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GREEN LIGHT GIVEN ON RESURFACING

Meeting, Call Tender on Mill, Main Resurfacing

Re-paving Mill and Main streets, constructing curbing, raising man holes, and storm sewers came in for detailed and lengthy discussion on Monday evening of this week when Acton council met in special session with Engineer R. V. Anderson and W. J. Hawkins of the Law Construction firm.

Original plans were changed when it was decided not to excavate the Mill St. trench caused by sewerage installation. This trench was to have been filled with five inches of asphalt for a sound base. It was thought the trench was already well consolidated and it was therefore unnecessary to excavate it.

The trench on Main Street, which is a regular 10 feet wide for its entire length, will be dug out to a depth of five inches and filled with asphalt to give a hard surface. Two and a half inches of asphalt will be added to the entire width of the road in the resurfacing job to give a base coating and top or wearing surface.

Three inches of surface material will be added to Mill Street in the resurfacing program and this will also include a base coat and top coat.

Concrete curb is to be built in the two main business blocks presently without any curb and the block between Thompson's Garage and the C.N.R. tracks.

This curb will act as a water seal for the edge of the road and also for the sidewalk. Engineer Anderson explained. Curb in the lower two blocks will be installed at sidewalk level on the north side of the street and the road will be contoured and graded to this height. A sidewalk will possibly be installed at this height on the south side. This will increase the height of the southern sidewalk, which council felt advisable.

Council passed a resolution to proceed to pave Mill and Main Streets, instal curbing on Mill from John to Main Streets on both sides and from the C.N.R. tracks south to Wilbur St. on both sides.

A second resolution was passed to petition the Department of Highways for a 100 per cent grant on the paving of the entire 22 feet of the road for 2,400 feet on Mill St. and 900 feet on Main St. Filling of the Main Street trench 10 ft. wide by 900 ft. with H.L.5 asphalt will be the responsibility of the town as far as costs go.

The town share of paving—14 ft. for the length of Mill St. and 18 ft. for the length on Main St.—will be acceptable for the 50 per cent grant on annual road costs.

Mr. Hawkins pointed out that if the contract was awarded to Law Construction Co., paving would have to begin by the middle of June with curbing down at least one week ahead allowing the roller to roll the surface against the curb.

A special meeting of council is scheduled for Monday evening to open tenders received from other companies. An open tender was not called because of the lack of time. Should the Law Construction tender be most favorable.

Councillors Week, George Wood, Thompson, Taylor, Fryer, Deputy Reeve Stewart and Reeve Hargrave, were present with Mayor Taylor presiding.

At a special meeting on Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Richardson District Superintendent of the Department of Highways, approved the town proposal as arranged at the Monday evening meeting. Mr. Richardson agreed to forward the town resolution to the Toronto office with his approval. All tenders must be approved by the Department before acceptance.



MARY SIRMS recently graduated from Toronto Western Hospital and was awarded the George P. Warwick prize for nursing. Mary will continue her study with a year at Western University in London.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Red Cross Society Report On Drive

Dear Editor:

While a successful conclusion of the 1951 Red Cross drive is not yet in sight, it appears that we will at least equal and probably surpass the total achieved last year, and I would, therefore, like to thank you for the tremendous assistance you gave us during the campaign. Without your outstanding support our message would not have reached half the people it did and our drive, therefore, would not have reached the proportions that it has.

You will also be interested to know that at the annual meeting of Central Council, the highest governing body of the Red Cross, held in Toronto recently, the Council went on record and passed a unanimous resolution thanking the weekly press for its "valued support of our Society."

As you know only too well, the Canadian Red Cross has played a tremendous role in the peacetime life of Canada, just as it did in wartime. Now, with the government again calling on the Red Cross to play a most important part in the present tense period—blood and blood products for the armed forces and an important role in civil defence—it is most important that our current campaign go over the top. Any further help you can give us will be most appreciated.

For your support during the campaign and throughout the year may I, on behalf of the national officers and myself, say: Thanks very much.

Yours very sincerely,
Leslie C. Powell,
National Director of Public Relations

For the sports enthusiast come a plastic ski. As reported in The Financial Post, hickory wood is fused with plastic top and bottom. This process does away with waxing the skis.

COBBLE HILL DISAPPEARING MARK AS HIGHWAY REQUIRES SHOULDERS

When is a hill not a hill? That is the story behind Cobble Hill or what used to be Cobble Hill. Many times we have reported the hill moving and again the hill is on the move but this time there isn't much left.

A visit to the hill recently emphasized the lack of hill. Fill is again being drawn from this old landmark and being trucked to highway 25 for the widening of the road's shoulders.

In the early days many photographs of the town were taken from Cobble Hill and it was from here that visiting friends could obtain the much desired bird's eye view of the settlement.

Stories were also popular on Cobble Hill. Today it is no picnic. The large shovel gouges out chunks of the gravel and fills waiting trucks on about three scoops. The gravel, far from suitable as farm land, is making excellent material for the road. In the meantime Cobble Hill is being levelled and no doubt in a few years excavations for home building will be started on the site of this disappearing landmark.

Mill St. Program For Improvement

The Public Utilities Commission met on Thursday evening at the waterworks pumping station on Main Street South.

They decided to have shrubs planted at this property. Two shrubs were ordered planted on each side of the walk to the building. Under each of the front windows a rose bush was to be started.

Along the back fence the Commission decided to plant Chinese elm shrubs to eventually form a hedge.

It was felt that if a start was made this year, future Commissions could carry on a planting program and make the Utility's properties beauty spots.

A special meeting of the Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday evening. The meeting was called for the purpose of planning the improvements to the street lighting on Mill Street in the two business blocks.

It was decided to instal underground wiring along these two blocks and to erect eight steel standards on the sidewalk at an estimated cost for material of \$2500. As it is expected the road will be resurfaced, starting in about one week, the work must be done immediately. Promised delivery on standards are ten weeks, but the Commission felt that due to the circumstances, sooner delivery might be expected. The wiring is to be laid in conduit.

To provide this improvement for the business section of Acton, easements will be required in the rear of the properties for service wiring and the co-operation of owners of business properties will be necessary if the program is to be carried out. The improvement, however, on Mill Street, will more than compensate for any inconvenience that may be occasioned the owners of properties. It will mean that all overhead lines and poles in the blocks from Main to John Street will be removed.

There are twenty-three water services to be renewed in the two main streets before the road surface is laid as these are original installations and the pipes have been in the ground for about thirty years. It is felt that copper service pipe should be laid, so that breaks will not have to be made into the new roadway for a good number of years.

As the time is very short, for these water and hydro installations the superintendents were empowered to secure the necessary help. The hydro, water-sewage and town employees promised to work together so that there would be no unnecessary delay with the laying of the road surface.

All members of the Commission were present at this meeting along with the superintendents and the secretary.

JOKE

While Charles W. Elliot was president of Harvard, a professor, late because he believed that Elliot had not kept a promise, came to him and stormed. "President Elliot, did anyone ever tell you that you were a liar?"

"Oh, yes, many times," replied Elliot urbanely, "but what is worse—some of them proved it!"—The Reader's Digest.

LOCAL BAPTIST CHURCH STILL WITHOUT MINISTER AS GEORGETOWN CALL A. BARKER

Alfred J. Barker, B.A., B.D., succeeds Rev. Charles R. Gowar as minister to the Georgetown Baptist Church. Recently awarded his divinity degree from McMaster University, Mr. Barker preached his first sermon in the church recently.

Rev. Gowar and preceding Baptist ministers have ministered to the joint congregations of the Acton and Georgetown churches. Mr. Barker is the first recent minister that will have only the Georgetown congregation and Acton members of the Baptist Church are still without a minister.

'Y' Parents' Nights Show Fine Program

Some of the wide variety of gym and social activities conducted at the "Y" daily were conveyed successfully to a large number of parents who attended the two parents' nights at the "Y" last week. Approximately 75 parents and friends responded for the program in which 65 young "Y" members took part.

Cliff Sutton welcomed the audience on both evenings and mentioned that parents' nights were traditional in Y.M.C.A.'s everywhere and served to give the parents an insight on the "goings on" while their sons and daughters were visiting the "Y".

The program opened with a display of gym activities, with all classes contributing an act or two. The second part of the evening began with coffee and cookies served by the Junior Girls under the direction of Miss Carolyn Oakes. Two enjoyable skits and a piano duet followed. The first evening, a program of "20 questions" was held between the younger set and a team of adults taken from the audience. On the second evening 20 questions was substituted for by a film presented by Ernest Berner of the Guelph Y.M.C.A.

Delegates Go To Ohio Convention

Acton delegates from the Acton Y.M.C.A. to the Centennial International Convention at Cleveland, Ohio, will be G. W. McKenzie, president of the Y's Men's Club who will represent that group and Melbourne Blow, who will be representing Acton's young adults. Another delegate may yet be added.

Backed by \$40,000 worth of preparation the convention is to mark 100 years service to North American youth. Speakers will include the Prime Minister of Canada and the President of the United States.

Acton delegates will join some 7,000 laymen and professional staff that are expected to attend the centennial event, scheduled for June 21 to 24.

Eramosa Twp. Lay Building Charges

Eramosa Township Council decided to lay charges for infraction of the building by-law, at their special meeting in the reeve's office on May 22.

The building inspector, reeve and clerk were instructed to secure legal advice regarding the matter. Consideration was given to amending the by-law with the intention of raising the standard of buildings being built in the township.

On the request of the Eden Mills Trustees, six extra street lights will be contracted for.

The County Health Unit will be asked to condemn certain houses in the municipality if found unsuitable for habitation.

The Guelph Township Council decided not to participate in the construction of the boundary line between the two townships. It was decided to proceed with the work in co-operation with the Canadian National Railway.

Motion for High Schools Ok'd by N.H.H.S.D. Board

Unanimous approval was finally reached by the North Halton High School District Board on a motion that if implemented would provide new schools in both Acton and Georgetown and add a gymnasium to the Milton school. Tuesday night a special meeting of the Board dealt with this problem and will now submit the proposal to the Department of Education for their consideration.

The motion tabled at the last meeting was withdrawn after an indication of the feeling of the members was obtained when an amendment was submitted. The following was the motion which received the favorable vote of the entire Board: Moved by Milton, seconded by Dilts, that two new High Schools be built, one at Georgetown and one at Acton, to accommodate the potential increase in the High School population in North Halton High School Area and that a suitable gymnasium be built at Milton High School. The size of the new schools be determined by public school attendance. Adequate High School sites be made available gratis by the Towns of Georgetown and Acton.

Another motion by Martin and Buchanan was also approved: That the chairman, along with Messrs Dilts, Cleave and Bell, give this motion to the Department of Education for their comments.

The secretary was instructed to advertise for tenders for supply of coal for the Milton and Georgetown Schools and the Board discussed the selling of a power mower not used at the Georgetown School.

Trustees Carbert, Martin, Packett and the Secretary were appointed a committee to confer with Nelson Board regarding school attendance division.

All the members of the Board were present at this meeting with the exception of Mr. Bell of Georgetown.



CLIMAXING TWELVE YEARS, Rt. Rev. Bagnall, Bishop of Niagara, dedicated the St. John's Parish Hall in Rockwood on Sunday. He also participated in the confirmation of a group of Acton people, members of St. Alban's Church. Parishioners and Rev. Luxton of St. John's have worked industriously on the completion of this fine 30 by 50 stucco building in Rockwood. Shown here with the Bishop is the Venerable Archdeacon Scovil of Grimsby, formerly rector of St. George's Church, Guelph. —Photo by Taylor

Niagara Bishop Dedicates Parish Hall In Rockwood

Right Rev. W. E. Bagnall, Bishop of Niagara, administered the rite of confirmation to 21 candidates in the Acton St. Alban's Anglican Church last Sunday morning, and dedicated the new Parish Hall adjacent to Rockwood St. John's Church, on the afternoon.

Twelve years of work were climaxed when the Bishop dedicated the new Parish Hall in Rockwood. The choir, organist and many members of the Acton congregation attended the opening ceremony.

The service in the church was conducted by Ven. Archdeacon Thompson of Georgetown, assisted by Ven. Archdeacon Scovil of Winona, Canon S. A. Kirk of Guelph, Rev. R. E. Porritt of Campbellville and the rector, Rev. W. G. Luxton.

Long before the hour set for the service in the church people began to assemble and by three o'clock the church was crowded to the doors with some standing in the vestibule and on the front steps through the impressive service.

St. Alban's choir joined the church choir and presented an impressive sight as they marched from the Parish Hall around by the cemetery plot, followed by the clergy.

Following the church service, the congregation, choir and clergy marched back to the new hall for the dedication ceremony where Bishop Bagnall officiated. The Bishop also dedicated the Book of Remembrance in memory of the former warden, Fred S. Hamilton.

JOHN MOWAT HURLING BALL WITH BELLEVILLE REDMEN IN CENTRAL ONTARIO LEAGUE

Johnny Mowat, of Rockwood, the lefted young right-hander who played with Galt Pups and Acton Intermediates for the past two seasons, is making quite a hit as a pitcher with Belleville Redmen in the Central Ontario Baseball League.

Johnny hurled a five-hitter in his last start as the Redmen beat Bataway by a 3-1 score. Mowat's slider and his conduct on the mound have impressed C.O.B.L. observers and Belleville fans call him the best hurler on the team.

LOAD GIVEN REST EAST OF TOWN AS STEEL CARGO SHIFTS, TOPPLES

A loud crash and some disconcerted looks announced the dropping of 12 tons of steel from a transport truck at the Ajax corner east of town. One local lad promptly asked the driver why he had set the load down there and the reply came back "to give it a rest."

It all happened about 11 a.m. Monday morning when a truck of the Standard Iron and Steel Works Ltd. rounded the corner into town. The heavy load shifted and tipped the tractor trailer truck it was on as the steel beams toppled off.

Several of the girders were bent but none seriously damaged.

Slim Neilson, the driver, left Toronto about 8 a.m. in the morning and was on his way to Guelph to the Textile Plant of Fiberglass of Canada.

Had the load shifted forward instead of sideways the driver of the truck would have been killed. A crane following the load from Toronto some distance behind, stopped at the upset load and waited until early afternoon when the truck was again piled with the steel girders and sent on its way.



NORTH HALTON COUNTY Counters, the census enumerators are shown, here as they attend the three day school in preparation for the decennial census that begins tomorrow. The photo shows the Acton school, presided over by F. L. Wright, Census Field Commissioner for North Halton.

Left to right are T. Grievé, Georgetown; F. Weaver, Esquising; E. Wensley, Acton; R. Cunningham, Esquising; B. Lamb, Nassagaweya; Myrna Elaley, Nassagaweya; I. Curry, Esquising; F. Petch, Georgetown; G. Alcott, Georgetown; K. Barber, Georgetown; V. Inglis, Acton; K. Mackenzie, Acton; W. Moffat, Esquising; J. Waldie, Esquising; W. Lasby Jr., Nassagaweya; C. Dick, Esquising and F. L. Wright, field commissioner.