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COUNTY CENSUS SHOWS 50% INCREASE

Halton Census 43,844 Urban and Rural Equal

The 1951 census figures supplied by Chief County Enumerator A. Padbury show that in the past ten years Halton County has increased in population by over 50%. The actual increase in population figures is 15,320. Halton's population, according to the 1951 census, is 43,844. This is made up of 22,001 urban residents and 21,843 rural residents. The population in 1941 was 28,524. Both urban and rural residents show about the same rate of increase.

Scotty Burton Goes Back To "Ain Folk"

Well-known and ardent sports fan, W. P. (Scotty) Burton left on Tuesday for his home in Edinburgh, Scotland, where he will be on a lengthy holiday with "his ain folk." He has two sisters living there and has not yet decided regarding his future plans. Scotty has resided in Acton for over 30 years and enjoyed one trip back home in 1939.

Scotty was also a talented and faithful member of Knox Church Choir and sang in quartette work. He gave of his talent fully in community concerts and all local events. We'll miss him at the hockey and baseball games, in the Church choir and about town generally. We hope he'll soon come back again.

13,500 POUNDS OF PAPER COLLECTED BY SCOUTS, CUBS, SATURDAY

The most scrap paper collected by the Acton Boy Scouts and Cubs so far was gathered from homes all over town last Saturday morning and afternoon. The loads, which are gathered together and then taken by truck to Guelph, weighed 13,500 pounds or six and three-quarter tons. One day's collection is usually taken in one load but the truck had to return Saturday for a second pile of paper. About 20 scouts and cubs assisted with the most successful collection. Trucks were borrowed from Johnny Goy, Ajax Engineering and Jack Holmes.

New Truck Rolls Down Hill, Hits Car

Friday the 13th certainly lived up to most pessimistic expectations for John Ferguson, R.R. 2, Hillsburgh.

Following an accident at Church Hill on June 20th, his light pick-up truck was considered a total loss. It caught fire after colliding with Thompson Motors, Acton, gas truck. Erin Fire Brigade was called to the scene to put out the blaze.

On the unlucky 13th Mr. Ferguson parked his new truck, bought after the accident, in Georgetown. Rolling down the hill, it smashed into a 1940 Meteor driven by Howard Winters, Erin. Although only minor damage was done to his truck this time, the Winters car was considerably damaged.

Truck Leaves Road, Rams Car Into Tree

When he suffered a weak spell at the wheel of a gravel truck owned by F. Carson and Son, Lyle Croucher of Gravenhurst drove the vehicle off the roadway last week and into the back of a parked car. The accident occurred just off No. 7 highway at Silvercreek.

The parked car, owned by Mr. Norton, was damaged to an estimated \$500 while \$50 damage was estimated to the truck. When struck, the Norton car was driven into a tree by the impact.



MARRIED IN 1895, on July 17, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Britton of Haltonville relax in their garden on their 56th wedding anniversary. Mr. Britton was one of the first road superintendents in Nassagaweya Township and the couple have lived for the past 12 years in or near Haltonville. —Staff Photo

P.U.C. Discusses Standard Placing

The placing of the Mill Street light standards was discussed at the last regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission Tuesday evening. Mayor E. Tyler and Commissioner J. F. Ware were present and J. R. MacArthur presided.

Some property owners objected to their placing, while others were very co-operative in allowing the poles to be placed on their property.

The Commission stated their appreciation for the co-operation of these citizens and also those on the back streets where the poles were placed to feed the stores on Mill St. The Commission promised to make arrangements concerning the transformer at the George Edwards property as soon as the construction work is taken care of.

Ken Timbers was present at the meeting. He requested an increase in salary to \$2200 per annum. The Commission considered this request but did not grant an increase.

A letter from the H.E.P.C. of Ontario gave the new prices on the conversion of meters from 25 to 60 cycle. These prices have to be revised upwards.

Secretary J. McGeachie read part of the Fire Underwriter's report to the Commission, which had been submitted to council.

The H.E.P.C. notified the Commission of a lineman's school being held at Toronto. The Commission felt that this was a good step, but the school would serve its purpose better if held in the winter months, not when a heavy construction program is in progress during the summer months.

A form was presented from the Bell Telephone which enclosed a statement for the joint use of poles. The P.U.C. is using 21 poles of the Bell and the telephone company are using 51 poles of the P.U.C.

It was decided to have a shovel dig the sewerage lateral into R. Rawson's new home on Willow St. as the main trunk is about 15 feet deep. This will be done when the new main is dug to the well on Main St. north.

Superintendent Lambert reported that he had completed the re-nesting of 32 water services on Mill Street. There are just five to be replaced on Main St. to complete the program.

A new lateral and water service has been installed to a house on Peel St., being built by J. E. McMullen.

The secretary was instructed to write the H.E.P.C. for the rates to be charged to the town for the new lighting on Mill Street.

Arrangements were to be made to have the spring lane graded by the town grader before the cold weather sets in.

Superintendent Mason reported a transformer had been burnt out on Bower Ave. Tuesday. This transformer was supplying the domestic load.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro	
Elliott Bros.	\$ 4.15
Bell Telephone Co.	36.35
Wm. McDougall and Son	3.44
H.E.P.C. of Ont.	8832.32
Whitham's Garage	10.05
Addressograph	1.36
Northern Electric	47.07
Reg. Gen. meter insp.	2.50
Petty cash	6.65
Mr. H. Palmer	17.00
A. Vine	71.00
	\$9,014.80
Water	
Thompson Motors	\$ 4.20
Acton P.U.C. hydro	605.54
	\$609.74

This Year's Picnic Claimed Best Ever

The best Sunday School picnic yet was the report of parents and youngsters who gathered on Wednesday, July 18 in Acton Park for the annual picnic of St. Joseph's Church Sunday School. Since the numbers attending were more than in other years, the racing and other events were especially popular. The picnic was sponsored by the ladies of the Altar Society.

Respected Citizen D. M. Waldie Dies

Son of the pioneer settlers of this farming district, and life-long and highly respected citizen, Donald MacGregor Waldie passed away on Sunday, July 15 at the Guelph General Hospital after an illness of just eight days. A son of the late Alexander Waldie and Margaret MacGregor, he resided on the second link for the last 44 years. Although in failing health, he kept active until his last illness. By his passing the community loses a staunch and upright citizen and a man who was a friend of all.

Mr. Waldie was born in 1872 on the old family homestead on the first line. He lived at different places in the area, and then in Glen Williams from 1894 to 1907 when he moved to the second line. He married the former Jane Elizabeth Moore in 1902 at Scotch Block.

Rev. R. H. Armstrong conducted the funeral service in Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton, on July 19 and interment followed in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

Pallbearers were James Godfrey, Georgetown; Erlene Roberts, Shelburne and Willard Britton, Stewart Elliott, Lawrence Gibbens and Murwood Steele, all of Acton. Flower bearers were nephews Ross Britton, Gordon Johnston, James Sayers, Wilfred Waldie, George Job and William Waldie.

Mr. Waldie leaves besides his wife, Jane Elizabeth Waldie, two sons, Rev. John R. Waldie, London, Ont. and Alexander of Acton. Three brothers and two sisters also remain, Alex and William of Brandon, Man.; Duncan, Mrs. Wm. Robertson and Mrs. Harry Sayers, all of Acton. To all of these sympathies of the community goes in the loss of a kind and loving husband, father and brother.

Torch, War Dances Christen "Injun"

Camp "Injun" is the name selected for the Acton Y.M.C.A. camp at Terra Co. Co. The "Injun Night" held by the boys' camp during their last week was the first dedication ceremony, while the girls' camp have planned a candlelight "Songfest" this week for their counterpart in existing camp.

The former event featured blazing torches, war dances on the swimming beach and the burning of a dummy figure representing "evil spirits" afloat in the water. The girls' program will feature a variety program of many camp songs, entertainment by the camp staff and a candlelight pajama parade. Local citizens of Terra Co. are expected to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Sutton are still in charge of the camp while Miss Jean Harris is attending the camp for the duration and last week providing able leadership.

A dozen girls are attending again this week with three additions filling vacancies from the first week's camping. Plenty of cramming is necessary this last week to get in special events from last week, including an overnight hike and a masquerade.

Some very prominent handicraft work is being done in woodwork, leathercraft, moccasin making and plaster moulding. Swimming has not been neglected and all are working hard on different water skills and swimming. The raft added this year is proving very popular. Softball, archery and volleyball are the popular sports.

Morning devotions is a feature each morning. All food is prepared over an open fire by the campers, under supervision, which by this time is hardly necessary as all are quite expert.

NO NEWS NEXT WEEK -- TAN, BURN WEEK AFTER; NEWSPAPER HOLIDAYS

There won't be any accidents in Acton next week. No fires, no weddings, no meetings—no news.

That is, as far as the paper is concerned.

The editor, photographer, reporters, secretary and all the printers are off providing personals for some other town's paper during the annual vacation of the staff from July 27 till August 7.

There will be no issue of the paper next week. Subscribers are asked to do the best they can to keep up on what's going on in town down shopping, in the post office or over the phones.

Although we blithely state there will be no news next week, it's likely not true. So we'll try to catch the loose ends of stories for the week after, and ask the correspondents to send along a twin budget of their community's happenings from July 26 until August 9. Everything will be in full swing again here in the office on Tuesday, August 7th. The only impediments to usual service may be sunburn and mosquito bites.

There's no edition of the paper on August 2, but look on it on the bright side. After all, that means there will be over 50 issues, we trust, before there's another break.

Knox Choir Party Honors W. Burton

Mr. and Mrs. Ab Robinson entertained the choir of Knox Church at a party at their home on Thursday evening, July 19. Miss Isabel Anderson was a very competent mistress of ceremonies for the evening, conducting several much enjoyed contests of a Scottish nature in lieu of W. P. "Scotty" Burton's return to the land of his birth.

Scotty Burton was among these winning prizes, who were as follows: Mrs. Kirby Williams, Mrs. Ada Near, Mrs. Ab Robinson, Inez McLellan, E. J. Salt, Rev. R. H. Armstrong, Clarence Coles and Ted Hanson.

After a bountiful lunch, Mrs. Abine Anderson, on behalf of the choir, presented Mr. Burton with a travelling clock and a brief song was the culmination of a delightful evening.

To Lay No Charges In Sunday Accident

No charges were laid after an accident on No. 7 highway just out of Acton in which a car driven by Mr. Arnott, Acton, and a second driven by Mr. Baker, London, were involved on Sunday at 5:15 p.m. Evidently the first car was making a left hand turn when the London car, passing, ran into it.

FRIENDS ATTEND MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER FOR MISS PEARL PAYNTER

A miscellaneous shower was held on Tuesday, July 17 in Georgetown by Mrs. William Young, Mrs. Charles Hill and Mrs. Ray Addy to honor Miss Pearl Paynter of Acton. Fourteen friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Addy to present the bride-to-be with many lovely gifts. Miss Paynter will marry Jim Foster of Norval on August 4th.



HALF MILLION DOLLAR project is the County Home for the Aged being erected south of Milton on Highway 25. Here is shown the model of the \$530,000 construction that is to accommodate 100 aged people. Brick layers started recently on the veneer work of the one storey building. Photo by Crouch, Oakville/Record Star

Dep-Minister O.K.'s Town Sewer Rental Collections

Acton council received a letter from Wilbert West, Solicitor for H. V. Dron, suggesting they rebate Mr. Dron the Sewerage rental charge of \$4.33, as ordered paid by Judge W. Robinson, and no further charge be made against Mr. Dron. A copy of the letter published last week, from the Municipal Board, was enclosed for the councillors at their regular session on Friday evening.

Councillor J. Greer reported to council on a meeting with the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs.

It was reported the deputy minister felt the letter to Mr. West was only one man's opinion and any further case would be between the Province of Ontario rather than the town, since the Municipal Board approved the by-law allowing the sewerage rental levy. Councillor Greer said the Deputy Minister felt the town was quite in order.

Solicitor George Elliott appeared for Lee Can regarding recommendation of the Planning Board and the refusal of council to allow the opening of a laundry on the south east corner of Willow and Church Streets.

Mr. Elliott said he felt the by-law did not apply in this case. "It looks like a test case under the by-law," Mr. Elliott commented.

Town Solicitor Leatherland advised council that he felt there was no reason why Mr. Can could not legally operate a laundry.

Chairman of the Planning Board, Theron Jones informed council that at the time the zoning by-law was drawn up it was intended that buildings in this zone could not change their intended use. "This," he added, "was intended as a protection to all citizens."

A motion authorizing police to prosecute any person who operates a laundry at the location, as contrary to the by-law, was supported by Councillors Wood, Weick and Greer, but lost to the majority.

Councillor Wood asked that the Mayor write to Dr. Mather, head of the Halton County Health Unit, advising him of the need for further medical assistance in the town and asking for a recommendation. Council received a letter from Solicitor George Elliott, on behalf

of Mr. and Mrs. A. Harris and regarding their claim for property damage allegedly caused by the installation of a sewerage lateral on their property. A meeting between the Sewer Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Harris and Solicitor Elliott was to be arranged.

The Town Solicitor was to contact the Spartan Contracting Co. regarding claims of Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Holloway and F. Salt. Councillor Greer of the Finance committee, reporting on a request of F. Crump for a salary increase, recommended a raise from \$2,400 to \$2,600 annually. A resolution to make the increase effective July 23 was defeated.

Tom Atkinson reported to council that he was applying for a building permit to erect three tourist cabins in his Cameron Ave. property. He presented a petition signed by 11 ratepayers in that area agreeing with the proposed erection of these cabins.

Mr. Atkinson was to submit a letter establishing the terms of rental and other details when making his formal application for a building permit.

The report of the Canadian Underwriters Association, made on the inspection of last December, was submitted.

Councillor L. Wieck of the Road committee reported on an inspection of roads in the Wartime Housing subdivision and recommendations were made to the Town Foreman for improvement.

Foreman Kirkness reported that 77 cement sidewalk blocks were replaced in the sidewalk improvement program. The supply of cement (Continued on Page Eight)

MATCH COVERS OF RUSSIA, ACTON HOBNOB IN H. V. DRON'S COLLECTION

One of the most compact and portable hobbies finds two loose-leaf notebooks loaned by H. V. Dron to the Free Press. Inside these two notebooks is Mr. Dron's splendid collection that he has made carefully over a period of years. Wherever he went, he was on the lookout for foreign currency, match covers, stamps, tickets, cigarette package seals, match box labels, Christmas and Easter seals, cigarette cards and other bits of printed paper that would be overlooked by many, but, when painstakingly gathered and labelled, provided a collection full of interest.

Hours could be spent with these books. The match box covers from foreign countries are colorful bits of Ceylon, Australia, Latvia, Finland, England, Panama, Japan, South Africa, India—and even Rus-

sia. And match boxes from Acton are just as prominent as any. Different classifications of cigarette cards include series with animals, horses, children from all over the world, questions and answers, a beautiful gilded set of birds and another of birds that were perforated, and would stand up, cards from navy ships, depots, lucky charm series and many others.

Foreign money includes a 500 million mark from Germany as well as French, Belgian and Dutch bills.

Air mail stickers of different countries—the Chinese one is unique—are typical of the section of the book in which small collections of various items provide constant change and interest.

It's a whirlwind trip around the world to turn the pages in Mr. Dron's notebooks!