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\$350,000 Debenture Sold Regular Council Session

**Corporal R. Mason to be Moved
to Local Detachment as
Council's Request Granted**

At the regular session of Council Monday evening the bid of Harrison and Co for the sewerage debenture of \$350,000 was accepted at the rate of \$98.455 which yields \$344,267.50.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Watson's Dairy Bar	\$ 4.50
H. W. Palmer sawing wood	7.50
Grand & Toy, office supp	7.45
Manning Flier arena P.A. system	8.50
G. W. Williams fence cost	48.00
Bell Telephone Co	28.95
Dr. F. G. Oakes	1.50
Thompson Motors	106.35
F. W. Crump expenses	39.15
Heintzman & Co music	2.66
Corp of Acton light & water	317.42
Safety Supply Co	12.00
W. D. Talbot	17.58
Public Utilities Comm	499.78
	\$11,000.94

Sewer Account
Spartan Construction Co \$11,624.20
Jones and Van Gils 1,929.50
R. V. Anderson 703.11

Council was informed that Corporal Mason would be transferred to the local provincial police detachment as they had requested.

Constable Tremmer waited on Council regarding clarification of the fire truck gasoline theft. Council pointed out that the theft if any had occurred before the Provincial Police had been hired.

The dog by-law was changed to make the dates for restraint from April 1 to October 31. This by-law was given the required number of readings and passed.

Realizing that there will be an increase in the amount of silt that will be caused by the installation of sewerage pipes as they cross the creek bed that leads to Beardmore and Co, the Company asked that the council install a dam. Mr. Rudnick representing Beardmore and Co. pointed out that the silt was a serious problem with them and Council approved this construction as an addition to the pumping station contract with Jones and Van Gils.

Council expressed a desire to have every precaution taken and to send an engineer and pay his time, inspector on the hazardous part of sewerage installations that come close to the Beardmore water pipe line that follows the creek bed from the pumping station on Main St. R. V. Anderson agreed to send an engineer and pay his wages if council would pay the man's expenses while on the job. Council felt that this safety precaution was necessary.

The International Water Supply Co., the engineer reported would not accept council's order to drill test holes costing no more than \$1,000. This company had no rig available and was unable to accept the order.

Council discussed methods of beautifying the Pioneer Cemetery and a resolution was passed to erect a wire fence and gate across the entrance to the property.

Town Assessor Frank Compton reported on the Assessors' Conference that he attended recently in Windsor.

Councillor Thompson called on volunteers from the council to assist in assembling the seats platform and other arrangements for the Commemoration Service this Sunday.

Council in following up a former resolution requiring requisition forms for purchases asked that the Fire Chief issue requisitions for necessary incidental supplies for the fire truck.

Council refused an application for relief.

An account was passed for an indigent patient.

Councillor Nielson was the only absentee at this regular session. Mayor Mason presided.

MISS M. YOUNG HOSTESS BANNOCKBURN INSTITUTE AT MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Bannockburn Women's Institute was held at the home of Miss M. Young.

Plans were made for the annual picnic to be held in the Bannockburn School grounds. It was voted to send \$25 to the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund.

Meet Again Member From England at Press Conference

Editor and Mrs. G. A. Dills attended the garden party at "Ballynana" Oakville yesterday given by Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Hay Lawson to meet the delegates of the seventh Imperial Press Conference. Receiving with the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Lawson were Colonel the Honorable J. J. Astor and Lady Astor and Senator Rupert Davies.

Mr. and Mrs. Dills had the pleasure of renewing overseas relations with Sir Henry Brittain, of Acton, England and recalling his visit to Acton of twenty years ago. At that time Sir Henry was member for Acton, England and had presented to our Acton a shield of English Oak with the coat of arms of Acton, England.

Another memento of the visit is a fine silk flag which hangs in a frame in the Council Chamber here. It was indeed a pleasure to again meet this man who has been so instrumental in cementing the friendship between the two Actons as well as other members of the Press party.

Sir Henry is director of Provincial Newspapers and Illustrated London News.

Rotary Annual Event Has Date Changed This Year

The Rotary Fair usually held on Dominion Day by the Acton club will this year be held on Friday, July 28th. This event which raises funds for the crippled children program could not be arranged for the first of the month successfully and the club felt that more time was required to make the event come up to former fairs.

This year the fair program will be combined to an evening event and several new features are being added which will be announced later.

Home and School Entertain Grads Annual Banquet

Home and School Association Sponsor Second Annual Graduation Banquet for Public School Grads

The 46 members of the graduating class of Acton Public School were guests of honor when the Home and School Association sponsored their second annual graduation banquet in the YMCA last Thursday.

Ladies of the Association served a delightfully planned meal complete from tomato juice to rolls and including cake, sandwiches, meat pie and a host of other delicacies.

Chairman Howitt Sims proposed a toast to the King and Mr. Les Dill got the program underway with a song some that included many of the old favorites.

Pauline Papillon proposed the toast to the School and Dr. F. G. Oakes responded as chairman of the Public School Board. Paul Lawson and Terry Cole presented an aquarium to the school which contained two dollars for equipment. The graduating class was complimented on their courteous behavior by Inspector Skuce and Mr. Parker and Dr. Sims two presidents of the Home and School Association presented all the students with class pictures. Marilyn Meiler thanked the Association for their gift.

Awards of five dollars to the outstanding students of the year were presented by Mrs. W. Wolfe, regent of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I O D E to Paul Lawson and Carol Fetterly.

Maureen Kinraid introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Skuce, who gave an address on "What should a student get out of school?" Bill Skilling thanked the speaker and Allan Ingles presented Mrs. Skuce with a gift.

Mr. McKenzie, Public School principal, received a lovely leather wallet from Diane Dawkins on behalf of the class for his patience during the year.

KNOX CHURCH GARDEN PARTY OPEN ACTON PARK SEASON WITH ROCKWOOD PROGRAM

Acton's garden party season got started Monday evening when Knox Church Choir sponsored the John Rockwood troupe in Acton Park.

Favorable weather greeted the event and the visiting artists included Frances Spang, pianist; Sheila Paul, violinist; Alex Reed of Station CJOY, entertainer and was led by the famed John Rockwood.

Frances Spang, pianist, is quite well known in this district and she has attended many local functions and contributed playing numbers. Sheila Paul, violinist, and well known violinist, has played local audiences on several previous occasions in school concerts and events. Alex Reed, entertainer from CJOY is new to Acton audiences personally but his program that is broadcast from the CJOY station will be recalled. John Rockwood is an old favorite and his presence in our town always delights in our town.

Cars Sideswipe Youths Involved One Hospitalized

**Two Cars Crash, One Rolls Severe
Times - Injury**

Two cars sideswiped and rolled over on Saturday last at about 2 a.m. on the 7th line Elm road north of Ballinacraim road.

The cars struck in such a manner as to flip both of them into the ditch on their roofs. The Kenner car is alleged to have rolled over several times. It was reported drivers of the cars were Fred Kenner Jr. of Acton and Mrs. DeForest of Elm Township. There were seven passengers in the Kenner car. This Harris was taken to the Guelph General Hospital where he received treatment and has returned to his home in Acton this week. Mary Maddock, Harold Smith, John Gunn, Danny Parry of Acton and Margaret McQuarrie of Glen Williams escaped serious injury.

Both cars were demolished and the total value of the two was estimated at approximately \$1,100. Constable Ted Walters investigated the accident.

LORNE SCOTS TO COMPETE WATERLOO MUSIC FESTIVAL 10 ORGANIZATIONS CONTEST

With Waterloo Music Festival planned for this Saturday the Lorne Scots Band of Georgetown, are entering the competition. The Band will play sometime after 2 p.m. when their class of 10 bands is scheduled to compete.

Included in the class are Hanover Musical Society, Brampton Citizens, Preston Legion Citizens, Kiel Municipal Band, Kiel Wisconsin, Newmarket Citizens, Leamington Boys, Zimmerman Majorettes, of Windsor, Meaford Citizens, Norwich Musical Society and the Lorne Scots.

Those familiar with this fine band will remember the great success they have had in previous competitions and all wish them good luck in the coming contest.

The Waterloo Station C.K.C.R. will broadcast from the park all day Saturday and this class may be heard from there.

BATTLING SOFTBALL LEAGUE PROVIDES GOOD CONTESTS BAXTER, RACHLIN TOP LOOP

Pauline Electric last week's softball champions defeated the seventh Minor Sports Club's team Tuesday night by the decisive score of 16 to 0.

Although showing much improvement over the previous games, M.S.C.'s pitching was weak. Bob Brewer's impressive 4-0-23 record held for M.S.C. and Fred Cooper's brilliant pitching and hitting for Force were the features of the game.

Bill Churchill, playing coach for M.S.C., said that from now on his young colts will settle down and the other teams are in for unpleasant surprises.

Taught Rachlin's are playing Combers which promises to be quite a contest.

League Standing		
W	L	Pct.
Baxter	2	0 100%
Rachlin	2	0 100%
Force	2	1 66%
Beardmore	1	1 50%
M. S. C.	1	3 25%
Combers	0	3 00%

Townships Argue Assessed Unequal At County Council

**Nassagaweya, Esqueving Claim
Inequality of Present Levy
—Suggest Remedy**

Written exclusively for the *Champion and Acton Free Press*

Equalized assessment a perennial thorn concerning Halton County Council was again aired and they held a couple of weeks members decided at a regular meeting of the council held at the County Building last Thursday.

A couple of theoretical appeals were had members groping for a solution when the annual by-law covering equalized assessment for 1951 was presented for consideration. Esqueving and Nassagaweya township members informed council of appeals would be launched if the former figures were allowed to stand. Both Reeves, George Currie and William VanSickle strongly argued equalized assessment of their municipalities was not in accord with the others in the county.

They said they were paying more to the county than they should be and suggested members get together and mutually agree to a satisfactory figure for next year.

Mr. Currie argued that Esqueving was asked to contribute about the same taxes as Nelson township yet there was a considerable difference in assessment. Warden VanSickle suggested Nassagaweya had overpaid their portion considerably during the past years. Both members agreed some form of equalization could be mutually established which would be more satisfactory to all municipalities in the county. Members agreed the matter should be left in the hands of the Assessment committee and the county assessor for consideration, and a special meeting of council would be called before the end of the month to set the new figures.

Council approval of the by-law to levy the rate for this year. It stated the rate for 1950 was \$252.118.86 which would mean a general rate of 4.9 mills with a county rate of 3 mills. Amounts the different municipalities would contribute are: Acton \$10,225.29; Burlington \$22,258.04; Georgetown \$12,756.06; Milton \$11,760.15; Oakville \$27,585.58; Esqueving \$41,533.20; Nassagaweya \$16,084.86; Nelson \$41,549.95; Trafalgar \$67,456.73.

The third reading of a by-law to establish pensions for county employees was held up when opposing members felt farmers and many others "had to look after themselves in their old age." Those favouring the by-law pointed out county employees were not paid the same as industry and such a pension plan would afford "food on the table" but also security. The pension by-law was thrust back at the Road Committee for further consideration. Employees or one of their representatives will be at the next meeting when the matter will again be discussed.

Speaking on behalf of a resolution he sponsored, Deputy Reeve Joe Wickson stated a fatal accident occurred on the dangerous curve opposite Woodland Orchards just north of the Queen Elizabeth highway. "I would suggest this council petition the Department of Highways to take over this portion of road between Palermo and Bronte, thus extending Highway 25. It is reported there have been six killed and one hundred injured during the past two years at the Morton crossing. If the Department would take this over it would relieve the county of considerable expense on this portion of the road for years to come."

Council unanimously endorsed a resolution by Wickson and Tyler. "In consideration of the heavy traffic on the highway between Palermo and Bronte, this council should ask the Department of Highways to extend Highway 25 south from Palermo to Bronte and instruct our clerk to write the Department regarding same."

Faced with an appeal of five Nelson township ratepayers, regarding a Nelson township school by-law, county council approved that the education committee consider the matter and report back at a future meeting. Reeve K. Y. Dick advised council they could appoint a board of arbitration headed by the county judge to consider the appeal.

The notice of appeal read, "We, as a group of five ratepayers residing in Nelson township school area No. 1 do hereby give notice of appeal to the County Council of the County of Halton, as provided for in section 20, sub-section 1, of the Public School Act; against the action of Nelson Township Council in passing a by-law on Tuesday, May 16, 1950, for the purpose of..." (Continued on Page Five)

MAN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN BALLINACRAIM ACCIDENT 3 TRAPPED IN TRUCK CAB

Acton Weatherhead of Orangeville was seriously injured in an accident near Ballinacraim last Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. when the truck in which he was a passenger left the road and turned over in a field on Arnold McEwen's property.

The truck, which belongs to A. A. M. Transport, Orangeville, was proceeding from Toronto to Ball Town and it is believed that the driver had control of the truck until the rough stretch of road which leads from No. 7 Highway to Ballinacraim. The injured man was attended at the accident scene by Dr. C. V. Williams of Georgetown and Dr. D. A. Garrett of Acton and with two other occupants of the truck he was rushed to Orangeville Hospital.

Hearing the crash, residents rushed to and the injured man who was trapped in the cab of the truck before they could be removed. Mr. Weatherhead, who was unconscious is said to have suffered a broken arm and possibly two broken legs. He was sitting in the centre between the driver and the other passenger.

Prizes Awarded 10 Essay Winners In County Contest

Warden William VanSickle presented prizes to winners of the essay contest at the regular meeting of Halton County Council last Thursday. About seven of the winners representing different schools were present to receive the awards.

The Warden expressed his gratitude to the winners for the very able manner in which they wrote their essays. "My visit to Halton County Council" he explained the contest was conducted each year after the students visited council. Concluding he congratulated each one of the winners for their interest during the visit and wished them every success. "I hope to see some of you occupying some of these chairs some day," he said.

Roy Smith, county engineer in charge of the special day, informed members 40 essays were received from the 62 pupils who attended. The essays were judged by R. F. Sanderson an Oakville teacher.

Mr. Smith read the winning essays to council.

Winners were: Ian Fraser, Oakville Central; Margaret Galbraith, Hornby; S. S. J. Dorothy Williams, Georgetown; Eleanor Cairns, S. S. 1 Nassagaweya; Muriel Warren, Esqueving; Paul Revell, Burlington East; Barbara Lindsay, Georgetown; Fred Cross, Milton; Marilyn Barnes, Norval; Nancy Morris, Freeman.

MORTON, CUNNINGHAM STAR LOCAL BANTAMS WIN BY 8-6 FROM BRAMPTON NINE

Russ Morton and John Cunningham were a double dose of poison for Brampton Bantams last Saturday afternoon. Russ said it with his pitching and Johnny with his bat as Acton Bantams turned in an 8-6 win over the flower town players here. Out of a possible 21 outs in the seven inning contest, Russ whiffed sixteen batters while John whiffed out three hits in four tries to spark an eleven hit Acton onslaught. Brampton garnered five hits off Morton but their runs were largely due to infield wildness.

On Saturday the Acton club won the tutelage of "Doc" Sims, Lloyd Masales and Harold Skilling met Georgetown here at 1:30 in an effort to chalk up their sequel win. Georgetown lead the league and haven't been defeated as yet. But the Acton club, improving every time out, can be just the club to pull the trick.

Acton's W. Skilling 2b; D. Dawkins cf; J. Creesey ss; P. Lawson lb; R. Morton p; R. Emmerson c; J. White lf; J. Cunningham 3b; H. Sims if.

DETOUR WILL BE MOVED AS SEWERAGE INSTALLATIONS INCLUDE SECTION MAIN ST.

Detour signs will be changed this week when it is expected the section of Main Street from Church to Mill will be started. The section on Mill Street to Fellows will be completed, but the men will be working on the Mill Street railway crossing where they expect to bore under the tracks and services will be put in on Vimy Street to Main Street on this schedule. Installations will continue and include Peel Street from Young to Acton Blvd. and Queen Street from Wellington to the Third Line.

Parade, Church Service As Acton Becomes Town

Report on New County Assessing In Municipalities

Residents of Halton will find interest in the progress being made on the new county assessment which was started about five years ago. Only three of the municipalities have completed the work. Following is a summary of each municipality:

Acton: Assessment completed and making necessary review and check for 1951 levy.

Milton: Completed assessment and making 1951 review and check for 1951 levy.

Nelson: Total of 2400 properties completed and making review on 1951 levy.

Georgetown: Out of 1100 properties to be assessed, 924 have been completed.

Oakville: 2000 properties to be assessed, 1200 completed. Part of Ward one to assess which will require two months, but annexations and new developments will bring time necessary for 1951 levy.

Burlington: Only 1200 of the 2400 properties have been finished. It is estimated that it will be 1952 before the municipality has the new assessment ready.

Trafalgar: There are 1800 properties to be assessed. The East section of 648 is complete and 600 of the west section are finished.

Esqueving: 1155 properties of the 1500 to be assessed have been finished.

Nassagaweya: There are 700 of the 730 properties finished.

NEIGHBORS PLAN, PROGRESS ERIN INSTALLS WATERWORKS GEORGETOWN ADDITION

Two neighbouring municipalities this week voted on progressive measures and the two projects to be installed, waterworks by Erin and a Public School addition by Georgetown total \$250,000.

Georgetown's \$190,000 expenditure will include an addition of six rooms to their public school which will accommodate the expected number of students until 1952. Officials point out that this expenditure will not affect the tax rate since some other debentures will be retired.

Erin's proposed Waterworks installation will cost the municipality \$60,000. The vote was carried with only a small majority of eight and the installation will take about two years.

The Women's Missionary Society held the annual Home Helpers and Hale meeting in the school room. The guests, home helpers and members were welcomed by the President Mrs. R. Anderson.

Following the opening exercises a minute's silence was observed in memory of Mrs. H. London, a beloved and faithful member. A note of sympathy was sent to Mrs. A. C. Stewart of Midland.

Mrs. Marsh, Home Helpers convener, took the chair for the remainder of the meeting. Mrs. Nixon, Supply Convener, called attention to the sale on exhibit included in which were six quite knitted articles for children, etc.

The guest speaker, Mrs. Curr, Presbyterian President, was introduced by Mrs. Robertson, Sectional President. Mrs. Curr told of the Assembly meeting in Montreal on the very spot where Presbyterianism was born 25 years ago. The great commission given many years ago is ours, the same task it is our to meet the needs of the whole world. Mrs. Curr in her talk took us to the lands beyond the seas with their great needs. The challenge was that we must not live in the past but look ahead to the needs of the future and the need to hold the banner high.

Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Lockie sang two numbers so in keeping with the talk and the occasion. The devotional was taken by Mrs. Yates and Mrs. Newell. At the conclusion a social hour was spent and tea served.

Win and Tie Astounds Local Fans as Defeat Handled Georgetown

"Apple" Finkbeiner hockey playing Buffalo Bison in season, and now at first base for Acton Intermediates, is developing into something of a home run king. Last night, the sturdy first baseman teed off on the second pitch to him for a four bagger that started Acton off to a 13-2 romp over the in-and-out Georgetown Raiders in a twilight bill on the Raiders' own stamping grounds.

It was Finkbeiner's sixth circuit clutch in as many games. He blasted a grand slam fifth at Waterdown last Friday night with three aboard enabling the Actons to tie the Merchants 7-7 and make their best showing since the league got off to a start.

For a club as close to the cellar as Acton is, the locals looked impressive last night. They combed three Georgetown pitchers, including the ace of the Raider mound staff, Mel Spence, for thirteen hits, that coupled with seven errors made the contest a run-a-way. Sam Snyder stayed the distance for Acton giving up five hits and might have had a shut-out but for three consecutive safeties he doled out in the bottom half of the sixth. They accounted for both Georgetown runs.

It was Acton's second win of the current campaign against seven losses and a deadlock. The schedule resumes on Saturday in Oakville when the locals meet the league-leading Oaks. The Oaks have dropped only one game this far and with the Acton club much improved it should prove to be a tight tilt. If Acton gets the pitching that is, Sam Snyder has hurled the...

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 10c.

Euchre at the Legion Hall, Friday, June 23 at 8:30 p.m. Good prizes, lucky prizes, lunch served. Admission 35c. Auspices Ladies Auxiliary Canadian Legion.

All veterans wishing to attend Commemoration service Sunday, June 25th, please meet at Legion Hall at 2 p.m. and proceed in a body for the parade leaving Town Hall at 2:15 p.m.

Rev. E. A. Brooks to be Guest Speaker at Special Outdoor Church Service in Acton Park this Sunday

Acton citizens, friends and visitors will gather in Prospect Park this Sunday, June 25th, for a commemorative Acton's adoption to town status.

Since 1827 when the Rev. W. H. Stone headed the first Village Council citizens have acted in a governing organization and moulded the progressive future that has made Acton a town. It is only natural that citizens should set aside a day in which to fittingly commemorate the steps of progress as Acton is elevated.

Rev. E. A. Brooks, from pastor of St. Alban's Anglican Church and presently of Grimsby will deliver the address in the open air church service that has been planned for Sunday.

A combined choir of the Acton churches about 80 voices will sing anthems and lead in the hymns. Music will be supplied by the Acton Boys and Girls' Band and the Lorne Scots Band.

The entire collection from this Commemoration service will be sent to the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund.

The parade of school children and organizations, Acton Band and the Lorne Scots will assemble at the Town Hall at 2:15 and the service will begin at 3:00 o'clock in the park with a welcoming address by A. Mason, Acton's first mayor.

A programme is being printed for the occasion that will be a souvenir for those who wish to recall and mark the historical steps in the ladder of Acton's progress.

All will be welcome at the service and the committee in charge of the event has spent considerable time in making arrangements for the large crowd that is expected to attend the Commemoration Service. The service in the Park is a must in all citizens' plans for this Sunday.

MRS. CURR GUEST SPEAKER HOME HELPERS, BALE MEETING KNOX MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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