalities for other educational purposes when the central building was occupied.

The plan had been approved by Esqueping, Nassagaweya and Milton. It was not wholly acceptable but there had been no other alternative. The question was thoroughly discussed by School Board and Council and all questions answered and the School Board retired and Dr. Martin asked that the decision be made that evening so that the plans could be carried out or abandoned as was seen best.

Later the School Board returned and the Secretary read a resolution passed by the Board approving of the erection of the addition on the school property.

Council passed the following resolution regarding the High School additions in Acton and Milton: "Resolved that this municipality authorize the North Halton High School District Board to proceed to erect additional buildings and equip same in Milton and Acton at an estimated cost of \$65,000 and that we guarantee to assume our portion of the cost of same according to the equalized assessments of the four municipalities forming the said Board; and that we issue debentures to cover the cost of the building in Acton, it being understood that the building in Acton will belong to the Acton Public School Board when erected; and that the other three municipalities guarantee their respective shares of all temporary buildings so erected in Acton and Milton."

Acton Public Utilities Commission met with Council regarding the health insurance for municipal employees. It was felt that both bodies should work co-operatively. The following resolution was presented and passed: "That this municipality agree to pay the sum of 25¢ per week per each permanent employee of the Corporation of Acton who desires same towards a sickness and hospitalization." (Continued on Page Five)

Halton Male Choir Delights Acton Audience Monday

Those who attended the concert on Monday evening in the United Church enjoyed a rare musical treat from the Halton Male Choir and their versatile director, Mr. Alec Pudwell. The event was under the auspices of the Marco Club of the church.

The choir is a fine group of male choristers and their numbers are all splendidly adapted to male voices. Their program was divided into three groups opening with "The King". The first group were sea songs, included were Fantasia of Sea Song, Away to Rio, Rolling down to Rio and the Song of the Lolly Roger.

The group of marching songs also gave real opportunity for the choir to revel in such fine numbers as Stouthearted Men, Men of Harlech, Scottish Border Ballad and an English song Marching Along.

The last was a group of sacred songs and included All in the April Evening, The Last Chord, The Negro spiritual, Hear them Bells and Melvin Coulson taking the solo parts and concluding with that appropriate and feeling Negro spiritual Goin' Home.

It was a delightful presentation of a group of men who got pleasure in their singing and showed training and skill of direction under Mr. Pudwell. They were ably assisted with the accompaniments of Mr. William Lethbridge.

Mr. Pudwell showed versatility and marked ability in more than choir direction when he brought variety to the program with a school boy recitation, an organ solo, and two fine vocal solos, On the Road to Mandalay, and Danny Boy.

Mr. Dick Bean, president of the Marco Club welcomed the choir to Acton and the audience to the club's first presentation.

Nassagaweya Gives Sanctions Extra to High Schools

May Meeting Held on Monday Other Items of Business

Nassagaweya Township Council met on May 3rd with all members present and Reeve W. M. Vansickle presiding.

Accounts amounting to \$106.00 were passed also the Road Superintendent's voucher for \$613.

A resolution was passed appointing the assessor a delegate to the assessor's convention in June. Several members of North Halton High School Area Board were present to discuss plans for school accommodation for present needs.

After a lengthy discussion a by-law was passed providing for an expenditure on additions to the Milton and Acton High Schools.

The road superintendent and the Council discussed weed cutting on Township Roads and other work to be undertaken. A date was set for an inspection of Roads.

Council adjourned to meet again on May 31st at 8:00 p.m.

CONSERVATIVE NOMINEE



Stanley Hall who was unanimously chosen Progressive Conservative Candidate for Halton County in the Provincial Election in June, Mr. Hall has represented the riding at Queen's Park for the past five years.

Teams and Entrants Acton Jr. Farmers Are Banquetted

A very happy social evening was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson when the Acton Junior Farmers' Baseball Team, Hockey Team, Debating Team and Public Speaking contestant were guests of honor. Baseball and horseshoe pitching were enjoyed until the call was given for dinner. About forty sat down to the well-laden tables and second helpings were much in demand. Horseshoe-pitching was resumed while the dishes and tables were cleared.

Progressive euchre was played with the high scores held by Miss Molly Curtis and Gih Jordan. Dandling followed. Miss Eleanor McDougall, on behalf of the Debating Teams moved a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Davidson for their hospitality. Faye Somerville spoke on behalf of the hockey and ball teams.

The Acton Junior Farmers' Baseball team held the County Trophy. Their hockey team have won the hockey trophy for two years in succession. Ernest West represented the Acton Junior Club and came second in the Provincial contest at the convention at the King Edward in Toronto.

PAPER CUPS

Lightweight anchor for boats up to 16 ft. long, weighs less than three pounds. Special design, however, gives it holding power of a 25 pounds anchor, makers state.

School Board Ask that Room Be Detached

Approve of Erection of Building on High School Grounds—Grant Permission for Scout Home to be placed on School Grounds—Bus to go to Music Festival

Chairman Lovell presided at the regular meeting of the Board held Wednesday evening in the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Trustees Baird, Kirkness, Jones and Bean were present.

Mr. McKenzie presented several requisitions for supplies which were authorized.

A motion unanimously carried that permission be given the Scout Group Committee to erect a permanent Scout Home on the school grounds, subject to approval of the specifications.

A resolution unanimously carried that the Board accept, in principle, the erection of additional accommodation of one room (for teaching Commercial subjects) on Acton School property. Further that may we present the recommendation that this proposed additional accommodation be constructed as a separate building adjacent to present building which could eventually become the first unit of a modern public school on the one floor plan for which there is an immediate need in Acton.

The Secretary was directed to forward a copy of the resolution to Dr. Martin and advise him that two members of the Board would accompany a delegation to the Department in this connection.

The Secretary was directed to arrange to order a bus from the Guelph City Bus to provide transportation for pupils attending the Halton Music Festival.

The Secretary reported receiving \$50.00 non resident fees and also grant in part of \$500.00.

It was considered that provision should be made at once for fire escapes from the second storey of the Public School.

Permission was granted to the Gideon Society for distribution of new testaments to pupils of Grade 5.

Accounts passed were as follows:
Globe & Mail, adv. \$ 2.05
Office Outfitters, repairs 4.85
J. B. Mackenzie & Son, supplies 5.53
M. B. Field, deeds 3.41
G. Mann (4 boys stowing coal) 2.55
Hargraves, fuel oil 22.50
Bank of Montreal, express .71
C. N. Telegraphs 1.54
G. V. Thompson, books 2.50
West Disinfecting, supplies 50.10
Highway Garage, repairs 22.70
Customs, duty on coal 240.29
C.N.R. freight 322.86
F. P. Weaver, coal 53.90
T. Cutting, hauling coal 4.53
Bell Telephone 22.50
M. Parry, caretaking 32.37
Hydro, services 35.825.50

Liberal Nominees at Convention



Three Halton citizens were nominated to contest Halton riding for the coming Provincial Election in June. Two of those named withdrew their names from the convention leaving a clear field for Dr. F. Murray Deans, Oakville dentist, to carry the Liberal standard. In photo above are the three who were named, from the left, Thomas A. Blakelock, former member of the Legislative Assembly for Halton, Dr. F. Murray Deans, and Murray McPhail, Nassagaweya, in a jubilant mood. Photo by Ross Fearon

New Theatre to Be Ready for Next Week Here

Roxy with Seating Capacity of 439 and Modern in Every Way Now Nearly Completed

The old picture show, modern when built for Acton's needs, twenty years ago and known then as New Wonderland and later as Gregory Theatre closes its doors on Tuesday next and on Thursday theatre goers will attend the opening of the New Roxy Theatre just across the road.

The new theatre has been built by Mr. R. L. Gregory and is leased and operated by National Theatre Services. It is the second of its kind in Canada. A similar one of the quaint type was opened in Brampton a few weeks ago. It has a seating capacity of 439 almost double that of the old building.

The theatre and equipment is new throughout. It is of cement and steel construction with a cut stone front, well insulated and except for the wall trim and doors absolutely fire proof. There will be all new projection and sound equipment with standard size projection screen somewhat larger than the present one. Recorded music will be played prior to showing the features and between the showings.

The building will be heated by automatic oil burners and in two months will have a complete air conditioning unit or sooner if the equipment becomes available. The foyer and side aisles will be carpeted and the seats are widely spaced and Dunlopillo cushioned in red trim. The high vaulted ceiling in a light blue and the side trim is knotty pine stained and finished in natural tone. There will also be a large mural in the foyer. Rest room facilities are modern and well appointed.

The building is treated for acoustics with back wall cushioned to absorb vibration. All new drapes will be used and the lighting arrangement is recessed and gives a very pleasant effect.

Mr. G. A. McDougall is resident manager of the Roxy with Mr. Fred Abell as operator. The cashiers are Mrs. Grace Cross and Miss Jacqueline Chew and Bud Kentner and Joy Rompif are the ushers.

The pictures selected for the opening features are top flight and announcement is made in another column.

Picture Shows in Acton
We could write quite a history of picture shows in Acton because the magic lantern was just giving place to motion pictures as we were a lad and we've seen the progress of the business. We'll leave that story for next week.

But we must say that his fine new entertainment centre in Acton is indeed a tribute to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gregory, now of Oakville but who first started in the motion picture business in Acton in the original building and have seen its development and expansion to two larger premises and their own activity in this field spread to three of the towns in Halton.

SMALL BOAT ANCHOR

Latest type paper cups, produced at high speed on machines designed in United States but developed and perfected in Canada, will hold hot liquids without affecting their flavor, makers state. Cups feature a single wrap, with minimum of adhesive.

Stan Hall Chosen Candidate for Halton in Election

Unanimously Endorsed at Convention in Milton on Tuesday Night

Stanley Hall, member of the Legislative Assembly for the past five years was again chosen to carry the Halton Progressive-Conservative banner in the coming Provincial election, at a rally and convention held at the Milton Town Hall, Tuesday night. No other names were presented to the large gathering of delegates from all parts of the county, for consideration. Mr. Hall was again nominated by Mr. Spence and Ted Tyler.

Mr. Hall thanked the convention for the honor again conferred upon him. "It has been a wonderful honor that you have given me to represent Halton in the Legislative Assembly for the past five years," Mr. Hall declared, adding "I have no fear in the world that we are not going to carry the election again on June 7."

"There were more bills during the last session, which included huge expansion for the province than ever before. The entire house also approved of the Hydro frequency change-over, one which requires immense expense and the approval of the people," he continued.

He strongly criticised all members of the opposition for approving of the bill in the House and are now going about the province criticizing, when the Drew government has been the only party big enough to tackle the change-over, which should have been done years ago. "The Liberals are doing their best to bring Hydro into politics again," he said, explaining that the government had taken it from political sphere when they were going to the people at this time.

"I want to say to you home owners and farmers in Halton, it won't cost you a cent for this change-over. It is true Hydro Commission will have some expense, but most of them now have a surplus fund, to take care of it," he stated.

Praising the sane legislation of (Continued on Page Eight)

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcements of 25¢.

Acton Y.M.C.A. Annual Display to be held in Acton Arena, Thursday, May 20th, 9:00 p.m.

The monthly pre-school immunization clinic will be held at the Town Hall on Friday, May 7th, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Euchre and Danco, Limehouse Memorial Hall, Friday, May 7th, Cards at 8:45. May's Orchestra. Admission 40¢. Lunch served.

Junior Farmer's Hockey Club Euchre in Lorne School, To-night, 8:30 p.m. Program, pie and ice cream, dance. Admission 50¢.

The Public is invited to attend the annual Acton High School Cadet Inspection at the Park at 9:30 a.m., Monday, May 10th. The Ceremonial March and various displays will be given. Be on time.