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RATEPAYERS PETITION ZONING BY-LAW

Council Accepts Petition Discuss Zoning By-Law

A petition signed by approximately 250 ratepayers was submitted by Mr. Alf Fryer to the council at their regular session on Monday evening. The petition asked amendments to the zoning by-law passed by a former council. The petition requested the following amendments: 1. It shall be permissible to build or erect one one-story detached garage within six feet of the side line providing the dwelling on the said lot was built before the date of the passing of the amending by-law, and providing further that the garage if frame, must be painted, and if second hand lumber is used on same, it must be covered with new material other than paper and in accordance with all other municipal by-laws.

2. It shall be permissible to repair, replace, or remodel any existing building providing the size of same is not enlarged so to violate other provisions of by-law 878.

If there is not an amendment to the by-law with this petition, ratepayers wish a vote to be taken at the next election.

Council reviewed the zoning by-law and discussed the petition. If the council did not accept the petition, the ratepayers could submit it for the approval of the Municipal Board. The Solicitor was instructed by resolution to prepare the necessary amendment to the by-law as specified in the petition presented to council.

Later in the meeting a resolution was tabled rescinding the previous motion enabling council to incorporate some lots left out of the original by-law. The second resolution instructed the solicitor to prepare an amendment to the by-law as specified in the petition relating to buildings built prior to the passing of the original by-law provided the garage protrudes no further than the front of the dwelling. This resolution was lost.

A third resolution was tabled completely rescinding the original resolution. This resolution was passed and the zoning by-law now stands in its original form.

Wm. Cowan and G. A. Dills were present seeking the opinion of the Council on the location of the proposed North Halton District High School. The delegation reported that they had received a motion which was passed recently at the Board meeting approving a site for the central school between Speraside and Georgetown. Council approved the vote of the representatives and registered their disapproval of the location feeling that it should not be more than 1 mile from Speraside. It was explained that Acton pupils could be sent to Guelph at an additional cost if the central school was not built soon. The present high school located in Acton is needed now for public school accommodation.

Secretary - Treasurer C. R. Swackhamer and President Walter Linham were present on behalf of the Acton Fall Fair appealing for the annual grant. The representatives also asked that the streets leading to the park entrance be kept open on Fair day. Relocation of the cattle ties to make room for the proposed swimming pool was discussed. Council agreed to have the posts relocated in time for the Fall Fair.

Council made the annual grant of \$200 to the Fair Board and the rent on the park and building was reduced to \$50.

R. V. Anderson was engaged to draw up the necessary plans for the proposed waterworks extension along Peel St. from Acton Blvd. to the town limits along the third line from Peel St. to Queen St. along Mill St. from Wellington St. to Acton Blvd. and along Acton Blvd. from Mill St. to Arthur St. (Continued on Page Four)

One Killed, Injured Car-Bus Fatality

A highway tragedy claimed the life of Eldon Beacher, 22, of Kitchener, driver of a car involved in a bus-car collision at Silver Creek Hill Saturday between 2:30 and 3 p.m.

A passenger in the car, 17-year-old Leonard Brown of Kitchener, critically injured, was sent to hospital in Guelph with fractured leg cuts and shock. Miss Irene Johnston, Guelph, passenger on the bus received minor injuries. The six other passengers were uninjured.

The east bound car collided almost head-on with the west bound bus driven by George Beaumont of Toronto. The totally wrecked car had to be cut apart with acetylene torches before it could be removed. Damage to the bus was estimated at \$500.

New Source of Water Promising

As we go to press today tests are being made on a new water supply for Acton at the North end of Main Street on A. Hufnagel's property. The well has been drilled 90 feet into the rock and a pump is making an accurate test of the water available.

This morning, pumping at 50 gallons per minute, the water in the well was lowered about 15 feet in several hours of pumping. At a rate of 75 gallons per minute the water lowered another five or six feet.

It is hoped that a flow of 100 gallons per minute can be secured from this well and it can then be equipped with permanent equipment and pumped into the town water mains only a few feet from the source. The present spring supplying Acton has a capacity of over 150 gallons per minute.

At 2:30 this afternoon the pumps delivering at 150 gals. per minute without lowering any great extent the water. The well was drilled by J. L. Graham of Guelph and looks very satisfactory and almost equal to the spring supply. Temperature of the water was 41 degrees.

DUBLIN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HOLD AUGUST MEETING DISTRICT PRESIDENT SPEAKER

Dublin Women's Institute held their August meeting in No. 9 Nassagaweya School with Mrs. W. Watkins in charge. Roll call was answered by one's opinion of "Recreation for children."

A committee was formed to arrange the display for Georgetown Fair. The displays for Milton and Acton Fair were discussed and final arrangements to be completed at the next meeting.

Mrs. M. J. Brown, Halton District President, was the guest speaker for the meeting. She chose as her subject "Patience" using as her theme "Our work well done, let's play."

Mrs. Near moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Brown for her visit with them and her splendid talk.

Mrs. Somerville conducted two short contests which were won by Mrs. Brown, Miss Minnie Somerville, Mrs. J. Dennis and Mrs. Kennedy. Lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed.

The speaker was introduced by the newly elected President, Geo. Mason, who also outlined procedure for conduct of the meetings and stressed the need for prompt start and finish at 7:30 each night.

Substation Change In Mid-September

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday evening. All members were present.

The Commission met at the substation to view changes contemplated for the changeover from 13,000 to 26,000 volts. The changeover is scheduled for the weekend of September 17th. It was decided to place the switching poles across the road near the creek, rather than at the edge of the hydrant property as this would leave the poles in the middle of the driveway leading to the Haster Laboratory loading platform. The H.E. P.C. will move the poles when the trucks are in town for the changeover.

A letter was read from H. V. Dron inquiring about the amount of his bill for the past two months. He had been billed on the meter reading. This letter had been addressed to the wrong address.

Another letter from the Department of National Revenue stated that Acton was not entitled to a rebate of the cost of the tax on the repairs to the overhead tank.

Reeve Tyler requested that the Hydro Department move four poles on Peel Street closer to the sidewalk in order that the roadway could be widened and graded. This work is to be done as soon as possible.

A customer was ordered to be cut off from service as the account had not been paid.

Superintendent Wilson reported that the line had been built into the sewer plant and the power was available. He also reported that workmen were digging the holes for the fittings at the new substation.

Superintendent Lambert reported that the hydrant on the corner of Agnes and Main Street had been loosened. There is no valve controlling this hydrant so that the whole town will have to be cut off while the repair is made. Satisfaction was given for a valve to be installed and the hydrant moved back out of the way of the road being opened between Main and Willow Streets.

The Council have turned over (Continued on Page Five)

Men Buried Alive In Sewer Trench

Heavy rains on Thursday afternoon figured in a cave-in on the corner of Elgin St. and Bower Ave. at about 5:30 Thursday evening when two workmen were buried while working on the sewerage installation.

Andrew Johnston of RR 3 Acton and Albert Harris of Church Street were sent to Guelph General Hospital after they were rescued from the avalanche of earth. Johnston had a lacerated left shoulder and shock while Harris suffered chest injuries.

Part of a construction gang of 10 men installing the man hole on the corner of the two streets, Johnston and Harris were in the 11-foot hole when the banks collapsed before the shooting had been installed. Harris was completely buried in the light sand when he attempted to leap to safety and tripped. Johnston was covered up to his waist. The men were uncovered in about 3 1/2 minutes and rushed to hospital in Guelph.

Vital Services To Be Maintained

Reeve Tyler has received the following telegram from J. O. Goodman, manager of Automotive Transportation of Ontario. It will come as relief to many to know that steps have been made to ensure the continuance of vital services while the strike is on the Canadian railroads.

"Heretofore appoint your chairman local emergency Acton committee to cooperate with local authorities in the movement of supplies essential to public health and safety. You are requested to seek co-operation of other truck owners, both public and private, and assist in arranging return loads. Unlicensed carriers should only be used when no P.V.C. equipment is available. All vehicles should be insured. Priority to be given to milk, bread, medical and hospital supplies, perishable farm products, livestock and commodities essential to public health and safety. In event of price dispute have shippers agree to refer matter to us for arbitration by impartial committee. Your co-operation must not be interpreted as an attempt to break railway strike but rather as a service to the community in the maintaining of essential health and safety service. The foregoing plan outlined in our emergency bulletin of August 8 to go into effect if and when railway employees strike and to remain in effect until railways lift embargoes. J. Goodman, General Manager Automotive Transport Assoc. of Ont."

THE RAIL STRIKE PARALYZED FREE PRESS DELIVERY SERVICE SOME SUBSCRIBERS HAVE WAIT

Your copy of the hometown paper may reach you later than we think but we are attempting to deliver as many as possible of the copies to the district. Distant points such as British Columbia and England will just have to be content to wait for their copy of the Free Press this week - and as many weeks as the rail strike may continue.

Equal Assessment Session Two Towns Unsatisfied

Halton County Council, in special session last Tuesday, approved, with only two dissenting municipalities, of a plan to settle the equalized assessment dispute caused by appeals from both Oakville and Burlington municipalities. The special session was called on advice from the County Court Judge W. N. Robinson who sought to have the county representatives come to agreement of settlement instead of court litigation.

The special session called during the vacation period consisted of mayors and legal representatives for the various municipalities and each placed their individual problems regarding assessment before the council. There seemed to be unanimous agreement between those municipalities which had completed the new assessment that these new figures should be accepted. However, those from the appealing towns argued the basic figures should be taken from the 1928 equalized assessment along with all new properties since that time added.

Warden William Vansickle, in warning the mayors and legal advisors, pointed out the meeting was called for the purpose of gaining a harmonious agreement. He said it might cost the county some \$40,000 to \$50,000 to have the court decide on the equalized assessment, having his figure on the \$40,000 cost back in 1928.

"Let us accept our responsibilities to consider this matter and come to an agreement. I know there seems to be some unfairness but if you will agree it will be for the benefit of all of us," the Warden concluded, calling upon Burlington representatives to present their case.

F. H. Cleaver, solicitor for Burlington, declared, "I am sure we will make better progress here than the railways did. Let us in Halton show the people that we can get together and come to a successful conclusion." Continuing, he outlined the work done by the county assessor and urged members to accept his figures, and by adopting figures for this year, would be acceptable to all.

Assailing his father in Burlington's interests, Hughes Cleaver agreed some adjustments should be made without a judicial assessment. He stated Burlington would have its new assessment completed by the end of this year.

In a plan suggested by Mr. Cleaver, he proposed that the figures of the 1928 assessment should be taken and all new properties should be added to that amount up to 1940. He pointed out that Acton, Milton, Georgetown and Nelson's assessments were reasonably correct and could be eliminated, leaving the adjustments to be made with the other five municipalities in the county.

He further stated that building had increased in the county 23 per cent and continued to give statistics regarding the other municipalities in this respect. He suggested \$17,000 as the amount which was under argument, urging a committee of the five municipalities gather and come to some agreement how it should be proportioned.

Angus McMillan, for Oakville, argued the new basis for assessment should be used at this time against those municipalities who had not completed theirs. He assured members Oakville would have their new assessment completed next year. He also agreed they should come to agreement without having the matter settled before the courts.

Charles Leatherland, for Acton: (Continued on Page Four)

OVER HALF A CENTURY IN EMPLOY OF THE BEARDMORE COMPANY

Mr. Wm. Waller who has been an employee of Beardmore and Co. for the past fifty-three years has resigned from his position and sold his property on Crescent St. and gone to reside in Toronto.

Mr. Waller was one of the oldest employees of the company and was still active and regular at his work. His home on Crescent Street had one of the finest gardens in the community and has on several occasions won prizes for its beauty and artistry. All wish him many years of life and enjoyment in these days of more leisure.

TRAINER HALTON CHAMPION JOHN A. HAMBLETON, 70, DIES RECORD SET OVER SEVEN FEET

A noted horseman, John A. (Jack) Hambleton, 70, for many years a trainer for Sir Clifford Sifton, died Saturday at the home of his brother on Talbot St., St. Thomas. In 1912 he established a world's record high jump at Ottawa, riding Confidence owned by Sir Clifford Sifton.

Confidence was born and raised in Halton County by the late Mr. Matthew Howson of Ashgrove and was sold at his clearing sale to Mr. Wm. Hyatt of Norval who later sold him to Sir Clifford Sifton. His record was slightly over seven feet.

You can stay out of trouble by staying in your own traffic lane.

Business As Usual In Business Section Mill St. Cleaned Up After Excavations

The "Business as usual" sign can be hung out on Acton's Mill Street after yesterday's clean-up. The final laterals were installed in the two business blocks, the manholes were finished, the water services were all renewed with copper piping and the street drains renewed and yesterday, the excavations were all filled in.

In the afternoon, Deputy-reeve McLeod had the town grader on the job and all the town workmen and trucks. The road was levelled and a coat of fine gravel was spread on the excavated strip of pavement. A liberal coating of calcium was applied to settle the dust.

Last night the Fire Brigade brought out the town pumper and hose and the Mill Street sidewalks were flushed. We understand the next step is to clear away the accumulation on the pavement edges and flush the street pavement for what is left of it.

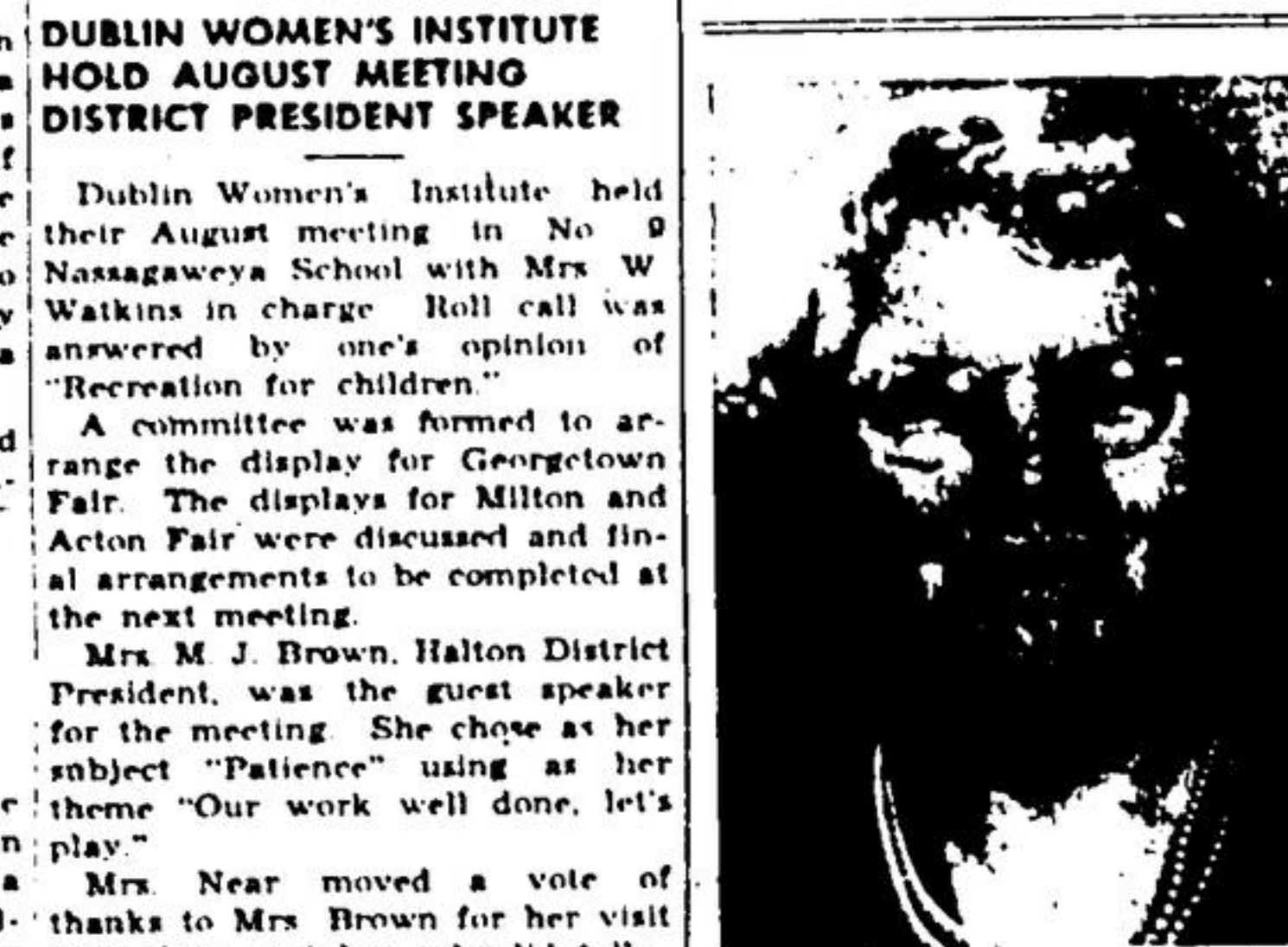
But the cars are parked on Mill Street again as usual and this week-end, it's "Business as usual."

Through Traffic on Highway in Acton Back to Normal Flow Again This Week

Prospects are that motorists passing through Acton will have a better impression of Acton after this week because sewers on the highway through town are just about finished. Main Street sewers are laid and back filling will be finished as soon as water services have been renewed. All old iron piping of water under the streets is being replaced with copper while the streets are torn up.

Down at the disposal plant site, two pours of cement have been made on the 22 foot high digester tank. It is anticipated the last pour will be made by Wednesday of next week. The first pour last Saturday took until eleven o'clock at night to finish and it is expected the final one will be a day and night job. Excavations have been made for the series of cement tanks of the plant and preparation made for building forms and pouring the cement tanks. Sidewalk inspectors will find plenty of room down there without danger of cave-ins. The soil is clay and heavy gravel.

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MRS. C. W. MASON, an Acton resident for almost her entire life passed away this week. Mr. and Mrs. Mason celebrated their golden wedding last year.



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