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## North Halton High School District Well Discussed

Representatives of Municipalities Met at Stewarstown Last Thursday with Representatives of Department—Division of Municipalities on Speyside Site—No Recommendation for Two or More Schools

Mayors, Reeves, Deputy Reeves, Councillors and Members of School Boards attending a meeting at Stewarstown Community Hall last Thursday evening to discuss provision of adequate facilities for carrying out an improved educational plan for the North Halton District and any other questions that might arise.

Mr. Duffin, Mr. Wm. Stewart and Mr. Lahey, inspectors of the Secondary Schools of Ontario and representing the Department of Education of Ontario were present. Mr. C. Martin of Milton was selected by the meeting to preside at the meeting.

Mr. Duffin said the matter of one or more schools for the district was a question to be settled by the School Board and each Council must be approached to share the debenture payments. The North Halton District had been established with the understanding that a central school site would be selected at Speyside and this was on file in the Department. All were convinced in the department that one good school of 400 or 500 offers much more than several smaller schools. The only reason he could see against the central school was the pride of each municipality. The ideal is for one school.

Mr. Duffin dealt with the current conjectures of a change in the grading of public and high schools. He felt that if the Board selected the Speyside site the Department should be willing to approve. He outlined the advantages of the central school, the time required for building, the amount of land (7 to 10 acres). He felt that the Department would not approve of a site until after Georgetown had a voice in the matter when that town officially came in the district in January.

Inspector Wm. Stewart recalled the Milton resolution and he pointed out a copy was on file in the Department. If the new Board requested some other site the Department would like some assurance from the municipalities that they no longer wanted the Speyside location but wanted Acton or a more northern site.

Reeve Geo. Currie thought the resolution passed in Milton should not be taken too seriously and Councillor McLesell, of Acton said when the Board had approached Acton the understanding was that the site would be at Speyside.

Mr. C. F. Leatherland drew attention to the fact that the agreements with Acton definitely specified the Speyside location and also drew attention to the danger of repudiation of contracts.

Mr. Wm. Coon, Acton, wanted it understood that the vote for the central school had been unanimous and no group was being pushed to favor any plan as had been inferred.

Comments from the Reeves and representatives of the various municipalities followed.

Reeve Currie pointed out Estimating was paying 51 per cent. of the school costs and supplying 30 per cent. of the High School pupils. He urged a per capita sharing of the cost. He felt the present school should be left in Milton and one built some place in the north end. He was opposed to the Speyside location.

Nassagaweya pays 21 per cent of the High School cost and Reeve Wm. VanSickle felt the Milton school should be retained and a school built in the northern area.

Deputy Reeve K. Dick, of Milton pointed out that not one of the municipalities could assume the financing of a new school with the present debenture indebtedness. Milton cannot throw away the present school and start on a new building. He felt the school should be retained in Milton and another built in the north end of the county.

Reeve Jones, of Acton, pointed out the additions at Milton and Acton were only temporary additions and not large enough for the High School courses. He agreed that the financial status of the municipalities were already over-

## Magistrate's Court Levies Small Fine On Second Offence

In Magistrate's Police Court, Milton, on July 13th, D. Johnston, W. Scott and J. Airdie were charged with breaking and entering the booth at the Arena in Acton on Sunday, July 10th, at about 4:15 a.m.

The charged were surprised and arrested by Constable Allan as they came out of the arena with two boxes of winners. Chief Constable E. F. Harrop took them to Milton where they awaited trial. The accused appeared before Magistrate Moushead and while there was not sufficient evidence to prove the breaking and entering they were found guilty of theft.

In defense the accused claimed that they found the arena booth open and walked in and took the winners. Ernest Coles, of Acton, stated he had locked the booth at 12:15 a.m. after the dance and that nothing else was missing other than the winners.

Johnson who has a record and who was placed on suspended sentence for six months on June 28th was fined fifteen dollars and costs. The other two, Airdie and Scott were placed on suspended sentence for a year.

## The Nassagaweya Centennial Big Event of Month

Plans for Three Days Of Reunion—Historical Book in Production

Final touches are being put to the arrangements for the Centennial celebration of Nassagaweya Township to be held at Brookville on July 29, 30 and 31 and it promises to be a great reunion and fitting occasion for such an event.

Friday night will be a big dance and knowing what a gathering can well be anticipated when Nassagaweya folks in the Brookville Hall and also on an outside platform.

Saturday will see a grand celebration starting off with a calliothump parade in the afternoon and featuring softball, horseshoe pitching, a platform program with school choruses, review of old time costumes, square dance competitions, display of old machinery, old and new cars and miniature steam engine. The speaker will be Col. the Hon. T. E. Kennedy. Music will be supplied by the Lorne Scots Band.

In the evening there will be a display of Toronto professional artists featured by the Bill Reid Entertainment Agency, a barber shop quartette from Guelph and the Guelph Junior Police Band.

Sunday will see an afternoon Church Service at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. D. Crawford Smith, M.C., as the guest speaker. The music will be led by a Union Choir of all the local churches and the Acton Boys' and Girls' Band will also provide music prior to the service.

No one needs to affirm there will be a warm welcome for everyone. All know the Nassagaweya hospitality is unsurpassed anywhere and it will be a grand reunion of the sons and daughters of this fine township.

A limited number of historical booklets are being prepared and will be offered at a cost to cover the actual cost of printing and binding. The book of 100 pages will have cloth binding, gold stamped. It gives a complete history of the township from 1850 to the present and contains the history compiled by the late Joshua Norrish from 1850 to 1898. There are pictures of Mr. Norrish, former Reeves and Councillors and officials, the Township Hall and Soldier's Monument and the present Reeve Wm. VanSickle, also the Council of 1849. It gives all the Reeves and Councils from 1850 until the present and verification of the first settler in the Township when the name was spelled "Nassagaweya". The origin of the name is also explained. It contains also the honor rolls of 1914-1918 and 1939-1945. It is one of the most complete historical books of any township and was compiled by a committee appointed by Council under the chairmanship of Mr. M. J. Carton. They will not be available until the dates of the Centennial Celebration.

## TORONTO COUPLE MARK TWENTY-FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Green entertained at their home, 49 Sherwood Avenue, Toronto, on the occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Forty guests were in attendance. Mrs. MacArthur 84 year old mother of the bride helped to receive the guests. The table was centered with lilacs and pink roses and was presided over during the supper hour by Mrs. Art Bolton. Miss Edna MacArthur and Mrs. Vern Archer, sisters of the bride. At the conclusion of the sumptuous repast, enjoyed very much by all, the happy couple were presented with a beautiful large mirror artistically inlaid with a jeweled coffee table and other beautiful gifts. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred MacArthur, Mr. Roy MacArthur and lady friend, from Acton; Mr. and Mrs. Archer from Georgetown; Mr. and Mrs. Johnson from Brampton; Mr. and Mrs. Clara MacArthur from Welland; Miss Edith Speer, Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Green, Creemore.

## Number on All Buildings in Acton Now Being Placed

This week the work of numbering every building in Acton has been started and already a number of the homes and business places have the numbers attached. The entire cost is borne by the municipality and most plain plates on a dark blue background are supplied in the contract.

The system allows a number for every 25 feet of street frontage and is uniform throughout the town. The new numbering will assist greatly in strangers locating certain residents. The growth of Acton has been such and the population changing so rapidly that confusion was resulting in mail and giving direction. Under this plan the same number will occur right across the town at the same point. For example if No. 24 should be at the corner of John and Bower Avenue it will also be No. 24 at John and Church Streets or John and Agnes Streets and so on across the town.

As soon as your number is allotted it can be used for identifying your mail or informing friends of your location.

## LIMEHOUSE INSTITUTE HEARS COMMITTEE REPORTS AT MEETING

Limehouse W.I. met at the home of Mrs. S. Norrie, Georgetown for their July meeting, with fourteen members present and several visitors. Mrs. E. Miller, president, was in the chair and opened the meeting. The Roll Call was "My Most Embarrassing Moment" responded to by many funny stories of such moments.

Owing to the Secretary having only recently returned from hospital, Miss R. Stull read the Secretary's report and correspondence. Ten dollars was voted to the Scott Mission and a committee appointed to receive and pack old soft cottons suitable for dressings to be sent to the Cancer Society.

Letters of thanks were received from Shut-ins who had received plants or some other gift on Shut-in Day. Mrs. E. Hartin, convener of Home Economics and Health, was responsible for the program and called on conveners of standing committees to give their two minute reports.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, convener of Historical Research gave a short account of a birthday party given in Limehouse some years ago by the W.M.S. Mrs. Gladys, convener of Community Activities and Public Relations, read an article on "The Qualities of a Good Council". Mr. R. Thompson being absent, her report on Agriculture and Canadian Industries was given by Mrs. A. J. Smethurst, who read an article entitled "Mr. Price Meets Mr. Coat".

Mrs. Baikin told of the work of the Girl's Club and the girls put on two skits "Cottons in the Club Girl's Bedroom" and "The Cereal Shelf." The dresser scarfs, chair pads and other articles, hand made, by the girls, were on display.

Mrs. S. Wright reported on the box sent overseas to a family in England. It was valued at \$6.00 and was all given, including the postage.

Arrangements are being made for the showing of the film "Let There Be Light" as shown at the O.A.C. New hand books and programmes were distributed. The meeting closed with "God Save The King" after which Mrs. Norrie served a delightful lunch.

## Milton Win 2-0 On Acton Diamond Last Night's Game

Good Ball Game Which Wasn't Decisive Until Last Man Put Out

Acton Intermediates couldn't buy a hot off slim "Poodle" Marshall, unfortunately for Jack Hough on the mound, only two batters made hits. Hough went down in his third defeat all because no one could tag Marshall's elusive offerings past a stone-walled Milton infield.

A large paid attendance saw seven ten killings culminate the contest. A hit in the right place might have changed the verdict two or three times but no one delivered. When ever Hough is assigned to hurl, he has up to this point, been the victim of bad breaks. Milton touched him for nine hits but they were well scattered. None went for extra bases.

The A's resume the schedule at Fergus on Saturday and return here Wednesday for a game with Georgetown.

Rundstadler, Masters and Masales started off the double play department last night. Their throws were accurate and had enough velocity to allow time for an extra base leave. Milton accounted for these twin killings. Hough hit into two of them "Poodle" Early at third base was the strongest link in the Milton defensive chain robbing Acton of hits with his alert fielding instigating two double plays.

Off the record in the last two games Acton show how much they have improved by impressive fielding. They've made six double plays and a very rare triple play in two games, more than in all the rest combined.

Hilled in the first frame, Milton clouded two singles in the second as Stover and Marshall connected but Hough hit a clothes line drive to third which Masters caught and tagged Stover out before he could scamper back to third for the game's second double play. Hough, in the top half of the inning, hit into a twin kill for the third.

In the third frame Fay singled but was blocked at second by Acton's second double kill. Early driving to short. Finally, with two out, Rusk singled, stole second base in a close decision scoring later on Johnson's safety over second.

Dummitive L. Masters touched Marshall for the A's first hit in the fourth was sacrificed to second but left stranded. Marshall went to third for Milton in the top half of the inning on Masales' bobble. However, Stan Fay's long drive into left was gathered in.

The fifth saw Acton reel off their third double killing. This time Johnson slammed one to short with Rusk unable to make second. Hough tapped out the second and last Acton hit to left in the fifth; Gervais came in a long way, caught a piece of it, but couldn't hold on.

Gervais scored in the sixth off his own single and a subsequent scratch hit from Stover. Stover's big bounce had too much velocity for Masters to field properly. Then by way of reply Acton pulled off another twin kill as Marshall hit to Rundstadler at short. When Grenke drove a looper over first base, Gervais came home.

Masales gleaned a walk in the bottom half of the seventh and Hough hit into the final double play to Rusk at short, ending the game.

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Milton - Rusk, ss; Johnson, rf; Gervais lf; Stover, cf; Marshall, p; Grenke 2b; Brush c; S. Fay 1b; Early 3b.  
Acton - Masters 3b; Rundstadler, ss; Lindsay c; Masales 2b; Hough p; Kentner lf; Ryder rf; Scott cf; Waterhouse 1b.

## FERGUS CITIZEN'S BAND DELIGHT ACTONIANS WITH FINE PROGRAM

Sunday evening last the Fergus Citizen's Band played a fine band concert in Acton Park. Guests of the Acton Boys' and Girls' Band the visitors from Fergus presented a varied, entertaining program. Selections included "Ave Maria," "March W.M.B.," "Flanders" several hymn tunes and a group of regimental marches.

The Band was well applauded by a large and appreciative audience. The Acton Band will pay a return visit to Fergus this Sunday under the auspices of the Fergus Band.

## ACTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE PICNIC IN LOCAL PARK

Postponed on Wednesday, July 6 because of the welcome showers, the Acton Women's Institute held their picnic meeting in the park on Thursday, July 7th. The weather was ideal and a most enjoyable time was spent. Members brought along their children, grandchildren and neighbors. Games and contests to include the various ages were planned by Mrs. Earl Lambert, Mrs. Wm. Denny and Mrs. Fred Anderson with prizes going to the following:

Children's Contests  
Bottle and Clothes Pins - Betty Lambert  
Book Balancing - Norma Wilds  
Flag Blowing - Mary Hunter  
Novelty Bean Race - David Hunter

Musical Hurdles - Marie Lambert  
Donald Wills, Jean Anderson  
Ladies' Contests  
Alley Golfing Contest - Mrs. Jas. Wilds  
Observation test - Mrs. R. L. Davidson  
Bottle and Clothes Pin - Mrs. Lantz  
Book Balancing - Mrs. F. Hunter  
Flower Contest - Mrs. Holloway  
Musical Hurdles - Mrs. Madolux  
Mix Evans and Mrs. Holloway  
Eloise Lady Present - Miss A. Home

Following the game all enjoyed a beautiful picnic supper. A short business period was conducted by Mrs. Davidson, the president. Plans to paint the booth in the park were arranged and roll call was responded to with written suggestions for our future program. Mrs. Wm. Denny extended an invitation to hold the August meeting at her home.

## Swimming Pool Location Discussed Canvass Unfinished

Incomplete plans were presented at a meeting Monday night of Acton Community Swimming Pool Committee. It was hoped the retail business section will be completed this week and full reports ready for publication on this phase of raising \$5000 toward the project.

Plans have been drawn up for the location of the pool in the west end of the park and will be presented to Council next Monday night. They have full size swimming pool and wading pool and a bath house. As soon as the retail canvass is completed the manufacturers will be approached for a \$5000 share of the project.

## CAR AND BUS IN MINOR ACCIDENT ON THURSDAY EVENING

A car driven by Mrs. Grey, of Guelph and a Gray Coach Lines bus driven by Leslie Jones of Toronto were involved in an accident on Queen Street last Thursday.

Mrs. Grey was travelling west when a Gray Coach bus pulled out from behind to pass the car. When passing he was too close to the car and the rear bumper hooked the left fender of the car putting it into the ditch near Hallentine's garage. The car remained upright and both the bus and the car continued. Mrs. Grey overtook the bus on Young Street. The driver of the bus was not aware that he had come in contact with the other car.

It was alleged that Mrs. Grey had not driven towards the bus as it passed her and that she had been forced from the road by the bus in passing.

Damage was to the front fender of the car only. Chief Constable Harrop investigated.

## OUR UGLY CITIES

Not one of the larger and fast-growing cities of Canada could be truthfully described as a beauty spot, remarks The Financial Post. When showing them off even the most ardent of local boosters usually wishes he could blindfold his visitors when traversing certain ill-planned areas. And by no means are these sections confined to the first built up parts either. Some of the very worst examples are found along the fringes, where only a few years ago were open fields, clear streams and woods.

But if we are ashamed of such places now, we are going to be doubly ashamed in the future, unless our city and suburban authorities drastically change their ways. For years we have heard a great deal of talk about town planning, but from Victoria to St. John's that is about as far as we have gone.

Acton's sixteen volunteer fire fighters are equipped with a 1936 Studebaker truck, 1800 feet of hose and five fog nozzles as well as ladders and extinguishers.

## Halton Hears Report on Building for Old People

Former Councillor Burned by Acid at Acton Plant

Mr. Claude Cook, Chemist at Beardmore and Co. suffered severe acid burns to one side of his face and his neck on Friday morning when a pipe carrying sulphuric acid in the plant broke. After emergency treatment he was rushed to hospital in Guelph where he was reported to be making satisfactory progress in recovery from this painful injury.

All wish the ex-Councillor and townman a prompt recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Cook had planned to go on their holidays last Saturday but the accident the day previous, cancelled all these plans.

## ANNUAL HOLIDAYS THIS YEAR FROM JULY 23rd - AUGUST 1st

The annual newspaper holiday of the Free Press will be held from July 23rd to August 1st and there will be no issue of The Free Press on July 29th. This is in accord with our regular custom that permits all members of the staff as well as the editor to enjoy a week or so of holidays. The office will be closed for this period.

## Survey for 60 Cycle Changeover for 1953-54

Restrictions on Lawn Sprinkling Lifted for Present—New Pump is Shipped

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday evening, Chairman C. M. Hansen presided and Reeve T. Jones and Commissioner J. R. MacArthur were present.

Mr. W. Sheppard was present to enquire about the purchase of the old pump at the spring. This was for Mr. Joe Hartley, of Milton, who had inspected the pump. This pump has been discarded when the new Peerless pump was installed five years ago. The price at that time had been set at \$15.00 and Mr. Sheppard agreed to purchase it for that amount.

A letter from the H. E. P. C. of Ontario stated that the engineer would survey the Acton system in time to give an estimate of the work required for the change to 60 cycle. This changeover is now scheduled for 1953 or 1954.

Another letter from the Consolidated Machinery Co. stated that the new Peerless pump was scheduled to be shipped July 21. Mr. A. Long of Micro Plastics was present to discuss with the Commission the installation of heavier transformers supplying the plant as an additional load will be ready shortly. After some discussion it was decided to have Superintendent Wilson write the factory and ascertain what can be done to supply more power to this plant.

A motion was passed to have the location where the transformer station is located surveyed, with a view to rebuilding the workshop and garage.

It was decided to lift the restrictions on the use of hose for lawn watering. If the consumers will use the water moderately there will be enough to go around, and if not the restrictions will have to be imposed again.

The total list of arrears of the Commission is just over \$200 at the present time, but one consumer was to be issued a final warning and if his account is not paid the service is to be discontinued.

Hydro Department  
Bell Telephone Co., services \$17.50  
John Calder, repairs 4.20  
Personal Stationery Sales 4.20  
Williams Supply Co. 31.80  
Masco Electric Co. 14.40  
MacDonald Electric Ltd. 87.43  
Northern Electric Co. 31.04  
Packard Electric Co. Ltd. 441.00  
Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., supplies 2.00  
Express and Transport 3.64

\$640.96  
Waterworks Department  
Harraves Service Station, \$60.00  
Acton Free Press 1.40  
Canadian Brass Co., Ltd. 4.22  
Power and heat at spring 53.87  
Township of Esequing 3.00  
Wallace and Tiernan Ltd. 3.64  
\$126.23

## Special Meeting Will Be Held Next Week to Consider Proposal—Crossing Signal on C.P.R. at Campbellville—Medical Officer Reports on Sanitary Conditions in County

Written Exclusively for The Acton Free Press and The Canadian Champion

Halton County Council at its regular monthly meeting held at the Court House in Milton, Tuesday, approved of taking steps to have an up-to-date signal and light system installed at the C.P.R. crossing on the Guelph Line at Campbellville installed.

The order was made after months of correspondence between the C.P.R. and Board of Transport Commissioners. According to the arrangement forty per cent of the \$4,000 cost will be born by the railway fund and the balance will be shared equally between the Company and the County. Maintenance will cost \$200 a year.

Reeve VanSickle argued the railroad should bear the cost of installation as they had installed the present system 17 years ago. But other members felt that when the Railway Commissioners had given their approval to the present arrangement, there was little one could do about it.

Dr. James Mather, Medical Officer of Health was present and brought to the attention of the Council the problem of sewage disposal in rural areas as well as urban. He said conditions of septic tanks in the county were unbearable. In some cases a hazard to public health. He gave several experiences brought to his attention of his department, including one where a whole street was connected to one tank.

He stated that unfortunately there was no machinery in the county to report on the installation of new tanks, and recommended that each municipality approve a by-law which would govern the installation of new septic tanks. He further stated other councils had similar by-laws which were proving very satisfactory and asked each member of municipal councils to co-operate. Dr. Mather said he would forward a copy of this by-law to each clerk seeking the council's approval.

He also mentioned that in urban centres where there was municipal sewerage, there would always be areas not serviced by this service, forcing residents to resort to this sort of disposal system.

The by-law proposed by the Medical Officer of Health stated that any person wishing to install septic tank must first obtain permission from the Medical Officer of Health. Also no privy or cess pool is to be connected to a storm sewer. That no sewerage, commercial or domestic shall be allowed to remain on top of the ground. That no privy shall be constructed on land contiguous to a street or road on which exists a municipal sewer. The penalty suggested should not exceed \$50.

Reeve W. J. Higgins reported that according to the Municipal Act the county could not set up group insurance plan for the employees, but could institute a pension scheme.

Mr. B. Marshall, medical student intern at the Halton Health Unit said the Halton Unit was highly spoken of in other centres in the province. He said his association here had proved this, and he congratulated council for having such a fine unit in operation.

Reeve W. H. Biggar voiced Council's sentiments in the loss of an employee, when Mr. and Mrs. Cox were drowned recently. He said

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## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, so costs per line, with a minimum charge for any announcements of 2c.

Dance—Cedar Valley Cowboys, Rockwood Hall, Tuesday, July 19th, 9 p.m. Admission 50c.

Garden Party sponsored by St. David's Presbyterian Church, at Campbellville Community Grounds, Saturday, July 16th. Program by "Happy Cousins" of Elmira, Acton Boys' Band, Softball, 7 p.m. Mounts-burg vs. Lowville. Refreshment booth, P.A. system on grounds. Adults 50c, Children 12-16, 25c, under 12 free.