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POWER STATION TO BEGIN OPERATION

Acton to Milton Highway Paving Begins At Once

The second line between Acton and Milton will be worthy of the name of Highway before winter. The equipment of the Law Construction Co. of Toronto which was awarded the tender for the paving of the road began moving through Acton yesterday on its way to the headquarters on the farm of Ray Scott on the 4th line of Esquesing. Work on the $100,000 project will begin today (Thursday) as the contractor's graders will begin the job of reshaping the road surface prior to actual paving.

Tenders on the job had been called last June by J. D. Millar, Deputy Minister of Highways, with the understanding that the firm undertaking the paving was to have the road completed before winter.

After the tender was awarded the Law Construction Co. on June 30, Mr. Law stated that he thought the work would commence within a month and quite possibly at the Milton end of the road. Changed plans have postponed the starting date for the company, however and there is still doubt as to which end of the highway will be paved first. Tests on the road will determine which end requires less work and surfacing will begin at that end.

The Law Construction Co. will spend the next two weeks bringing its heavy road equipment to the camp from Atwood where its workmen have just finished resurfacing highways. Three trips have been made already and four or five more are anticipated. Most of the pieces of equipment have to be brought down one at a time on a large float.

Actual paving should begin within two weeks depending on the weather. If the present rainy spell continues, it will definitely hamper paving activity. A gravel pit operated by Stewart Elliott is located on the Scott farm where the workers are stationed, and 30,000 tons of gravel will be taken from this pit before the work is through. The contractors plan to set up their own asphalt mixing plant nearby.

Although the original tender called for two and seven-tenths miles to be paved, it is rumoured the distance has been extended to 13 miles. If this is true, the highway will be paved right into the towns of Milton and Acton.

About 30 men will arrive in Acton by 40 the equipment this week and next, and about 40 are needed altogether to complete the work crews. Those in charge will try to board the men locally. Although the Law Construction Co. is bringing its own fleet of trucks, it is expected more will be needed.

Actually the paving of 28 Sideroads which will be 20 feet wide when completed, is not a big job as far as the contract is concerned. Professional pavers, the workmen will not need to block traffic along the highway. Although the base will be a bituminous tar, the job leaves the workmen the closest to Toronto they have been yet. The firm has other branches in British Columbia and the Maritimes.

Mr. Dick Shaw is in charge of the asphalt mixing plant and Mr. Taylor also of the Law Construction

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FIRE IN TRASH HEAP BESIDE MICRO PLASTICS IS DOUSED SIX MINUTES AFTER ALARM

An alarm was turned in by Gordon McCutcheon last Sunday afternoon when he saw the black smoke of a blaze in a rubbish heap on Bower Ave. by the side of the new addition to the Micro Plastics plant. Just six and a quarter minutes after the siren sounded, water was on the flames. The building displays some smoke damage with blackened blocks.

Some groups of children have been often seen playing in the rubbish heap, which contains odd scraps of plastic as well as other materials, it is suspected by the officials of the Micro Plastics claim that the fire was caused by these youngsters. Since it has proven in past years almost impossible to keep the children from the heap, the officials intend to build a fence around the plant.

The "?" Club Plans Dances on Fridays

The first meeting of the "?" Club was held in the Y last Thursday night. At a meeting called last Thursday of those who would be interested in forming a teen club, the 26 students present elected a temporary executive. This provisional executive consists of president, Ted Fisher; secretary-treasurer, Peter Chew; social convenor, Sid McPherson; Frank Poulter, Jim Gunn, Elmer Moore and Verna St. Denis.

One of the first events of the newly formed group will be to visit a teen club in Toronto to study its organization as well as to meet new friends. Findings of former endeavors along the same line are being considered by the committee and club as a whole. They hope to form a new union which will serve our needs.

At Thursday's executive meeting a budget was drawn up for the first dance which is to be held the first Friday in November. When the club is in full swing there will be a dance every Friday night. The price will accommodate the students for the first dance and those attending will bring their own refreshments.

A committee representing various churches is assisting the executive here to have some games as well as dancing and refreshments.

MRS. KENNETH A. HENDERSON WEDS MR. HENRY LINDSLEY TRAVEL TO NEW YORK, DALLAS

Of interest was the marriage of Mrs. Kenneth A. Henderson of the Seigniory Club, formerly of Toronto, to Mr. Henry D. Lindsley of Dallas, Texas, which took place on September 25. Mrs. Henderson is the daughter of Mr. G. Falconer of Montreal and the late Mrs. Falconer, and widow of Kenneth A. Henderson, formerly of Acton, and Mr. Lindsley is the son of the late Col. Henry D. Lindsley and of Mrs. Lindsley of Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsley have gone to New York en route to Dallas.

Parents Warned If Children Whoop

In recent weeks there has been an outbreak of whooping cough in the Acton, Georgetown and Esquesing area. Since September 23, 12 cases of the disease have been reported to the Halton County Health Unit: 7 in Acton, 2 in Esquesing and 3 in Georgetown.

The age distribution of the cases has been different from usual. Originally the disease attacks infants and pre-school children but many of the cases have been in older children. The number of cases by age is as follows: under 1 year, 1; 1-2 years, 2; 2-5 years, 4; 5-9 years, 4; 10 years and over, 1.

It has become increasingly difficult to diagnose this disease since when the child has previously received protective inoculations of whooping cough vaccine he rarely develops the characteristic "whoop." Rather, he shows a hard continuous cough which may or may not end up by vomiting.

Any child with this type of cough should be seen by his family physician to determine whether whooping cough is present.

The disease is most serious during crisis to the infant and young child since pneumonia and other complications may develop. Antibiotics and prophylactic vaccine should be given preventive treatment of whooping cough vaccine. With the number of cases now occurring, parents are strongly advised to have booster doses for their children if they have had the original course of inoculations. Those inoculations may be obtained through the family physician or through the Child Health Centre conducted by the Halton County Health Unit.

If the disease is diagnosed, the quarantine period for the case is 3 weeks. The house is placarded. There is no restriction placed on adults. Children over 12 may attend school if they have no complications. Children under 12 are quarantined unless they can prove they have had a previous attack.

Generally, whooping cough vaccine is not given to school age children but under the present epidemic conditions, booster doses might be advisable. Parents are advised to seek the advice of the family physician in this regard.

Parents have a duty to perform in the control of this outbreak. To keep the infection of the family physician a summons that the child has whooping cough. To prevent further infection, children should be kept from contact with others.

Church Dedication For New Equipment

A most impressive ceremony was held in Acton United Church last Wednesday evening as furniture and new equipment were dedicated. Most tastefully chosen, the additions to the church interior will add grace and dignity at each service.

Rev. E. Currey assisted by his sister, the Rev. Erla Currey of the United Church at Orton, presided at the dedication while Miss Lampard, A.T.C.M., played suitable hymn verses during the moments of silence which followed the dedicatory words of the minister. Bouquets of zinnias and gladioli glorified the main altar as the following articles were dedicated: Communion Table, the gift of Mrs. J. H. Denny in memory of Mr. J. H. Denny; Baptismal Font, the gift of Mrs. Thomas Nelles and Mr. and Mrs. Manuell Nelles in memory of Thomas Nelles; Lectern, the gift of Mrs. J. A. Mowat in memory of Mr. J. A. Mowat and John Allan Mowat, grandson; Lectern Drape, the gift of Mr. Thomas Watson in memory of Mrs. Watson; Bible, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Neil McNabb and family in memory of Lieut. Neil McNabb, Staff Sgt. Canadian Army Overseas; Cross, the gift of Mrs. Daisy Nicklin; Sidewind Vases, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beatty in memory of the Rev. Louis Pickering; Memorial Plaque, the gift of the congregation in memory of the Rev. Louis Pickering; Electric Clock, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Lindsay in memory of Mrs. Mary Bowan; 30 Choir Gowns, Collars, Organists Gown and Soloists Gown, the gift of the Church Choir assisted by the Friendly Circle and the congregation; Anthem Folders, the gift of Mrs. Marguerite Taylor; Ministers Gown, the gift of the Church Choir; Choir Loft Pews, the gift of the Church Choir; New Hymn Boards, the Board of Stewards; Choir Fluorescent Lights, the gift of Mrs. Daniel Taylor in memory of Mr. Daniel Taylor; Pulpit Chair at Hearth Door, Sallman and Light, the gift of Mrs. J. C. Matthews in memory of Mr. J. C. Matthews; the Altar Desk, Three Chairs, Chairs, the Scripture Darking the Pulpit and the new pulpit arrangement were made possible in part through the gifts of Mrs. MacDonald and Miss Bertha Spright to the Building Fund; Pulpit Sallman's Head of Christ, over on the left wall of the Church and previously unveiled, the gift of the Young People and given in memory of Miss Bertha Spright.

A spotlight was placed on the memorial tablet to Mr. Pickering (off at the moment of dedication) as the spotlight was placed on a tablet to the memory of Mr. Thomas Wilson, the church pastor, painting from Sallman's Head of Christ (a moral) a beautiful picture of Christ in harmony with the tablet in memory of Miss Bertha Spright in the opposite wall and with the whole atmosphere of reverence in the church.

The dedicatory prayer and the benediction were given by the Rev. Mr. Currey, the former pastor, who was present with his wife. Over 300 attended the service including some from different churches in Acton.

A large group gathered in the Sunday School room after for tea, sandwiches, cookies and cake, ending the social period by the singing of "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds" and saying the Mizpah benediction.

TED FREEMAN THRESHES OATS WITH GRANDFATHER'S FLAIL TO WIN SIXTH AT ERIN FAIR

Ted Freeman, 13-year-old member of the Erin Grain Club, was successful in winning first prize on his sheaf of Beaver Oats at Erin Fall Fair. Ted also won sixth prize for a peck of oats in a large class.

It might be interesting to know that because threshing was not completed on the farm, Ted threshed these oats two days before the fair with a flail made by his grandfather, Mr. Ed Freeman, many years ago.

Old Building Will Be Razed at School

Trustee T. G. Jones, acting chairman, conducted the regular meeting of Acton Public School Board held in the school at 7.30 p.m. Oct. 4th, 1950. Trustees Creighton Watson and Heard were present. Minutes of Sept. 5th were read and adopted.

Correspondence was read. A letter from Mrs. Wilkinson advised that she would not be available for duty till the New Year. The Secretary was directed to write to Mrs. Swazey relative to continuing as supply teacher during the absence of Mrs. Wilkinson.

The property committee reported that gravel had been secured from Stewart Elliott to cover the muddy condition caused by sewer installation. It was hoped to obtain some crushed stone at a later date.

The Property Committee advised that they were endeavoring to dispose of an old building which will have to be razed to make way for the planned new extension which is to be provided for the accommodation of the kindergarten classes and junior grades. Architects Murton and Evans have advised that the working plans are on linen and that we should receive them in the near future. The members of the Board feel very keenly their responsibility to the children of Acton, knowing that the Board must provide accommodation for all pupils of school age. A great deal of thought and effort has been expended and the proposed extension will relieve the crowded conditions at our school, giving the children better teaching accommodation also modern sanitary washroom facilities which are sadly lacking in our present school.

Mr. McKenzie advised that Parents Night would be held during the last week in November. He informed the Board that three commissions were required at Maplewood, one was being replaced in the school agenda. He also remarked that the playground equipment promised by the Home and School Club had not been as yet received.

Principal McKenzie stressed that it is considered it important for teachers to attend summer classes. This was heartily endorsed by the Board. It was decided to grant the teaching staff to attend a regular meeting of the Board at a later date.

The Secretary reported receipt of $[illegible] Superannuation for request from [illegible] maintenance of $[illegible] was presented and payment authorized. The Secretary was directed to advise the N.E.S.T. Board $[illegible] for September plant operation. It was decided that the next regular meeting would be held on Nov. 8th.

Junior Farmers Of Twp. Hear Address

The Erin Township Junior Farmers held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Hugh and Marjorie Parkinson. Guest speakers were present for the boy and girl separate meetings. Miss Flora Dunlop spoke to the girls and gave an address on Canada's Health Laws and their effect on health. C. R. Brewer of the Sixth Branch of the [illegible] was introduced by Harry Burt. Mr. Brewer told the group what the basic requirements were for growing good pastures.

Contract for the construction of the Luther Marsh Dam has been let to Seeley Bros. and Asphill Dunnville for $36,151. L. F. Jennett, the sec.-treas. of the Grand River Conservation, announced that the tender of the Dundalk firm was the lowest of the five received.

New Power Station Goes Into Service This Week

The new power station at the corner of Queen St. and Hillcrest Ave. is scheduled to switch into operation tomorrow or Monday, adding 1000 K.V.A. (kilovolt ampere) of power to the 1500 K.V.A. which supplies the town from No. 1 sub station on Willow St.

Hydro officials from the Hamilton office will be present to see the new equipment safely into use and expect that the change can be affected without a power cut off. Unlike the results of the power change-over two weeks ago, there will be no immediate and striking changes in house-to-house power service. Then the incoming voltage to the first sub station was upped from a constant 13,200 volts to 26,400 volts and the improved service was obvious.

Originally the operation of this new unit was scheduled to begin in May 1949. The work actually started last August and workmen have been busy steadily ever since. As many as four gangs, totalling 30 men, have been working at once, travelling here every day from Guelph. The maintenance staff came from Preston and the engineers from Burlington. Owned by the Hydro Electric Power Commission and not the town, the substation comes under the supervision of the West Central Region and will be serviced from Hamilton when necessary.

The operation of the power station is practically automatic. Standing on Queen St. with the railroad track on your left, the substation appears to be in three sections.

The higher steel-framed structure on the far right receives the wires which come into the station from over the track down into the transformer. Since the pull of the wires would be too great for an ordinary pole, this especially strong one had to be constructed.

In the centre of the group is the 26,400 transformer made with dual frequency in mind. When Acton is converted to 60 cycles from the present 25, the change over will be made very simply. The 1085 gallons of oil in the transformer will be tested twice a year but changed only about once in ten years.

On the left on a large cement base is what looks like a huge filing cabinet called a metal clad switch gear house. In here are the switches. It is divided into three sections itself. On the left and in the centre are the switch breakers like big fuses. The current is automatically controlled if the load becomes excessive or if the equipment is struck by lightning. Then in most cases operation adjusts itself to continue normally without the necessity of calling the engineer from Hamilton. These two units slide out a few feet sideways for easy maintenance. Because of the constant current coursing through these switch breakers, they are immersed in oil which also adds insulation.

On the right hand side of the gear house is the automatic metering equipment which registers the amount of power used. These delicate instruments are read by hydro employees every month.

Electric power comes into the power station at 26,400 volts and then is transformed to a lower voltage of 4,000 which is carried by the pole type transformers situated

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MELLOR BROS. CONTRACTED TO SAND NO. 7, 25 HIGHWAYS IN DISTRICT THIS WINTER

Mellor Bros. Acton have the contract for sanding the local highways during the winter. Their headquarters will be in Rockwood beside the offices of the Department of Highways.

The highways they will sand are No. 7 from Guelph to Brampton and No. 25 from Acton to Milton. Mellor Bros. have nine trucks and can add other local vehicles if necessary.

This firm is now working on the roadway from the sideroad to the sewage plant on the third line of Esquesing.

Halton Presbytery Reports Inductions

Halton Presbytery met in Georgetown United Church with Rev. R. F. Mercer, B.A., newly appointed chairman, in charge. Worship was conducted by Rev. George E. Almack in which he exhorted ministers and laymen to remember the spirit of God that is within them. The inductions some time reported three inductions, namely that of Rev. George E. Almack at Carlisle, Rev. E. A. Currey at Acton and Rev. Wm. A. Dempsey at Milligrove. These three new ministers were welcomed by the Presbytery.

The delegates to General Council, Mr. Drummond and Rev. Ray Albright, gave interesting reports of the Council.

These speakers made an interesting day's program. Rev. Dr. Hobbs, Superintendent of Missions, spoke of the many demands for men and money and stated that all these demands could not be met. However, of the $2,000,000 asked for this year for missions were realized it would add greatly to the Church's ability to aid the new churches.

Dr. Hutchison spoke from Revelation, emphasizing the three words, Gospel, Witness and Service, spoke of the need for greater support of the missionary work of the church.

The Hon. the President of the Laymen's Association for the Presbytery, Mr. Clarke, outlined the work of the laymen and the program that should be undertaken by the Church. Many people

Thanksgiving Is An Ancient Tradition, This Year Canada's 72nd Observance

Thanksgiving, thanks for the harvest and the blessings of the year, actually dates back to ancient times before Christ. In the North American continent, thanksgiving services were observed by the Pilgrim Fathers after their first harvest in the New World in 1621. This is the story that so many children learn in school at thanksgiving time with pumpkins, Indians, turkeys and funny houses making a colorful background in the classroom.

The ladies in long grey gowns with neat white collars and the gentlemen in their tall hats with buckles made the first Thanksgiving more attractive.

In 1738 the British held a special Thanksgiving service to celebrate the capture of Quebec from the French in the Seigniory Chapel in Quebec. It wasn't until 1878 that it was ever that the holiday became an official one. The Governor-General, the Marquis of Lorne, set November 6 as a "day to attend church and give thanks."

Since then, the date has shifted perhaps the most of any national holiday. For 32 years after 1879 the first Monday in November was the date for Thanksgiving, and then it was changed to the second Monday in November. In 1931 Thanksgiving was finally fixed on an early Monday in October.

This seems the perfect time of year for Thanksgiving with the countryside so beautiful. This year especially Canada has had a fine harvest even with our too much rain, damage and, of course, there is the hope that the Korean conflict may be settled bringing more assurance of peace to the world.

There were good attendances at local churches with Thanksgiving the theme of the sermons. Organ music and the swelling voices in the church as well as serious contemplation of the real meaning of Thanksgiving provided the necessary note of solemnity before the inevitable Thanksgiving dinner.

District Churches Call B.C. Minister

Knox United and Wesleyan churches have extended a call to the Rev. Agnes L. Sutherland of St. Thomas Church, Vancouver, B.C.

The induction of Miss Sutherland will take the call in the near future. Mr. Sutherland wrote all the vacancies that existed at these churches since last December when the former minister, the Rev. J. C. MacNeill, received a call to Massey, Illinois.

Mr. Sutherland is the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Angus Sutherland of Forestville, Ont. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto and of Knox College and was ordained into the ministry in 1941.

He is a brother of Robert Sutherland of Elora and A. L. Sutherland of Knox College, Toronto.

Occupational Hazard of Town Living Is Being Trapped Helplessly in the Mud

What's that town got besides a broom stuck? You go out in the morning thinking it's a good day to be in the white you're still in your best and coming potentially of all the sky through the yellow-leaved leaves of an autumn tree. You may feel good.

Some month before a fall gets it all the pride you can wear you're still standing in those dry as a bone honest straight-forward front steps.

A squeaky, squeak and a slippery sensation under the soles of your shoes draws your romantic gaze down from the ethereal heaven and leafy foliage to the leaves and mud on the street. No poetry there. The street looks like dreams of bran muffins have been sinked to disintegration in cold water tea. And the tea is still there, lapping away at the bran muffins leaves and gravel and damp earth.

Beware of anywhere that may have been recently dug. Skirt the place suspiciously. Be on the defensive. You will never to permitted to have company in the cold, grim way of life until you can recognize the most dangerous, most deadly tender trap of all, earth that may never betray you from recently dug graves. It traps cars, trucks and all kinds of vehicles that can move faster than you.

Young housewives in gay aprons used to flit out to their waiting with nice yellow brooms to clean. Now each modern home needs a mud pump for the little woman.

They talk about silk stockings with unusual patterns that draw the eye to the slim lovely lines of the ankle. What many humor. It's mud that splays a Parisian polka dot from shoe line to hem line.

Our cars, sub our clean cars. Car living got much worse. The only glimmer of happiness you get all day is watching the faces of people in cars with out-of-town licence plates when they hit those bumps . . . you smile a little tired.