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1384 ABSENT FROM NOMINATIONS

14 People Attend Meeting As No Nominations Made

1384 eligible citizens of Acton were absent from the nomination meeting held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday evening. This meeting had received the required publicity and was held to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Tom Nichol which was accepted by Council at their last regular meeting.

Among the 16 present at the meeting altogether there was never more than 14 at any one time. Those 14 present were Councillors Greer, Hotchen, Hargrave, Thompson, Rosvell, Reeve Tyler, Deputy Reeve McLeod and Mayor Mason. Besides there officials there was Town Foreman Kirkness, Assessor Frank Crump, Mr. Youngblut, Mr. Bowles, Miss Taylor and Mr. Cook.

Some 1400 citizens were eligible to attend that meeting and nominate a fellow citizen to fill the vacancy. Not one nomination was received by the clerk, J. McGeachie between the hours of 7.30 and 8.30 for which nominations were scheduled.

At the conclusion of the time Mr. T. Cook addressed the gathering and condemned the group for not making a nomination and clearing up the matter. He felt the councillors should have nominated someone but Mayor Mason pointed out that it was not the council's responsibility to make a nomination but the responsibility of the citizens of Acton who had not bothered to attend the meeting. Mr. Cook in concluding felt that the gathering should be allowed to appoint someone to fill the vacancy.

Since no nominations had been received the clerk would ordinarily have to call another nomination meeting. Rather than go to this expense, Clerk McGeachie pointed out that possibly the Department of Municipal Affairs would grant the council permission to carry on for the balance of the year without filling the vacancy.

The majority of the group felt this would be the best method since another nomination meeting would possibly end the same way.

Fair Participation Planned By Ladies

The September meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held on Thursday afternoon, September 7th at the home of Mrs. W. Denny, Brock Ave. The president, Mrs. R. L. Davidson presided. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. The roll call was answered by a recipe for a summer drink.

The business of the day was mostly plans for the Acton Fair exhibit and also one for the Georgetown Fair. At Georgetown the members plan an exhibit of home made candy to be built around the nursery rhyme "Hippety Hop to the Barber's Shop to get a Piece of Candy." Arrangements were also made for the hot dinner to be served from their booth on Fair Day.

The motto of the month "Grumbling spoils more homes than poor cooking" was very ably presented by Mrs. M. MacAuley. Mrs. Earl Lambert contributed a humorous reading on the good and bad habits of a husband and also delicated a poem to the president called "The Farmer's Wife." Mrs. Fred Anderson read a poem on the visit to the Fair and the Queen's carpet as expressed by an Institute member from Guelph.

Explain Cut-Offs To Complainants

At the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission held on Tuesday, September 12th, the staff of the Commission was subjected to a verbal barrage for the power interruptions this past week. The funny part of the whole matter was that those letting go with the blast are not customers of the local commission. Since the interruptions were mechanical failures the Commission felt that the complaints were not justified. The Commission would like to thank their local customers for their sense of fair play in allowing for the interruptions which took place this week. Everything possible will be done to see that these interruptions are as infrequent as possible.

Superintendent Wilson reported that he had received instructions on Tuesday from the H.E.P.C. to shut off hot water heaters between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon. The H.E.P.C. load had increased so much that the cut-off was necessary to keep essential services going. On Tuesday the biggest demand for Hydro power was made in Acton. The demand was 2464 kilowatts, with the previous high demand of 2170 kilowatts.

Engineer Anderson submitted the plans for the proposed waterworks extensions on Mill Street East, Acton Boulevard, Peel St., Third Line, Queen Street, Crescent St., and Fairview Ave. There is approximately 3740 feet to be laid on these streets. The plans have been submitted to the Department of Health for their approval, before going to the Department of Municipal Affairs for permission to issue debentures.

An inquiry was received from the Consolidated Engine and Pump Co. about changing over the present pump at the spring so that it would be suitable for use in the 90 foot well on the Hufnagel property. Quotations had been received for changing over for a 76 foot well. The approximate cost is about $2000. The Council has turned over the development of the well on the Hufnagel property to the Utilities Commission. After going into the matter it was decided that a brick building should be erected and it should be 20 feet by 15 feet with a clearance of 15 feet for the installation of the pump. Other suggestions were made for the building and it was decided that Mr. Eric Hansen be requested to draw up plans for this building, incorporating these features in the plans.

A letter was received from the H.E.P.C. operating division for a work order to move two switch poles from behind the Hydro workshop over to the edge of the School property. The cost of the moving was estimated at $480. This work had been done last Sunday.

A letter was to be written to the Dominion Hotel pointing out that only cooking appliances could be

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New Minister Met At Choir Practice

The United Church Choir held their opening fall rehearsal at 1 were made acquainted with their new minister and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Currey.

Kenneth Allan, president of the choir, then presented Mrs. Currey (Betty Gibson) with a beautiful relish tray and wished her every happiness in her new home.

The choir members then made their way to the church lawn to hold a corn roast that was enjoyed by all the members.

Council Postpone Naming of Street

At the special session of council on Monday evening the town solicitor was instructed to prepare the necessary by law for the opening of Agnes St. from Willow to Main. Council also discussed the naming of the third line east of the town, part of which is included in the town limits. No satisfactory name was arrived at and councillors were to bring their recommendations to the next regular meeting.

Mr. Wes Beatty was present at the special session to report that the present installation of the sewerage line on Frederick St. would not drain his cellar floor in either of the two houses which face the street. The resident engineer was to prepare a solution for the problem and submit it for the approval of council.

Resident Engineer Hansen was instructed to investigate several other difficulties and complaints that were presented to council.

Plans were reviewed with the Engineer and definite instructions given that there were to be no difficulties in making entrance to the park on Fall Fair day. Arrangements were being made with the contractor and if any hold-ups were encountered on that street the trench was to be back filled in time for the use of the road on September 22 and 23.

A by-law authorizing an agreement with the Canadian National Railway respecting the construction and maintenance of a sewer main under the railroad at Mill St. was passed.

Mr. Bert Hinton requested the removal of a tree on Lake Ave. The tree was ordered removed as it presented a hazard.

Curbs built out on the road were discussed and Deputy-reeve McLeod asked if in reconditioning the roads the ditches would interfere with the curbs. No decision was given as to whether the curbing should be interfered with.

Securing crushed stone for work on the roads was discussed. Postponements on the contract recently let were making it necessary to seek another source.

Council decided to service the houses on No. 7 highway west of town from the rear. This method was more economical than any of the other possibilities presented.

The clerk was instructed to write a letter to Jones and VanGil instructing them that they would be held responsible for any fill that was removed from the site of the disposal plant.

Councillors Greer, Hargrave, Rosvell, Thompson, Reeve Tyler and Deputy-reeve McLeod were present at the special session. Mayor Mason presided.

Shock, 30 ft. Fall Injure Hydro Men

While working on the new power line last Saturday afternoon, Kerwin McPhail, 23, of R. R. 3, was severely shocked by an electric wire and fell 30 feet to the ground. He suffered a broken nose, bad abrasions to both elbows, burns on his fingers and burns and hemorrhage in his right eye as well as electric shock. He was kept in Guelph General Hospital for several days.

Again on Saturday hydro worker Hubert Goodman, 20, of Nova Scotia, was hit with 4800 volts, while working on No. 7 highway just east of town. After treatment in Guelph General Hospital for superficial injuries to his left elbow and right cheek, he was discharged the next day.

Tank Next Summer Is Committee's Aim

A report on the receipt of tenders for the proposed swimming pool was received at the meeting of the Committee on Wednesday evening. The two local men interested in the work would not enter tenders because of the water condition. These men suggested to the committee that a bulldozer be hired by the hour to make the excavation the cost of which would be under $200.

The Committee engaged R. V. Anderson to prepare the plans and specifications and necessary engineering details for the construction of the pool. Mr. Anderson was to be paid three and a half per cent for this work based on the amount of money spent.

Engineer Hansen, representing Mr. Anderson, presented a sketch of the excavation that could be made this fall. Before any progress could be made on this matter it was thought that the location should be more accurately fixed before proceeding and a meeting was called with council for Monday evening at 8.30 in the park when Mr. Hansen, Council and the committee would meet and plan the definite location.

It was thought that it might be advisable not to excavate this year but to plan to have swimming there next summer. Although the total installation could not be made by then it would be possible to purify the water by hand and have a tank for swimming by then.

A letter was dealt with demanding the return of a contribution.

The Committee adjourned to meet again on Monday evening.

Travellers may send telegrams from passenger trains. All they have to do is deliver the message to the conductor, who will hand them in at telegraph stations en route.

GOVERNOR OF DISTRICT 247 of Rotary International, Arthur Ferguson of Gravenhurst, addressed the Acton Rotary Club on September 5th.

Speaker Clarifies Unions for Rotary

Acton Rotarians heard of the aims and objects of Canada's unions explained by Mr. Geo. Ironsides of Toronto on Tuesday. Mr. Ironsides was for six years an official of the Canadian Congress of Labor. He said unions were endeavoring to give the laboring man an opportunity to take his place with other citizens and maintain their voice in public affairs with other pressure groups.

In answer to a question of ability of workers to maintain present pension scales, Mr. Ironsides pointed out the union's present drive for more production. He felt that as yet we did not realize our production capacities and workers could step up production to meet an adequate pension for all.

The speaker was introduced by his brother, Rotarian Tony Ironsides and thanked by Johnny Goy. The meeting was one of the largest since last spring with several visitors from Guelph present. President George Mason announced an open discussion meeting for the week following and gave the arrangements for the meetings until the end of October.

Staff Pair To Visit Chicago Exposition

The Graphic Arts Exposition being held this year in Chicago will present an array of some ten million dollars worth of printing equipment displayed on three acres of floor space.

Canadian representatives are attending the event which is held only once every ten years. At this exposition will be printing machinery from all parts of the world demanding a large crew of operating instructors to demonstrate it to the thousands of visitors.

Dave and Jim Dills will be flying down to the exposition Friday morning to see the wonderful display of printing equipment.

Improved Service Follows Shut-Off

Sunday's five hour shut off allowed 18 Hydro workmen to make the necessary connections in Acton for a doubling of the original 11,200 volts and consequently a better hydro service. Several new lines had to be installed to carry the 26,400 volts which is the new voltage for Acton.

This is one of the items on the program for providing better service for local hydro users. The increased voltage made possible by the new installations and the new sub station which it is expected will be completed by the end of the month will have a direct effect on the amount of time it takes your toaster and iron to heat up. It will also cut down in the variations of heat that are provided by these appliances and eliminate a noticeable dimming of lights that occurred when the power demand was exceedingly high.

Tuesday of this week the biggest kilowatt load in the history of Acton was recorded. 2464 kilowatts was the all time high while it surpassed the previous record of 2170 kilowatts.

Doubling the voltage of the local system was not an entirely local job. Besides the 18 men working in Acton there were two gangs in Guelph and one in Rockwood as well as men in several other centres that were affected by the shut-off. Auto transformers had to be installed in Guelph while two new switch structures and a number of new insulators over the transformer were installed in Acton.

A 100 per cent load on the three transformers now serving Acton would be 1500 kilowatts but with the addition of a transformer equal in size to the present three, the capacity will be doubled to 3000 kilowatts. This will allow an even distribution on the two sub-stations.

The several power interruptions on Monday were the result of damaged fuses. Each time different fuses were used until the service was working properly, Superintendent Wilson reports.

At the new sub-station site, workmen are busy pouring the cement foundations for the heavy equipment. The two necessary towers are in place and the large cement cushion is being allowed its 14 to 21 days to harden before the 28 ton transformer is placed on it.

The lot on the corner of Queen St. and Hillcrest is being fenced in with a high wire fence and workmen say that when they are finished the surrounding ground will be covered with 3 inches of stone and the lot will be quite attractive.

Forms are being prepared for the pouring of a 15 foot by 10 foot cement cushion on which will be constructed the switches and other controls.

Talking with the foreman on the construction, he praised the honesty of Acton's citizens because none of their equipment or material had been touched.

The rail strike provided a difficulty for this job too. The cement, although their shipment was on a siding in Hamilton, could not be touched and it had to be trucked all the way from the south of the county.

It is expected the sub-station will be completed by the end of the month.

—It appears that the impending strike at the Wool Combing Corporation has been averted by mutual negotiations between the company and the union.

High School Board Choose From Five Proposed Sites

Several important matters came before a special meeting of North Halton High School District Board on Monday evening. Transportation of pupils to the three schools and selecting a central location for one school to serve the three towns and two townships were the main items of a session that started in a drizzling rain at Speyside about 6.30 and ended after 11 p.m. All the Board members except one were present.

In view of the fact that the estimated number of rural pupils had dropped from 150 to 100 attending the Milton school the Chairman of the Transportation Committee felt it was not necessary to deal with tenders for the advertised new route as present buses could handle all transportation with a short route of 20 miles to the Georgetown School.

The Committee report recommended that seven contracts be signed for transportation. E. Tyler's route calls for 88 miles, George Ingle's route is for 80 miles, Mr. Poole's route is 70 miles and Georgetown Transportation calls for a 20 mile route. Two other contracts call for transportation of pupils from Acton and Georgetown Schools to attend the Household Economics and Shop Practice courses at Milton and taxi routes will take pupils to Georgetown for special Commercial courses. All contracts are passed on 35c per mile.

Another resolution recommended that new contracts be made in 1951-52 with all operators and let by tenders.

The Board members viewed possible land for the central school, east, north and south of Speyside and the most suitable land in this district appeared to be at the corner of the third line and the road between Speyside and Georgetown.

Following a thorough discussion of the central school, it appeared that Milton favored a two school area with one school at Milton and the other four municipalities favored only one school for the whole district. Five sites were suggested. One, near the third line corner and the Speyside-Georgetown road, the second near Stewarttown and the old Golf Club ground, the third on the corner of the seventh line and the No. 7 highway known as Silver Creek, a fourth on R. N. Brown's property east of Acton and a fifth some place in Milton. These were voted on by the Board in the order of preference with top choice given five points, second choice four points, etc.

On the first ballot, the seventh line or Silver Creek location and the location in Milton were lowest in score and were eliminated. On the second ballot the first and second sites were tied and the fourth site was within a few points. The Board decided that the Building Committee should view these three sites, ascertain if they could be purchased and the price and all particulars regarding the suitability for a central school. The Committee was asked to report to the Board at the next meeting and the matter will be taken up with the Department of Education officials for their opinion on the locations.

The Board decided to secure a new washer and new electric stove for the Milton School which were under agreement from the Westinghouse Co. to be exchanged as new models were brought out by the Company. Total cost to the Board would be $60 for the new stove with no cost for washer exchange.

The Board also heard details of a new sander being considered for the Milton School but this will be dealt with at a regular meeting.

Town Fair-Minded As Sept. 22 Nears

The Exhibition in Toronto might be able to beat town fairs as far as quantity is concerned but Acton Fair is going to have lots of quality to be proud of again this year. Pure competitions have proven that the finest cattle in the district, many breds are shown here annually as well as the best poultry, horses and livestock.

And won't it be a nice change from the Ex to know the people that bump into you and that sit beside you at the shows? And to know the people who show their stock and get prizes for their cooking?

Acton Fair starts its run on Friday night September 22 with the "grandstand performance" in the arena. There will be two bands, the 11th Field Artillery Band from Guelph as well as the Acton Boys and Girls' Band. Nickling Bros. will present an exciting bar and trampoline act and the saddle and jumping horses will display their skill as well as the spills and falls which always makes this event so interesting. Hall exhibits and refreshment booths will be open. And that's not all!

On Saturday there will be more entertainment, a miniature rodeo with a trained horse, calf and dog joins forces with a ventriloquist to present a fine show. The contests are always fun, for freckles, eating pie eating and babies! The stock parade is the main event of the late afternoon.

As a background for all these fine displays and competitions there will be the music of Acton Band and the constant attraction of the midway with its rides and games and the livestock and agricultural exhibits. Any energy left? There will be a dance at night to top off a wonderful fair weekend.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Clara Lane, 82 Passes Last Sunday

After an illness of two months, Mrs. Clara Celestia Lane passed away at her home, 98 Agnes St., last Sunday. Mrs. Lane was born on the Fifth Line of Erin Township in 1868, and was married there in 1887.

The funeral was held from the Victor B. Rumley Funeral Home, Acton, on Tuesday, with Rev. Currey officiating. Acting as pallbearers were Mrs. Lane's nephews, Messrs. John Sprowl, Griffin Sprowl, Arthur Griffin, Carman Griffin and Harold Griffin. The flower bearers were Messrs. Mac and Calvin Sprowl, Ralph and Clarence Denny, Smith Griffin and Jas. Ritchie.

Surviving Mrs. Lane are her brothers, Mr. George Griffin of Erin and Mr. Smith Griffin of Erin Township, a sister, Mrs. Amanda Woodward of Hamilton and her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Allen, with whom she lived here in Acton.

Miss Rena Braida, Mrs. Mahood Await Mystery Awards For Limerick Contest

While walking through one of the buildings at the Exhibition last week, Miss Rena Braida was very surprised to find her name displayed prominently at the front of a booth as one of the winners of a contest. Miss Braida had entered the Canada-wide limerick contest quite a few months ago and had not heard from the sponsors since sending in her entry.

Even the attendants at the booth could not tell her what her prize would be. Standing 19th out of 30 winners chosen from 340,000 entries, she suspects she might receive a Marshall mattress.

Another winner in the same contest was Mrs. Mahood of Rockwood, who stood fourth. No word has been received about her prize either so following the first surprise of discovering themselves winners, the pair will eventually be surprised again—when they find their prizes blocking up the post office some day.

Present of White and Purple Heather From Scotland Brings Luck to Editor

We were intrigued by a parcel received during the week with overseas stamps and it was among the first opened in that morning's mail. We were delighted that the parcel contained a generous lot of heather direct from Scotland. A note said "This is a wee bit of Scotch heather for you. Trusting you are all well. Thanks very much for the anniversary edition. I enjoyed it very much. Alex. Lees."

It is said that a gift of heather brings good luck and if this is true we are in for a generous portion. We'll be glad to share our good fortune with any of our friends who have a Burr-r-r on the tongue and a warm heart for the land of the heather. We have no claim to Scotch ancestry ourselves but we like the Scotch folks very much—so much that we married a Macpherson, who received the first heather from this box.

The rest of you Scotch folks can share with us the remainder of this gift from Scotland. No children, but just folks from the land of the heather.