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Addition at the Pump House and Standpipe Repairs

Superintendent Wilson is Improving in Health, Report to Commission

Acton Public Utilities Commission met in regular session on Tuesday evening. All members were present and Chairman C. M. Hanson presided.

Messrs. J. Reid and N. Bowles were present to discuss with the Commission their difficulties in maintaining fine tolerances on their extruding machine. During the day the machine varies considerably but after 5:00 at night production is very good. The Commission promised to go into the matter and see if the surging in the power service could be eliminated. This matter is to be taken up at the earliest possible time.

A water service feeding Mr. Fred Stewart's property back of the Dominion Hotel has been leaking for some time. Mr. Stewart had promised to fix this pipe some time ago. Very little had been done and the Commission gave orders to Supt. Lambert to shut off the water if the job was not completed by Saturday noon. This break is flooding adjacent cellars and creating a nuisance.

The meter readers reported that the water meters at the property at the foot of the school lane, could not be read. This property was owned by Mr. J. McMullen and he was to be notified to have the meters available Monday morning of next week for reading.

Pipes were received for renewing the frost casing on the stand pipe at the pumping station. The Ajax Engineers suggested that a square covering be installed instead of a round casing. Two prices were submitted, one for spruce and the other for cedar. The quotation was passed on to Council for their consideration before having the work undertaken.

Draft plans were submitted for the addition to the pumping station to house the new pump. Some changes were made and the plans are to be completed before calling for tenders.

A slight standard was reported damaged on Guelph Street. Claim for damages are to be filed with the insurance company. A new standard will have to be installed as this one is badly damaged when allegedly hit by a truck.

A letter was read from the A.M.E.U. stating that a meeting was being called at Bigwin Inn. This meeting is for the purpose of familiarizing the Commissioners with the changes over to 60 cycle. The letter was ordered filed.

A letter was to be written to Chairman Saunders to see if action could be procured from the auditing department of the H.E.P.C. A request for an accounting was made over two months ago but no representative had as yet called on the local commission and the request to the H.E.P.C. Chairman was the result.

A letter from the H.E.P.C. pointed out some facts of the Hydro act. It expressly dealt with the spending of funds. No funds may be spent for any purpose except current bills unless the H.E.P.C. sanctions the expenditure.

Permission was given to purchase fifty poles of various lengths for the Hydro Department. As there is a lot of line work required this year these poles are needed to keep the lines in good repair.

The Commission were very pleased to learn that Hydro Supt. Wilson was progressing favorably and was now able to be up about the house.

The list of arrears were checked and instructions issued as to their disposal.

The following accounts were paid for payment:

Hydro Department	
H.E.P.C. of Ont. Power	\$4,736.29
Jas. R. Kearney, Supplies	23.80
Federal Wire & Cable Co.	29.00
Express and Transport	3.40
Mrs. H. Palmer	12.00
F. Terry, postage	16.00
	\$4,821.49

Waterworks Department	
Acton Garage	\$25.95
Dalgligh Chemicals Ltd.	37.44
Canadian Brass Co. Ltd.	74.02
W. H. Cunningham & Hill	1.94
	\$141.35

PRICE OF ZINC DOWN

Zinc galvanized sheets were cut 2 1/2 tons at mills in Canada, following cut in primary zinc. Galvanized nails and wire were also affected.

GOOD ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF Knox Y.W.A. THIS WEEK

The regular meeting of Knox Y.W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. A. K. Mann. The Scripture was taken by Mrs. Fred Anderson and Miss Margaret Brown. Miss Emma Cole gave the prayer.

The Study Book was taken by Mrs. George Somerville. A very enjoyable social dusk was given by Mrs. G. Bowen and Mrs. Alex Mann. They were accompanied on the piano by Miss Margaret Brown.

There was a large attendance and several visitors and former members were present. These were welcomed by Mrs. F. Anderson, president of the alert Y.W.A. Final plans were made for the silver anniversary of the organization, to be held in May.

At the close of the meeting a dainty lunch was served by the hostess and her group.

Given Two Months For Illegal Sale of Intoxicants

Other Cases Heard in Magistrate's Court

Judgment as to whether or not they would be committed for trial was deferred a second week in the cases of Robert Ross, 19, and Carl Kohler, 19, both of Hamilton. Their case was heard before Magistrate Kenneth M. Langdon a week ago, who reserved his findings when they were charged with indecent assault and one of rape on a young Burlington High School girl on April 1st.

Two other teenagers were committed for trial on the same charges. Crown Attorney W. I. Dick asked for the second adjournment.

Archiebald Primeau, of Chatham, who was sentenced last week on charges of car theft and breaking and entering Higgin's Garage, appeared to face another charge of stealing a car in Alliston on April 8th.

When asked by the Court if he would agree to having the charge heard in Milton Court, the accused asked the case be heard in Alliston.

Bruno Casarin, 28, was sentenced to spend two months in jail when he pleaded guilty to a charge of keeping liquor for sale. He was also ordered to pay court costs of \$13 or in default 15 days. His residence was also declared a public place, the court ruled.

According to the evidence of Provincial Constable Ray Mason, police searched the Casarin residence on April 10, where 12 people were sitting drinking beer. "Four cases of beer and a part bottle of liquor were seized," the officer stated.

Continuing, he said a search of retail stores indicated 48 twenty-six ounce bottles and 51 twelve ounce bottles of liquor had been purchased from October 30, 1938, to April 10th. "From February 21 to March 13, this year 20 cases of beer or 480 bottles had been purchased," witness testified, adding the premises had been under observation for some time, and officers found considerable traffic there.

The constable also stated accused's father told him, he had been after his son to quit for some time.

In his own defense Casarin said the evidence of his father was "a pretty bad thing for a father to say against his son."

"I have had a pretty hard time, and my father never told me to stop in fact he never said a good word to me since I was born," he stated adding his father could not write and he made purchases of liquor for him, as he was a heavy drinker. He also told the court he has been out of work for a month and was unable to obtain a job.

"Would this be the reason for not being able to obtain work here?" the Court asked.

J. S. Stevens, appearing for Casarin made a strong plea for leniency, asking the minimum penalty be imposed.

Thomas Gilbert found guilty of stealing \$50 a week ago in Georgetown Court, was released after spending a week in jail.

LeRoy Dale told the court accused had a good job to go back to in Brampton and asked that the week in custody be sufficient penalty.

The Court ruled Gilbert was to pay court costs of \$29.50 and he was placed on probation under the supervision of his employer for a period of six months.

There are 2,635,000 homes in Canada and 57% of them are owned by people who live in them; on the farm 81 per cent of all the homes are owned by users.

When Acton Telephone Users Stopped Cranking



Above are shown pictures at the Bell Telephone exchange in Acton, when last Wednesday, the old Magneto system was discarded and the Common Battery system was put into effect. Top left shows the men who installed the switchboard as the plugs were pulled out of the new boards while Operators Miss E. Wilderstein and Miss Chris Winfield wait to take over on the new equipment. Upper right shows Reeve, Theron Jones who put in the first long distance call to Vancouver and Mrs. Jones listens in on the West Coast conversation. "Clear as talking to my n at door neighbor, Deputy Reeve Tyler" was the Reeve's comment. Lower photo shows the new switchboard in use under the supervision of Miss Baird, Kitchener. Mr. J. I. Sanderson, district manager and Miss Mary Redman, local representative and Mr. Gilchrist of London, seem quite happy that the new system has been put into effect in Acton. Free Press Photos

RAILWAY CROSSING SCENE OF MINOR CAR-TRAIN ACCIDENT

At approximately five a.m. on Sunday morning a car driven by Albert Duchene of Mason Boulevard in the employ of Roy's Taxi came in contact with a train at the Main Street Crossing. The taxi in crossing the tracks failed to notice a stationary train across the dangerous unmarked crossing. Conductor of the train was S. W. McComb. Damage to the vehicles was estimated at \$75 and the investigation was by Constable Allan.

DUBLIN INSTITUTE ELECTS OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

Mrs. Mansell Neill was hostess for the annual meeting for Dublin Women's Institute. Roll call was answered by the payment of fees. The secretary reported that a quilt and pair of blankets had been given to Mr. and Mrs. Brown who had lost their home by fire. Mr. Alex Near was asked to take the chair for the election of officers with the following results:

President, Mrs. W. Watkins; 1st Vice President, Mrs. L. Ferguson; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. C. Thompson; Sec. Treas., Mrs. G. R. Somerville; District Director, Mrs. G. Robertson; Branch Directors, Mrs. M. Nellis, Mrs. W. Britton, Mrs. W. Frank, Mrs. H. Rhythe Jr., Auditors, Mrs. J. Dennis, Miss M. Somerville, Pianist, Mrs. C. VanGoszen, Assistant Pianist, Mrs. N. Anderson; Programme, Mrs. W. Frank; Mrs. W. Britton; Mrs. Geo. Robertson; Mrs. J. Dennis; Social, Mrs. M. Steele; Mrs. D. Ross; Visiting Committee, Miss Mildred Wilson, Mrs. W. McIntyre, Mrs. J. D. Black, Mrs. W. Britton, Mrs. M. Steele and Mrs. M. Nellis; Quilt Convenors, Messdames Anderson, McIntyre, and Ross; Convenors: Canadian Industries and Agriculture, Mrs. D. Barber; Home Economics, Mrs. Alex Near; Historical Research, Mrs. C. VanGoszen; Publicity, Mrs. C. R. Somerville; Citizenship, Mrs. Geo. Robertson; Social Welfare, Mrs. H. Rhythe Jr.

Mrs. Watkins, the newly elected president, then took the chair. Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Near were appointed a committee to meet with other Institute committees to arrange for a booth for the Nassagaweya re-union in July. Lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed.

The historic Nile will be harnessed for irrigation and electric power.

Junior Club Honoured at Banquet, Dance

Fine Banquet Prepared by the Scout Mothers — Hand-some Jackets Presented To Team

A very enjoyable function was held last Saturday in honoring the boys of the Junior Hockey Club who upheld the name of Acton so well in the hockey world during the season just past.

The event took the form of a supper in the Y.M.C.A. prepared by the Scout Mothers and followed by a dance and presentation of windbreakers at the Town Hall.

Mr. Jack Royston was the Master of Ceremonies for the event and paid tribute to the management and fine coaching by Ilio Marzo. Reeve Jones, representing the council, was impressed by the fine appearance of the group, noting he had once looked like that himself. Dr. Geo. Sirrs, manager of the team, spoke briefly referring to good sportsmanship displayed at all times and the harmonious welding together of boys who fought hard in every game. Dr. Sirrs also referred to nearly one hundred per cent attendance at practices and games which speaks volumes for the fine coaching of Ilio. Mr. Stan Fay Sr. one of the faithful conveyors of Junior players admitted that the drives through snow and storms were well worth it and he could hardly wait from one game to the next.

Other brief speeches were given by Messrs. F. Dawkins, Ray Mason, Bob Anderson, Sunny Townsley and Harry Holmes.

By a vote of the players the popular Shammie Ruak was elected the most valuable player on the team and is eligible for the O.H.A. trophy.

At the very successful dance, Jack Royston, assisted by Bobbie Anderson, presented very handsome windbreakers to the team, coach, trainer and manager, a fitting tribute to the very successful and hard playing Junior Hockey Team that represented Acton so well. Picture of the Club in new windbreakers will appear next week.

The area of Lake Superior is greater by nearly 4,000 square miles than the total area of New Brunswick. Pure gold is 24 carat.

BRIGHT ATTRACTIVE ILLUSTRATIONS NOW HERE FOR ADVERTISERS

The Max illustration service for local advertisers is here and is available for brightening up the weekly messages in the Free Press Mothers Day, early summer styles and seasonal illustrations will be found in splendid variety in this new service for advertisers.

There are also included a series of advertisements for several lines of business that will be found attractive and good business builders. Ask to see these illustrations and advertising aids at our office. There is no additional charge for the service.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING NASSAGAWEYA W.I.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Nassagaweya Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Murray Mahon with 24 members and seven children present. The roll call was answered by giving "A written Roll Call for next year's program."

Mrs. F. Rinehart, district president, took the chair for the election of officers which resulted as follows: Past President, Mrs. F. Rinehart; President, Mrs. C. Elliott; 1st Vice President, Mrs. J. Robertson; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. L. Campbell; Secretary Treasurer, Mrs. A. Mahon; District Director, Mrs. A. Faddbury; Pianist, Mrs. V. Campbell; Flower Convener, Mrs. B. Page; Press Reporter, Mrs. C. Pickett.

Mrs. Elliott, president, resumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting. Mrs. Faddbury, district director, gave a report of the director's meeting which was held in Milton. A donation of \$10 was to be sent to the Cancer Fund.

Mrs. Moffat read a chapter from the book "Fifty Years Achievement of the Institute." A contest conducted by Mrs. Elliott was won by Mrs. M. Moffat. A duel was enjoyed by Mrs. W. Freeman and Mrs. A. Diamond and a very interesting reading, entitled "Why are we so busy?" was given by Mrs. Elias Easterbrook.

The meeting closed by singing, "O God our Help in Ages Past" and Mrs. I. Richardson, Mrs. B. Freeman, Mrs. Page and Mrs. B. Freeman assisted the hostess during refreshment hour.

ANDY NICOL WAS AMONG THOSE WHO FINISHED MARATHON

Acton friends of Andy Nicol, with the Canadian Navy at Halifax, will be interested to know that Andy finished among the first 40 at the Boston Marathon last Tuesday. Andy was one of the youngest contestants in the event in which 200 took part. The course was 26 miles, 285 yards.

LARGE CROWD SEE LARGE MAN PULL LARGE TRUCK

People passing through town directed questioning stares at the large crowd of people gathered to witness the tug of war between a man titled the Armenian Boy and a truck. The gentleman had the event scheduled for the front of the Post Office but the possibility of a traffic tie-up moved the event to the far end of Mill Street. After considerable ado, a collection and a brief biography, the Armenian boy tied a stout rope to a heavy car and actually pulled with his teeth for a considerable distance a car repeating this amazing feat with a truck.

The crowd of interested spectators registered their various feelings and issued a multitude of remarks as they dispersed.

THE FREE PRESS BUILDING ERECTION IS PROGRESSING QUICKLY

Good progress has been made in the erection of the new commercial printing division at the Free Press building. The walls and roof sheeting were completed on Saturday. This week the boiler room and the heating plant are being installed. Electricians are busy wiring the building for lighting and for the machine installations and for the interior wallboard is being put on in preparation for the plastering of the walls. The leveling of the ground for the solid cement floor which will provide a base for the heavy printing machine has been made ready for the pouring of the concrete. The contractors, Messrs. Jones & VanGils are rushing every part of the work to make early occupancy possible. The new section will double the present first floor space of the plant.

SPECIAL DIET FLOWN WEST TO SAVE YOUNG GIRL

Doreen Howe, 15, niece of Mrs. Harry Murray, Acton, died in hospital Sunday at Lacombe, Alta., despite a diet of watermelon flown from Florida and Eastern Canada. Two weeks ago frozen watermelon was rushed from Kitchener, Ont., when her parents hoped that the easily-digested food might help her. She suffered since childhood from nephritis, a rare kidney ailment, and had been in hospital since February 28th.

MRS. B. McDONALD ELECTED PRESIDENT RANNOCKBURN W.I.

Bannockburn Women's Institute held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. D. Russell on Wednesday, April 20th.

The following are the officers elected: President, Mrs. B. McDonald; Vice President, Mrs. A. Ruess; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. S. Russell; Sec. Treas., Mrs. T. Gordon; District Director, Mrs. H. Jolley; Convenors: Agricultural and Canadian Industries, Mrs. D. Russell; Citizenship, Mrs. R. Kerr; Historical Research, Mrs. Edna Russell; Home Economics, Mrs. N. McEachern; Public Relationship, Mrs. I. Dubs; Resolutions, Mrs. Evans.

It was decided by the lunch committee and the program committee to hold a special meeting to make out the program for the year.

A delicious lunch was served by the hostess and her assistants and a vote of thanks was expressed by Mrs. McDonald.

MILTON

Once again the Milton Fire Brigade's Amateur Show was presented to a jam-packed house last night with Milton entries breaking even with out-of-towners in receiving the official nod from the audience.

Under the auspices of the Association of Canadian Clubs, the Princess Philippe de Bourbon is on lecture tour and was guest speaker of the Milton Women's Club on Tuesday afternoon April 12th in St. Paul's school room.

A determination seldom seen among the human race was graphically depicted in the film "Battle of Britain," screened at Legion Hall last Monday evening. — Canadian Champion.

Halton Board Discuss Salaries At April Meeting

Action on Motion Regarding Central School for District Deferred Until Next Meeting

Col. G. O. Brown, the new representative of the North Halton High School Board was welcomed to the April meeting of the Board held in Acton School on Monday evening.

Mr. Riddell, architect on the addition to the school presented accounts of the building under construction. The final items left outstanding were \$12,316.85 including architect's fees of \$2,656.65. Total cost of building in Milton and including architect's fees or equipment was given as \$44,274.20. The accounts were approved and will be paid when minor repairs are made to the Milton building. Three domes in the Acton School which have become discolored were also to be replaced.

The Board in approving the architect's fees also thanked Mr. Riddell for his personal interest in the building that he had shown.

The report of Inspectors Gordon and Brownee and the new courses introduced at Milton was read and was very satisfactory.

The requisitions of Principals Macveilus and Stewart for minor repairs and equipment were approved.

The salary adjustment was considered by the Board and the schedule of salaries for the year was given to the Secretary with instructions to write the teachers giving this information.

The following motion was presented by the Acton members of the Board:

"That in accordance with a letter dated April 7th 1940, from the Deputy Minister of Education, this Board do now implement his recommendation to secure a permanent site and proceed with the erection of a satisfactory central High School which will serve adequately the educational needs of the pupils of this district.

And that in accordance with the original motion of the meeting approving the appointment of the Board that this site be at or near Spyside on Highway No. 26 and that for the purpose of choosing this site a committee be now appointed with one representative from each of the municipalities forming the district to bring in recommendations and options for the approval of the Board; and that these recommendations be presented not later than the June meeting of an architect and take the necessary steps with the Department of Education and the various municipalities to have erection of the building started as soon as possible."

The motion received some discussion but it was felt could not be dealt with at that meeting. An amendment was passed that the motion regarding the new High School site be deferred until the next meeting. The sponsors of the motion declined to withdraw the motion.

The Board adjourned about 11:45 p.m.

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 one.

Thursday May 12th Toronto Male Quartette and String Trio Baptist Church.

A play in Memorial Hall, 11-measure, Friday, April 28th, "Courage, Mr. Green" by the Normal Junior Farmers' Lunch and Dance. Admission 40c.

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. are holding a Daffodil Tea and Baking Sale on Saturday, April 30th from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Y. M. C. A.

The annual meeting of the Acton Home and School Association will be held in the public school, Monday, May 2nd, at 8:15 p.m. Good speakers and films. Parents and friends welcome.

The local movie "Stars of the Town" will be shown in the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium on Monday and Tuesday, May 9th and 10th. Two shows 7:30 and 9:30. Admission, children 25c, Adults 45c (tax included). Come and see yourself and your friends on the screen.