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PLANNING BOARD AUTHORIZES SURVEY



TWO FESTIVAL SHIELDS were brought back to Acton by the junior and senior choirs, that each won second place. From left to right are George Smale, the jovial adjudicator, Andy Williams, representing the Acton junior choir; Miss Linda Stewart, the director of the two groups; Georgina Plester, representing the senior choir; G. W. McKenzie, principal of the public school and Mrs. Malcolm Smith, member of the Oakville public school board, who was asked to make the presentation. —Staff Photo

400 County Pupils Here For Annual School Meet

In the battle for North Halton athletic laurels Milton High won out over Georgetown, Acton and Erin in the inter-school field meet staged in Acton yesterday. The closely contested title was a duel between Georgetown and Milton. Georgetown wound up the morning activities with a greater number of points than Milton but the afternoon events pulled Milton into top place and the Blue and White contestants never relinquished that position.

A warm bright sun greeted the event and nearly 400 students were on hand to watch and contest the events in this annual meet. Track conditions were favourable and smooth organization carried the event to a successful conclusion with the presentation of trophies.

Centre of attraction was the paddock where point totals were posted and announced periodically and resultant bursts of cheers were accorded top place schools.

Athletes, picked from school field days held recently, represented their respective schools. Trophies were awarded to Eileen Coates of Georgetown, Intermediate champion, Janice Baker of Acton, Junior champion and Helen Heslop of Milton, Senior champion. In the boys' division Terry Walker, Milton, captured Senior champion honors, Earl Cairns of Milton was Intermediate champion and George Aitken of Erin was the Junior champion. Terry Walker received the school trophy for Milton. For his prowess in the half mile open race, Bill McCormack of Georgetown was awarded the Tom Watson trophy. Presentation of awards was made by Cliff Sutton.

Students left their books for a day that was a climax of much training for some. They soared over high jumps, dashed around the track and refreshed or revived themselves at the refreshment booth operated by students of Acton High.

Four pits were available for events like the running and stand. (Continued on Page Eight)

FROM RUNNING SHOES TO 'KLOMPEN' FOOTGEAR LABELS ACTON TOURISTS

Acton is becoming quite a cosmopolitan center. On Wednesday Main and Mill Sts. had the appearance of one of the cathedral towns in rural France where the lively tourists outnumber the humble villagers.

The town was overflowing with tourists from the district with our cathedral the park where the high school's field meet was being held. The vaults that are "Oh"ed and "Ah"ed were of the pole kind and our best equivalent to stained glass, smeared knees or elsewhere from sitting on the grass in the warm sun.

Typical of the tourist group was the variety of casual garb. The students, minus only the usual camera, slung around the neck and a few constantly guarded travellers' cheques, sauntered down the street taking in our high spots in jeans,

Euchre Skill; Luck Merit WI Prizes

The annual social meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held on Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Fred Anderson, Brook St. The husbands of members were the guests.

Mrs. George Fryer, convener of the losing group and her members arranged an evening of euchre with prizes being donated by them. The skill of card playing alone did not merit the prizes. They were given to those with a birthday close to date, a lucky chair or the chosen cup and in various lucky ways.

The evening concluded with refreshments including sandwiches, relishes, cake and ice cream. Tea or Nescafe was provided through the courtesy of Nestle's Milk Co.

Three From Acton Graduate Tuesday

Since Ray Arbie and Armand Braida, students at the O. A. C. Guelph, learned they had definitely been successful in passing their examinations this week, both will be awarded the degree of B.S.A. at graduation ceremonies in Guelph next Tuesday.

In the graduating class of Guelph General Hospital's School for Nurses is Clara Elva Cook of Acton. The ceremony will be held Tuesday, May 29th at the O.A.C.

PANTRY SHOWER HELD ON MAY 7TH FOR MRS. G. McCUTCHEON

A pantry shower was held at Mrs. Sam Brunelle's on May 7th in honor of Pat Bayliss, whose marriage to Gordon McCutcheon took place last Saturday. Miss Lorna Dunn assisted.

In a room nicely decorated with blue and white streamers, the bride received many useful gifts to fill her cupboards. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

Those present were the guest of honor, Pat Bayliss, Mrs. B. Bayliss, Mrs. F. McCutcheon, Mrs. E. Walker, Miss Inez McLellan, Mrs. Mary Bradley, Mrs. L. McKersie, Mrs. J. Graham, Miss Lorna Dunn and Stella Brunelle.

Among those who sent gifts but were unable to attend were Mrs. Wm. Dumarch, Mrs. H. Bellamy, Miss Margaret Blow and Mrs. E. Jany.

FRIENDS ATTEND MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER AT HOME OF MRS. KEN FRYER

On Wednesday, May 2nd, a miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Mrs. Ken Fryer, McDonald Blvd., in honor of Miss Pat Bayliss, who since last Saturday is Mrs. Gordon McCutcheon. Friends of the bride from Acton and out of town attended.

Mrs. McCutcheon was given many useful and lovely gifts, and to close an enjoyable evening, refreshments were served.

Fine Concert Given By Citizens' Band

The first concert of the recently formed Acton Citizens' Band was presented last Sunday evening in the Roxy Theatre, Acton. A varied program displayed the capabilities of the organization which is under the leadership of Bandmaster A. Perrott.

After "O Canada" the band launched into its repertoire which included hymns, a waltz, marches, novelty numbers and an overture.

The master of ceremonies for the evening was G. W. McKenzie. The Acton Citizens' Band which has been practicing each week in the band hall, is an amalgamation of members of the Acton Boys' and Girls' Band and the former Acton Citizens' Band. There is still room for more players in the group which is planning more concerts in the park during the summer, G. W. McKenzie commented.

The Roxy Theatre was given free of charge for the concert Sunday, with a silver collection at the door netting almost \$17.

The Acton Citizens' Band certainly made an impressive spring debut.

Acton Masons Entertain Ladies

Ladies' Night in Walker Lodge A. F. and A. M. grows bigger and better, and so it was with this year's event held last night (Wednesday) in Esqueving Township Hall at Stewarttown and attended by about 200. The Masonic brethren certainly attended well to the pleasure of their ladies with courses, entertainment, prizes, and food adding to a social evening that will long be remembered.

There were cards, with flowers for the lady winners and pickles for the men. Mrs. Watkins received a lovely box of flowers and the Worshipful Master was given the microphone for fifteen minutes.

On the entertainment part of the program, Elmer Smith had a fine variety headed by Vince and Al Mockridge and Alf Sutton, of Brampton—with Miss Angela Antonelli, Clare Smith and Earl Ray. It was a round of fun with plenty of community singing. Vince and Al Mockridge have recently appeared on a T.V. show across the border and are up and comers in the entertainment field.

Flowers went to couples winning novelty dances and to Mrs. G. McKenzie for winning a contest and to the senior and junior ladies, Mrs. Wm. Cooper and Mrs. Ron Davies.

The food tables were presided over by the men with Wes Wolfe and Len Lovell doing the carving. It was buffet style, with turkey and a thirty-five pound roast of beef starting off the table that loaded down the plates with every delicacy up to cake, ice cream and a variety of cheeses.

OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY FOR WEEK-END HOLIDAY

Victoria Day this year falls on Thursday. As was our custom last year with a mid-week occurrence of the day, we will observe Friday, May 25th and in order that our employees may enjoy a long week-end, the Free Press office will be closed all day Friday and Saturday.

There is nothing unusual in this change. If Christmas or New Year's falls on a Sunday, the following Monday is observed. The Free Press will be issued as usual on Thursday next week and on sale in the stores which are open. We have made arrangements for them to go into the post office so that delivery will be made on Friday as usual.

NEIGHBOURS HONOR RECENTLY WED COUPLE AT PARTY MONDAY EVENING

Last Monday evening, some 25 neighbors met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Whitham to do honor to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole. Mrs. Cole was formerly Miss Margaret Morrison.

Euchre was the order of the evening with the first prizes going to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McPherson. Jack McGeachie was awarded the booby.

A splendid lunch was served and Mrs. Harold Elliott made the presentation of a gift which would ensure that too many hours would not be wasted in sleep. She assured the couple that the neighbors all felt very happy and wished for them a bright and happy future. Mr. Cole expressed the appreciation of his wife and himself.

MISS BARBARA GOWDY TO WED BRUCE KENDALL OF SHORT HILLS, NEW JERSEY

The engagement of Miss Barbara Gowdy to Bruce Kendall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Kendall of Short Hills, New Jersey, has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas M. Gowdy of Toronto.

Miss Gowdy graduated from Havergate College, Toronto, and from the Eastern School for Physicians' Aides, New York.

Two Choirs Given Festival Seconds

The 20th Annual Halton Music Festival was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton, on Thursday and Friday, May 10th and 11th. The adjudicator, Mr. George Smale, Director of Music, Ontario School for the Blind, remarked on the unusually high marks and splendid quality and performance of all contestants and choirs.

When selecting the test pieces for the Festival Mr. Smale stated he chose difficult numbers especially for the high schools but certainly was pleased to see how well they were sung and what high marks were awarded.

On Thursday evening the audience was favoured by solos from the three 1950 Scholarship winners Shirley Forbes, Georgetown; Marjorie Scott, Oakville and David Pawson, Oakville.

The adjudicator regretted the absence of solo and duet classes in the urban public schools this year and hoped they would be included in future festivals. The Georgetown High School Girls' Choir gave two non-competitive selections to bring the Festival to a close on Friday afternoon. Medals were (Continued on Page Five)

To Compile Acton Plan Estimate Cost at \$1500

Land surveyors were authorized to go ahead with the new compiled plan of Acton for the estimated price of \$1500 at the last regular meeting of the Acton Planning Board on Friday, May 11th. A letter from Bowman, Black and Shoemaker pointed out the surveyors' recommendations which they felt would make a satisfactory plan. The surveyors were to be invited to a meeting of the board, to discuss the plan in general.



JAMES A. DILLS, who graduated last week from the Ryerson Institute of Technology and joins the staff of the Acton Free Press and the Canadian Champion. He was a winner of one of the six silver medals awarded for general proficiency and a leading student in the journalism department of Ryerson's School of Graphic Arts—He was editor of the Ryerson student year book for 1950-51.

Jewels Presented To Lodge Members

V. Wor. Bro. F. McIntosh was the recipient of a coveted award on Monday night at the meeting of Walker Lodge A.F. & A.M. He was presented with the 50 year jewel marking a half century of membership in the Masonic order. W. Bro. Ivan Harris was presented with the Past Master's Jewel at this same meeting.

Bro. McIntosh joined Walker Lodge 50 years ago and is among the veterans of the order here. He has served the lodge in all the offices, including the Master's Chair and has been honored by Grand Lodge.

Pupils Entertain At Mothers' Tea

The kindergarten primary pupils and their teacher, Miss J. McPhail, entertained at a mothers' tea last Monday and Tuesday afternoon. After displaying their ability in dancing and singing the two classes of children presented their mothers with gifts they had made for them at previous classes.

Refreshments were served each afternoon with Helen Luxton, Elaine Rachlin, Bernice Sargent, Joyce Holliday, Lorraine Tyler and Cheryl Morton helping Miss McPhail.

A. P. GREEN CO. PRODUCT CRADLES HUGE WHITE HOT INGOT ON TRIP

In last week's edition of the Free Press there was a short article on a Canadian experiment that had proved most successful. A 30,000 pound white hot alloy ingot was shipped from Sydney, N.S., to Trenton, N.S. Since then we have learned the A. P. Green Co., which has a branch in Acton, played an important part in that great industrial achievement.

At a temperature of 1700 degrees, the ingot started on its journey—in a cradle of A. P. Green Co.'s re-factory product, Kast-o-lite. Previously, ingots had to be cooled before shipment and reheated after, taking two months' altogether.

The main points of the survey would be to eliminate the Toronto suburban railway and revert to original lots of duly registered plans of sub-divisions to date, to search the Registry Office to find the present ownership of parts of original township lots within the town limits, to assist with by-laws concerning the opening, closing, or widening of streets and to furnish the necessary tracings for registration.

Their plan did not include the surveys of any specific blocks. If this were requested, there would be an additional charge, it was reported.

Correspondence was received from the town clerk's office regarding the request of the Planning Board Chairman, Theron Jones, and the vice-chairman W. Mattocks made at a recent council meeting, asking clarification of the board's duties.

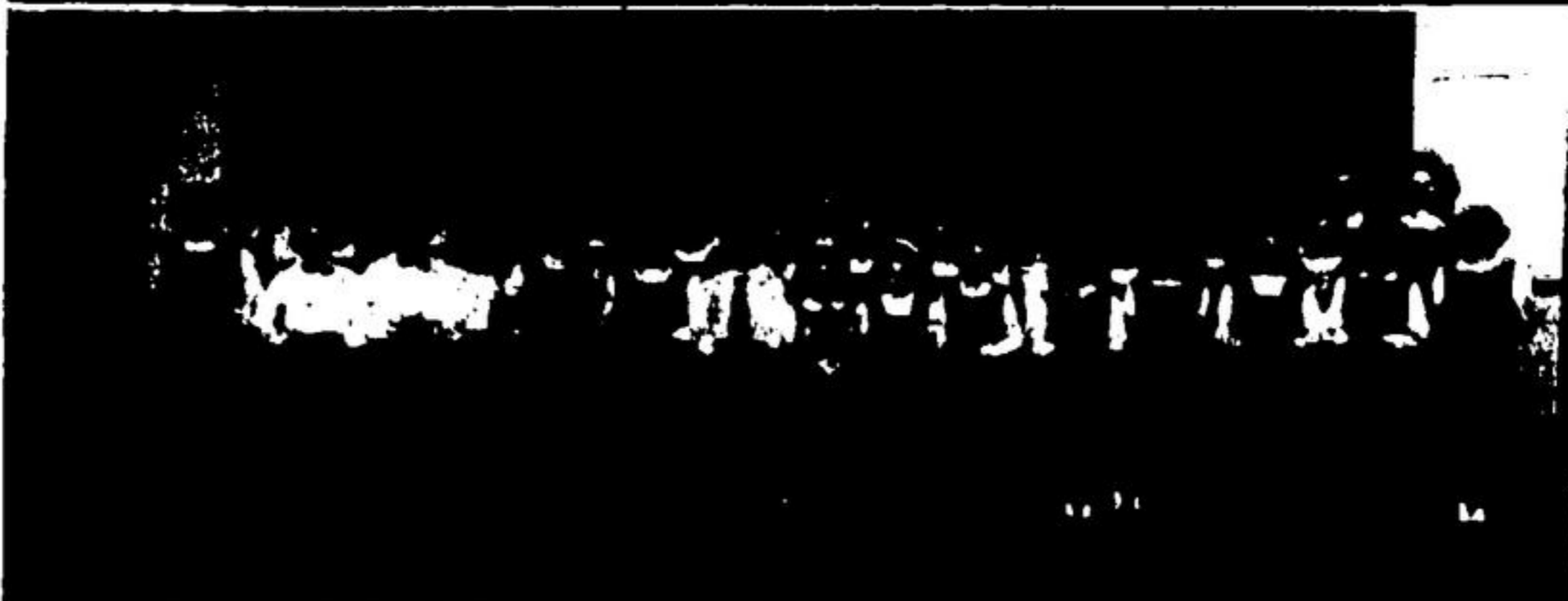
The letter read as follows: "The different phases as outlined by Mr. Jones were discussed by council and they would be very pleased if the Planning Board would include in their work and plans the following items as they pertain to the town, sidewalks, roads, boulevards, parks, town entrances, corner view obstructions and industrial development."

The town clerk also wrote regarding the board's recommendation concerning grades and levels for Mill and Main Sts., as defined by the Department of Highways and concurred that they should be established before any sidewalks are laid or permanent work commenced.

The recommendation of the board concerning the curbing on Young St. was investigated by the joint sewer and road committee of council and while they agreed with the Planning Board's suggestion, they did not wish to break the original contract with Spartan Construction Co. which was having the curb replaced at a low cost. It was felt that if they were asked to do any more than was necessary the cost might increase beyond the original contract figure. The work will be done later by an individual or by town employees.

The members of the board visited the lane on the west side of the property of W. Wolfe who had written requesting permission to purchase the lane so he could make extensive alterations to his dwelling. The lane was open at the west side of the Wolfe property and at the rear of lots 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11 and 10, opening on Alice St. above Bower Ave. If the portion Mr. Wolfe requested were closed, a turning area would be allotted to the easterly end of the lane so traffic could still use the lane behind the properties on Bower Ave. No inconvenience of delivery would then be encountered there.

Suggestions were made to square off the two lots immediately west of the Wolfe property that are at present cut off across the rear of the lots for the lane turning. This (Continued on Page Four)



FESTIVAL WINNING CHOIRS, these two groups from the Acton public school took second place in their class at the Halton County Music Festival last Friday in Milton. The top group is the Junior Choir of 25 voices that was awarded the Festival Association shield. The lower group is the Senior Choir of 45 voices that was awarded the Miss Minnie Moore shield. Contest number for the junior group was "The Dream Man" and for the senior, group "The Shepherd". Miss Linda Stewart trained the children. —Staff Photos