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DEMAND MORE ACTION ON ASSESSMENT

Local Council Disgusted With County Assessment

Council in special session Monday evening discussed the equalized assessment and the filing of the recent appraisal. They expressed disgust and dissatisfaction with the apparent unconcern for completion dates in some of the municipalities. Council drafted a letter to the Halton County Council suggesting that they demand the County Assessor's office be put into action by hiring the necessary assessors to insure the completion of the equalized county assessment for use in 1952. When the municipalities entered the plan for re-assessment it was understood that the entire job would be completed for use this year yet some of the other municipalities have no idea when they will be completed.

A resolution was passed and a copy sent to the County Clerk fully endorsing the 1951 County Equalization by-law as passed at County Council and which is in dispute now since Burlington and Oakville filed appeals.

Lateral installations that did not extend as far as the lot line were discussed. Some home owners had been digging their laterals on east Mill St. and found the lateral installed by Spartan Contracting Co. did not extend to the lot line which in some cases was well inside the sidewalk. Compensation for this discrepancy was discussed by Council. Any laterals that were installed should be dug by the citizens to the property line at the proper depth and if the lateral did not reach the property line, Spartan Contracting Co. would be forced to dig the remainder of the distance to the property line.

The connecting of some laterals on Mill St. without the supervision and approval of the Town Inspector and Resident Engineer was condemned by Council. They felt that these installations made on Saturday morning should be "checked" now rather than have the street dug up at a later date. Orders were issued for these installations to be uncovered and checked by the Town Inspector before Council would approve proceeding with the work.

Instructing the citizens as to the proper fall for the installation of laterals was discussed. Council suggested that proper instructions be received by citizens from the Municipal Office before making the installation of laterals.

Methods of providing the sewage system for the several houses on No. 7 Highway west of town were discussed. Resident Engineer Norm Warner promised to investigate the situation and suggest the best method.

Ventilation of wash rooms used by the public was discussed. An amendment to the Plumbing by-law making a vent compulsory for the wash rooms used by other than occupants of the building was approved by Council.

Council dealt with complaints regarding garbage collection. Damaged pails were considered and Council issued instructions for the Town Foreman to investigate the complaints. Proper containers were discussed and recommendations made.

Replies from industry regarding the erection of signs at the entrance to town showed that some of the industries were not wholeheartedly in favor of it. The clerk reported on specifications received regarding the construction of the sign. Mr. Lovett of Guelph was to submit a sketch of a suggested type of sign.

Layoff Slated for Sidewalk Supervisors Mill St. Complete, Must Transfer Work

With the completion of sewers on Mill Street, it has been decided that 75 per cent. of the "Sidewalk Supervisors" of the job be discharged. Most of them, including yours truly, have been holding down two jobs and neglecting one, anyway. With release, the clean-up boys can go into action.

But it's been fun, anyway, watching and being watched and hearing some of the comment both on and off the job. It has been decided unanimously however, that the hole made wasn't big enough for a subway and that is the reason for a narrow trench between Willow and John Streets. Now it's all over and the street will soon be back to normal including the personnel.

But if you crave action and dust we suggest you go down the third

Road-Hog Charge Dismissed by Cadi

A charge of "road-hogging" laid by police against William Anderson, Main St., Acton was dismissed by Magistrate Frederic Watt, K. C. in Guelph on Friday for lack of evidence. Anderson's car had collided with one driven by Bruce Fletcher, R. R. 5, Guelph, on July 23 in Erin Township.

Fletcher claimed the Anderson machine had come out of a driveway at the bottom of a hill and kept to the wrong side all the way up the incline. At the last moment Fletcher had swung to the left in an attempt to avoid the collision because a ditch existed on the right side of the road.

Anderson denied that he had been driving on the wrong side of the road and Magistrate Watt was unable to understand if the situation was as Fletcher described it, why he had not blown his horn to attract Anderson's attention to the presence of the other car. His Worship believed Fletcher had made a mistake by turning out to the left. Ralph C. Bone, K. C. appeared for Anderson.

HOLD SURPRISE SHOWER HOME OF RECENT NEWLYWED FRIENDS JOURNEY TO MILTON

Mrs. Wm. (Boyne) Clement (nee Betty Gibson) was entertained at her home last night when eight Acton friends journeyed to Milton and surprised her with a shower. The visitors brought with them all the requisites for the occasion including lunch and other necessities. A most pleasant evening was enjoyed and the recent bride feasted with many lovely gifts. A delicious and bounteous lunch climaxed the happy gathering.

Alberta gas could supply nearly all Canada.

The property on Mill St. west originally purchased as a possible site for a disposal plant was sold by a by-law to Mr. Ed Jennings.

A by-law allowing the placing of a sewer main under the C.N.R. tracks was given the necessary number of readings and passed.

Clerk McGeechie gave a complete report on the expense involved thus far in drilling wells. Estimates on changing over a present pump were also given.

Councillors Hotchen, Hargrave, Tyler, Thompson, Rozell, Greer, Deputy-reeve McLeod and Reeve Tyler were present. Mayor Mason presided.

Of course, if you crave closer action, there is still the trench on Main Street, the deepest sewer in Acton where they are laying the line over twenty feet deep. If you crave relaxation hold on to your "sidewalk inspectorship" and transfer your position.

Eramosa Council To Enforce Dog Tax

All the members of Eramosa Township Council were present at the regular meeting held in Rockwood Town Hall on August 14th. Reeve D. D. Gray presided.

A delegation interviewed Council regarding the flow of water on the 8th line opposite Lot 14 and after some discussion the Clerk was instructed to seek permission from a ratepayer to divert more water through his property. Failing such permission being granted it was deemed advisable to have an Engineer settle the difficulty.

The Assessor was instructed to prosecute persons liable for a dog tax who have failed to purchase a license.

Accounts amounting to \$3,696.12 were passed for payment.

Erin Twp. Council Strike 1950 Rates

Erin Township Council met in Hillburg on August 1st with all the members present. Reeve Gold was in the chair.

A by-law was introduced for the purpose of striking the rates for the year 1950 as follows: county rate 14 mills, township rate 15 mills, general school rate 42 mills, Urban police village 11 mills, Hillsburg police village 16.5 mills, Hillburg public library, 2 mills.

School area, no. 1, 8.5 mills, school area no. 2, 8.5 mills, Union S. S. No. 2, Erin village and township continuation school 3 mills, public school 11.85 mills, U.S.S. No. 15, Erin and East Garafaxa 12.5 mills, U.S.S. No. 6, Erin and Caledon 13.2 mills, U.S.S. No. 13, Erin and Caledon 16 mills, Erin area school area U.S.S. no. 6 and 7, 15.3 mills.

By-laws for the purpose of establishing a community centre and also for the purchasing of a site for it at Osprey were passed.

The treasurer was authorized to issue a cheque of \$300.00 to George B. Grundy for the Community Centre site.

Acton Agricultural Society was granted \$25.00.

Monday, August 7th was proclaimed a public holiday.

The purchase of a soldier's memorial plaque was deferred owing to conditions that have arisen.

The following accounts were passed and ordered paid: general accounts \$24.01; sheep accounts \$22.00; relief accounts to be charged to city of Toronto \$189.69; township relief, \$75.59; road accounts \$448.64.

SAVER DROWNING GIRL

When Jean Budgett, 10, of Millertown, Newfoundland, fell from a 10-foot embankment recently while fishing, Boy Scout Robert Taylor, 15, promptly jumped in and swam to her rescue, saving her from drowning.

REV. ARMSTRONG OFFICIATES BREWSTER-MELISAAC WEDDING KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday, August 5th when Aileen Bell daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Melisaac became the bride of Bertram Harry Brewster, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Brewster, Birch Hills, Sask.

Rev. R. H. Armstrong officiated at the wedding.

The bride given in marriage by her father wore a floor-length gown of white satin panelled with Chantilly lace with three quarter-length veil held in place by a beaming coronet of seed pearls. She carried a cascade of white roses.

Bridal attendants were Miss Margaret Blows, maid of honor and Miss Helen Melisaac, bridesmaid, sister of the bride, gowned similarly in green and yellow nylon panelled in Chantilly lace, complimentary to the bride's gown. The bridal attendants carried shower, bouquets of dahlias, predominating in mauve.

Dr. Kenneth G. Paul Vankleek Hill performed the duties of best man and the ushers were Dr. Norman Amos Kirkton, Ont. and Dr. Clifford L. Young, Brookville.

Miss Margaret Brown played the wedding music and Miss Jessie Coles sang "I'll walk beside you."

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents where the bride's table was attractively set with a three tiered wedding cake decorated in flowers being colored to match the bride's gown.

Mrs. Melisaac received in a gray lace trimmed tissue faille with navy accessories wearing a corsage of yellow roses. Parents of the groom were unable to attend.

For her wedding trip the bride changed to a navy gabardine suit with navy and white accessories and corsage of yellow roses. Dr. and Mrs. Brewster will make their home in Chilliwack, B.C.

Guests attended from Toronto, Georgetown, Guelph, Fergus, Elora, Kirkton and Ottawa.

Material to Pave Located in Acton

Tuesday evening the construction equipment of the Law Construction Co. made its appearance in Acton to begin work on the paving of Highway 25. Several car loads of material have been at the station for a few days ready to start the work.

The deadline on the paving of the road has been set at early fall and since then it is apparently set for the end of September.

One person who has occasion to use the road every day was heard to say that he was going to take a month off and just ride up and down it when the paving is completed.

A camp of trailers has been located in Acton for the workmen.

Upper School Results Announced

The following is a list of the standings of candidates who wrote the Upper School examinations in Acton last June: 1st 75 to 100, 2nd 65 to 74, 3rd 50 to 64, C 50 to 59.

Mildred V. Armstrong - English Composition C, Algebra 2nd, Latin Authors C, Latin Composition C, Debra Braida - Physics C, Debra Braida - Geometry 2nd, Elsie A. Britton - English Composition 3rd, Algebra C, Latin Authors C, Latin Composition 3rd, French Authors C, French Composition 3rd.

A. Whitney Cook - History C, Trigonometry and Statics C, Physics C, French Authors C, J. Alfred D. Forrester - Geometry 3rd.

F. Lorraine Mullin - French Authors C, French Composition C, M. R. Jean - Sinclair - English Composition C, Chemistry C, Latin Authors C.

Hydro Workers Begin New Station

Ontario hydro workers have begun the installation of Acton's new sub-station on the corner of Hillcrest and Queen Streets this week.

This additional sub-station is being constructed to augment the present station on Willow St. and will provide better more consistent power to the municipalities. This station will be equal in size to the present station with three transformers on a cement slab and fenced in.

The new station, it is planned will serve the east end of town and the Wood Combining Corporation leading to the present station, to serve Bear Creek Co. and the west end of town.

One particular advantage of the two stations is that in case of power interruption for one plant the other can be switched over to carry the load.

The plant was originally scheduled to be in operation by May 1949 but subsequent delays have stalled the project until this year. Latest word received by the local commission said it would be in operation by August 15. Material hold-ups and delays may stall the completion of the project considerably yet.

Gum, pencil chewsers help in fight against polio.

Gum and pencil chewsers at the Campbell School in Sault Ste. Marie have contributed \$40.00 to the fight against Polymyolitis in Canada. Patricia Gale, 29 Grosvenor Ave. Sault Ste. Marie, reports that the contribution was raised by finding all students who chewed gum or pencils in school one cent—the proceeds to go to the Canadian March of Dimes.

Halton County Health Unit Begin Food Control Plan

In 1949 large grants were made available to the provinces by the federal government for extension of public services. These funds were to be used for new services at the municipal level.

Halton County Health Unit received such a grant in 1949. It was to be used for the initiation of a project in public health dentistry. During the past year this work has been carried on by Dr. B. J. O'Meara. Dr. O'Meara has examined all the primary school children in the county and has carried on an intensive program of education. His findings will be published shortly. Dr. O'Meara resigned effective August 15 and is now director for the dental division of Provincial Department of Health in Prince Edward Island. He has been succeeded by Dr. George Clarke who has been director of dental services for the city of Ottawa. Dr. Clarke is a brother of Dr. Lloyd Clarke, medical officer of health city of Hamilton.

Funds have been made available to the health unit to carry on this dental program. Dr. Clarke will again this year thoroughly examine all the primary school children and, if time permits will extend his services into the secondary and pre-school groups.

Another grant has been made to the health unit to initiate a new program in food control through the use of a public health trained veterinarian. Dr. Wm. Mitchell of Oakville began his work on July 1st. Dr. Mitchell was a bomber pilot in World War II was shot down over Germany and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is a graduate of the Ont. Veterinary College, Guelph and holds the diploma in public health from the School of Hygiene, University of Toronto. Dr. Mitchell will have, as his responsibility, the over all supervision of food supplies. In this he will be assisted by the present staff of sanitary inspectors. He is concentrating on one major problem at a time. He has begun an intensive control program on mastitis in dairy herds. The laboratory work in this regard is being done by the Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph. He is planning further work in the fields of meat supplies, Bang's disease in cattle, educational programs for food handlers, etc.

Seven Streets Left For Installations

Seven streets and four being worked on are the only ones left to receive sewerage installation. Lake Knox, Cameron, Bower, Ave. John Willow and Education Lane are as yet untouched while work is progressing on Main, Willow, Wallace Ave. and Mill. On Agnes from Main to Elgin the force main must be set.

Resident Engineer Norm Warner says the installations should be completed at least by the end of September.

Work on the disposal plant is progressing favourably at its third location under the contract with Jones and Vantails. It is expected that cement will be poured on the digester walls this week.

The sewerage system was originally scheduled for operation in November but unforeseen difficulties may postpone this deadline for a short time.

ACTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE STAGE PICNIC MEETING INCLUDE SPORTS PROGRAM

The Acton Women's Institute held their meeting in the park last Thursday afternoon in the form of a picnic. There was a short business period discussing the exhibit for Georgetown Fair. Following this Mrs. George Fryer took charge of the sports program which included: little girls' race, Mary Hunter, Marie Lambert, children's running race, Jeffrey Fryer, Marie Lambert; children's race, Mary Wilds, Diane Shullis, time race, Mrs. McAuley, Mrs. Holloway; spot race, Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Kingsmill; ladies' kicking the shoe, Mrs. James Wilds, Mrs. G. Lantz; pie plate race, Mrs. Earl Lambert and Mrs. McAuley, Mrs. Hunter and Mary Hunter; rolling pin race, Mrs. Holloway, Mrs. Norm. Morton; ladies' running race, Mrs. Norm. Morton, Mrs. Shullis; relay race, Jeffrey's Fryer's side; oldest Institute member present, Mrs. George Lantz; youngest member, Mrs. Hunter.

A bountiful lunch brought the picnic to a close.

The trend toward growing more grass is just beginning to spread across the country. Yet nearly 200 years ago George Washington wrote: "My countrymen have too little knowledge of the profits of grassland."

DUFFERIN TENNIS CLUB VISIT ACTON FOR TOURNAMENT WELL MATCHED TEAMS DUEL

The Dufferin Tennis Club of Brantford played a return visit to Acton tennis courts Tuesday evening for a tournament. Both well matched teams made the tournament unusually long with tie games in every set. The final score in the tournament was in favor of the visitors 7-5.

Lunch followed the event and players from both clubs expressed their appreciation for the pleasant evening.

Vandals Ransack Ajax Engineering Maliciously Damage Plant, No Motive

Vandalism was carried to an extreme this week when it is thought some young lads were responsible for breaking and entering the plant of Ajax Engineers and maliciously damaging the building with no apparent motive Sunday evening.

When workmen returned to the plant on Monday morning after vacation they found the office had been entered and ransacked with everything from the desk strewn over the floor. The first aid cabinet had its contents destroyed and scattered. The time clock was broken and stopped and the cards scattered on the floor. An expensive electric device had the cord slashed and a large can of oil was upset over the floor.

The only articles stolen, it appeared, were a fountain pen and

some stamps. Entrance to the building was through a window broken on the south side large enough to admit a boy or slight man. This section of the building is hidden from the highway by large piles of lumber.

Police are investigating and Mr. Wm. Coon, manager of the Acton plant, informs us a reward is being offered for information leading to the conviction of the culprits. The time clock was stopped at 7:15 p.m. Sunday and from this it is ascertained the approximate time of the break-in. An inspection of the factory earlier that day had revealed everything in good condition.

Any information regarding the break-in that may help in the investigation should be given to the local Provincial Police detachment.



VANDALS RANSACKED the office of Ajax Engineering early Sunday evening and strewn papers and material around. They entered from a window obscured from the road by a pile of lumber. A fountain pen and some stamps were all that were stolen. The firm has offered a reward for information in connection with the break-in. —Staff Photo