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COUNTY APPROVES EQUAL ASSESSMENT

Estimated 535 Return To School On Tuesday

Tuesday morning about 535 children and teen-agers start back to school in Acton. For the high school students, the business of education will be much the same as in other years, with the addition of two new teachers. Changes are at the public school, where classes will be held beside the steadily growing new addition, although principal G. W. McKenzie reports that class rooms there will not likely be used at all this school year. For grades one, two and three there will be one class combining the three grades, at the request of Inspector L. L. Skuce.

Following the recommendation of the Hope Report, the three grades in one room system has been tried this year experimentally in other schools and found successful.

Of the new addition, only the heating unit, which heats both buildings and perhaps the wash-room facilities will be used. Work began on the roof this week and there is still much more work to be completed. Although only the ten classrooms in the old wing of the school will be used, "wonderful progress" has been made to the addition, principal McKenzie said.

About 400 are expected to gather in their last year's rooms Tuesday morning. At the end of the school year there were 390 pupils; 30 have graduated to high school and about 60 have registered for kindergarten. Because of lack of accommodation, from 15 to 20 of the youngest had to be refused.

The usual summer school cleaning was done in the building, but no major repairs. The whole school was redecorated inside last summer and next year the exterior will be painted to harmonize with the new unit.

Three new teachers are Miss Dorothy Capper, Stratford, who will teach kindergarten-primary, Miss McKay, Norval and Miss Dena Braida, Acton. The other teachers are Mrs. K. Alger, Mrs. Jane Gumble, Miss Isabel Anderson, Mrs. Annie Wilkinson, Miss Daisy Folster, W. D. E. Smith and the principal, G. W. McKenzie.

During the summer, the floors were varnished in the high school, plumbing fixtures repaired and a cupboard built. Principal O. Robbins expects about 135 students this year. While there were 137 at the beginning of last year, the number was down to 125 by the end of the year.

Parents' Night will be held on the first Thursday in September when parents of grade 9 students are especially welcome. Mr. Rob-

Coupe Hits Pole Driver Suffers Cuts

A telephone pole was bowled over at 9:50 p.m. on Friday, August 24 when a car driven by Duncan Ellis of Rockwood failed to make a turn and went into the ditch. The accident occurred on the Acton sideroad east of Knatchbull, three and a half miles south-west of Acton.

The vehicle, a 1931 Plymouth coupe, went into the ditch on the north side of the road. Damage was estimated at between \$175 and \$200.

The driver was treated by Dr. W. G. C. Kenney of Acton for deep lacerations to his left arm. A passenger, Elgin Cripps, also of Rockwood, was uninjured.

Dr. James Mather Reports 10 Cases

Five more cases of poliomyelitis were reported to the Halton County Health Unit during the week ending August 25th. Dr. James Mather reported this week. Four of these showed no paralysis, 3 young men in Acton, age 15, 18 and 21 years, and a girl in Oakville age 10 years. The fifth case, an 18 month old boy in Burlington has some paralysis.

Ten cases have been reported to the Health Unit since August 1st, 4 in Acton, 3 in Oakville, 2 in Burlington, and 1 non-resident in Trafalgar Township.

It takes from 50 to 100 years to produce a tree large enough for timber.

'51 Fair Prize List Just Off the Press

Right off the press are the 1951 Acton Fair Prize Lists. The red and black ink on the green cover is just dry.

Inside, past the officers' and directors' message and the rules and regulations, are the regular classes for horses, cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, pets, grain, fruit, vegetables, canned and preserved products, handicrafts, plants and flowers, school children's work, W. I. displays and all the items on display that make the hall at the fair full of annual interest in competitions.

Friday's arena show? The prize list announces that, along with the perennial horse events and music by the Acton Citizens' Band, there will be a high table balancing act, a baton twirler who was first in the New York State championship and a comedy juggler.

A musical comedian will highlight the grandstand show the next afternoon—and of course, there will be the baby show and pie-eating contest and gentlemen's road race and stock parade.

Some of the special prizes have been changed this year and some additional classes listed. A special commercial market, cattle feature has been added; there is a change in the Women's Institute display; handicraft classes are added, etc.

The 56-page prize list book gives promise of great things at Acton Park on Friday, September 21 and Saturday, September 22.

Contract Awarded Buy New Ladder

Contract for the wiring of the sewerage pumping station was awarded to G. Jordan at a cost of \$70 for labor only. Work is to be completed by September 15th, the Public Utilities Commission decided at the fortnightly meeting on Tuesday evening.

The Commission also decided to purchase a 36 foot aluminum extension ladder from E. E. Hickey Co. at a price of \$140.50.

A representative of the General Accident Insurance Co. gave details of his company's coverage on motor equipment and their inspection service. No decision was made until further consideration was given the proposal.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Hydro	
Bell Tel. Co. joint use	\$ 33.03
J. B. Mackenzie, cement	22.00
Acton Free Press, stationery	0.35
D. H. Howden, supp.	20.70
Can. Gen. Elec. supp.	18.84
Northern Elec. supp.	30.88
Federal Wire & Cable, supp.	361.06
H.E.P.C. of Ont., power & supp.	8261.69
Res. Gen., meter insp.	9.00
Can. Line Materials, supp.	71.20
Petty cash, exp. & trans.	12.75
	\$8,852.48

Water	
F. W. Bowes, labor	\$ 16.00
M. McMillan, labor	48.00
R. Morton, labor	16.50
J. Lambert, expenses	15.30
Can. Brass Co. supp.	212.04
Crane Ltd., supp.	307.45
	\$615.49

Mayor Tyler and Commissioner Ware were present at this meeting on Tuesday.

X-ray pictures to test metals can be taken at a speed of 100 per second.

COMFORT OF ACTON UNITED CHURCH WINDOW SILL ATTRACTS DRINKER

We are so accustomed to seeing drunks and open drinking in these days of liquor control (?) in this grand and glorious province that it becomes commonplace. The height of public offence was witnessed on Tuesday afternoon.

Looking out our office side window, we saw a man seated on the window sill of the United Church with a bottle and a glass—drinking. He appeared intoxicated, judging by his wavering back and forth on

the window sill. When the bottle was finished, he cast it aside, put his glass in his pocket and staggered off, leaving the bottle there along with his slopping bag.

The bottle was labelled Danforth White Wine. Don't know the potency of this brand but it gave quite a curve to that man's posture.

We know the church window sill, where we used to go to Sunday School, never had any part in his downfall.

DID NOT KNOW HER COUSIN WAS IN CANADA UNTIL HE PAID VISIT

A pleasant surprise for Mrs. G. W. McHugh this week was a two day visit from her cousin, Harry France and his wife Marion who live in St. John's, New Brunswick. With their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Armstrong, they had been touring in the States and were on their way to the Canadian National Exhibition before returning via Montreal.

Mrs. McHugh had not seen her cousin for 21 years and did not even know he was in Canada although he came from England in January of this year.

They enjoyed the reunion after all these years.

Three Towns Object To 1952 Equalized Schedule

Halton's new equalized assessment was realized following five years of tireless efforts by municipal officials, when County Council approved the new by-law setting up equalized assessment figures for 1952 at their meeting last Tuesday afternoon. However, the figures as set down in the schedule did not meet with the approval of all members and the issue was decided by a small margin of votes.

Members from the municipalities of Georgetown, Oakville and Burlington objected to the schedule arguing they thought they were assessed too highly.

Reeve G. Marshall, Georgetown, declared, "We are not satisfied with the figures as shown for Milton, Acton and Easington as being

too low compared with those of Georgetown. I would like to know how these figures are reached. Are all assessments measured with the same yard-stick?"

Reeve Howard Litchfield, Oakville, "Our Oakville council is not in favour of the figures as they now stand. Our percentage increase over last year has doubled and my council feel that it is not fair."

While Reeve H. D. Allen felt that Burlington's share was a little high he and his associate member on the council could not approve or vote against the by-law as they had only received the schedule the day before county council was to meet. "We have had no time to study the schedule, so therefore we are not prepared to take action at this time," Reeve Allen informed members.

Summing up the feeling of most councillors, Reeve George Thorpe said, "These are the actual figures of each municipality, and I think they are very fair."

Referring to a number of questions raised by members, Ford Rogers led the lengthy discussion on the question. He praised the efforts of members and their councils as well as local assessors for their co-operation since the program was first begun in 1946.

The County Assessor stressed that the county had gone through a great growth of expansion during the past five years. He said in 1946 the population of Halton was 31,000 people with an assessed value of \$22,000,000. Figures tabulated up to August this year indicated there was a population of 44,000 with an assessment of \$54,547,400.

In a further question regarding assessing procedure, Mr. Rogers explained that it had been agreed between all assessors in the county that property along the lakeshore and lower highways was more valuable than that in the northern portions of the municipality. Therefore certain percentage exemptions were made to give the whole overall picture a more fair distribution in assessment figures.

Comparative figures of the equalized assessment figures are shown elsewhere in this edition.

The perennial question of beaver and flooding water in Nassagaweya township was again raised by council when the chairman of the Re-forestation committee, George Currie, reported a conference with officials of the Departments of Lands and Forests recently. He urged the county purchase land in this area and set up a County Game Reserve.

This met with approval of Department officials, he said. He further advised certain tracts of land in this area could be purchased and negotiations were under way for other property on the westerly side of the Township road.

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NASSAGAWEYA TOWNSHIP GIVES GOLD WATCH TO KOREAN VETERAN

"It is a happy thing to have Keith back and a proud thing for Nassagaweya," said Arthur Padbury Tuesday evening, speaking for over 200 district residents who had gathered in Brookville Hall to honor John Keith Robertson, the first Korean war casualty to re-

Knox Ladies' Aid Plans Busy Fall

The members of Knox Ladies' Aid held their August meeting at the country home of Mrs. Stanley Mathews, No. 7 highway.

Mrs. F. J. McCutcheon, the president, had charge of the meeting and plans were made for a busy fall term. A committee of three, Mrs. F. J. McCutcheon, Mrs. D. McLellan and Mrs. Peter Murray is to meet with the managers and decide on the improvements to be made in the kitchen.

It was the unanimous decision to have a fowler supper following the anniversary in October.

The devotional period was taken by Mrs. Allen Smith and Mrs. Robert O'Hara. Mrs. W. Masales read an interesting story entitled "What are little girls made of?" Mrs. D. McLellan read a poem "The Jericho Road" and Mrs. George Somerville a poem "Who is my neighbor?"

Mrs. Fred Anderson introduced an interesting contest to conclude the program. Mrs. Somerville and Mrs. Mathews were the winners.

A delightful social half hour was enjoyed over the tea cups. The committee of the month were Mrs. F. Anderson, Mrs. F. Cole, Mrs. A. Smith, Mrs. A. Mann and Mrs. O'Hara. An invitation was received to meet for the next meeting at the home of Mrs. W. Watkins.

Mrs. R. O'Hara expressed the thanks to the hostess and the members' pleasure at spending the afternoon at rural homes on these lovely summer days.

\$75-\$100 Damage Estimated To Car

Between \$75 and \$100 damage was estimated to a 1934 Chrysler sedan and cuts and mirror injuries suffered by car passenger Dan Anderson, Acton, last Friday, August 24 at 10 p.m. when the vehicle missed a turn and rolled over.

Driven by Earl McCoy of Willow St., Acton, the car had been travelling east on the second concession south of Acton. Another passenger, Jack Pink, was uninjured.

Acton Man Injured In Sunday Accident

Leonard Cripps, Acton, suffered cuts to his mouth and over his right eye Sunday when the car in which he was a passenger went into the ditch on No. 7 highway two-tenths of a mile east of Acton. The accident occurred about 12:30 a.m.

The driver of the car, John Airdrie of Acton, told investigating provincial police that he was crowded off the road by a car travelling toward Acton.

Damage to the right front fender, wheel, bumper and hood of the 1935 Dodge sedan totalled an estimated \$150.

Rotarians Consider Acton Peanut Day

Acton Rotary Club on Tuesday night heard a report of the progress made by a crippled child which had been provided with braces and a new table, and decided to embark on another campaign to raise funds to carry on the great work of assisting crippled children of Acton and district.

To help raise funds, Bob Rust, of Kitchener, explained the organization of a Peanut Day for Acton which will be held either the last week of September or the first Saturday in October. The Planter Company hope to bring the big \$50,000 peanut float to Acton but Mr. Rust was careful to give no definite assurance of this item. It is hoped the Day will provide more funds to assist the ever growing work of making life better for the crippled children of Acton.

\$149.79 FROM EVERY ACTONIAN WOULD CANCEL DEBENTURE DEBT

Acton has the lowest taxation per person of any municipality in the County of Halton, according to the 1950 Annual Report of Municipal Statistics recently released by Minister of Municipal Affairs, Hon. G. H. Durnbar.

The 1950 figures show Acton with a total debenture debt of \$453,849. Taxation in 1950 raised \$72,021 or \$23.77 per person. If everyone of the 3,030 assessed population in Acton contributed \$149.79, the town's debenture debt would be wiped out.

Oakville claims the highest debenture debt in the county with a total of \$621,460 on which \$26,727 interest was paid in 1950.

Only four of Halton's nine municipalities issued new debentures in 1950. Acton issued \$375,550.

Georgetown issued \$31,000, Nelson issued \$289,900 and Easington issued \$67,000.

Nassagaweya has by far the least debenture debt, owing \$583 or an average of 31 cent per person.

The nine Halton County municipalities of 1950 collected \$1 in taxes from the assessed population of 39,961.

Trafalgar Township, according to 1949 figures, has the highest assessment in the county with property and buildings assessed \$3,827,875. Nassagaweya's lowest assessment, with 10 MILLWOMEN, valued at \$1,464,347.

The greatest total council raised \$282,582, the town of Oakville raised only \$57,739. 251

HALTON EQUALIZED ASSESSMENT

Tables below are those approved for equalized assessment in Halton County for the years of 1951 and 1952 and will show comparative figures for each municipality. It will be noted that Bronte was not included in the 1951 table as the equalized assessment by-law is approved a year in advance for the purpose of raising money to carry on county business, and each municipality's share should be as near equal as is possible. The percentages were not included in the council's printed reports.

EQUALIZED ASSESSMENT TABLE FOR 1952

Municipality	Total Assessment	Pct.
Oakville	\$11,688,000	21.427
Burlington	9,763,800	17.890
Georgetown	3,475,700	6.371
Acton	2,326,200	4.264
Milton	2,250,000	4.124
Bronte	847,600	1.553
Trafalgar	9,126,600	16.731
Nelson	8,447,000	15.485
Easington	4,738,800	8.687
Nassagaweya	1,883,700	3.453
Total	\$54,547,400	

EQUALIZED ASSESSMENT TABLE FOR 1951

Municipality	Total Assessment	Pct.
Oakville	\$4,813,057	14.81
Burlington	4,140,300	12.37
Georgetown	1,968,065	5.88
Acton	1,459,316	4.36
Milton	1,566,419	4.68
Bronte	nil	nil
Trafalgar	8,116,596	24.45
Nelson	5,649,820	16.88
Easington	4,160,383	12.43
Nassagaweya	1,596,428	4.76

The above table was an order by the County Judge as the outcome of an appeal lodged by the towns of Burlington and Oakville last year. The order was made following a meeting of all municipalities who agreed to the above equalized assessment table for 1951.