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WILL O. K. GRANT FOR MILL ST. PAVING

Milton Georgetown Move Would Put Acton in Cold

Another proposal in the form of a motion was advanced on Monday night in the effort to consolidate high school facilities in North Halton. This proposal which was not voted upon would put a school in Milton and Georgetown and leave Acton out in the cold. It was decided to hold a meeting at Stewarttown Hall on Tuesday evening, May 29th, to discuss the matter as it was 11.30 when the resolution was introduced and all agreed that it was too late to entertain such a subject.

The following was the motion moved by J. Bell and seconded by N. L. Pickett: "That the idea of a single central school for this district be abandoned and that action be undertaken immediately to build a new school at Georgetown to serve the northern part of the district, and at the same time to make improvements to the Milton school so that it may properly serve the southern portion of the district. The action taken should be aimed at providing accommodation for approximately 350 to 500 pupils in the new school and should provide gymnasium facilities at Milton."

There was some discussion when inquiry was made what was proposed to be done with Acton pupils. These and other details it was proposed to discuss at the meeting on May 29th in Equeusing Township Hall, Stewarttown.

The secretary reported that Georgetown Council had appealed the levy for High School purposes in the district and the matter had been forwarded to the Municipal Board for their decision.

It was also reported that negotiations for purchase of additional land at Milton had failed since the owner did not desire to sell.

A letter from Burlington High School Board reaffirmed the position they had taken last term. They were willing to pay for tuition of Nelson Township pupils for the spring term of 1950 but refused to pay for the fall term since no authorization had been granted for the pupils to attend the Milton School.

The secretary was instructed to write the Burlington Board pointing out the amendments to the act since 1948. If no settlement was made before the end of June, the secretary was to take legal steps to collect the amount owing.

Bob Rumley and Leno Braldo, who have been attending school in Guelph, asked the Board to reconsider the question of paying their fees the past year. Both students had conferred with the Board in September and permission had not been granted. Owing to the fact that the subjects required by the pupils were available in the district, the Board felt that the fees could not be levied against North Halton and the Secretary was instructed to so advise the students.

Accounts amounting to \$16,140.61 were passed for payment after receiving approval of the Finance Committee.

Resignations of three members of the Milton High School staff were accepted with regret. Miss E. C. Carson has accepted a position on the Picton school staff and Miss E. M. Laycock will become a member of Bowmanville school staff. Mr. R. C. Calhoun resigned to go to England.

The Secretary was instructed to take the necessary steps to fill the vacancies.

Teachers' salaries and schedules were also adjusted and the maximum (Continued on Page Ten)

Decision Changed At Case Appeal

John Winters of Acton, who opened the door of his parked car, throwing Rod Ryder under the wheels of a Gray Coach bus in Acton on September 7, 1949, was held fully to blame for the accident by the Ontario Appeal Court. The accident happened when Rod Ryder was riding his bicycle from work on a wet September evening.

The Appeal Court decision upset a finding by a jury under Mr. Justice King. The jury found Gray Coach Lines Ltd. was 90 per cent. negligent. The appeal court freed the bus line of all blame for the accident.

Mrs. Betty Ryder and her three children, Madeline, aged 8; Bryan, 5 years and Roderick Jr., 3 years old, all of Acton, were awarded \$34,000 damages.

The appeal court ruled Winters must pay the full amount and not merely the 10 per cent. as assessed by the jury.

The appeal court found "no evidence from which any honest jury acting in a judicial manner, could find any causal connection whatever between the death of Rod Ryder and any act or omission on the part of the bus driver, George Beaumont."

Messrs. Justices Laidlaw, Hogg and Gibson found that "if Winters had not opened the door there would have been no accident" and ruled he was "the sole and direct cause of the accident."

After allowing the appeal of Gray Coach Lines and dismissing the action against the bus company, the court ruled "there should be judgment in favor of the plaintiff against the defendant, John Winters, for the respective amounts as assessed by the jury, together with costs of the action."

Y'S MEN'S CLUB ENTERTAIN LADIES AT CUTTEN FIELD STEAK DINNER AND MOVIES

Cutten Fields Golf Club was the scene of the regular meeting of Acton Y's Men's Club held on Thursday, May 10th at 6.30 p.m. President G. W. McKenzie presided.

The Ladies' Auxiliary were entertained at a delightful steak dinner and afterwards at a movie while the club held the business portion of their meeting. Mrs. C. L. Cook made an excellent Fines Mistress for the fines period.

Mrs. C. L. Kirkness thanked the club on behalf of the members of the Auxiliary for the lovely evening.

Mr. Wm. Denny, past president of the Y's Men's Club, was presented with a Past President's pin by President G. W. McKenzie.

Plans were made for the monster auction sale to be held soon.

Replace Services Prior to Paving

Mr. Wm. McLeod was present at the Public Utilities Commission Tuesday evening. He requested the discontinuance of one water service to his apartment block on Mill St. He also notified the Commission that there was only one family living in his house on Main St. South. There are two services to this building, but the upper apartment is not being rented. One service is all he will be charged with as soon as the wiring is changed over.

Mr. Fred McCutcheon was present to request information on the hydro service to his new house on Arthur Street. He also requested that pole be moved from in front of his property. The Commission agreed to survey the district.

The Council requested that the Commission make arrangements for continuing the water main on Main St. north to the new well. This installation is left for direction of the Waterworks Superintendent, J. Lambert.

Superintendent Lambert reported that the hydrant and shut-off valve had been installed at the corner of Agnes and Main St. Plans are being formulated for the installation of a water service to the new (Continued on Page Five)



GRAHAM GUILD of Rockwood was one of the 200 graduates at the Ryerson Institute of Technology. Mr. Guild graduated from the School of Mechanical and Industrial Technology and goes to a position in London, Ont.

Drunk Driver Gets 15 Days, No Car

One man was sentenced to 15 days in jail on a charge of drunk driving and another was fined \$10 and costs for having liquor in a place other than his residence in Milton Police Court last week.

Magistrate J. M. Langdon sentenced John Parr, 53, of R.R. 2, Mono Mills to 15 days in jail and suspended his licence for three months. His car was impounded for the same time.

Parr was in an accident on No. 7 Highway with a car driven by Robert Lavoie of Georgetown last Monday. Lavoie told police Parr was driving toward him on the wrong side of the road. Lavoie swung over to the other side to let Parr pass, but Parr tried to return to his own side of the road and Lavoie hit him.

No one was hurt in the accident but both cars were damaged to the extent of \$500.

Magistrate Langdon also fined Tom Harris, R.R. 4, Acton, \$10 and costs on a charge of having liquor in a place other than his residence.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Free Press Office will be closed all day Friday and Saturday, May 25th and 26th in order that the staff may enjoy a long week-end. Free Presses are on sale as usual at all the newsstands.

Bingo Fans Claim Many Fine Prizes

The Acton Arena has had many crowds and seen many types of events but never a Bingo of the proportions staged by Acton Rotary Club last Friday night in their effort to raise funds for work with crippled children. Over 1000 were in attendance and the arena was filled. Many others bought tickets but were unable to attend. They were eligible to share in the score of door prizes offered. There were bus loads of Bingo fans from Toronto and Milton in addition to local enthusiasts.

Acton Citizens Band assisted by Ernie Bruce comedian, of Toronto presented a program while the crowd was assembling.

Prize winners for the door prizes were No. 1522, Mrs. Harold Pabury who won an "Easy" electric washing machine. Mrs. C. Barr won a radio with No. 1077; Mrs. K. McCrae won a child's tricycle; Miss Muriel Burns a pressure cooker; Mrs. E. Wilam a bread box; Fred Dunn chose a Force toaster; Jack Fairclough, Toronto, a pair of Storey Gloves; Mrs. Joan Kirk, a waffle iron; Miss Newton, a fancy cushion; Pete Thomas, Milton, a bread box; W. A. Ronald, Paris; Mrs. Naylor, plastic garden hose; Mrs. Ken Spence a teakettle; F. Heller an electric toaster; Mrs. Gordon McCutcheon a hot plate; and Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Rothwell, Toronto, Mrs. G. McKeown and Mrs. Cressy were all winners of door prizes.

The Rotary Special of a fine Gruen wrist watch was won by Mrs. Doris Close. There were 20 (Continued on Page Four)

Sunday Water Cut To Repair Hydrant

Sunday's water shut-off was necessitated for the moving of a damaged fire hydrant at the corner of Main St. and Agnes St. The recent opening and widening operations on that section of Agnes from Main to Willow St. left the hydrant in the middle of the road.

Damaged at the time of sewerage installation, the hydrant was not repaired until it was to be moved. Shut-offs were not put on town hydrants when the waterworks system was installed and it was necessary to cut the whole town off if repairs were to be made. Hydrants equipped with shut-offs are installed now when repairs are made.

Working on a hand pump, to drain the pit of water flowing from the main after the water shut-off, workmen were able to make repairs and turn on the water early Sunday afternoon.

Discuss Mill St. Paving, 100% Grant For Centre

A 100 per cent. grant for the resurfacing of the centre 22 feet of Mill St. from Main St. to Young St. will be approved by the Department of Highways according to a letter received by council in their regular session Friday evening of last week. The grant is given because it is a connecting link of No. 7 highway. The remaining 11 feet would be the responsibility of the town on which a 50 per cent. grant will be made in the annual road cost allowance. The trench excavated by the town will be filled at their expense with a specified mix.

46 Enumerators To Tab County Census

On June 1st Canada will start taking the ninth census. From door to door enumerators will be calling and asking vital information. These folks have been undergoing training and study these days preparatory to compiling the forms required. Theirs is an important job for the community and for the whole Dominion.

We urge every citizen to give the information they ask and to familiarize all with those who will be doing the work, we give a list of Halton County enumerators, which Census Chief Commissioner A. E. Pabury has kindly released. Here are the folks who will be taking the census.

Nelson Township — Mrs. A. M. Lison, Mrs. L. M. McFarland, Mrs. R. G. Hopkins, Mrs. K. Sullivan, Mrs. A. B. Read, Mrs. Pearl Hartley, Mrs. Gerald Burke, Mrs. Hester Powell.

Nassagaweya Township — Mrs. Myrna Elsiey, Mr. Bert Lamb, Mr. Wallace Lasby Jr.

Equeusing Township — Mrs. Joan Waidie, Mr. W. J. Moffat, Mr. Fred Weaver, Mrs. E. Curry, Mr. Bob Cunningham, Mrs. Clayton Dick.

Trafalgar Township — Mr. Len Pope, Mrs. Amy Merry, Mr. Walter Eves, Mrs. Margaret Ross, Mrs. Effie Donnell, Mrs. C. L. Joubert, Mr. Harold Lowe, Mr. George Smith, Mr. Frank Clark, Mr. Wm. Anderson.

Town of Oakville — Mrs. Myrtle Smith, Mrs. C. G. McKenna, Mr. R. H. Brennan, Mrs. D. Galley, Mrs. N. Hurst.

Town of Burlington — Mrs. Dave Ross, Mrs. K. Bunting, Mrs. Agnes Gates, Mrs. Irene Weagmouth, Mrs. W. H. Copeland.

Town of Milton — Mr. Ross Pearson, Mrs. Bertha Brown.

Town of Georgetown — Mrs. F. Petch, Mr. Geo. Alecot, Mr. Thomas Greive, Mr. Keith Barber.

Town of Acton — Mrs. Ken Mackenzie, Mrs. E. Wensley, Mrs. J. Inglis.

Mr. F. L. Wright, Acton is Census Field Supervisor for North Halton, including the Town of Milton.

Elect Officers At Festival Annual

The Annual Meeting of the Halton Music Festival was held in Milton Public School on May 18th. Officers elected for 1951-52 are as follows:

Honorary Presidents, Mrs. J. M. Denyes, Mrs. G. C. Atkins, Bronte; Past President, Mr. K. Giles, Palermo; President, Miss Ruth Evans, Georgetown; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Clarence Ford for Trafalgar, Mrs. Roy Coulter for Nelson, Mrs. L. Crawford for Nassagaweya; Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Allan Clements R. R. 2, Milton; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Ford Rogers, Bronte Trophy Committee, Mrs. V. McArthur, Mrs. R. Coulter.

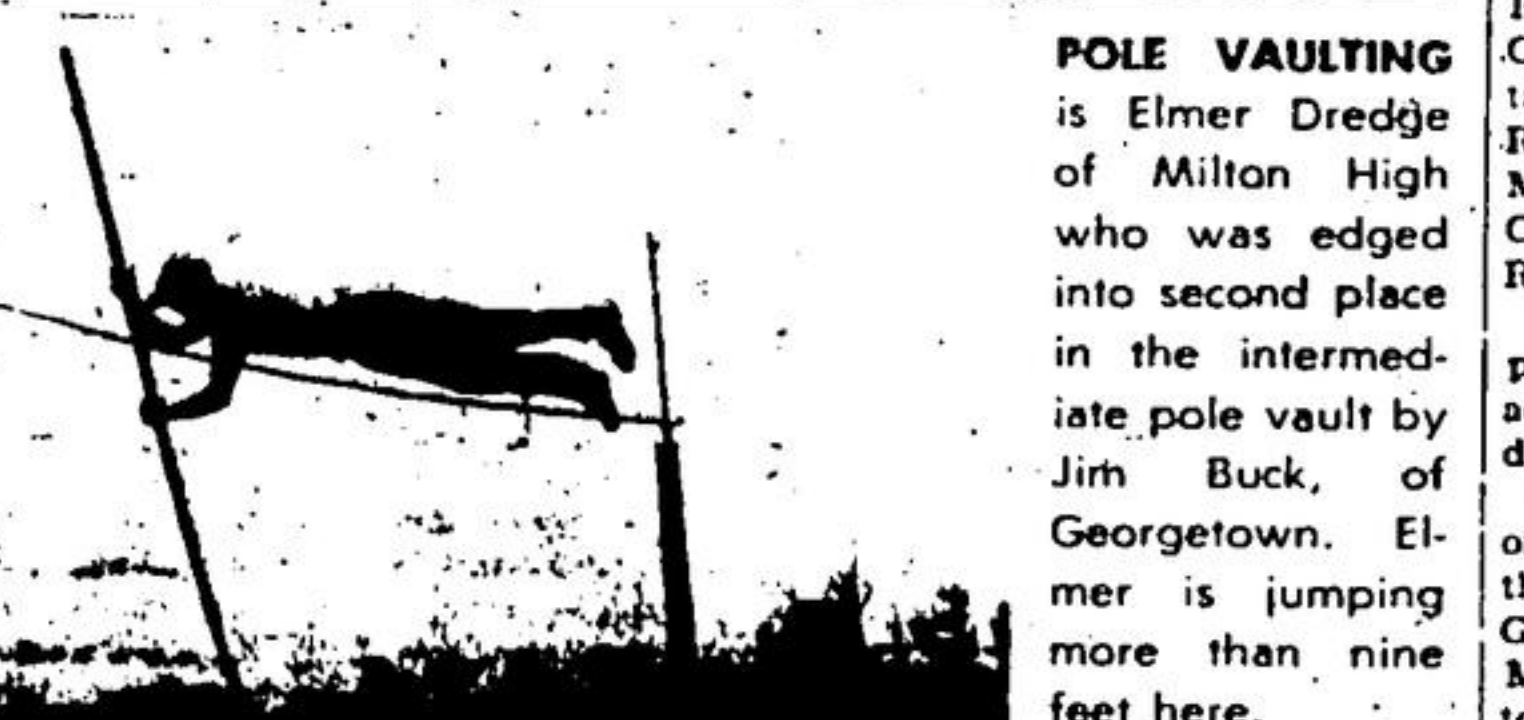
It was decided to hold a competitive Festival again next year adding urban public school solo and duet classes to the program.

The Festival committee approved of scholarships being awarded to the following who were chosen by G. Smale the adjudicator this year. Miss Margaret Horning, Burlington District H.S.; Miss Faye Clements, Milton North Halton H.S.; Mr. Melvin Winter, Burlington District H.S.; Mr. Arle Coatsock, Burlington District H.S. Myrna Evans Oakville-Trafalgar was awarded a scholarship because Faye Clements declined.

K. Giles thanked all who had helped in any way with the festival work during his three years as President of the Association.

ANNUAL INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION

for athletic laurels ran high at the field meet held in Acton last week. Above Dorothy Warne, Acton; Muriel Bristow, Milton; Pauline Tyers, Georgetown; Dolly Kelman, Milton, and Shirley Thompson, Acton, refresh themselves at the booth operated by Acton students in the park. At the top right are the winners of trophies for the day's events. Eileen Oates of Georgetown holds the Intermediate girls' trophy, Janice Baker, Acton, the Junior trophy; Helen Heslop, Milton, the Senior trophy. In the back row, Terry Walker, holds the Senior boys' trophy and the cup presented to Milton High for the greatest total points. Bill McCormack, Georgetown, was the winner of the Tom Watson trophy for the half mile open. Earl Cairns, Milton, holds the Intermediate trophy and George Aitken of Erin the Junior boys' trophy.



POLE VAULTING

is Elmer Dredge of Milton High who was edged into second place in the intermediate pole vault by Jirh Bault, of Georgetown. Elmer is jumping more than nine feet here.

PLANE SHOT AT IN MILTON AREA PASSENGER GETS SHOULDER WOUND

On a low level flight over the summer resort area of Cedar Springs nine miles from Milton, what Provincial Police believe to be an "over-anxious groundhog hunter" took a shot at a plane. In the cockpit of the Harvard aircraft, flying at about 300 feet, the bullet whizzed past the neck of Thomas Lowe of Hamilton, legal adviser to Reserve squadron 424, and former R.C.A.F. navigator.

Police scoured the area unsuccessfully. Provincial Constable J. Bradley of Milton said it might possibly have been a .22 bullet fired by a motorist, not a resident, who had got out of his car to shoot groundhogs and shot at the plane then drove away.

Lowe, who instructed the pilot to continue with the flight, suffered cuts to his left shoulder when the bullet pierced the plexiglass to his left and sped out to his right.

P.C. Bradley and other officers continued the search. "Neither man saw anything on the ground to make them suspicious. Lowe was in the rear cockpit," the constable said. He was bending over to look at a navigational map in the cockpit when the bullet whizzed past his neck.

"I heard it hit, but I didn't think it was a shot," Lowe said. "I looked around and saw blood on my shirt. I didn't know whether I had been hit or not at first."

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