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## PETITION, DELEGATION, OPPOSE BY-LAW

### Citizens Oppose By-Law Suggest Planning Board

The Zoning By-Law was a major point of discussion at the regular session of Council on Monday evening which lasted until 2:30 a.m. Mr. Alf Fryer headed a delegation of 12 men and presented a petition the same as that presented at the last regular meeting but with signatures totalling 460 as compared with the original 250. The petition asked to have the zoning by-law rescinded. At present it prohibits erection of buildings within six feet of the lot line on the restricted zone, also the rebuilding of present dwellings except under the restrictions of the zoning by-law.

Before the appearance of their delegation at the session a resolution was passed to allow the building of garages on the side property line if necessary provided however that the garage did not protrude beyond the front wall of the building.

A second resolution was also passed that the council go into the zoning by-law and carefully consider the recommendations before any changes were made. Members of the delegation present spoke offering various criticisms and objections to the zoning by-law as it is presently constituted. Mr. J. H. Creighton felt the passing of the above two resolutions was all that could be expected at present. Mr. W. J. Beatty on behalf of the delegation pointed out that he thought the by-law didn't fit the town and thought it would be all right for Forest Hill Village or some similar area.

The by-law, generally speaking, is much too strict, he concluded. Mayor Mason pointed out to the delegation that a copy of the present zoning by-law had been sent by general mail to every ratepayer in the municipality giving them an opportunity to appear before the Municipal Board and request changes before the zoning by-law was passed but since no citizens appeared the Board had approved the by-law and it was put into force.

Mr. Beatty suggested that to relieve the council possibly it would be advantageous to set up a town planning board which could devote the necessary time to a complete study of the situation and bring recommendations to council. Reeve Tyler suggested that the delegation pick the members for the proposed planning board but the group did not favor this proposal.

Mr. C. Wood suggested that the type of dwelling should be the first consideration and the size of the lot secondary. Councillor Greer felt that if 400 ratepayers wanted the by-law changed, it should be done. A resolution that the petition as presented by Mr. A. Fryer be included as set out in the amendment of the zoning by-law with modifications, was defeated.

Mr. W. Beatty suggested that a change be made in the zoning by-law pending intensive study by a planning board. A resolution was later passed which allowed for the formation of a committee of citizens to be established and sit with council representatives to draw up the amendments to the zoning by-law.

A by-law was introduced to amend the zoning by-law regulating the use of land and the character, location and use of buildings and structures. The by-law was given a first reading. This by-law incorporated the resolution made earlier in the meeting allowing construction of a garage on the property line provided a house was on the property and also allowed the lots missed in the passing of the original by-law to be included in their proper zones. The lot on which the new source of water is located was also to be exempt from zoning restrictions.

An application from Thompson Motors was received for the installation of gas tanks on a property which lies in zone one and according to the zoning by-law, the building inspector could not issue a permit. A letter was to be written to Thompson Motors pointing out that council could not establish a precedent by granting approval and suggesting that Thompson Motors apply to the Municipal Board for any variations in the by-law.

The resignation of Thomas Nicol as councillor from the town council was accepted. This will necessitate a nomination and possibly an election unless the position is filled by acclamation. Clerk McGeachie was instructed (Continued on Page Five)

### Swimming Pool Site Is Now Ready

The site for Acton's swimming pool in the Park has been cleared and this week workers are called for making the excavations for the structure. The municipal workmen have moved the posts and fences by the Fall Fair to the west end of the park in readiness for the Fair in two weeks. This will place all the cattle and horse stalls in the centre of the park and make an improvement in the arrangements.

Workers for the swimming pool are now advertised and excavations will be made this fall. Plans call for an early start next spring on building of the pool and purchase of materials made next season. It is hoped the pool itself will be ready for operation by next summer so that the trick of boys and girls to other centres will not be necessary. Construction will proceed just as far as funds on hand permit.

### ACTON FRIENDS TAKE PART IN GEORGETOWN WEDDING IN ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

Mrs. G. Woods, Acton, graduated from the Louths was an honored guest at a double wedding ceremony on August 26 in Georgetown when Violet Louth married Kenneth Darr and Elizabeth Cutler was married to George Louth. Mrs. Woods wore a crisp and lace dress, navy and white straw hat with navy accessories and corsage of pink roses.

A bridesmaid, Margaret Bradley, wore a gown of daffodil yellow embroidered silk organza, frills and hat of French lace and carried a bouquet of pink and yellow gladioli. Mrs. Woods also of Acton as junior bridesmaid wore a rich embroidered silk organza and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

There is no dearth of building material around Speyside including the Beatty and Livingston farm lots. This could be made one of the finest educational beauty spots of the province.

### OBITUARY Acton Resident, 81 Dies in Sunnybrook

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### District Governor Addresses Rotary

Rotary Clubs in 83 countries throughout the world are united in an endeavor to promote international understanding good will and peace. That was the message of Arthur R. Ferguson of Gravenhurst, Governor of District 247 of Rotary International, in addressing the Rotary Club of Acton Tuesday, during a conference with local Rotary officers, Directors and Committee Chairmen.

In addition to the activities of Rotary's 7,100 clubs in their own communities to promote this objective, Mr. Ferguson explained, over a 7-year period Rotary International is spending \$750,000, principally to create better understanding among the peoples of different nations. One of the principal ways in which this money is being spent is on Rotary Foundation Fellowships which enables outstanding graduate students to study for one year, in countries other than their own as ambassadors of good will. Since this program was established in 1947, 195 Fellowships have been awarded to students in 35 countries with grants totalling nearly \$500,000.

"Devoted to service, Rotary provides a common ground for 342,000 business and professional executives throughout the world, regardless of nationalities or political or religious beliefs," the Rotary District Governor emphasized.

He said that there is a striking parallel between the program of Rotary and the United Nations Charter, and that since the organization of the United Nations in 1945, Rotary Clubs throughout the world have been active in the development of an informed public opinion.

Mr. Ferguson is in the General Contracting Business in Gravenhurst and is a member of the Rotary Club of Gravenhurst. He is one of the 201 Rotary District Governors who are supervising the activities of some 7,100 Rotary Clubs which have a membership of 342,000 business and professional executives in 83 countries and geographical regions throughout the world.

### LETTER TO EDITOR 'Speyside Window' Attracts Comments

Dear Editor: Regarding your article 'Speyside Window' in your July 29th issue, I cannot refrain from looking up the subject for Speyside from being undesirable. I think that particular corner of the road particularly so, which is a pity, and I am sure children of a central High School would agree with me.

A very short distance from the four corners is what was once a Red Horse Creek, so called because the water flows swiftly over its boulders and its splashing forms a pretty white foam. There are possibilities for a real beauty spot here.

There is the quaint Maclaren log cabin still standing on the knoll on one corner. There are quantities of beach nuts in the woods surrounding the knoll. There are wild strawberries and water cross.

There are a couple of swamps to be sure close by. These are very stable bird sanctuaries, one is Mr. Beatty's farm and one on the Livingston farm where some very good groups of children could get their nature study education first hand.

Apart from all the above there is here one of the most fertile spots in Ontario. To prove this in drying from Milton to Acton, take note of the vegetation from above the Red School as far as the town line over as far as the town line. It looks as though every seed dropped by birds germinated and grew.

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To all the donors we say "thanks" And to the helpers in our ranks And to the Free Press, much we owe For advertising thus our show.

The several ball teams gave their time. Hardly had they chance to dine Before appearing at the park. Three games to play before the dark.

### EVERTON Holiday Visitors Over Labor Holiday

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Benham and family were Mr. and Mrs. W. Van Norman, Miss Muriel Benham and Mr. Jack Morrell, Guelph. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Murray, Guelph visited Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Head.

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### 50th Anniversary For Mr., Mrs. C. Hill

When Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hill of R.R. 2, Acton, marked their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday afternoon, they had the 12 children of their family home with them to celebrate the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Hill welcomed a throng of friends, neighbors and relatives to their farm on the 4th line of Erin.

More than 25 visitors, including about 50 of their 54 grandchildren, as well as 11 great-grandchildren, attended the event. The family presented the elderly Acton district couple with two large wedding anniversary cakes, which were cut at the supper served later in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill came to Erin Township 10 years ago after farming several years in Guelph and Elmira, Ont. They presently live on the 3rd line of Erin in a large home on their present farm. Natives of Surrey, England, they came to this country about 42 years ago.

As a few raindrops began to fall Sunday afternoon, Mr. Hill recalled how on September 3rd, 50 years ago the rain poured down. To get to his own wedding he had to plod five miles over freshly plowed fields, muddy and soaked with rain. His shoes were heavy and caked when he arrived.

### CHURCH GARDEN PARTY FAIR CROWD WEDNESDAY FEATURE EXCELLENT PROGRAM

Churchill United Church Garden Party staged last Wednesday featured a fine program and attracted a fair crowd despite the unfavorable weather.

Mr. Gibb, minister, extended a welcome to the gathering and articles and the program was under the direction of Mr. John Root of Hillburg.

A short band concert was followed by an exceptionally fine variety program of comedy, elation, costume dancing and modern and old time music, both instrumental and vocal, featuring the Friends' Four Quartette of Hillburg.

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Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Neville, he was born at Milton and had lived in Eden Mills since 1923. He attended the United Church there. For the past 10 years he had been employed by the Holman Luggage in Guelph.

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During the afternoon young and old enjoyed a well rounded program of sports under the able supervision of Alex Miller of Staynet and Lester Miller of Rockwood. The highlight of the afternoon was a ball game in which Lester Miller surprised and delighted the group with an unusual and hitherto hidden talent in trick fielding.

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