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1000 Citizens Assemble Town Dedication Service

Prospect Park Setting for Outdoor Dedication Service as Acton Marks Elevation

Over 1000 people gathered in Prospect Park on Sunday to officially dedicate the town of Acton in a fitting outdoor church service.

A parade of local organizations and Council, led by the Acton Boys' and Girls' Band and the Lorne Scouts paraded from the Town Hall to the Park where under a clear sky, warm sun and fresh breeze, Acton Ministerial Association conducted the impressive dedication service.

The singing of "O Canada" opened the programme and Mayor Mason in his welcoming remarks expressed a desire that citizens would "keep this co-operative, progressive spirit alive in this new town of Acton."

A few minutes silence was fittingly observed for the late Very Rev. A. C. Stewart whose sudden death had prevented him from being at the service as he had originally planned.

The 80-voiced choir, comprised of members from the churches of Acton, under the direction of Mr. Ted Hansen and accompanied by Miss Lampard contributed several anthems to the impressive programme.

Collection from the event was contributed to the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund and totalled \$121.

Rev. E. A. Brooks, M.A. of Grimsby and former rector of St. Alban's Anglican Church was the speaker for the occasion. Rev. Brooks pointed out that "As life moves on God places in our hands greater responsibility and it is the same in towns." The speaker, continuing said that the way we pay rent for our room on earth was by being good citizens. The minister's text was from Proverbs "He that followeth righteousness and mercy, findeth life and righteousness and honor." As a motto Mr. Brooks drew from the name Acton. A is for Acton; C for Christian, which should be no hollow boast; T for Trustworthy, hearts of oak for the people of the community; O for Obedience, which is the great opener of the eye to the vision of the City of God; and finally N for Nobility, of aim and purpose.

Circled by several rows of cars, with the grandstand filled to capacity, and all shady spots crowded, the platform was located at one end of the grandstand. A note of interest is the platform which was a \$20,000 value comprised of a number of well-arranged trucks.

The souvenir programme for the event was distributed by the First Acton Troop of Boy Scouts, who also directed traffic, parked cars, took up the collection and assisted the committee in charge of the event.

In front of the pulpit was the official crest of the new Town and the old Village, a crest that was presented to the village by Sir Harry Brittain on behalf of Acton England. The motto on that crest "May Acton Prosper".

ST. ALBAN'S CONGREGATION HOLD ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC RIVERSIDE PARK IN GUELPH

One hundred and seventy were present at the annual Sunday School and Congregational Picnic of St. Alban's Anglican Church held at Riverside Park, Guelph on Saturday.

Ideal weather conditions combined with an interesting program of races and swimming made the outing a very pleasant one for all.

Races were in charge of C. Sutton, D. Clarke and C. Ranney with the following prize winners: boys 6 and under, Leslie Jones, Keith Ranney; girls 6 and under, Marian Luxton, Carolyn Cook; boys 7 and 8, David Peel, Jeffrey Fryer; girls 7 and 8, Shirley Roche, Carol Goodwin; boys 9 and 10, Harry McFadden, Ernie Lawson; girls 9 and 10, Faye Sagaskie, Yvonne Poole; boys 11 to 13, Bill McHugh, Bob Coon; girls 11 and 12, Cheryl Morton, Helen Luxton; girls 13 to 15, Peggy Oakes, Leona Sagaskie; boys wheelbarrow race under 12, E. Lawson, H. McFadden, D. Peel, Bob Smothurst; 13 to 15, J. Ware, Ted Footitt; wheelbarrow race, 12 and up, Ted Footitt, George Ware; girls 3-legged race, Peggy Oakes, Leona Sagaskie, Cheryl Morton and Frances Oakes; rolling pin race (women), Mrs. C. Cook, Mrs. Currie; egg and spoon race, Mrs. C. Sutton, Mrs. L. Doby; sewing on patch (men and women), R. Salt, Mrs. H. Turner, Dr. Oakes and Mrs. Coon; family race, Bob Jones, Barbara Turner, Ted Footitt, W. Denny, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hargreaves.

Ontario Boy Scouts Chose Halton Site Pre-Jamboree Camp

Ontario's Scouts, ambassadors to the coming American Jamboree in Valley Forge, chose Halton County, Mount Nemo Scout camp for their pre-jamboree rendezvous. This training camp was attended by 103 of the best scouts from Ontario who will go among the 300 representatives from Canada.

On a visit to the camp, the evening before they left for Valley Forge we were met by representatives from North Bay, Sarnia, Coburg, Cornwall, Oshawa, Acton and Ottawa.

Divided into three troops of 36 boys the scouts were receiving instructions in tent pitching. One of the regular sleeping tents was quickly hoisted from its position and erected in a different spot then struck and returned to its original location.

Mount Nemo is a Hamilton owned camp about 10 miles south-west of Milton. It borders the Great Niagara Escarpment and provides a fine training centre for the boys who will represent Canada among 50,000 American Scouts and representatives from other countries in Valley Forge this week and next.

Don Davidson, Ray Hutt and Jack Davidson are the three representatives that the First Acton Troop sent as emissaries. These three are King Scouts and have proven themselves worthy of the honour of attending this international event.

Not only is it fine that Canada will be represented among the other countries but it is an adventure and experience that will long remain in the memory of those attending. Friends will be made and acquaintances formed that will have a life long memory.

Spartan Contract Payment Withheld At Council Meeting

Testing for Water on Town Property, Down 35 Feet Struck Water

After a lengthy discussion period at a special meeting of council on Monday evening it was decided to hold up the next payment to the Spartan Contracting Co. until the number of single things were satisfactorily corrected around town.

Council reported that Mr. J. Sprowl was drilling test holes for a new water supply. Mr. Sprowl is drilling a three-inch hole on town property near Wartime Housing. Approximately 35 feet had been drilled and it was planned to drill at least 70. They have already reached water but the abundance is not yet determined.

After a discussion regarding the installation of laterals it was decided that a lateral be installed to every assessed property. Doubtful cases were to be settled by the Sewer Committee. The Property Committee was authorized to give instructions for lateral installations to town property.

Reeve Tyler reported on a call from the Georgetown Reeve asking assistance in dragging for the body of a 13-year-old girl near Glen Williams. Georgetown asked the Reeve to bring equipment but there was none in town. Mr. Tyler suggested that some equipment should be purchased in case of a local emergency. Council instructed the Town Foreman to have the equipment made and stored in the Fire Hall.

Mr. J. Powell, sanitary inspector of the Halton Health Unit, was present and submitted a report on the condition of septic tanks in Wartime Housing. The Inspector reported that the septic tanks were generally satisfactory.

Council had inspected Fairview Cemetery and the conditions were reviewed with the Town Foreman.

All councillors were present at this special session and Mayor A. Mason presided.

Counting out the less habitable parts of Canada there are less than seven persons per square mile; in Holland and Belgium there are more than 700 persons per square mile.

DEDICATION SERVICE IN PARK ATTRACTS OVER 1000 CITIZENS



Over 1000 Citizens gathered to fittingly dedicate the Town of Acton in a church service in Prospect Park on Sunday afternoon. Speaker for the occasion was Rev. E. A. Brooks, M.A. of Grimsby and former rector of St. Alban's Anglican Church in Acton. Mr. Brooks is shown in the top left picture. In the top right picture, the crowded grandstand is shown and in the foreground the combined Acton Boys' and Girls' Band and the

Lorne Scouts Band supply music for the hymns. The service opened with "O Canada" and in the bottom left picture, school children's choir and all assembled join in singing. Bottom right is a picture showing the number of cars that gathered for the service and one of the crowded shady spots that were so hard to find in an attempt to escape the hot rays of the afternoon sun.

Staff Photos

County Council Taxation Decided Assessment Settled

County Council Meets in Special Session to Settle Long Standing Dispute

Written exclusively for the Canadian Champion and Acton Free Press

A possible rift between the north and the south of the county was averted when Ted Smith, Reeve of Burlington, took the lead in reminding members such a feeling among members had long vanished, when Halton County Council met in special session last Friday evening to consider the equalization problem held over for further investigation from a previous meeting.

The discussion arose when K. Y. Dick, Reeve of Milton, charged "I think my friends from the south part of the county are not sharing their part of the load."

However, Mr. Dick pointed out that the sixty per cent increase arising from the new assessment scheme was an over-all assessment increase but nothing was considered of the large building programs in other centres. Mr. Dick was prepared to support the recommendation of the assessment committee.

The revised equalized assessment for 1951 as recommended by the assessment committee, which was unanimously adopted by the council, increased the county's assessment \$14,147,220. While the assessment figures in all municipalities were increased except Nasagaweya and Esquusing, the new per cent increase was felt in all but Milton, Esquusing, Nasagaweya and Trafalgar. In these cases it was attributed to the higher increase in the new assessment figures. Nelson, Oakville, Trafalgar and Burlington showed tremendous increase in their assessments. The table below will describe the assessment picture.

All representatives from each of the municipalities were in accord with the new figures and praised the difficult task the assessment committee had in coming to a conclusion. It was explained that while these new figures will not represent the true picture, they would be closer to the final amount when the new equalized assessment plan in the county is completed.

In presenting the recommendation, Mr. Smith asked each member to debate the matter fully in order that the by-law could be passed at that meeting. Criticizing Mr. Dick for injecting the question of the south not carrying their share of the load, he said "according to this recommendation we are carrying the heavy burden." Continuing, he pointed out they were constantly asked to provide all the necessary services their ratepayers asked for. "We are providing this and every time Oakville and Burlington are singled out in this manner, it's darn good advertising. We have got to forget this matter of the north and south and all get together to put this thing over. I am pleased to say there always has been a harmonious feeling among

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Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, at cost per line, with a minimum charge for any announcements of 20c.

Lakeside Chapter, I.O.D.E. annual bazaar in the Town Hall on October 28th.

Halton Rural Girls' Softball, Acton Park, Monday, July 3rd, 6:45 p.m. Omagh vs. Acton. a

Farmers Rally, Brookville Hall, Thursday, July 20th 6:30 p.m. Sports program, guest speaker and dance. Auspices Nasagaweya Federation of Agriculture. Fun for all. b

Bannockburn school, July 4th, at 8 p.m. sharp, Miss Broadfoot of the Home Economics Service, Dept. of Agriculture, will demonstrate frozen foods. Euchre and lunch to follow. Admission 25c. Auxilia of Bannockburn Women's Institute.

Something different. The Hillsburgh Band will sponsor a Garden Party under floodlights in the Hillsburgh Park, Thursday, July 6, 1950, commencing at 8:30 p.m. The program will be competitive directed by the Institute groups interspersed with music by the band. In case of inclement weather the program will be held in the arena. Admission, Adults 50c, Children 25c.

Drowning Girl Slips As Tragedy Visits Picnic

Treacherous Currents of Credit River Claim 13-Year-Old on Picnic

Treacherous currents of the Credit River, a mile north of Glen Williams, swept 13-year-old Doris Cronkite, to her death during a picnic vacation last Sunday afternoon.

The tragedy happened while her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Shaver, also of Clarkson and her younger sister, Shirley, 12, watched. Efforts to save the girl failed when Mr. Shaver jumped into the water but was seized with a cramp. He told officers he was able to grab the girl but took a cramp as he became exhausted in the chilly water. He said he was forced to let her go and barely made the shore himself.

Under the direction of Provincial Constable J. A. McNiven, about a dozen residents and members of the Georgetown Fire Department grappled for the body for nearly eight hours before it was recovered. Constable McNiven praised the efforts of those who assisted. "One of the men, I don't know his name, dove into the 25 feet of water almost continuously for an hour attempting to locate the body," he said.

This particularly deep hole, made by spring floods, was unknown to be there, residents stated. Many went to a swimming hole farther up the river last year but it was apparently levelled off by the spring waters and the river gouged out the treacherous spot where the girl was drowned.

Crowds lined the banks as dragging operations proceeded and it was not until after dynamite blasts were let off in the water, that the body was located about eight o'clock. Coroner Dr. C. K. Stevenson, Milton, was called and pronounced death due to drowning. He said it was unlikely an inquest would be held.

While men worked feverishly, Mrs. H. White who operates a local store, supplied them with lunches and soft drinks. Those who assisted Constable McNiven included Bill Kozac, Gene Logan, Ernie Thompson, Robert McMaster, Harold Bennett and Ernie Hyde.

SEWER SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

Mill from Main to Elgin.
Mill from Wallace to Young.
Wallace from Mill to Bower.
Bower from Wallace for 300 feet.
The stream at Main and Brock to Lindsay's Mill.
Peel from Wellington to Acton Boulevard.
Arthur from Young to Acton Boulevard.

In 1948 there were 648,599 Canadians convicted of violations of traffic regulations.

Water Drilling Started Tuesday Commission Report

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held Tuesday evening. Reeve E. G. Tyler and Commissioner J. R. Ware were present and J. R. MacArthur presided.

A letter was read from Beardmore and Co. enclosing a copy of a note from their insurance brokers. The insurance company stated that no water could come back through the valves which are on the lines between the town water supply and the tannery fire-fighting system, which uses pond water. The letter said that the valves connecting the two systems could not be closed.

The pipe and fittings which were ordered at the last meeting of the Commission had arrived. This material is for the extension on Mill St. east and Acton Boulevard.

A letter from the H.E.P.C. gave permission to install a power line down the third line to the sewage disposal site. This line is to be built as soon as possible so that power will be available when the plant is ready for operation.

Secretary J. McGrathie presented information on a stamp meter. The average monthly consumption of stamps this year has been \$33.

Mrs. W. Bauer asked consideration on her water consumption as the Spartan Construction Co. had been using her outside tap for construction work. When the meter is read, if the consumption is up,

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PAPER ADOPTS NEW FORMAT PREPARE FOR NEW, MODERN WHEN NEXT ISSUE ARRIVES

In keeping with our attempt to provide the community with a modern newspaper we are next week adopting a new format.

By a new format we simply mean that some regular features in the editions will be relocated and a new style front page will be put into operation. The new type faces that have been added to our present stock are of the most modern design obtainable and after careful consideration styles and characteristics have been altered to provide the modern newspaper.

Beginning next week the regular front page column containing Coming Events will be relocated on the back page. Other features will find new positions and we ask your co-operation and comments on our new format when it greets you next week. Be prepared for the new and modern, however. Church notices must reach the office not later than 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Climate Changes Local Nine Changes But Still Lose 2

Acton lulls are as changeable as the weather. Hot, humid, weather last Saturday prompted them to play bang-up ball behind Johnny Mowat's six hit allowance even though shaded 8-6 by Oakville in what was perhaps the best game this year. Come Wednesday night and cooler weather, the locals played to the other extreme, in a wild, dragged-out slugfest with Milton that ended up 18-9 for the County Town club.

Last night the club didn't have an extra man until lefty Don Ryder appeared in the third inning. It was Don's first appearance in uniform in two years. He was called in to relieve Sam Snyder in the 4th as the Miltons had Sam's range all night. Ryder still has some of the pitching magic that sparked Acton to a championship three years ago but it needs practice.

Milton eluded two home runs as part of a sixteen hit attack at the expense of the two Acton hurlers. The locals answered with thirteen hits but only nine runs. Both clubs played sloppy in the field, especially Milton. Difference was they hit more frequently, and bunched their hits more effectively. Acton's best hit came in the third when they labelled "Cowboy" Grenke from the mound with six runs off five hits. Grenke was replaced by Early, who went the rest of the way.

Saturday in Oakville, Acton had the Oaks worried in the latter part of the game as they crept within two runs of the pace-setting home club. However, Mark Pollock, always a cool customer in the pinches, settled down to snuff what looked to be dangerous threats.

Earlier in the contest Pollock was touched for twelve hits compared to six Mowat allowed. Harold Townsley smashed a triple to deep left centre and Runstadler, Jordan and Masales crooked three hard doubles. However, two comic-folding efforts in right field cost Acton the game. In both instances there were two out when the Oaks smashed flies out to right field. All that apparently had to be done was to get under them. Two of them did get under one in the first inning but knocked their heads together and dropped the ball. Two runs scored on that one.

With three on board in the eighth "Dude" Lindsay whiffed to retire the side. Again in the ninth Acton threatened to tie it up when, with one out and two on base Jordan and Masales were to bat. But, Pollock struck both out.

"You can't buy a copy of 'Acton's Early Days' but next week you can secure an historical gem of Acton in the 75th Anniversary issue.

Propose Plan For Equal Shares of School Costs

North Halton District to Study Facts in Connection With Central Building

The present arrangement for the sharing of cost on the county equalized assessment made 28 years ago was again a job on the agenda of North Halton High School Board on Monday evening. County Council adjustment made on Friday does not become effective until 1951. To make a more equal distribution of costs on school matters for 1950 the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved that the setting up of a Board of Arbitrators applied for by the Township of Esquusing be held in abeyance for fifteen days and that the Secretary be instructed to have Mr. K. Y. Dick advise all municipalities that a Board of Arbitrators has been asked for by the Township of Esquusing and that the Township of Esquusing is willing to accept the County Equalized Assessment as approved by the County Council on 23rd June 1950 for the North Halton High School District levy for 1950 and that the municipalities be asked to agree in writing to accept the Equalized Assessment of the County of Halton as approved by the County Council on 23rd June as the basis for levying the High School costs for 1950 and that all the written agreements be in the hands of the Secretary not later than 11th July 1950, otherwise the Secretary shall put the application for a Board of Arbitrators in effect forthwith." Carried.

The tenders of R. S. Adams for coal at the Milton school and of W. H. Kentner and Son for coal at the Georgetown school were accepted. The tender of Ted Bludd for painting at Georgetown school for \$420 was accepted. Schulz Electrical Co. will install new electric fixtures and wiring in Georgetown school at a cost of \$924.50.

Approval was given for cupboards and new seats in the Acton school and teacher desks for Milton and Acton schools.

Accounts passed amounted to \$10,983.40.

Members present were Col. G. Brown, Wm. Schenk, Wm. Coon, F. W. B. Fitzgerald, N. Pickett, W. Blehn, Dr. Milne, John Bell and G. A. Dilla, chairman, presided.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on July 17th and before the meeting each member of the Board was to have details of the new central school which have been secured by the various committees and the facts can be discussed at this meeting as well as the result of the agreement on sharing costs.

Attractive advertising will promote summer sales.