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Crossing Warning Signal Ordered for Mill Street

Installation to be Made in 90 Days—Grader for Streets Cause on Trial—Construction Inspector Reassigned—New Assessor and Assistant to Clerk to be Appointed from Danon Applications—Report of Police Detachment—Road—Water Tank to be Replaced this Year

Acton Council met in regular session on Monday evening with Reeve Tyler, Deputy Reeve McLeod and Councilors Greer, Russell, Holchen, Nicol and Thompson present and Mayor A. Mason presiding.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Lover and Hoakins, audit fee	\$400.00
Acton Public Util. Comm. services, etc.	4450.88
Whitman's Garage, gas	74.37
Thompson Motors, repairs, etc.	68.10
Bell Telephone Co. services	15.85
Norwich Union Fire Insurance premium	342.30
J. B. Mackenzie and Son, supplies	33.85
Guelpch Mercury, adv.	3.00
Acton Public Util. Comm. share of operations for Jan. and Feb.	530.98
Guelpch Band and Gravel	36.25
J. Hargrave, expenses re travel	5.00
E. Tyler, expenses re travel	2.25
	\$1050.64

Rewer Account
Spartan Contracting Co. progress payment on contract A \$2447.55
Progress payment on contract B 3790.50
R. V. Anderson, engineering services and expenses 364.49

Mr. M. Tyler, engineer of Council regarding the engagement of an inspector on sewer construction. He had asked consideration when this position was open and felt he was well qualified and should be given an opportunity. Mayor Mason pointed out that the position had to be filled immediately and the appointment would have to be approved by Council in proper order.

A letter from Contractors Machinery and Equipment was read regarding the purchase of a used grader at a cost of \$2000. Conditions of sale were given and delivery charges were \$35. It could be had on a month's approval and rental would be applied on the purchase price. This was a power grader and full power equipment. The machine had been examined by four Councilors and seemed to meet Acton's needs.

A motion was passed authorizing payment of \$300 on delivery of the grader. If the machine is satisfactory the payment will be applied on the purchase price and if not the amount paid would be a refund for a month's use.

The clerk reported that the car of calcium was on hand.
Bilton Plumbing and Heating submitted a report on the heating equipment at the Y.M.C.A. as requested by Council. Councilors Greer and Thompson were to make further investigation on the equipment.

Guelpch Sand and Gravel submitted prices on various grades of gravel. The Gypsum Lime and Alabastine Co. were not prepared to quote prices.

The monthly report of the Provincial Police was received and read by the clerk. There was one conviction under the Liquor Control Act and four under municipal by-laws. Fines collected were \$4. There were 71 inspections of business places and five found unlocked and owners notified. There were 17 investigations made. Mileage paid for during the month was 753 miles.

Notice of a school for municipal officials was received and will be dealt with at a future meeting.

Council discussed the assessment on the Leishman survey on lots that were unsold and had been assessed as farm land. Mr. Leishman had paid the taxes as charged and Council was empowered to make a rebate. Council decided lot taxes should be paid on Arthur Street on the lots unsold but the lots on Mill Street which were not prepared as a street were to have taxes charged as farm land. The treasurer was authorized to make a rebate.

The Rotary Club extended an invitation to Council to attend a special picture at the club on Tuesday, April 25th.

A letter from Trans-Canada (Continued on Page Eight)

Serious Injury Sustained While Playing Badminton

Many friends regret to learn of the unfortunate mishap sustained by Mrs. J. W. Wolfe when she suffered a critical injury to her right eye which may mean a permanent injury to the sight of that eye.

Mrs. Wolfe was playing badminton at the Y.M.C.A. on Monday evening when her racket struck the side of her eyeglasses breaking the glass which injured her eye with the broken glass. Mrs. Wolfe was attended by Dr. Garrett and is in the General Hospital at Guelpch for treatment. All wish for her a prompt recovery.

Guelpch Speaker at Easter Meeting Knox W.M.S.

Mrs. W. P. Gamble, honorary president of Guelpch Presbyterial W.M.S. brought to her listeners a stirring message as she addressed the Easter thank offering meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterial W.M.S. on Thursday, April 13th, taking as her topic "Life is a race—go tell."

Mrs. H. Mainprize, president of the Auxiliary, presided. Mrs. Cameron Leishman of the Auxiliary contributed two beautiful messages in song suitable to the Easter season with Miss Ethel Franklin at the console of the organ. Mrs. R. M. McDonald and Mrs. E. J. Hamant conducted the devotions and Mrs. F. S. Blow introduced the speaker and presented her, on behalf of the Auxiliary, with a beautiful corsage.

Guests were present from missionary groups of Guelpch, St. Andrew's, Rockwood, Nasasagaweya and Georgetown as well as from the other congregations of Acton. Mrs. A. J. Buchanan ably expressed the appreciation of the members and guests of those who had contributed to the program. Representatives of visiting groups brought greetings from their Societies. Rev. R. H. Armstrong brought greetings from the Session and members of Knox Kirk and pronounced the benediction.

Lunch was served in the class room where Mrs. S. Cordner presided at the tea table and members of the executive acted as hostesses.

Acton Industry Double Present Plant Size

Micro Plastics Building New Section of Same Area as Present Building

Work started this week on construction of a new building for Micro Plastics which will give this Company space double their present building. The new building will be of cement block construction with the frontage used for offices and the balance for storage of materials.

This will leave the present building entirely clear for manufacturing processes and give room for machines that are being used and have been added since the company was established.

The new building which will adjoin the present factory will be 98 feet deep with an office frontage of 48 feet on Wallace Avenue. Micro Plastics owns this complete block of land on Wallace and Bowler Avenue and ample land remains for any further expansion that may be required.

Micro Plastics was established in Acton in 1945 and is therefore the latest industry. It has shown steady growth and the present plant is entirely too small for production of the various lines of extruded plastics being manufactured.

CHEAP ADVICE

"Two cents of bicarbonate of soda for indigestion at this time of night-cried the infuriated druggist, who had been aroused at 3 a.m., "when a glass of hot water would have done just as well!"

"Well, well," returned McDougal. "I thank ye for the advice, and I'll no bother ye after all. Good night."

Last of the Dutch family of Roosevelt which contributed two United States presidents, is Henri William Frederik van Roosevelt, an Amsterdam Chinese restaurant worker.

SOCIAL EVENING OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MONDAY

The members and friends of the Acton Home and School Association enjoyed an evening of euchre and square dancing Monday, April 17th in the game room of the Y.M.C.A. which had been suitably decorated with hay, cedars, etc. by Mr. H. Hinton.

Winners of the euchre were Mrs. S. Sinclair and Mrs. Near of Kitchener. Mrs. G. McKenzie and Mrs. G. Cunningham were awarded the consolation prizes.

Dressed in keeping with the spirit of the occasion were the musicians, Messrs L. Duby, G. Fountain and C. Landsborough. Mr. E. Parker was the genial floor manager.

Appreciation is due Dennis Pappillon who made the sketches for the invitations which had been issued.

During the evening the president, Mr. H. Parker, presented the following slate of officers for the ensuing year for consideration: president, Dr. G. A. Birrs, 1st vice president, Mr. R. R. Parker, 2nd vice president, Mrs. Stewart Sinclair, recording secretary, Mrs. L. Lovell, corresponding secretary, Mr. C. Heard, treasurer, Mr. K. Husen, executive committee, Mrs. H. Force, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. W. Wolfe, Mr. C. Luxton.

Donuts and coffee were served at the conclusion of the dancing.

Winners in 'Y' Holiday Program and Special Events

The special Easter holiday program which functioned daily at the "Y" last week was successful from every standpoint. In addition to some informal activities, a variety of competitions were held. The winners of these were as follows: High scorers and points scored in the Athletic sheet, Boys, "A" Class, R. Arbie, 158.9; W. Arbie, 126; J. Cunningham, 125.2; "B" Class, H. Skilling, 113.3; G. Dawkins, 82.8; H. Sheppard, 75.6; "C" Class, D. Wilds, 66.9; E. Baxter, 66.7; P. Hurst, 62.8; J. Hodge, 149.3; J. McTear, 123.0; "Girls" "A" Class, B. Morton, 123.0; J. Hodge, 149.3; J. McTear, 123.0; "B" Class, H. Luxton, 105.5; N. Wilds, 93.7; E. Rachlin, 55.2; Junior Mixed Bowling winning team—1332 pats. M. Kinnred, P. Bradshaw, T. Footitt, J. Deforest, Midgets individual high scorers, boys, B. Sheppard, 460; Girls, E. Rachlin, 346. Winners of Marathon Basketball Tournament, Boys, J. Cunningham 33; Girls, P. Bradshaw, 13.

In the Basketball House League games last Saturday, the league leading Red squad suffered their first defeat to date at the hands of the second place Black team 50-20 while the Blue outfit humbled the winless Golds 53-19. In the Red-Black upset the latter led 30-7 at half time, with both teams matching scores in the final stage. The Blacks victory was partly due to the superb playing of J. Cunningham and the late arrival of D. Anderson of the Red squad. In the Blue-Gold fracas, closer checking and fast breaks by the Blues were the determining factors in their victory. High scorers were Dawkins for the Blues, 25 pts., and R. Wood for the Golds with 10 pts.

All classes are polishing up their acts for the "Y" annual Circus at the Arena next month. At present 15 acts, plus capers by the clowns are scheduled to appear.

The Junior Teen Ager will hold another Party this Saturday and will feature a Carnival program complete with a variety of skill games.

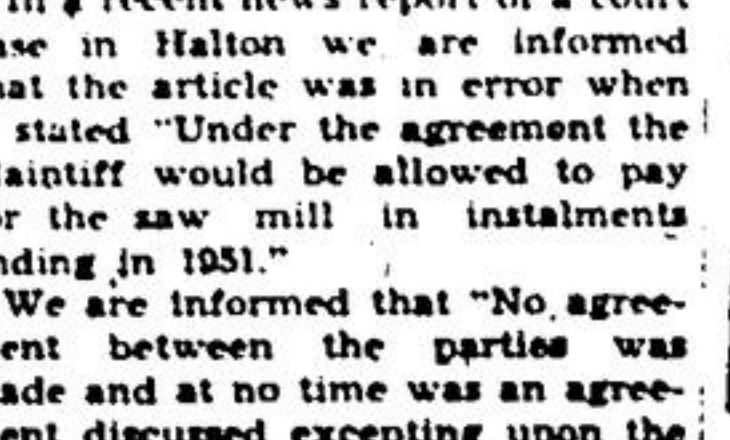
EXPLANATION OF COURT REPORT OF CASE IN HALTON

In a recent news report of a court case in Halton we are informed that the article was in error when it stated "Under the agreement the plaintiff would be allowed to pay for the saw mill in instalments ending in 1951."

We are informed that "No agreement between the parties was made and at no time was an agreement discussed excepting upon the basis that Mr. Wright would confess to judgment by the court declaring that he had no interest whatsoever in the saw mill. In the agreement discussed, Mr. Wright would receive payment for services allegedly rendered by Mr. Enright. On March 4th His Lordship was assured the parties were in agreement."

We trust this will clarify any report which may have been in error in any publication.

WINNER OF ROXY THEATRE SPECIAL EASTER COSTUME CONTEST



Johnny Kentner, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kentner, Jr. Willow St., Acton, was the unanimous winner of the special costume contest at the Roxy Theatre, Acton, Easter Monday afternoon. The contest was the highlight of an Easter Matinee program of cartoons and a clown stage show with Al Allin acting as Master of Ceremonies. Bill Barry of Georgetown played the clown with Jack Calder and Richard Mason also taking part in the crazy stage show. Some 500 children, students and adults filled the auditorium setting an all time record for an afternoon performance.

June 25th Date Commemoration Service for Acton

Councillor Ray Thompson Named President of Committee in Charge of Event

Sunday, June 25th was the date selected for the commemoration service in Acton marking the raising of Acton from Village to Town status in 1850. Representatives of various organizations of the community with Mayor and Councillors met last Friday evening and formed an organization which will work out the plans in connection with the event.

Heading the Commemoration Service Committee is Councillor Ray Thompson with Mrs. F. Anderson as Vice President and W. H. Clayton as Secretary-Treasurer.

Members of the executive committee are: Mrs. A. Orr of Lakeside Chapter I.O.O.F., Mrs. Wilds of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. F. Hunter of the Scout and Guide Mothers, Mrs. Wilds of the Acton Women's Institute, Mrs. J. W. Wolfe of Duke of Devonshire I.O.D.E., E. W. Coles of Acton Branch of the Legion, F. Hilton of the Board of Trade, A. Mason of Acton Rotary, Foreman Lawrence of Acton Y's Men Club.

It was planned to hold the first meeting of the organization on Tuesday, April 18th. In the meantime citizens are urged to keep June 25th an open date for this day of many unique features and importance to Acton.

At the meeting on Tuesday evening the following were appointed to head up their respective committees:

Order of service, Rev. R. H. Armstrong, choir, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Wilderpin, Mrs. Sinclair, Music, Amos Mason, Parade, E. W. Coles, Mrs. Wilds, Grounds, seating, etc., Mr. Hilton, Ray Thompson, Advertising, Mrs. Hazel Orr, Mrs. H. L. McDonald.

Arrangements are to be made for a special guest speaker. The next committee meeting is to be held on May 16th to complete all details.

HALTON JERSEYS COMPLETE RECORDS IN RECENT TESTS

Several Jersey herds in Halton County report cows that have recently completed R.O.P. records. The leader in this recent group is Pine-tree Valiant Rose owned by Maurice C. Beatty of Milton. Rose went on test as a senior 3 year old and in 305 days produced 8,789 lbs. of milk and 494 lbs. of fat.

Other cows have qualified in the herds of G. S. Matthews, Acton, Ontario; H. Bessem of Rockwood, Ontario; Lloyd Creighton, Georgetown and Kenneth Ellis at Hornby. Mr. Ellis' Jersey cow, Rockwood War Lass as a Junior 4 year old in 292 days produced 8,192 lbs. of milk and 456 lbs. of fat.

Seattle, Washington, is farther north than Nova Scotia.

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ACTON JUNIOR FARMERS AND JUNIOR INSTITUTE HOLD JOINT MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Acton Junior Farmers and the Junior Institute was held Tuesday evening April 18th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McKewen. The guest speakers for the Junior Farmers were Cameron Wilson and George Atkins. Topic was "Modern Methods of Farming" which was illustrated by lantern slides and explained by Mr. Wilson.

The girls held their meeting in an adjacent room. The roll call was answered by "Our Favourite Song and Composer." Mrs. Fred McDougall from Caledon Junior Farmers explained program planning and presided at the election of the following officers: President Gloria Conroy, Vice-Pres. Doris Lauby, Secretary, Doris Thompson, Treasurer, Frances Lauby. The theme of the meeting was in charge and Mrs. F. McDougall was in charge and gave some of the highlights in the life of Jeannette McDonald and played several records.

At the conclusion of business two groups combined for a social time. Games and contests were won by the following: Life Saver Contest, Ray Everdell's team, Baby Bottle Contest, Lawrence Himeley, Cake Eating Contest, Keith Black, Blindfolded Boxing, a draw by Irene Semanyk and Andy Johnston.

Lunch brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

Halton County Farm Forums Continue Active

Even if Farm Radio Forum broadcasts from the station are completed, the interest and desire to help others less fortunate than ourselves, urges our Forum members to meet and give assistance where needed and this is only too true of North Trafalgar Farm Forum as the following report gives evidence.

On Wednesday evening April 12th a progressive euchre was held in S. S. No. 8, Trafalgar Township, proceeds in aid of Crippled Children Fund. A real good attendance from Hornby Forum, the Town of Milton, Toronto Township and even from Queen's Park, was present.

The winners in euchre were ladies high, Mrs. Albert Marchant and girls, Mr. Russell King. Tickets were sold on a lucky draw for a box of groceries. The lucky ticket was held by Mr. Alfred Shepherd, who in turn donated it to the Crippled Children's Fund. Our well trained auctioneer, Mr. Jack Marchant, auctioned the groceries off and increased the proceeds by almost \$5, making a total in all of \$30.

We also have in our treasury \$17.85 which is a donation to the Community Park Project as a donation towards the fund to supply swings, slides and teeter-totters for the use of children at the park.

Halton County Committee wish to congratulate North Trafalgar Farm Forum for their interest in these activities and trust we will hear from other Forums in the County doing likewise. In bringing joy to others we reap joy to ourselves twofold.

BUSINESS MEN STILL LEAD IN VOLLEYBALL AT Y.M.C.A. LEAGUE

Last Thursday night the Y was the scene of another tussle by the Acton Volleyball League.

Due to the late arrival of the Tannery Reds, the independents took the first game by default. The Reds captured the second set by the score of 16-14. Undismayed by that first reversal, the independents came back to take the last game 15-6.

The second match of the evening saw the powerful Business Men take three games at the expense of the determined and hard fighting Micro Plastics.

The Plastics showing much improvement in their passing and net play extended the B. M. to three close games as the scores of 15-10, 15-12 and 15-10 indicate.

Falling to field a full team the Y's Men defaulted three points to the Tannery Blues. After a short postponed set with the Tannery Blues and humbled them 15-1, 15-9, 15-4.

LEAGUE STANDING

Business Men	36	33	3	33
Tannery Reds	36	34	12	34
Independents	36	20	16	20
Micro Plastics	36	15	21	15
Tannery Blues	36	14	22	14
Y's Men	36	3	33	3

The Canadian National is the oldest railway system in British North America.

Only 4 of 9 Municipalities Have Assessment Ready

Officers Elected New Members At Rotary Club

Jack Hoyston will succeed Alf Long as President of Acton Rotary Club as a result of Club elections held on Tuesday evening and Thompson Jones will be Vice President. Ted Hansen was elected Secretary and Art Haydon Treasurer. Directors elected are Roy Arnold, Wes Beatty and Ted Tyler.

The election campaign lasted several weeks and besides a multitude of election speeches produced some unique campaign propaganda for several meetings. Three new members were welcomed into the club at the Tuesday dinner.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING SCOTCH BLOCK INSTITUTE

The annual meeting of the Scotch Block W.I. met at the home of Mrs. S. Murray on April 13th, the president presiding. It was voted to send a donation of \$25.00 to the Cancer Society. Mrs. A. McGibbon and Miss May were appointed as delegates to attend the conference in Guelpch. Roll call was answered by payment of fees. Mrs. Agnew took the chair for the election of officers. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Hon. Pres. Mrs. R. Dredge, Pres. Mrs. S. Murray, 1st Vice Pres. Mrs. T. Wilds, 2nd Vice Pres. Mrs. H. Currie, Sec. Treas. Mrs. C. Wilson, Assistant Sec. Treas. Mrs. G. McGibbon, District Director, Mrs. T. Chisholm, Branch Directors, Mrs. Agnew, Mrs. D. McGibbon and Mrs. I. Wilds, Auditors, Mrs. D. Robertson and Mrs. G. Gillies, Pianist Mrs. N. Lawson and Miss Eva Chisholm, Standing Committee. Convenors, Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. A. McGibbon, Citizenship and Education, Mrs. May, Community Activities and Public Relations, Mrs. D. Irving, Historical Research and Current Events, Mrs. H. Stark; Home Economics and Health, Miss Eva Chisholm, Resolutions, Mrs. Clarke. Other convenors are Programme, Mrs. H. Dredge; Finance, Mrs. G. McGibbon; Lunch, Mrs. C. Service and Mrs. R. Currie; Flowers, Mrs. J. Elliott.

After the election of officers Mrs. Clarke, one of our past presidents, conducted the installation ceremony for use at Branch W.I. Annual Meeting out of our Hand book which was very interesting. Mrs. J. Hopkin gave the report of the District Director's meeting. The District Annual is to be held June 6th at Georgetown. The National Anthem brought another meeting to a close after which lunch was served. We enjoyed a special treat of ice cream and cake.

THREE SECTIONS TOWN HAVE SEWER WORK PROGRAM THIS WEEK

Sewer construction this week includes the operations on Scene St. which will also continue next week. Another crew is working on Agnes Street between Willow and John Streets and will continue to Elgin Street. A third shovel is working on Queen St. from Main St. to Victoria Ave. Traffic on these streets is barred until the operations are completed.

ACTON RESIDENT MARKED NINETY-FIRST BIRTHDAY YESTERDAY

We join with other friends in extending birthday congratulations to one of Acton's few residents who are eligible for the "Over Ninety Club." On Wednesday, Mrs. Wm. Mainprize, Mill St. celebrated her 91st birthday at her home with members of her family.

CABLE-LAYING SHIPS

The United Kingdom Post Office operates three oil burning cable-laying vessels, one of which (H.M.S. Monarch) is the largest of its kind in the world. This vessel has been engaged on charter work and has operated as far away as the South Atlantic, laying and repairing undersea cables. The Monarch built in 1945, is the fourth cable ship to bear the name; one of her predecessors was sunk during the 1914-18 war and another during the last war. Her length is 475 feet overall. She has a speed of 14 1/2 knots and when on cable laying a maximum complement of 180.

Equalization Possible If More Delay is Experienced in Getting Work Done—Higher County Rate Probable — County Court of Revision to be Set up in September — Larne State Band and Regiment Given \$500 Grants Each

Admitting their municipalities were holding up the equalized assessment program, Oakville and Trafalgar Township representatives to County Council, however, assured other members they were doing everything in their power to hasten it to a conclusion.

Acton, Milton, Nelson and Burlington representatives told members attending the regular meeting of County Council last Tuesday they had completed their work while other municipalities said they expected to be ready by September. The survey was made when Warden W. Vansickle inquired as to progress made to date. Others felt the new assessment scheme should be ready this year as planned a year ago, to enable the county to re-establish the equalized assessment rate.

The Warden warned Council if the new assessment was not in use this year when the county rate is struck, Nasasagaweya would file an appeal of their assessment. "If the County rate is set as suggested it would mean that Nasasagaweya would have to raise another twelve mills which is prohibitive," the Warden declared.

The County may have an eight mill rate struck, K. Y. Dick, chairman of the finance committee warned in his report. "Since the last meeting of council, other possible expenditures have come to light and are now subject to further consideration. It now appears that a general rate of 4.8 mills may not be sufficient to meet all the needs of this council. We advise all local municipalities in striking their rates for 1950 that they should anticipate a county general rate of five mills and a county road rate of at least three mills, making a total of eight mills," Mr. Dick asserted.

The Warden, Wm. Vansickle and Deputy Reeve George Leslie were appointed County Council's representatives to the County Children's Aid Society for 1950. Members approved of continuing their membership with the Ontario Municipal Association and instructed the clerk to forward the yearly membership fee of \$25.

All members and officials were asked to attend the Municipal School being held at the Court House on May 17. This school, sponsored by the Ontario Department of Municipal Affairs is designed to place before officials all phases of municipal work and instruct them on changes of the Municipal Act.

George Currie, seeking Council's advice in respect to purchase of additional land for the purpose of reforestation said several properties had been offered the Agricultural and Reforestation Committee for this purpose. Members, however, felt that any land purchased for this purpose of reforestation should be near the source of water supply, thus enabling the county to continue a water conservation program. Council approved of a resolution suspending the third reading of a (Continued on Page Five)

Coming Events

- Euchre and Dance, Dublin School, Friday, April 21. Admission 25c. Ladies Provide.
- Three-Act Comedy, "Mrs. Temple's Telegram", Ballinlad Hall, April 28th, 8:30 p.m. Admission 50c. Children under twelve, free.
- Scout and Guide Mothers Association will meet at the home of Mrs. Clayton Lindsay, Mason Blvd., Tuesday evening, April 25 at 8 p.m.
- Fireside hour in Knox Church, Sunday evening, 8:30 p.m. Mr. Donald Clark, guest speaker. Musical numbers and a social half hour. Everyone welcome.
- Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I.O. D.E., annual Daffodil Tea, Saturday May 6, 3-5:30 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Home Baking, Candy, Afternoon Tea, Lamp and cake draws. a-60-3