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## COUNCIL APPROVES PLUMBING BY-LAW

### Burlington and Oakville Reject Equal Assessment

County equalized assessment was blasted wide open when County Council was served notice of appeals by both the towns of Burlington and Oakville. Both municipalities said in their notice of appeal they were dissatisfied with the amounts they were assessed with and asked to have the matter settled before the County Judge. This new phase in the equalized assessment was aired at the July meeting of County Council held at the Court House, Milton, last Tuesday afternoon.

Warden William Vanackle said he was disturbed over the matter as the equalized assessment figures were agreed upon unanimously by all members of council at a special meeting held last month. He advised council the only way it could be reopened was for council to repeal the by-law setting the equalized figures.

Equalized assessment has been a sore spot for council to deal with for the past several years and council instituted an assessment department to set up a new equalized assessment program for all municipalities in the county. This, they said, was progressing, with some municipalities already having completed the program. Others have not, and did not expect to have theirs completed before the fall months.

At previous council meetings, Nantawaga and Esqueping Township representatives threatened appeals unless some relief was granted. Members of council did not wish to have the costly matter go before the courts, and agreed the entire equalized assessment could be settled amicably between all municipalities. For this reason the equalized assessment by-law was considered at a special meeting of council.

While the rearranging of the assessment figures was left in the hands of the assessment committee, council endorsed and approved of the figures as recommended by the committee. All members of council supported the scheme, as one which was fair until the new assessment program could be put into use. But as Warden Vanackle pointed out, members of the respective councils did not approve of the action taken by their representatives at the county body.

Reeve Ted Tyler, Acton, thought the Burlington equalized assessment would be completed by the fall, then the whole matter could be cleared up before it came before the court.

Members seemed to be uncertain as to procedure under the circumstances, but agreed with Reeve Dick's proposal that the clerk notify each municipality that Burlington and Oakville had lodged an appeal of their assessment and ask each council to signify their willingness the appeal should be heard by the County Judge or the Municipal Board.

Reeve Dick explained the act set forth the appeal could be heard by the judge but if a municipality disagreed it would come before the Municipal Board. Members considered that when both councils covered their representatives at county council, the matter of the hearing should be brought to the attention of the respective councils for their approval.

Shelving the county's employees' pension scheme council approved Reeve W. H. Rega's recommendation that the road employees should receive a five per cent a year wage increase dating from July 1st. When questioned, Mr. Rega informed members the minimum wage received by employees was 70 cents an hour while the maximum was 87 cents.

"Is this increase an outcome of the pension scheme?" queried Mr. Dick.

"There were only two employees who were interested in pensions. The majority felt they weren't getting enough to support such a plan," Mr. Rega explained.

"I believe it was only the road superintendent that was seeking this program, as not one of the workmen came here to seek this pension plan," observed Deputy Reeve Joe Wickson.

"Frankly, I don't believe the increase is recommended is high enough. I would rather see it go up to ten cents an hour," Reeve Litchfield declared.

### Brothers Reunited Apart 30 Years

The Madill Reunion was held at the home of Morgan Madill 6th Lane when his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Madill and daughter from California visited with them over the week end. Morgan Madill has not seen his brother for over 30 years and on Sunday afternoon a picnic lunch was held on their lawn when the following relatives were present: Mr. A. Madill, Mr. Albert (father), Mr. and Mrs. Guy Williamson, Mr. Albert (cousin), Mr. and Mrs. Doug Madill, Rouge Hill (brother). Other relatives included Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Davidson and Gary Peltawawa, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dixon Orilla, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Staver Andrew and Ruth Lestdale, Mr. and Mrs. Les Hart Carol Ann and Shirley, Les Hart, Mr. Harry Bert of Uxbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rineard of Orillia.

The party also included a telephone call from Mr. Madill's sister, Dr. and Mrs. McTaggart of Camden Delaware, who were unable to be present at the reunion.

### Band, Ball, Races At County Picnic

County council arranged a picnic for all the authorities and municipality employees for Saturday afternoon at the Halton Community Park, Lowville, and over 200 attended.

Warden Van Sickle conducted the race for the event and there was a place for everyone on the field of one time or another. Following is the list of prize winners, boys under 5, Carrell and Billy Hill; boys under 6, Donna Paul, Shirley Hornby; boys under 7, Jim Powell, Murray Eaton; girls under 7, Joanne McArthur, Eleanor Hornby; boys under 8, Doug McCutcheon, David Hume; girls under 8, Ruth Landsborough; boys under 9, Peter Tipping, John Lambert, girls 14 and under, Loren Joe, Doreen Joe; boys over 14, Ron Ryder, Ted Easton; girls over 14, Mrs. F. Crump, Mrs. L. King, shoe kicking contest, Mrs. Crump, Mrs. Powell, three leg race, Doreen and Loren Joe, Peter Tipping and Gail Dunham.

In the County Council race there was a little doubt as to just who the official starter was. The doubt seemed to make an even split and consequently the race was run in two heats. Nelson and Trafalgar representatives came out on top of the individual heats.

The Lorne Scots Band was in attendance and provided musical numbers for the picnickers while the program was getting organized. The booth located on the grounds did a rushing business and was the centre of attraction when time for the picnic lunch arrived.

Representatives and their families sat at tables near the swings and just on the bank of the river where they were served lunch of cake, pie, ice cream, sandwiches, tea, coffee or milk, pickles and some things that just slipped our notice.

Many comments of congratulations were given the County Council for their splendid effort in arranging the picnic.

### New Sub-Station By September First

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday evening. Mayor A. Mason Reeve, E. G. Tyler and Commissioners J. T. Ware and J. R. MacArthur were present.

A telegram was read from the H.E.P.C. of Ontario stating that the final power restrictions were off. The restrictions had been on the use of space heaters.

By motion the deposits of two consumers were applied on their accounts and if a balance was due, was to be returned to the consumer.

A letter was received from the H.E.P.C. Hamilton office, giving data on the joint use of poles on the third line. Application was to be made for the use of these poles to the sewage disposal plant.

A letter from the Horton Steel Tank Co. was read giving a price on inspecting the water tank. Those present at the meeting felt it would be a waste of money to have a man inspect the bowl of the tank as all felt a new bowl was the only remedy. A motion was passed asking the Horton Steel Co. to bowl and arrange for the repair in October. It was felt that the heavy consumption of water would be over for the year and this would be the best time for the installation.

Superintendent Lambert was instructed to renew the water service on Main Street which crosses the paved portions of the highway. This work was to be done when the sewers are being installed.

Instructions were issued for the purchase of a three inch relief valve to be installed at the spring to take the excess pressure off the main while the tank is being repaired.

It was decided to order ten new water meters for installation in new buildings contemplated for erection this year.

The action of the chairman and treasurer in paying \$400 on the printing account for the water tank was sanctioned by the Commission.

Superintendent Wilson reported on a telephone conversation with Chairman Robert Saunders of the H.E.P.C. It was in reply to an enquiry as to when the second power station would be ready for operation. Chairman Saunders assured Mr. Wilson that the power station would be ready for operation the first of September. The local commission were pleased to hear that the station will be installed at this time.

| Hydro Department                           |          |
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| H.E.P.C. of Ont. supplies                  | \$ 170   |
| Acton Free Press adv.                      | 210      |
| Waterloo Public Util. Com. billing machine | 400 00   |
| Highway Garage, repairs etc.               | 63 10    |
| Simon Hdwe. supplies                       | 6 48     |
| Workmen's Compensation Bd. assessment      | 216 58   |
| MacDonald Elec. Ltd. supp.                 | 15 50    |
| Maseo Elec. Co. supplies                   | 56 45    |
| Bundy Can. Ltd. supplies                   | 14 00    |
| Jas. R. Kearney Corp. supplies             | 67 78    |
| Express and transport                      | 52 20    |
|  | \$249 51 |

| Waterworks Department             |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Heat & power at spring            | \$61 90  |
| J. B. Mackenzie                   | 165 70   |
| Herbert M. Moss, Crane & Heat Co. | 4 23     |
| Neptune Motors Ltd.               | 30 62    |
| Stap. in Town of Can. Ltd.        | 434      |
| W. H. Cunningham & Hill Ltd.      | 3 83     |
| Simon Hdwe.                       | 34 97    |
| Can. Brass Co. Ltd.               | 3 00     |
| Muller Ltd.                       | 142 16   |
| Thompson Motors                   | 52 56    |
|                                   | \$504 32 |

### KNOW ADULT BIBLE CLASS HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC IN STANLEY PARK AT ERIN

On Monday evening the Adult Bible Class of Knox Church held a picnic in Stanley Park, Erin. After a beautiful supper, games were enjoyed with the following result: Children's Race, Margaret Armstrong; Ladies' race, Les McEllan; Men's race, Clarence Cole; Day contest, Les McEllan; Grass-blowing contest, Mrs. A. K. Mann; Clothes-peg and bottle contest, Mrs. Wm. Napier's side; Boat race, Rev. H. H. Armstrong.

### Women's Auxiliary Make Donation

Twenty five dollars was sent to the Winnipeg flood victims through the provincial command of the Canadian Legion at the regular monthly meeting of Acton Branch Women's Auxiliary held in the Legion Hall on July 6th.

A discussion of the approaching harvest kept the members busy. Plans were also made for a coffee and a picnic.

A letter of appreciation was read from a policeman in the United Kingdom expressing his thanks for one of the parcels sent monthly by the Auxiliary to overseas points.

The president, Mrs. F. W. White gave an interesting account of the Provincial Convention held in Hamilton last month. Seven Acton members attended.

### 3 Acton Boy Scouts Home From States

This week the three Acton Boy Scouts sent among 300 from Canada to the National Jamboree in Valley Forge, U.S.A., returned home burdened down with trophies and experiences from their two week camping trip.

Don Davidson, Ray Huff and Jack Davidson met the other boys of their Jamboree Trip at Mount Nemo 10 miles from Milton, and there at a pre-jamboree camp the group studied camping methods to assist them when they arrived at Valley Forge.

The boys' 20 hour trip from Hamilton to the Valley Forge Camp was uneventful except for their first attempt to strap on the special "trail" provided. The Canadian contingent was situated in the "creek" area and reported excellent food. Menus even included fried chicken and turkey this time around. Apparently the Scoutmaster, Kenneth Clark, wanted to provide a special treat and they had a watermelon for every tent boy.

Located in the international section the boys in the Canadian contingent were situated on a hill and had a fine view of the camp. The arena where all the main events were held was only about a quarter mile away, even though some of the campers in this vast city of tents had as far as two miles to walk.

Trading and swapping was the main past time of the campers and with only 300 Canadians to barter with some 45,000 other Scouts one can imagine the demand for Canadian goods. The local boys report ample bargaining and ample results. One returned with a complete American uniform of the others with an assortment of neckerchiefs, slides, belts, hats, lanyards and other proof of bargaining. Scouts apparently prepare for the camp by accumulating anything that could possibly be exchanged with a neckerchief slide and a length of sewer pipe.

The three local Scouts report a lot of fun and return with several new ideas that can be incorporated in the Acton program with a great deal of improvement. The first Acton Troop will indeed profit from the trip and the boys they have brought back will be well looked after.

### Lengthy Consideration On House Sewer By-law

Acton Council met in their regular bi-weekly special session and passed the long awaited Plumbing By-law. This by-law concerning the construction and installation of house sewers in the town and regulations concerning the installation of plumbing systems in houses and buildings was given the required number of readings and passed with three dissenting votes. By resolution council decided to charge \$1 for the submit and inspection of the sewerage installations within the house. They felt this inspection would benefit the home owner in guaranteeing him proper installations. Mr. Frank Crump was appointed temporary inspector.

### Local Girl Guides Go to Halton Camp

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In full uniform and smart camp hats the girls pulled and pushed their bed-rolls and blankets, suit cases and bundles, struggling mightily to get everything taken away for the journey. Luggage was piled high in each bus and stream in the aisles to make seating space for the overflow, who were unable to find seats.

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The camp itself is situated about 20 miles from Gravenhurst, right in the middle of the Adirondack Park in Massachusetts. The Guides will sleep in tents on the ground and eat and drink from tin cans. There will be swimming, instruction in a registered nurse in full time duty to care for the Guides, each of whom has charge of eight girls.

It is expected that many of the Guides will win their second and first class badges while at camp and the Acton girls will endeavour to be among those badge winners.

Between classes there will be plenty of fun during the day and camp fire at night with a light lunch before "Taps".

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Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. Head were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Head and Don Weston. Sympathy of the community is extended by Mr. W. Charlton to the passing of Mrs. Charlton last week. Services were held in Church of Christ on Thursday and interment in Everton cemetery.

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### CAMPBELLVILLE Grace Mission Band Holds Picnic

The Grace Mission Band of St. David's Church held their annual picnic at Mr. W. P. Gable's park on Friday afternoon. The regular meeting was held first, with the president, Marilyn Moore, in charge.

The devotional period was in charge of Anna and Audrey Hurron. Plans were made for a tea to be held in August. Marianna Greenless read a short story entitled "The story Jesus told" and Lois Campbell and Anita Smith recited together a very nice poem.

Ruth Roberts read the topic from the study book and the offering was received and dedicated. The birthday song was sung for Ann Parker and Anna Hurron.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the president, after which all engaged in games for a short time, then most of the girls donned bathing suits and enjoyed swimming and paddling in the pool.

Twenty-six sat at tables laden with a delicious picnic lunch topped off with ice cream. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon at this ideal picnic grounds.

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