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## COUNCIL APPROVES RAILWAY SIGNALS

### Suggest Planning Board Approve Railway Signals

Members of Council and of the Swimming Pool Committee met in the Park on Monday evening to mark out the site for the swimming pool. The engineer was also present and the site was staked out at the West side of the Park. Amendments were suggested to the traffic by-law, designed to make for safety on Acton streets.

It was decided by motion to make Arthur and Peel through streets from Young Street to the third line and Acton Boulevard. A by-law was to be prepared for submission to the Municipal Board.

Another motion was presented and passed requesting that a sign be erected at the corner of Mill and Main Streets prohibiting vehicles from making a U-turn at this intersection of two highways. This was to be incorporated in the by-law.

The sewer account amounting to \$7185.30 was passed for payment.

The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the blueprints for installation of the warning signals on the C.N.R. crossing on Mill Street. The installation will have four signal lights and one warning bell.

A delegation from Acton Branch of the Legion asked Council's permission and co-operation in cleaning up the memorial plot. The Legion were willing to do much of the work and asked co-operation of the municipality with equipment.

Several suggestions were made of improvements. Desirable Council were agreed to give assistance and Saturday, September 30th was suggested as a suitable date for the work.

It was decided that no further steps would be taken regarding the vacancy on Council for this year.

A receipt was received from the Manitoba Relief Fund for \$106.21, being the amount of the collection taken at the town dedication service in June.

Permission was given by the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. to hold a tag day on the streets on Fair Day.

A letter from the Bell Telephone Co. said a pole could be moved at Wellington and Peel Streets at a cost of \$15. Council desired that the pole be moved.

It was decided by motion to petition the Department of Highways for a grant on the expenditure on roads and culverts for the first eight months. The amount spent to date was \$10,148.

The following accounts were approved:

Bell Telephone Co	\$ 27.90
F.U.C., various municipal services	307.25
Acton Free Press, advertising and printing	103.02
Ron Nelson, aerial photos	64.80
Symon Howe, miscellaneous items	8.45
R. O. Stapleton, fittings	8.54
Thos. Cutting, cutting trees	8.75
Highway Garage, repairs to grader	57.25
E. Noble, lunches	4.50
J. McGeechie, old age pensions	50.00
Watson's Dairy Bar	16.50
	\$25.94

The Clerk was requested to make a statement of municipal finances in comparison with the budget (Continued on Page Five)

### Town May Look Muddy But Visitors Comment on Well-Kept Appearance

Installing a sewerage system in a town isn't the easiest job but generally things are going smoothly. Showing visitors around the town always demands an explanation of the poor condition of some streets. But the visitors don't mind when they understand and several that have seen our town recently have only had praise for it beyond the sewerage installation.

One couple remarked that the homes of Acton were in good condition. The majority of the home owners have been taking care of their property and keeping it looking well kept.

Another American couple after visiting Acton left with a better feeling towards Canada. On previous visits they had seen only Toronto and Montreal and they were glad to see the smaller centres that

### YOUNG PEOPLE OF DISTRICT MEET FOR WEINER ROAST AND PRE-CONVENTION PLANNING

Young people from all of Guelph Presbytery P.Y.P.U. met at Knox Church last night and set out to a winter feast at the foot of the Acton ski club hill. A great deal of fun was combined with a more serious purpose in meeting, as the feast also constituted a pre-convention rally for the Presbyterian Young People's Convention which will be held in Hamilton on Thanksgiving week end. Mr. Dave Crawford, Preston, the following convener of the provincial executive spoke to the group on this convention.

The committee sincerely hopes that no guests from out of town are still lost after a treasure hunt. Evidently nobody thought to count the group before the hunt as well as after but a quick count at the end of the evening totaled 85 present with about 20 of them from Acton.

Hot dogs, coffee and marshmallows all prepared outside were eaten heartily and of course a sing-song was the natural outcome of the camp fire.

Several ministers were present including Rev. Armstrong of Knox Church, Acton.

### Offer Debentures To Local Residents

At a fully attended meeting of Framosa Township Council held on September 1st in Rockwood Town Hall by-law No. 9, 1950 authorizing the borrowing of \$20,000 at 3 per cent by the issuance of debentures payable in 10 years for the erection of a new school for the Township Area School Board was given the third reading and passed. Approval of the Municipal Board was given on July 28th. The debentures are being offered to local residents.

Three ratepayers discussed with Council the suggested new construction on the Indian Trail corner. Council offered a ratepayer concerned a new fence, posts and gate for each side of the road as compensation for the necessary land to construct the new road if he would erect the new fence and remove the old one when requested to do so. The offer, if accepted, is to be signed by the owner and mortgagee.

Very interesting snap shots of a new cylinder snow plow while in operation last winter were shown to Council by some representatives of the Halton Manufacturing Company.

The trustee and clerk were authorized to apply to the Department of Highways for the interim subsidy on the 1950 road expenditure. The clerk was also instructed to communicate with the Department of Health regarding an indigent hospital patient.

Grants were authorized to be paid to Ferguson, Erin and Acton Fair Boards.

Accounts amounting to \$2,571.11 were passed and council adjourned to meet on October 2nd at 7 p.m.

### Back to School For Advanced Students

Now that the public and high schools are humming, it's time for the students in Universities and Normal Schools and others specializing in their courses to think about settling down to study again.

The term starts September 26th for John Agar and Ron Hemeley at Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph. Ray Arbis and Armand Braids will be continuing their courses at O.A.C. in fourth year. George Elliott goes back in his final year arts at Victoria College in the University of Toronto, and John Barr returns to the rival college of Engineering.

### Strike Averted As Compromise Made

In a joint release made by the Wood Gilding Corporation of Canada Limited and the Textile Workers Union of America - C.C.I.C.O. it was announced that 190 employees of the Company's plant in Acton ratified the agreement reached in negotiations between the management and the negotiating committee of Local 721 Textile Workers Union of America, C.C.I.C.O. averting strike action. The main features of the settlement are:

An increase of 10 cents 5 cents of which is retroactive to July 31, 1950 and 5 cents becoming effective December 31, 1950. Furthermore the company agreed in the case of any work shortage to place employees in other jobs having regard to their ability to do the work available.

According to the new agreement, employees temporarily transferred from their regular job shall be guaranteed their full earnings while employed permanently transferred to another job will be paid at least their full earnings for a period of not less than 3 months. The above two clauses are designed to insure as far as possible stability and continuity of employment. There are also to be increased sickness and accident benefits to employees.

These benefits which are a part of the company paid group insurance plan covering employees and their dependents are being raised to \$15 per week in the case of female employees and \$25 per week in the case of male employees.

The 5 cents per hour cost of living bonus will be incorporated together with the new increase in the basic rates of pay. Also included in the agreement will be pay for 8 statutory holidays regardless of when they fall.

### OSPRINGE

### Corn Roast to Aid Community Centre

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Finis had a corn roast at their home on Tuesday night in aid of the Community Centre. Following the feast of corn, progressive euchre was played with prizes being won by Mrs. A. Fisher and Mr. Ken Stubbington for high score. Consolation prizes were awarded to Mrs. Howard McArthur and Mr. John Cook. Mr. Earl Barber won the lucky guessing contest.

Mr. Elgin Brown who has spent the past five months at Ralston, Alta. doing research work, returned home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson were guests on Saturday at the McConnell - Burt wedding at Georgetown.

Visitors last week with Mr. and Mrs. James Struthers were Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McGrath, Mr. and Mrs. L. McGrath of Theodor, and Miss Eva McGrath of North Bay.

Mrs. D. G. Robertson was hostess on Tuesday afternoon for the monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Everton Church. Mr. Charleton gave an interesting address on church work in Japan.

Friends of Mrs. Walker, mother of Mrs. James Struthers will be sorry to learn she suffered a bad fall in her home on Tuesday. Fortunately no bones were broken but she struck her head and cut it, which required stitches to close. Although suffering from shock and bruises, she is able to be about her many friends with for this grand old lady, who is nearly ninety-four, a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken were in Toronto on Saturday to attend the marriage of their niece, June Aitken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Aitken.

The many friends here of Mrs. George Rennie of Hamilton, sister of Mrs. David Stewart, will be sorry to learn she underwent a serious operation last Thursday. Latest reports show she is doing as well as can be expected.

Mrs. W. J. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Robertson and Brian were guests on Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jackson at Mosson.

On Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. E. Wood entertained a number of young people of the community at their home in honor of their daughter, Mary Ellen's birthday.

### ACTON VISITORS ATTEND APPIN CHURCH INDUCTION OF REV. CHARLES HENDERSON

On the evening of September 5th the Rev. Charles D. Henderson, formerly of Murray Harbor North and Peters Road, P.E.I. congregation, was inducted into the Pastoral charges of Appin and Melbourne Presbyterian Churches in the London Presbytery. These congregations are thirty miles west of London.

Rev. David Kerr, the Inter-Moderator cited the steps taken leading to these congregations extending the call to Mr. Henderson and the ordinance of the induction was proceeded with. At the close of the service an invitation was extended to all to go to the basement to a few supper prepared by the ladies of the Appin congregation. They have a splendid new church built two years ago which is modern in every way.

Some interesting speakers were heard including Rev. John Walthe of London, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Anderson of Guelph, Mr. J. Henderson and Mr. Joseph Henderson of Nassagaweya were visitors to the induction.

### Organ Dedicated at Ebenezer, Sunday

Last Sunday morning in Ebenezer United Church special services were held officially dedicating a new pipe organ which was recently installed. Many from the surrounding district attended the service adding to the large numbers in the congregation.

The pastor of the large country church Rev. R. W. Pickers, performed the dedication ceremony. It was also the occasion for the reopening of the church which has been closed in recent weeks undergoing extensive painting and redecorating repairs.

The Ebenezer mixed choir provided a hymnal program to complement the service. A capacity crowd overflowed into the aisles, and the corridor at the rear as farmers and residents of the community and their friends came to worship and join in prayer. The road outside the church was lined for nearly half a mile with automobiles of the visitors, who came from as far away as Windsor and Kilbride as well as from Acton and Milton.

At the console of the pipe organ was Mrs. June Evans of Georgetown whose family has been prominent in the affairs of the community of Nassagaweya for many years. The service, marking the reopening of the church, was in place of the annual anniversary service which will not be held this year.

Young people of the congregation heard a challenge presented to them by the minister. Mr. Pickers urged them to keep Ebenezer Church morally and spiritually in the forefront of community affairs. He felt its purpose would be fulfilled if it were carried on according to the visions of the men who constructed it 35 years ago.

### Erin Council Apply For Gov't. Subsidy

Erin Township Council met on September 8th, 1950 pursuant to adjournment, with Reeve Goldwin Burt presiding and all the members present. Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

An application for subsidy from the Department of Highways on \$27,041.91 expenditures of the Township roads from January 1st, 1950 to August 31st, 1950 was forwarded to the Department.

It was resolved to renew the Tax Collector's Bond for the year with the Canadian Surety Co. at a premium of \$50, through Frank Day, agent.

Accounts were passed and ordered paid as follows:

General accounts	\$ 98.18
Sheep accounts	136.50
Relief accounts charged to the City of Toronto	102.73
Local Relief	62.00
Indirect Relief	80.58
Road accounts	510.62

Nothing is so satisfying to a wife as to see her double chin on her husband's old flame.

### Add Two New Circus Acts To Friday Night Show Bill

"Heigh Ho, Come to the fair in the morning. That's how the song goes but Acton Fair guarantees improvements on any old English effort. First of all the fair won't be in the morning which is an asset in itself. You'll need Saturday morning to recuperate from the Friday night show and gather enough energy to be able to take in all the well-planned events of Saturday afternoon.

### Mrs. Morrison, 85 Dies at Acton Home

The funeral service for the late Mrs. D. D. Morrison was held on Monday, September 18th at her home, R.R. 2, Acton, Ont. with the Rev. R. H. Armstrong officiating. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Mrs. Morrison was born in St. Justine de Newton, Quebec, on January 4th, 1865, the second daughter of the late Farquhar and Christina Morrison. She was married on March 8th, 1887 to Duncan D. Morrison and resided in Dalhousie Mills, Que. until 1921 when they moved to Acton, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 1947.

Mrs. Morrison leaves to mourn her loss two daughters and one son, Margaret and Stanley at home and Christina in Toronto, one granddaughter, Margaret Rose, four sisters, Mrs. A. P. Gill Niagara Falls, Mrs. G. H. Waller, Winnipeg, Mrs. G. W. Hunter, Miss Anne Morrison, and one brother, Farquhar, Toronto.

The Pall Bearers were Messrs. J. A. Mann, F. Cole, W. J. McDonald, M. M. Cole, W. G. Moffat and G. S. Matthews. Flower bearers were Messrs. W. G. Moffat, D. Matthews, J. Anthony C. Cole, R. Young, F. Fox and W. McCaig.

### Mrs. H. Mainprize Chosen as Delegate

Mrs. Harry Mainprize is one of seven delegates who will be sent to the annual council meeting of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society to be held in Guelph from September 25 to 29, from this district. She will represent, with the six others, the area under the Synodical Society of Toronto and Kingston W.M.S., which includes all the groups from Montreal to Sault Ste. Marie and Kirkland Lake to Ottawa. Delegates will attend from all over Canada.

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Dr. F. Scott Mackenzie, will conduct the opening service of worship Monday evening, Wednesday and Thursday evenings are of special interest to the public. On Wednesday the Rev. G. Deane Johnston, chairman of the Board of Missions, will present the church's task in Canada and on Thursday, the church's task overseas will be presented by Miss Laura K. Felton and Dr. David W. Hay of Knox College, Toronto. Mrs. A. W. Pae, the president of the W.M.S., will preside at this 80th annual Council meeting.

### Only 26 Inhabitants Can Make A Town Actonians Need Never Fear Demotion

No pessimist need worry about the future of Acton as far as population is concerned. Once a town, always a town is the system used in a big book called "Annual Report of Municipal Statistics" which came to the office this week. Just glancing at Acton's column under "Towns" we are surprised to find Ojibway listed with a total population of 26. The town of Frood Mines boasts a total population of 94 local sons. And Wasaga Beach's registered count is only 250. (Have you ever been there in the summer when you can scarcely see the water for people?)

A book of official statistics may sound dull, but we had a lot of fun reading it. For Esqueping Township, the interest column (in the financial section) was marked Nil. We certainly hope that's disproven on fair week-end. Although Acton's population was listed at 2,085 the total number of consumers of our water is only 800. Couldn't help but wonder for a minute what the other 2,185 people drink.

"Sinking Fund" listed under the section "Advocate one for the people and cars that are sinking in the mud during the sewerage construction. We were pretty proud of Acton after reading the book. It topped every single alphabetical list. The figures proved that Esqueping can hold its own against Paoli or Scugog or Tarentous Township any day. The Local Improvements column under the Tax Levy may be marked Nil and the Other Assets column may be every bit as Nil, but we're proud of it just the same.