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ACTON FIRM GIVEN SCHOOL CONTRACT



TWO SIDES TO THE PICTURE of the Triple T Club hay ride and dance held last Friday evening are shown above. Chilly but lively was the ride on the hay racks while hot chocolate, doughnuts and cake later proved conducive to leisurely dancing and chaffing in the newly finished lounge in the Y. Signing as they enter the Y (lower) are Betty Lawson, Acton; Ron Riley, Guelph; Helen Somerville, Acton; Dix Simpson, Fergus; Jack Graham, Georgetown and Lorraine Blakestone, Toronto. Picking up refreshments at the table set-up in the lounge are Jacqueline Chew, Carolyn Oakes and Bob Cunningham, followed by three out-of-town guests.

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Award School Contracts Work Starts In Spring

Tenders were awarded and work is scheduled to start as soon as the frost is out of the ground and building conditions are suitable on Acton's new Public School building. Total amount of the tenders awarded, including the architects' fees, is \$193,015.93. This amount does not include furnishings and equipment but the building, heating, plumbing and electric wiring.

At the meeting on Saturday afternoon at the school, all the Board members were present and Mayor E. Tyler and Reeve J. Hargrave, the architects Messrs. Murton and Evans of Hamilton and Inspector L. L. Skuce.

There were four bids for the general building contract and Messrs. J. B. Mackenzie and Son of Acton were the successful bidders at \$143,700. Other bids were received from A. Battaglia, Guelph; Thomas Gordon and Son, Acton; Jones and Van Gils, Acton.

The contract for the plumbing, heating and ventilating went to Sanitary Plumbing and Heating of Fergus for \$29,000. Other bids for the work were from Bilton and Perry, Acton; Gosdram Bros., Hamilton; Kiewit Plumbering, Kitchener and R. F. Martin, Georgetown.

G. Muckert, Georgetown, secured the electric wiring contract at \$9,300.58. Other bids were from Dan Electric, Guelph; R. F. Martin, Georgetown and Schultz Electric, Georgetown.

Architects' fees on the work are estimated at \$10,923.35 bringing the total of the whole building to \$193,015.93 which is well within the estimates.

St. Alban's W.A. Meets At Rectory

The annual meeting of St. Alban's W.A. for the election of officers was held at the rectory with the president, Mrs. Denny, presiding. Opening prayers were read by the Rev. W. G. Luyton. All officers were returned by acclamation, as follows:

President, Mrs. W. Denny; Vice-President, Mrs. H. F. Holmes; Secretary, Mrs. H. Jolley; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Creasey; Dorcas Convenor, Mrs. Bayliss; Assistant, Mrs. H. F. Holmes; Educational Sec., Mrs. W. G. Luyton; Living Message Sec., Mrs. H. Jolley.

Mrs. Luyton served a dainty lunch after which the meeting was closed with prayer by the Rector.

Committee Named For Civil Defense

A central Civil Defense Committee has been set up in Acton following a meeting of council and representatives from various organizations in the town hall last Friday evening. The first meeting of the committee itself was held on Monday evening in the Public Utilities Office.

At Friday evening's meeting Mayor Tyler read to council and about a dozen others, a letter from the provincial secretary of civil defense. Books on defense which had been ordered were distributed to those present.

It was moved by Clarence Rogvaldsen and seconded by Bill Denny that Ted Tyler be chairman of Acton's civil defense committee. Jack McGehele is its secretary with the motion made by Jack Greer and seconded by Alf Fryer. All were in favor of a committee of five appointed as the council for civil defense to act with chairman Tyler. The members of this committee are Mrs. A. Orr, Miss Alice McCallum, Charles Wood, Bill Denny and Johnny Goy.

Under this central committee, different branches of civil defense will operate. After it was moved by Jack Greer and seconded by Lorne Wick that this committee fill out a questionnaire which had been received on the facilities of the town, the meeting adjourned.

Sections of the questionnaire on specific fire and police facilities were filled out by these separate departments and the remainder of the questions were answered at the meeting of the central civil defense committee on Monday evening by the council. These questions dealt with the facilities the town would have in the event of emergency. The buildings in town which could be speedily converted into hospitals or shelters were listed, along with other information on supplies.

Organization into section chiefs and subsection chiefs was roughly planned.

The committee hopes to have a speaker in the near future who would assist in organization.

High Costs Slow Playground Plans

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. met for its January meeting at Mrs. J. Symon's on Tuesday, January 16 at 8 p.m. Letters of thanks were read from the Canadian Mothercraft Society, the Salvation Army, the Mission for Sailors on Inland Waters, the Scouts organization, Acton and the Free Library Board, Acton for donations sent in December.

A letter of congratulation was sent to Miss Esther Taylor, the first woman to be elected to the municipal council.

'Playground' equipment for the park was discussed but on account of the high cost of such material it was shelved for the time being.

Nominations of officers was conducted. The nominating convenors are Mrs. Schroeder and Mrs. H. Malprie. Mrs. K. Randall favored the members with two beautiful slices. Mrs. Gowdy accompanied her.

Miss Bennett moved a vote of appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Randall and Mrs. Gowdy. The hostesses for the evening were Miss F. Smith, Mrs. F. Coles, Miss Wallace and Mrs. Young.

Acton Rotarians Told Of Importance Of Trucking Industry At Last Meeting

The importance of the trucking industry in Canada was shown to many Acton business men when Mr. Jos. Goodman, General Manager of the Automotive Association, spoke at the weekly luncheon of Acton Rotary Club on Tuesday evening. Mr. Goodman is also a director of several other associations connected with motor travel and well versed on the subject.

This Association has a membership of 1300, and 581,000 trucks are registered. It is a group of many operators, some with only a single truck and others with a fleet of vehicles.

Of particular interest was the story Mr. Goodman told of the part the trucking industry played when

the railway strike was called. Goods essential to Canadians were kept moving and the national life was not paralyzed as had been predicted before the strike was called. The trucking industry is a vital part of our transportation system, paying its way and contributing well to highways in license fees and taxes. The statistics presented by Mr. Goodman proved the importance of the service rendered by the trucking industry.

Mayor Tyler introduced the speaker and thanks of the club were extended by Johnny Goy. Mr. Stan Hall, M.P.P. for Halton, was also a guest at this meeting as well as members of the Y's Men's Club and local members of the Association.

ROCKWOOD WOMEN INJURED IN ACCIDENT IN 1949, SUE FOR DAMAGES

In the Supreme Court Jury actions which opened this week in Guelph, five women and one man, all of Rockwood, were awarded damages totalling \$12,333.30 for injuries received in a bus accident which occurred on January 5th, 1949. A heavy Gray Coach Lines bus failed to negotiate a curve south of Rockwood, went into a 3 1/2 foot ditch, crashed through a fence and ended up in a farmer's field.

While most of the passengers were not severely injured, two of the women suffered broken backs. The bus company admitted liability in the accident and the jury ascertained the amount of damages that should be awarded the plaintiffs.

Mrs. May Fletcher spent four months in hospital following the accident and still wears a steel brace. She was awarded \$5,000, her husband \$2,322.85 for out-of-pocket expenses.

Both Mrs. Ida Clark and Miss Isabel Nightingale were off work for ten weeks as a result of their injuries after the accident. Mrs. Clark was awarded \$668.50 and Miss Nightingale \$770. Their father was awarded \$43.50 for specific damages. Mrs. Margaret Wilson was unable to return to work for seven weeks. She was awarded \$600 and her father \$127.30 for out of pocket expenses. Another woman hurt, Miss Edna Ewers, wore first a cast and then a steel brace and was off work for 24 weeks. The sum of \$1500 was awarded her for pain and suffering and her father was awarded \$424.15 in damages.

OBITUARY

Last Member Of Acton Family Dies

Last surviving member of the family of the late W. H. Storey, Mrs. Jennie Dryden passed away at Flint, Mich., at the home of her son Arthur on Tuesday, January 9. Mrs. Dryden had resided in Acton for many years but a year or so ago went to Guelph and resided there until recently.

Born in Acton, Jennie Storey spent her early years here. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Storey. Her father was the founder of the Storey Glove Co. and the first Reeve of Acton. After her marriage to Dr. James Robert Dryden they resided in Flint, Mich., until the death of her husband. Three sons remain to reverberate the memory of a loving and devoted mother, Arthur, of Flint, Mich.; Gordon of Scarsdale, N.Y.; and Norman of Galt, Ont. Many friends in this home community, and former residents of Acton extend sympathy in their bereavement.

Mrs. Dryden was a member of the United Church here and took a keen interest in church and community affairs. During her residence here she was a member of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I.O.D.E.

The funeral was held last Friday afternoon with service at the E. F. McIntyre Funeral Home, Guelph. The service was conducted by Rev. McMillan of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Guelph. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Guelph.

The pallbearers were Messrs. H. S. Nicklin, Guelph, Chas. E. Serwood, Toronto; George Dryden, Eramosa Township; Barrie Dryden, Eramosa Township; R. R. Arnold and J. J. Sall, Acton.

Altar Society Holds Supper Thursday

The Altar Society of St. Joseph's Church culminated the year's activities with a turkey supper last Thursday evening in the church hall. Rev. Father Morgan acted as chairman of the gathering.

The guest speaker, Mrs. Wm. Gowdy, described most vividly her recent trip to Europe and visit to Rome during Holy Year. She was thanked on behalf of the members by Father Morgan and Mrs. Wes Marchmont, president of the society. Mrs. E. Heffernan gave a reading "My New Year Prayer." At the close of the evening, members drew numbers and exchanged gifts.

Some forty ladies enjoyed the bounteous supper of turkey and all the trimmings.

Seven-Car Smash Blamed on Ice, Rain

Damage is totalled at an estimated \$1,400 following an accident on No. 7 Highway just east of Acton shortly before 5 p.m. Sunday. By the time the police arrived, altogether six cars had become involved in the tangle on the roadway and ditch and another joined these while the provincial police were investigating. Luckily no one was injured seriously. Freezing rain and icy roads were blamed for the succeeding crashes.

On the way into Acton, three vehicles, a Model A Ford, a truck and then a Hillman were proceeding into Acton. The truck passed the Ford. The Hillman went to pass but nosed in again. Meantime the driver of the Ford had stopped to get his windshield defroster working, and the Hillman, unable to see the car until it was right by it, crashed into the back of the Ford. Although the larger car was not damaged, the front of the Hillman was smashed in.

The drivers of these cars reconnoitered at the scene of the accident and phoned the police from the nearest farm house.

The driver of a Mercury travelling towards Toronto was unable to see far due to the drizzle, braked suddenly on the ice and plowed, nose down, into the ditch. The car was not damaged.

Shortly after this a Dodge driven by John Boslic of Welland tried to slow down when it approached the other three cars, but skidded, slid into the back of the little Hillman shooting it an estimated 75 feet diagonally across the road where it rammed the side of the previously unharmed Mercury in the ditch. The front of the Dodge was smashed.

Another English-type car proceeding towards Acton was unable to see in the rain, and hit the back of the Dodge as it stopped. No serious damage was done to this fifth car.

The next car involved was driven by James Guest of Guelph. When he saw the cars apparently better-skilled on the road, he swerved to avoid them, and turned right over in the ditch with his four wheels in the air. This car carried seven passengers, two girls, two boys and three adults. Miraculously all seven were pulled out of the car unhurt.

The provincial police had arrived, and were sorting out the tangle when another car joined the group. Driven by an airfreeman, this seventh car passed the others, and then hit the Hillman broadside.

The drivers involved in the progressive smash-up were: James Guest, 42 Mill St., Guelph; John Franklin, Salem; James Butcher, of Guelph; Stanislaus Balton, Elora; John Boslic, Welland, and Wilfred Carpenter, Weston.

ARM CRUSHED IN BALER, ACTON MAN HAS TOURNIQUET APPLIED IN GUELPH HOSPITAL

Last Thursday afternoon, Jan. 11, Joseph Henderson of Nassagaweya was rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, suffering from a badly crushed left arm. Mr. Henderson was baling hay with his father, Mr. J. J. Henderson and several others when his arm became caught in the machine.

He was suffering from loss of blood upon admittance into the hospital, and a tourniquet was applied immediately. Mr. Henderson has been resting comfortably since the accident.

Hospital authorities report that his arm has been saved.

Flame, Black Smoke Streak Across Sky To Bring Thoughts of Bombs, Attacks

It's perhaps well that not many Acton folks witnessed the flame streaking across the skyline followed by a pillar of dense black smoke last Friday evening just out of the downtown section. To those who did see it there were visions of bombs and strange weapons.

The flaming mid-air phenomenon was caused when hydro workmen were anchoring a lighting service pole and two wires of a ser-



FOR THE FIRST TIME in the annals of municipal affairs of Halton County a father swore in his son as Warden of the County. William I. Dick, K.C., and former Crown Attorney for 44 years, administered the oath of office to his son, Kenneth, a veteran of the Second World War, who was chosen warden over Howard Litchfield, Reeve of Oakville, for 1951. The photograph shows Mr. Dick Sr., while he administered the oath to his son.

—Ross Pearen Spectator Photo

Former Crown Attorney Installs Son As Warden

A popular young barrister, and Reeve of Milton, Kenneth Y. Dick, was on Tuesday chosen Warden of Halton County over Reeve Litchfield of Oakville, at the inaugural meeting of Halton County Council. Mr. Dick was elected to the highest municipal office in the county after Reeve William G. Marshall, Georgetown, withdrew from the contest. Reeve Marshall, in asking his name to be withdrawn, informed members it was sixteen years since Georgetown had the honor of wardenship. "After one year in this Council I do not think I would give Georgetown or this Council full justice to the office of wardenship," he declared, thanking members for mentioning his name for that office.

Mr. Dick was nominated by Reeve H. D. Allen, Burlington, and Edgar Ellenton, Nassagaweya; Mr. Marshall by deputy Reeve Ken MacDonald, Georgetown, and Geo. Currie, Esquering; Howard Litchfield by Reeve George Thorpe, Nelson, and deputy Reeve Charles Palmer, Nelson. The recorded vote was 14 to 11 in favour of Mr. Dick as the 1951 Warden. Clerk William Dean was in charge of the meeting until the new Warden was duly sworn in.

Never before in the history of the county has a father sworn in a son to Wardenship, but on Tuesday former Crown Attorney W. I. Dick, K.C., administered the oath of office to his son Kenneth following the election.

Almost at a loss for words, Mr. Dick Sr., spoke briefly. "You have today reached the highest municipal office in the County of Halton. I congratulate you for attaining this high position, and members of the 1951 Council. I now present to you your new Warden," he said.

Reeve Litchfield congratulated the new Warden and promised his fullest co-operation throughout the year.

In his inaugural address, Warden Dick said he hoped council would labour together and accomplish many things during the year. He mentioned two accomplishments council would have to make, including the completion of the new equalized assessment program. He further suggested that if it were necessary, he would approve the county hiring help to aid municipalities to complete their surveys so the figures could be used for the equalized assessment which would be considered in June.

Outlining progress made in the construction of the new Home for the Aged, he felt a fairly large committee should be chosen to consider all phases of work involved. He estimated the Home would be completed in eleven months, and felt a settlement should be made with Peel County in connection with the present jointly owned home between Peel and Halton Counties.

Following a lengthy session of the striking committee a brief business session concluded the meeting. Several appointments were made including Reeve Edgar Ellenton, Nassagaweya, and Deputy Reeve C. Palmer, to the Board of Management of the Halton Community Centre. Warden Dick and

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