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SMILING OFFICIALS look forward to a successful Peanut Day in their drive for funds to assist crippled children in Acton and district. Rotary president, T. Jones, and secretary E. Hansen are seen with the Queen of the Peanut Float and one of the Peanut Men in the background, just before they start tagging on Saturday of last week. —Staff Photo

## Peanut Day Nets \$595 For the Crippled Children

Peanuts held sway in Acton on Saturday when Acton Rotary Club in co-operation with the Planters Peanut Co. emceed their campaign to raise funds to assist in the work for crippled children of Acton and district. There were Rotarians with peanuts by the bag or by the tin on every main corner. The Planters Co. float had 192,307 of them aboard with a lovely Peanut Queen and a couple of overgrown peanuts bowing and dancing to the crowd.

The day started off about 10 a. m. with a parade from Young St. with Acton Citizens' Band in the lead and the peanut float following. It wound along the main streets and settled at the Post Office corner. There was music all the way. This was headquarters for the float but it made periodic trips throughout the day around town. In the evening it was beautifully lit and stayed on the job right up until President Jones of Acton Rotary announced the winners of the guessing competition and thanked all for the fine participation to make Acton's first Peanut Day such a success.

There were 192,307 peanuts on the float and the closest guess was made by J. Cripps of R. R. 2, Acton, who estimated 193,260. He won \$25 in cash. Next closest guess was that of A. Beaumont, Ridgeway, with 191,000, which brought him \$15 cash. Third guess was 195,220 by Alan Mathes and he won \$10.

Headquarters was at the Bank of Nova Scotia where an effort was made to summarize the financial returns. Complete details were not available Saturday night, but at Tuesday's Rotary meeting, it was found the pre-sale of cocktail tins was 1512 and net amount raised by everything was \$596.08. There were 1128 bags in the sale and Rotary and Mr. Reist of the Planter's Co. were very much pleased with the success and fine co-operation accorded by all.

## Tag Day Proceeds For Food Parcels

Proceeds of the Fair Day tagging of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the L.O.D.E. will be forwarded to Provincial Headquarters for food parcels. It was decided at the meeting of the Chapter on Tuesday evening. The Chapter also made arrangements to make new clothes for European children. Members who have used clothing for overseas and magazines for ships were asked to contact Mrs. J. W. Wolfe. A new member was received into the Chapter and further arrangements regarding the Cooking School were discussed. The October meeting was held at the home of Mrs. R. H. Elliott, Lower Ave.

## SMASHES PLATE GLASS WINDOWS IN EARLY HOURS OF SUNDAY

Jack Arnold, aged 64 with no fixed address, chose a nasty and expensive way to get jail lodging for a term when he smashed a plate glass door at Maher's Shoe Store early Sunday morning and then, to make sure of having his vindictiveness impressed, smashed the glass in the big show window of the store. To make his smashes, he used a large stone on the door and show window. The door was equipped with a double Yale lock, which resisted his effort to enter the store through the broken glass panel. It is said that Arnold complained that all the shoes on display were for the left foot and he couldn't get a pair to fit him. Charged with breaking and entering, he was lodged in the county jail at Milton. It is surmised his chief desire was to get a sentence that would find him lodging for the winter, since he made no effort to leave the scene and it is recalled a similar escapade occurred in a neighboring town a year or so ago. Arnold's rampage made a shambles of the Maher Store front. All the display had to be removed from the window and the window boarded up. The door also had to be boarded until new glass could be installed.

## Driver Convicted Dangerous Driving

A fine of \$200 and costs was imposed on Friday in court in Guelph on James McKinnon, garage man of Guelph, when he was convicted of dangerous driving arising out of a fatal accident on September 1st about four miles west of Acton. No order was made restricting the driving permit of the accused, however. The accused had elected summary trial and pleaded not guilty.

Magistrate Watt, in registering the conviction, held the accident to be caused by McKinnon travelling too fast as he entered a curve, four miles west of Acton, where the collision occurred. McKinnon had then tried to get out of the way—but too late, the court suggested.

Mrs. Barbara Ware, 33, R.R. 5, Rockwood, a mother of three small children, was almost instantly killed in the crash, which occurred about 9 p.m. September 1, when McKinnon's heavy vehicle was in collision with an English model vehicle driven by the husband of the victim.

Harry Ware said he had been three or four feet on his right hand side of the white line having just previously passed several other vehicles on the curve where the collision occurred.

The lights of the McKinnon car came across his car directly in front of him and then swung to the right, and the McKinnon car was on the wrong side of the road. Jack Shandy, Guelph, who was following McKinnon into Guelph, said the rear left side of McKinnon's car had been over the centre line of the road, after the accident. He had given help to the injured in both cars. The only sign of liquor he noticed was a bottle in the glove compartment of the McKinnon car, he told Crown Attorney J. M. Kearns, K.C., who prosecuted.

William Herron, of Mimico, who also came upon the scene shortly after the collision, also said the McKinnon car was partially on the wrong side of the road after the crash. He had smelled liquor in the Guelph car.

McKinnon told Mr. Kearns that he had been at a garage-owner's picnic at Erin, but had no explanation for the bottle top or spilled liquor in the car. "I didn't know there was any liquor in the car," he said. Mrs. McKinnon, who had been in the car also said the small vehicle had been on the wrong side of the road.

## Voluntary Workers Improve Church

Voluntary workers have made great improvements in the United Church Sunday School Room. The whole room has been repainted in a warm coral pink. New plywood panels have been put around the base and cupboards built for hymn books and projector.

Another group laid a new cement walk at the church entrance recently so that sidewalk and floor level have no steps and it will obviate the inconvenience of water drainage flooding the entrance in the spring weather.

The work now being done is on the old boiler room, which is being remodelled for kitchen use. It will have, in addition to cupboard space now available, another group of cupboards with spaces for serving food from the kitchen to the main room. Only materials for the work have been purchased. All the work has been a labor of love.

## Hospital Charges To Be Investigated

An impartial commission will be established to investigate Canadian Legion charges that patients at Sunnybrook Veterans' Hospital are not receiving adequate medical treatment. It is said.

The commission will likely be set up by order-in-council under the Enquiries Act and will probably be composed of an eminent doctor, a lawyer and a representative of the veterans not associated with the legion. It will have power to call witnesses, hear evidence under oath and in particular give a hearing to Arthur Padbury, chairman of the legion's service bureau in Ontario, who last week made the charges that Sunnybrook patients are being used as "guinea pigs" for the University of Toronto medical school.

Mr. Padbury's charges were supported Saturday by the administrative committee of the legion's Ontario command, which decided to take up the department of veterans' affairs offer to provide facilities for an investigation of the allegations.

Since Mr. Padbury's charges, with their central theme that Sunnybrook treatment was of the "guinea pig" type because of the hospital's association with the university medical school, D.V.A. officials have been made acutely aware of the indignation of the doctors and surgeons who have given their time on a call-in basis to D.V.A. hospitals.

## MRS. B. VELDHUIS HOSTESS FOR REGULAR WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION MEET

The Woman's Association of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. B. Veldhuis. In the absence of the president, the first vice-president, Mrs. H. Burns, presided. The devotional period was conducted by Miss E. Hawthorne. The church kitchen is progressing and nearing completion it was reported.

Memorial chimes were played at the Sunday morning service in memory of the late Mrs. F. Swackelmer and Mr. S. Reid by the organist, Miss Lampard. The ladies have completed several quilts.

At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Veldhuis, assisted by Mrs. J. J. Stewart and Mrs. D. Lindlag, served lunch and a social time was enjoyed.

A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Veldhuis for her home and to the lunch committee. A number of members attended the turkey supper at Churchill Tuesday evening.

## Township Officers Of P.C. Party Meet

A meeting of officers of Nassagaweya Progressive Conservative Association held Thursday evening, Sept. 27 at the home of Alex Pringle, R.R. 1 Acton was attended by the M.L.A. for Halton, Mr. Stanley Hall, who expressed the view that while an election this fall was unlikely, he nevertheless commended the early limbering up of local organizations.

Gordon Blacklock was appointed chairman for Ward 3, replacing Max Storey who has moved away from the township.

The meeting decided to have a bridge and euchre night early in November and arrangements for this gathering were left to the care of Mrs. Mary Thomas of Campbellville and Mr. Andy Frank of Guelph Rd.

## Twp. Approves New Assessment

At a special meeting of Esquesing Council, approval was given of the by-law equalizing the assessment of Halton County for 1952 as passed by the County Council.

It was also decided to petition the Department of Highways for the statutory road grant on expenditures from January to August for the sum of \$43,342.40.

Council protested the plans of the Department of Lands and Forests in granting an open season for the hunting of deer in certain counties of Southern Ontario.

All councillors were present at this special meeting, presided over by Reeve George Currie.

At the regular monthly meeting on Monday, Council decided to purchase a 614 J. D. Adams motor grader according to tender. This purchase was to be subject to the approval of the Municipal Board and the Department of Highways. The Municipal Board was to be petitioned for approval of purchase payments as set out on back of order.

Motions were passed by council regarding the acceptance of an order by E. C. Weidner, for paving 19' 10' recession 10 and accepting the tenders of Geo. W. Hamilton for cutting hill and making fill for the sum of \$1,875 for approximately 7,500 cubic yards. This was also subject to the Department of Highways.

A by-law was passed establishing a Fire Area, to be known as Fire Area No. 2 of the Town of Milton. The road superintendent was instructed to call for tenders for plowing snow for the township for the winter of 1951-52.

Road accounts passed amounted to \$1,684,996 and relief accounts of \$48 were paid.

It was reported to council that the Municipal Board and the treasury department have given approval of the Tile Drainage by-law.

Accounts passed for payment included: Bell Telephone Co., \$9.35; Georgetown Hydro, \$28.84; Georgetown Herald, \$2.70; George C. Brown premium, \$5; Ontario Municipal Board, tariff fee, \$10; A. W. Benton, stamps, \$52.50; R. W. Cunningham, Clarence Anderson, Harry Bessey, fence viewing fees, \$12; claims for sheep killed, \$255.50 and valuator's fees of \$16.

Norman Douglas was paid \$5 for shooting a fox.

Deputy-reeve George Leslie and Councillors H. Craig Reid, Wilfred Bird and Walter Linham were present at this meeting at which Reeve George Currie presided.

## 4 Year Old Hurt In Car Accident

Struck by an automobile last Thursday afternoon, Janice Wagner, aged four, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wagner was thrown about ten feet and suffered a fractured right arm and leg and bruises to her head and body. She is reported as making favorable progress at her home here.

The little girl was playing with friends on Mill Street when a car driven by Alfred H. Talbot of Everton struck her as she is said to have darted out on the roadway. The accident occurred about 3:30 p.m. Acton police investigated the mishap but no charge was laid against the driver.

## Balance Provincial Grant Received by School Board

At the meeting of Acton Public School Board on Tuesday evening the secretary reported that the balance of the Legislative grant amounting to \$7,929.53 had been received. This makes the total grant for this year \$14,429.53.

## KNOX LADIES' AID HOLD OCTOBER MEETING AT MRS. WILMER WATKINS'

The members of Knox Ladies Aid enjoyed a delightful afternoon at the country home of Mrs. Wilmer Watkins when they gathered for their monthly meeting. Mrs. Fred McCutcheon conducted the meeting. Mrs. F. Blow led in the devotional period.

The afternoon was taken up with business, that of planning the menu and appointing convokers for the various tasks to make the annual turkey supper a success.

Mrs. R. L. Davidson, program convoker, gave a report on the program that would follow the supper.

A birthday of the month gift was presented to Mrs. C. Hansen and a travelling parcel was concluded when it reached the president with a gift for her.

The committee of the month served lunch and a social time was enjoyed. Mrs. E. J. Hassard expressed the thanks to the hostess and all who had assisted.

## Prominent Milton Industrialist Dies

P. I. Robertson, Milton's leading industrialist died at his home on Martin St. on Wednesday. Mr. Robertson was an inventor and author of some note. His invention of the socket-head screw led to the establishment in Milton of a major industry which gives employment to over 300 men and women. The plant was started forty years ago with 4 or 10 employees and has shown steady growth and expansion. He was President of the P. I. Robertson Manufacturing Co. in Milton.

Mr. Robertson had been in failing health for the past six years and confined to his home. He was a native of Seneca Township and came to Milton in 1908 after some time in Hamilton. An welfare and in his first book, "The Remedy," published in the early 1930's, he urged a reevaluation of the gold standard during those depression times.

He lived a quiet life devoted to his industry and his people. Mr. Robertson never married.

The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon with services at the home of Mr. G. W. MacKenzie, conducted by Rev. John Riddell. Here many friends gathered to pay tribute to the life and work of P. I. Robertson. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Milton.

Two brothers survive him, Dr. W. A. Robertson of Toronto and John B. Robertson of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

## EVENING CLASSES FOR NEW CANADIANS AT ACTON HIGH SCHOOL

The North Halton High School District Board plans to provide evening classes during the coming winter months at Acton High School in Basic English and Canadian Civics. If a sufficient number enroll. This type of training is a prerequisite to Canadian Citizenship. Persons interested should contact Principal O. Robbins as soon as possible so that arrangements may be made.

## PROMPT ACTION AVERTS BIG FIRE IN 300 FOOT FRAME BUILDINGS

What might have been a serious conflagration was caught in the early stages yesterday morning and damage confined to a small section of the Beardmore Co. building locally known as the "Bunk House". Damage was confined to the floor and one side of a small section of the building.

The buildings, which are about 300 feet in length and of frame construction, were used until about six weeks ago, as living quarters for many single men employed by Beardmore and Co. At times, over fifty men had lodging in these premises but they are now closed and boarded up and the power lines have been cut off.

Non-resident fees of \$80.00 were received for the month of September.

The Secretary advised that insurance of \$40,000 was the current coverage on the new school.

The finance statement of \$983.09 was presented and approved. The Secretary was directed to assess N.I.H.S.D. Board \$566.07, of which \$305.00 was sewer and new urnal installation; \$100.47, September plant maintenance.

Mr. McKenzie reported that the afternoon tea, sponsored by the Home and School Club was a real success. The splendid attendance of the parents was gratifying and teachers and parents enjoyed a happy hour.

The Board considered that outside lighting must be installed to prevent vandalism at the school premises.

The Board approved levelling part of the playground at the rear of the annex.

Principal McKenzie reported that school would be closed October 12 on the occasion of the teacher's convention. He also advised that the absence of school exhibits from the Fall Fair was due to the fact that the prize list was not received until the second week in September, which was insufficient time to prepare them.

The property committee was authorized to have necessary repairs to the High School roof made by the contractor doing the new school roof.

The secretary reported that Mr. Letherland had advised that the survey of the proposed tract of land would be completed in seven days.

Board approved necessary dictonaries and English books for increase of grade 5 pupils.

Emergent meeting, were called last month with architects and sanitary plumbing and heating regarding a steam heating pipes for the new school. Board approved plan to be same cancelled and were to be done by Sanitary Plumbing and Heating.

Trustees Jones, Hoard and Crighton were present and Chairman Oakes presided. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

## Two Cases Polio Reported In Halton

Two cases of poliomyelitis were reported to the Halton County Health Unit during the week ending September 29. One case is a 14 year old boy in Trafalgar township, who became ill on September 22nd. He is a very mild case with no paralysis and is being cared for at home. The other is a 5 year old boy in Esquesing township. He has no paralysis.

In all, 18 cases have been reported since the beginning of August but only 4 cases have had their onset in September. There have been no deaths.

## MORE SYNTHETIC RUBBER

Starting soon you may be riding more and more on synthetic rubber at less cost says The Financial Post. By war and some Canadian tire-makers may have hoped production by as much as 25-30%. With synthetic selling at around half the price of natural rubber, tire-makers stand to effect some important economies in production costs.



CROWDS OF ACTONIANS looked on as excited Peanut Men danced and an enchanting Queen of the Peanut Float waded to the crowds of children that followed the float from MacSwain's Service Station to the Post Office Saturday morning where it was stationed making occasional tours of the town. Rotary Club officials welcomed the \$50,000 float and its crew of six for Peanut Day. —Staff Photo

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