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Vote on Acton Sewers to be Taken Sept. 6

Ratepayers Will Be Asked To Endorse \$350,000 Expenditure—Consensus of Acton To Be Taken—Plan on High School Problem Being Formulated—Council Approves Halton Old People's Home Building—No More Liquor Outlets at Present

Acton Council met on Monday evening with Deputy Reeve Tyler and Councillors Nicol, McLeod and Hotchen present and Reeve Theron Jones presiding.

The new tray and glass and a pitcher of Acton's fine spring water were duly placed on the Council table by Town Foreman Kirkness as authorized by motion at the previous meeting. It required filling several times during the long meeting from 7:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

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| Hell Telephone Co. | \$14.80 |
| ACTU services | 243.50 |
| Acton Free Press, advt. | 18.20 |
| Thompson Motors, gas | 30.90 |
| J. Hill, sharpening saw | 50 |
| County of Halton, grant | 6.00 |
| Hickie-Seagrave Ltd. repair | 203.45 |
| ing fire truck pump | |

A resolution was passed proclaiming Monday, August 1st as a Civic Holiday.

Another resolution passed expenses to Toronto on municipal business on four occasions of \$45 for the Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillor McLeod.

The Clerk read the by-law on the installation of a sewerage disposal plant and a complete system of sewers at an estimated cost of \$350,000. This will be voted upon by the property owners entitled to vote on Monday by-laws on Tuesday, September 6th. The estimated cost of the system is \$350,000. The question upon which the electors will vote is "Are you in favour of installing, constructing, erecting and maintaining the building machinery, plant and equipment necessary for a sewerage disposal plant and complete sewerage system, without lateral from main to street line, at an estimated cost of \$350,000 in and throughout the Corporation of the Village of Acton, Yes."

Deputy Returning Officers appointed were W. Coles, Miss Eather Taylor, Mrs. J. Ingles, John Chapman Sr. The by-law was read as required and passed.

Council decided that it was desirable to have a complete census of the town in age-groups for the various municipal purposes and a resolution was passed authorizing the expenditure of \$100 for having this census. The Clerk was empowered to make arrangements for this work.

Permission was granted the Ladies Softball Club to use the softball diamond for games on Monday evenings throughout the month of August.

The Parks Committee was requested to make arrangements for suitable toilets in the park and see that they are kept in good condition.

The Public School Board and members of the North Halton High School District Board conferred with Council and formulated a policy on their stand in view of the changed attitude toward a centrally located school in the district. Enquiry was to be made on several suggestions before the policy was adopted.

Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Goodlet, of Georgetown, explained to Council the proposal to provide adequate accommodation for the Old People. Mr. Armstrong gave a review of the present County arrangements in the jointly operated home at Brampton. It was now proposed to make alterations to the Brampton building at a cost of \$168,000. This new addition will not accommodate more than half a dozen inmates, than at present but will give better accommodation for those there.

The County Council felt that in the near future more room must be secured for more people and another expenditure would be required of \$30,000 and connection with the Brampton sewers would cost \$25,000.

The building committee of County Council felt they could build a home for Halton at an approximate cost of \$500,000. Of these amounts the Department would pay on the present basis, 50 per cent of the costs. County Council Building Committee felt that Halton should have an Old People's Home of their own located near Milton and now was the time to give consideration to this matter.

The following motion was passed: (Continued on Page Five)

The Nassagaweya Historical Book for the Centennial

The historical book entitled "Nassagaweya Centennial, 1850-1950" is now in the hands of the book binders and will be ready for sale at the Centennial celebration at Brookville on July 29, 30 and 31. It will be bound in dark maroon cloth with gold title and is perhaps one of the most complete township histories available.

Many have contributed to the compilation of the book under the leadership of Mr. M. J. Carton and they may well feel proud of the volume that will be offered for limited sale at the Centennial. The work of the late Joshua Norrish for the early years of 1850 to 1888 make up over fifty pages of the book. It is well illustrated and the committee were able to secure a picture of this early pioneer to be included in the book. It is a volume which will be prized not only now but for years to come by all who know Nassagaweya. It is rather interesting to note that Mr. Norrish spells the name "Nasagaweya" rather than the present accepted spelling of "Nassagaweya" and the Indian meaning of the word in the Chippewa dialect is "between two waters or streams."

On the first assessment roll there were 43 and the whole population of the township was 190 in 1807. The present Reeve is W. M. VanSickle and the Councillors are J. E. Ellenton, R. M. Storey, Geo. Stokes and J. S. Norrish. The book is published under the authority of the Nassagaweya Township Council and is priced at \$2 per copy.

GREENOCK INSTITUTE HELD PICNIC IN CONJUNCTION WITH SCHOOL

Greenock W.I. held its annual picnic with the township was 190 in 1807. The present Reeve is W. M. VanSickle and the Councillors are J. E. Ellenton, R. M. Storey, Geo. Stokes and J. S. Norrish.

Boys under 5 Jimmie Hill, Boys and girls 5 to 6 - Nancy Aitken, Sharon Scott, Wayne Gordon.

Boys and girls 7 to 8 - Edith Scott, Jimmie Meeki, Calvin Kay.

Boys 9 to 10 - Jack Johnson, Lawrence Johnson, Garry Scott.

Girls 9 to 10 - Arlene Hill, Muriel Allen.

Boys 11 to 12 - Lavern Allen, Bob Hill, Keith Scott.

Girls 13 to 14 - Mary Reid, Doris Allen, Irene Semanyk.

3-Leaflet Race - Muriel Allen and Joyce Johnson, Betty Hill and Janet Kay.

Relay Race - Bill Hill, Lawrence Johnson, Mary Reid, Irene Semanyk, Doris Allen, Keith Scott, Ida Cripps, Jack Iding.

Jumping, Girls 7 to 8 - Edith Scott, Janet Kay, tied, 9-10, Doris Allen, Joan Hepburn, Irene Semanyk, tied.

Jumping, Boys - Lavern Allen, Keith Scott.

Ladies Kicking Shoe - Mrs. C. Allen, Irene Semanyk, Joan Hepburn.

A ball game was held and lunch of sandwiches, ice cream and candy was served. Mrs. Bell, of Rockwood, teacher of Greenock, who is leaving the section was presented with a purse by Nancy Aitken and suitcase by Lavern Allen. Mary Reid read the address expressing the good wishes of the community.

Two more chances for Acton Juniors to make County play-offs.

The Junior Baseball team will get their chance to make the County play-offs for the coveted trophy, emblematic of Halton minor supremacy, tomorrow night and again on Monday in Acton when they are pitted against the league leading Oakville club and Milton Juniors respectively. Both clubs they have defeated on previous occasions and one win in either case should ensure them a play-off spot.

Behind Blow's twirling Acton edged Brampton in Brampton by a score of 10-9 last Saturday. In the stiff competition encountered this year, the Juniors are playing fine ball, winning six games and losing four, all by slight margins.

Good support from fans will likely carry the team to a win over both clubs and on the basis of past performances is sure to be good ball.

Nassagaweya Centennial Council



The Council of Nassagaweya Township this year who head the Centennial Celebrations of the Township and are backed loyally by every citizen in making the three days ones to go down in history. Left to right are Councillors Max Storey and Stan Norrish, Reeve Wm. VanSickle and Councillors Edgar Ellenton and George Stokes.

Acton Wins Two Games In the Week's Baseball

Took Decision Over Milton in Game on Tuesday and Won From Georgetown Last Night by 7-3 - Fergus Won by 5-4 in Last Saturday's Game

Milton, July 19th. Acton Intermediates topped out eleven base hits on Tuesday night as they downed Milton 6-2, touching starting pitcher Chuck Gervais and his successor Murray Grenke in whole sale lots through a seven inning twilight bill at Milton. The game was just in its infancy when Acton produced the winning margin.

Bunching five hits into five runs during the second inning, Acton coasted to a convincing win with the rest of the way. It was Acton's sixth win and Milton's fifth loss.

Milton faltered twice in the bottom of the fifth when Rusk's triple batted in Clements and Vaughan but it was the only hot water Acton drop artist Sam Snyder got into as he retracted Milton to five hits, all well scattered. Snyder received strong support from his mates in racking up the win. A flawless fielding performance from Acton's third baseman, Lorne Masters, put him in command all the way.

Actually the fixture was a replay on a postponed game of three weeks ago which was rained out originally and had to be postponed a second time on the account of wet grounds.

Desultory base running probably kept Acton from making it a runaway in early innings. The visitors showed a complete disregard to conventional modes of being tagged as if they wanted to end the contest prematurely. On more than one occasion, the visitors took long leads on pop flies only to be caught out without any perceivable effort on their part to get back on the bags.

The contest was a carbon copy of one played a week previous in Acton, only this time the shoe was on the other foot. Milton couldn't touch the sheer drop thrown by Snyder while the Acton club repeatedly smashed out singles from the slants of both Gervais and Grenke. Grenke relieved Gervais in the second frame after four runs had counted.

Acton started their rally in the second with two out when Footitt sauntered to first on a pass Snyder poled out a single followed by Masters with a walk. Kentner smashed a safety with the bags loaded scoring Footitt. With the bases still at capacity, Runstadler drove out a double scoring Snyder and Masters. 750 Lindsay singled, pushing in Kentner. Runstadler also scored from second after a close decision at the plate. At this juncture Grenke, was nominated to replace Gervais. Masses teed off on Grenke but was jagged while attempting to steal second.

In the bottom half of the second frame, Grenke blasted a double between short and second, and tried to stretch it into a triple but was flagged down at third when a long leave from Footitt in deep left flew in ahead of him. Masters put the ball on him two feet before he reached second.

Hough scored Acton's sixth run in the fifth after hitting a two-master. A safety from Footitt put him on third, later scoring on Lorne Masters' bingle.

Vaughan hit to short centre in (Continued on Page Five)

MINOR ACCIDENT INVOLVES TRUCK-CAR IN WEEKLY MISHAP

A truck belonging to the Imperial Lumber Co. of Toronto and a car owned by John Beckman of Macou Boulevard, Acton, were involved in an accident on Young Street last Thursday.

The Imperial Lumber Co. truck was proceeding east along Young St. and the car was following the truck. When opposite Peel St. the truck stopped and backed into the front of the Beckman car causing damage of approximately \$150.

The truck was fully insured and it is presumed the damage will be taken care of by the insurance Co.

ACTON SCOUTS ENJOY THEMSELVES MAKING CANADA-WIDE FRIENDSHIPS

The first Canadian Boy Scout Jamboree being held in Comnaught Rifle Range, Ottawa, has three thousand Scouts in attendance. Acton is well represented with three Scouts, Jack Davidson, Rae Hutt and Don Davidson and leader, Dave Dilla.

The local boys prepared for a long time that they might attend this Jamboree and make friends across Canada. The boys all attained their King Scout rank before leaving last Friday on their motor trip to Ottawa. Word from the Scouts begs for anything with Acton on it that they might trade. No doubt they will come back laden with souvenirs of their experiences.

One of the interesting events related by letter deserves mention. The local scouts specialize in signalling and fire by friction, both very difficult topics. Following camp fire the composite troop that has Don Davidson as a member found they had no matches to light their cooking fire. Don got out his fire-blazing for them on his first attempt. Needless to say, Don was somewhat of an idol.

CAR CRASH CAUSES ONLY MINOR DAMAGE TO VEHICLES INVOLVED

Slight damage was caused to two cars when they brushed each other on the old York Road near Eden Mills Monday.

The accident reportedly occurred when a car driven by Hazel Mack, R.R. 5 Rockwood, and a vehicle driven by Irene Dredge of R.R. 3, Milton, met on a corner.

The Mack car had the left fender badly buckled, the bumper broken and the grill broken. The other vehicle had the left fender buckled, the bumper broken and the left front tire flattened.

Provincial Constable John Ratcliff investigated the accident.

STANDING OF TEAMS IN HALTON COUNTY LEAGUE

The Halton County Baseball League Standing up to and including Saturday, July 16th games.

| | W | L | T | Pts. |
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| Fergus | 12 | 3 | 1 | 25 |
| Milton | 9 | 4 | 1 | 19 |
| Waterdown | 9 | 7 | 0 | 18 |
| Georgetown | 8 | 8 | 0 | 16 |
| Acton | 5 | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| Hamilton | 3 | 14 | 0 | 4 |

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC NASSAGAWAYA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT LOWVILLE

The Ladies Aid of Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church chose an ideal day for the Sunday School annual picnic held at Halton Recreation Park at Lowville last Monday.

Among the good attendance there were five people over 80 years of age. They left home with picnic lunch in the morning in time to have it at noon and enjoyed it from one of the tables and benches donated by them this spring to the park. Plenty of ice cream for everyone old and young topped this part of the day.

Sports ball games swimming in creek and faces supplied amusement for all.

Results of the races are: Boys and girls 5 years and under, Don Dredge, Ann MacNeil.

Girls 5 to 7, Marjorie Elliott, Shirley Dobbie.

Boys 5 to 7, Herbie Dredge, Gerald Lush.

Girls 7 to 9, Kathleen MacNeil, Virginia Barber.

Boys 7 to 9, George Robinson, Ted Hutton.

Girls 9 to 11, Helen Dredge, Donna McMillan.

Mixed Race 11-14, Douglas Dredge, Elmer Dredge.

Free for all Race, Douglas Dredge, Tom Kennedy.

Married Men, Ed Dredge, Stan Robinson.

Plate Race, Ed Dredge and Mrs. C. Dredge, Helen Dredge and Douglas Dredge.

Kicking the Shoe, Margaret Dredge, Mrs. C. Dredge.

Married Ladies, Mrs. Clarence Dredge, Mrs. Elmer Cox.

MR. AND MRS. GRANT MACDONALD MOVE TO ORANGEVILLE HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Macdonald moved early this week to Orangeville where Mr. Macdonald has a coal business. They have been in residence here four and a half years.

Living with Mrs. Macdonald's father, Mr. Thomas Watson, Mill St. Prior to leaving the choir of Acton United Church presented Mrs. Macdonald with a silver bowl at a social evening at Mrs. W. Beatty's and many good wishes followed them to their new home.

Mrs. Macdonald was also active in the work of the Duke of Devonshire LODGE and will be missed. Acton regrets the removal of this estimable couple to Orangeville but the best wishes of many friends followed them in their new community.

No Action for Present in Erin on School Problem

Special Meeting Agrees to Await Until Ratepayers Have Vote

A special meeting of the Erin Council and any ratepayers desiring to attend was called by the Reeve on June 24th to discuss what action to be taken re the formation of a Public and Continuation School Area, comprising Erin Village and Erin Township as proposed at a previous meeting.

A petition was presented by a number of ratepayers present requesting the Council take no action until the ratepayers had the privilege of approving same by ballot.

The Council agreed to take no action at the present time.

Erin Township Council met on July 14th with the members all present and Reeve Goldwin Burt presiding.

A resolution extending the appreciation and thanks of the Council to the committee in charge of the erection and completion of the Memorial in the Union Cemetery, Hillsburgh, in memory of the Pioneers interred therein was proposed and passed. The Committee in charge were as follows: namely, Jno. McFee, Neil McFee, Miller Bryan, Edgar Huxley, George Bryson and Daniel Gray.

The Council decided that no action be taken at the present time regarding the request of the Georgetown Lion's Club re the Credit Valley Conservation project. The Treasurer was instructed to pay all bills in connection with the construction of Memorial in the Union Cemetery, Hillsburgh, amounting to \$468.37.

Accounts were paid as follows: General, \$53.00; Sheep, \$253.00; Relief, direct, \$91.23; Relief, charged to City of Toronto, \$89.30; Roads, \$3,126.57.

Council adjourned to meet again on Monday, August 8th at 1 p.m. or at the call of the Reeve.

County Council Endorsed Halton Home for Aged

Former Actonian Now Director of Publishing Firm

Douglas M. Gowdy, son of the late Wm. Gowdy, has been appointed a director of MacLean-Hunter Publications, Toronto. It has recently been announced.

In 1912 he was appointed business manager of the Post and in 1912 became manager of the paper. Two years later he was appointed advertising director for MacLean Hunter's Canadian business papers and in December 1948 he became advertising director for the magazines as well.

A director of the Periodical Press Association and past chairman of its legislative committee, Mr. Gowdy is a vice chairman of the Business Newspapers Association.

He is an associate member of the Canadian Manufacturers Association, representing MacLean-Hunter, an associate member of the Industrial Advertisers Association of Ontario and has served on the Canadian policy committee of National Industrial Advertisers Association.

Mr. Gowdy is a past president of the Canadian Club, Toronto, and was also first vice president of the Association of Canadian Clubs in 1948.

Besides membership in the Empire and Advertising and Sales clubs, he is a member of the National Club and is on the Board of Session of Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, Toronto.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' BAND PREPARE FOR BIG MUSICAL JAMBOREE

The Acton Boys' and Girls' Band are very busy this summer. Last Saturday the group entertained at a Garden Party at Campbellville and on Sunday they visited Fergus under the auspices of the Fergus Citizens' Band for a return engagement.

At Fergus, St. James' Park was crowded with cars and people to hear the fine concert presented by the Acton Band. The varied program included marches, waltzes, overtures and hymns.

The Band has visited quite a few places this year and they have been scheduled for engagements all through June, July and well into August. All these engagements are to be returned in August when the local Acton Boys' and Girls' Band will be having their mammoth tattoo. At present it is expected there will be 450 musicians on hand for the big event which will mean about fifteen bands. There will be bugle bands, fife drill, pipe bands and brass bands.

The event promises to be a real musical treat for spectators and a grand jamboree for bandmen.

FIELD CROP WINNERS IN FAIR COMPETITION ARE ANNOUNCED

Winners of the Field Crop Competitions of Acton Fall Fair for 1949 are announced this week as follows: Calvin Aitken, 80 points; George Wallace, 87; Gordon Leslie, 85; Arthur Swackhamer, 83; Wallace Swackhamer, 81; F. Denny, 80; Hugh Reid, 79; J. Allen, 76.

KNOX ALERT Y.W.A. PICNIC MEETING AT MRS. GEO. SOMERVILLE'S

The Alert Y.W.A. of Knox Presbyterian Church held their July meeting at a picnic supper at the home of Mr. George Somerville on No. 7 Highway. The tables, arranged on the lawn and well laden with food provided a most enjoyable picnic atmosphere.

Following the supper, games and contests were enjoyed with prizes awarded to the following: a musical contest with Mrs. R. Spillvogel winning the prize; an age contest won by Mrs. C. Leshman; girl's names won by Mrs. David Holmes; a musical game of passing parcels was won by Mrs. Geo. Musselle; Miss Florence Elliott and Mrs. Geo. Somerville; a musical elimination game was won by Mrs. Stan Matthews. A pleasing feature of the latter two games was the mouth organ accompaniment provided by Mrs. C. Leshman and Mrs. Janice Ingles.

As the shadows of evening began to close in, the president, Mrs. F. Anderson expressed the thanks to the hostesses for the lovely evening enjoyed at this hospitable home and the party departed for home.

Appoint Committee to Negotiate With Peel in Dissolution of Partnership and to Plan and Suggest Sites for Building in Halton—Estimated Cost of Modern Home is \$500,000

By a vote of 13 to 3 last night Halton County Council decided to build a Home for the Aged in Halton County rather than participate in any more expenditure on the home now owned jointly by the Counties of Peel and Halton.

The following is the resolution which was passed on a recorded vote: "That this Council is in favour of building in Halton County a home for the aged."

"That forthwith a committee be appointed to report by the next meeting of this Council on tentative sites and proposed plans."

"That forthwith a committee be appointed to negotiate with Peel County for a settlement of our half interest in the Peel Halton Home for the Aged said settlement to be confirmed by this Council."

"That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Public Welfare and the County Council of Peel."

Committees were also appointed to implement this resolution. The Building Committee to deal with sites and plans are Messrs. Armstrong, VanSickle, Wickham and Dick.

The Committee to negotiate with Peel County are Messrs. Higgins, Currie, Jones and Higger.

The meeting last night was a special meeting to deal with the decision of Halton in proceeding on a building program of \$168,000 in the Brampton Home or to withdraw from the partnership that has been so unprofitable for forty years and establish a separate Home in Halton. Keynote of the situation seemed to be the fact that the expenditure on the present building did not allow for any more accommodation and the fact that both Peel and Halton have grown during these forty years to the point where both counties almost required the accommodation that was now available at the present building.

All the Councillors spoke on the question giving the views of their Council because the County Council representatives had visited most of the Municipal Councils and explained the problem. Some of the views cast were not the personal decisions of the representatives but the voice of the Council they represented. The matter had been considered carefully therefore by all municipalities before the decision was reached to proceed with a Halton Home. For this informative work, the Warden expressed appreciation to Reeve Armstrong and the building committee for their splendid efforts.

Some criticism arose regarding the wording of the original motion and the motion passed above was a re-drafted resolution to comply with these objections.

Mrs. Maxted, the Clerk, read the by-law passed in September, 1900, in which Halton purchased a half share in the Peel Home and has since shared in the improvements and maintenance of the home. The Warden and Councillors were all agreed that the forty year partnership had been very satisfactory. Miss Maxted also read the resolution from Peel County which had endorsed the expenditure of \$168,000 on the present building.

JULY MEETING OF KNOX SENIOR AUXILIARY W.M.S. AT MRS. MASALE'S

The July meeting of the Senior Auxiliary-W.M.S. of Knox Church was held at the home of Mrs. Wesley Masale. The devotions were taken by Mrs. Wright and Miss I. Anderson. Miss Clark took the study for the month "Formosa Re-Entered," telling of conditions before and at the close of the late war. Miss Isabel Anderson and Mrs. Earl Cooper followed this further, showing the advance made by 1947.

All enjoyed a social time at the close of the meeting.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, 10 cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 30c.

450 musicians will entertain in Gigaletic Tattoo, Acton Park on August 13th, 8 p.m.

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