

ONT. BOARD RE-AFFIRMS RATE BY-LAW

\$16,000 FIRE LEVELS FARM BUILDING CLAIMS 5,000 BROILER CHICKENS

A smouldering coal and feed pile and 20 blackened brooder stoves were all that remained Sunday of a chicken house on the farm of Adam Szady-Bey after fire ripped through the 200 foot frame building Sunday morning just a mile north of number 7 highway on the road to Everton west of Acton. The leaping flames claimed 5,000 broiler chickens just two weeks away from market and total damage is estimated at \$16,000.

Charles McNabb across the road noticed the smoke coming out of the roof of the 200 foot by 20 foot building and rushed over to tell his neighbor. Within less than 15 minutes the Rockwood Fire Brigade answered the call and in the

meantime neighbors fought vainly to control the blaze.

The fire apparently started in the end where the coal and feed was stored for it was from this end that the smoke first came. "About 25 chickens scampered out the door when it was opened by firemen," an eye witness said. "It only took about five minutes for the fire to go the whole length of the building," he said.

The building was completely levelled and the coal and feed pile smouldered until late Sunday evening. Firemen of the Rockwood brigade got water from a neighbor's farm.

Renovations in the barn were made recently to house 10,000 more broilers.

Wiring Nears End At Disposal Plant

Acton Public Utilities Commission authorized payment of \$600 to D. Dawkins on account for wiring at the sewage disposal plant at their meeting on Monday evening of this week. It is expected that the wiring will be completed this week as far as the material is on hand. Some motors are to be placed yet by the contractors before the electricians can make connections but it is hoped that these will be ready shortly.

C. Rogwaldson of Baxter Laboratories, was present. The firm is contemplating a change in their electrical service when they build an addition to the plant. It is proposed to run an underground service to the factory from the transformer bank which is situated along the creek. The Commission said that no opposition would be placed in the way of improving this service and everything possible done that would assist in the changeover. The Company would be eliminating one service and taking all power at 550.



FRED EURINGER delivered the valedictory address at the Acton High School Commencement exercises on Friday evening of last week. Fred attended Acton High for five years and is now studying at the University of Toronto. — Staff Photo

Capacity Crowd At Commencement

A full auditorium greeted the Acton High School Commencement Exercises on both Thursday and Friday nights in the Town Hall last week and thoroughly enjoyed the program presented by the pupils, the presentation of diplomas and annual awards. There were a number of new awards and scholarships this year that created fine incentive for the pupils and added keen interest in the presentation part of the event.

The program included well rendered numbers by the Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. Ted Hansen. The addresses of welcome were given by Donald McVey and Yvonne Brunelle.

Gymnastic exercises by the boys under Mr. J. Heron showed a great deal of training and considerable skill. Miss E. Harris conducted the girls in their athletic display which included a star wheel march, a schottish and the eye waltz.

Municipal Board O.K.'s Sewer Rate Structure

The Ontario Municipal Board re-affirmed its approval of the Acton by-law establishing sewer rates on Friday at a public hearing in the Parliament Buildings, Toronto. The hearing was held on the application of H. V. Dron for a review of the by-law establishing the rate structure on the sewerage system.

Lorne Cummings, chairman of the board, said at the conclusion of the hearing, "I think no good purpose will come from reserving a decision. The Board has given careful consideration to the by-law and has not been convinced that the town made a mistake. The Board re-affirms the approval of the by-law."

Ladies Hear Talk On City Frontiers

The Women's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. C. L. Poole last Thursday with the president, Miss M. Z. Bennett, presiding. The meeting opened with prayer by the president. The worship service was led by Mrs. R. H. Arnold and the scripture reading by Mrs. P. Binnie. Mrs. Poole and Mrs. I. Agor.

"The Church of the City Frontiers" and "An imaginary journey by air across Canada" were given by Mrs. Orr. She gave a brief idea of downtown conditions in mission cities across the country at Halifax, N.S., the Fred Victor Mission, Toronto, Vancouver, first United Church, Vancouver.

The town solicitor told the Board that 142 permits had been issued to tenants of the 207 in town. The Board chairman asked if there had only been one complaint during the year the rate structure had been in operation and was told it was the only one.

Mr. West, solicitor of Mr. Dron, pointed out that even if the by-law had been in effect for one year it was no reason why tenants should suffer under it from 1951 to 1970. He reminded the Board that the sewerage system was not in operation yet.

"It is quite possible that council in considering the matter did not give full attention to the tenants who might not receive benefit from the system," Mr. West declared.

Chairman Cummings reminded Mr. West that "we cannot be expected to measure out exactly the amount of benefit received by every citizen."

Mr. West suggested the matter be referred to Acton council by the Board and a public hearing be held in Acton. "We know if given a public hearing in Acton, one might find a flood of tenants who would be interested."

Mr. Cummings pointed out that even if 50 or 60 other tenants complain and no new points are raised there would be no benefit of an Acton hearing.

The Board was told that the amount in question was \$115 per month that had been levied as a sewer rate along with the water rate. This amount on the water bills raises half the yearly obligation of the sewerage system and the other half is raised on the mill rate.

Norval Minister Fireside Speaker

On Sunday evening, the Alert Evening Auxiliary was privileged to have the Rev. G. L. Royal of Norval address the fall thanksgiving and fireside service.

Mrs. H. Armstrong introduced the speaker, who chose as his topic "Authority" and based it on the Bible as the only true foundation for authority. Mrs. A. McLaac, the president, gave a friendly welcome to the large number who had attended.

The devotional period was led by Mrs. A. Mann. Miss Fay Garner played two delightful numbers on her accordion "My faith looks up to Thee" and "Onward Christian soldiers."

Mrs. Gordon Bowen sang "It is no secret what God can do" as a conclusion to the program.

Mrs. F. Anderson spoke on behalf of the Auxiliary in appreciation to the speaker, the musical contributors and to all who by their presence had made the evening one of truly Christian fellowship. Mrs. H. L. Bennie gave the closing prayer.

A social half hour was enjoyed, convened by Mrs. Dodds and her helpers.

In its 33 centuries, the city of Jerusalem has endured more than 20 sieges and blockades.

Five Hour Session Gets Equalization Agreement

Haltom's equalized assessment problem was settled during a five hour session of Haltom County Council in Milton last Tuesday afternoon. The basis of settlement, reached mutually, was established on a percentage agreement with all municipalities accepting an adjustment on the figures as set down in the equalized assessment by-law. The greatest adjustment was made between the four southern municipalities, with the five northern municipalities accepting a two-point adjustment between them.

The mutual settlement terminated a disagreement with the by-law figures as set down by the new equalized assessment program approved by Burlington, Oakville and Georgetown.

Headed by D. L. MacConachie, counsel for Trafalgar and Nelson Townships, agreement was reached between Oakville and Trafalgar when Angus McMillan for Oakville stated Oakville was willing to accept 17 per cent. instead of the proposed 21 per cent. figures. He further pointed out the amounts as supplied to the assessment department were erroneous. However, he felt a satisfactory adjustment could be reached between Trafalgar and Oakville.

Most of the session was taken up with meetings between the various municipalities with Oakville and Trafalgar representatives coming to an early settlement. Meetings between Burlington and Trafalgar required a longer discussion. To finalize the proposals, each municipality's representatives were consulted and a resolution was presented which was passed unanimously by the full council.

The resolution, sponsored by Reeve George Currie and Reeve Howard Litchfield, stated, "For the purpose of reaching a settlement of the appeal from the county by-law no. 888, the municipalities shall direct their solicitors to consent to a judgment, which will vary the said by-law to the extent that the municipalities shall accept the percentage of the 1952 county by-law as set out in the following table: Oakville 17.20 per cent.; Burlington 15.14 per cent.; Georgetown 15.14 per cent.; Acton 15.14 per cent.; Bronte 17.33 per cent.; Trafalgar 20.07 per cent.; Nelson 14.418 per cent.; Nagsaweya 3.72 per cent.; Equeusing 9.247 per cent. and that such settlement be accepted by each municipality without prejudice on any subsequent appeal from an equalization by-law of the County of Haltom and further that such settlement shall not be used by any municipality as a basis of argument in any such subsequent appeal."

It was explained the settlement was discussed on the completed rolls of each municipality as certified by the different clerks. The percentage figures agreed upon will be based on the county levy for 1952.

Comparative percentages between the by-law and the agreed amounts are as follows:

	By-law 888	Agreed
	Percent	Percent
Acton	15.14	15.14
Burlington	17.8907	15.141
Georgetown	6.3719	7.03
Milton	4.1249	4.328
Oakville	21.4272	17.202
Equeusing	8.8875	9.247
Nagsaweya	3.4533	3.72
Nelson	15.4856	14.418
Trafalgar	16.7311	20.077
Bronte	1.5359	1.703

There seemed to be a feeling of hopefulness among members of council before the session opened.

P.Y.P.S. TOPIC IS 'MISSIONS'; RAISES INTERESTING DISCUSSION

The regular meeting of Knox P.Y.P.S. was held on November 21 and opened with the call to worship by Isabel Ritchie. Kae Hanson and Bill Bell led in prayer and Don Davidson read the scripture. The topic for the evening was on Missions and was given in two parts: the first part by Isabel Ritchie and the second part by Shirley Wilson. The ensuing discussion was very interesting with many varied points being raised such as Communism and the evils of strong drink.

The business part of the meeting was opened by the secretary's report and roll call. A very lengthy discussion was held on the proposed Christmas party.

Garage Closing By-Law Unanimously Approved

Acton council unanimously approved a closing by-law governing the retail gasoline outlets, at their regular meeting on Friday of last week. The by-law is to be effective December 1. Reeve Hargrave and Councillor Thompson did not sit on council for the passing of the by-law. By resolution the clerk was authorized to issue permits under the by-law and revoke the 24 hour service permit issued to Tom's Service Station.

J. Whitham, representing the majority of garage operators, pointed out that the Department of Labor establishes regulations governing 24 hour service and it was out of the jurisdiction of the town.

A Melsaac presented a letter from the operator's solicitor stating "that providing the petition is duly signed by not less than 75 per cent. in number of occupiers of shops affected within the municipality, the by-law, as prepared by us, when duly enacted, will be valid and binding on all such shops in the Town and will be enforceable according to its provisions in the Courts of Law of Ontario."

J. Whitham told council that he didn't know what other proof could be brought to support the by-law.

Solicitor G. E. Elliott representing B. D. Raehlin, suggested to council that Mr. Raehlin had some complaint on the limit of his property at the corner of Mill and

Proficiency Awards Presented

Proficiency awards were presented on behalf of North Haltom High School District Board by Dr. A. J. Buchanan and Mr. G. A. Dills. Winners of these awards were: grade 9, Janice Baker, Nancy Lambert, grade 10, Isabelle Ritchie, Barbara Turner, grade 11, Marjorie Worne, Donald Dawkins.

The Lakeside Chapter scholarship of \$25 was presented by Mrs. Orr and won by Lorene Rostel.

Acton High School field day cups were presented by Miss E. Harris and Mr. J. Heron and winners were: Junior, Janice Baker, David McVey; Intermediate, Annamarie Spitzer, Donald Dawkins; senior, Doreen Cole, Crawford Douglas; inter-school field day cup, Janice Baker.

Three new scholarships were made available to Acton students. The Ames Mason scholarship was presented by Mr. George Mason to Fred Turner for the student who made the best progress during the year. Mayor E. Tyler presented the scholarship donated by him to Yvonne Brunelle for the student who made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the school. Mr. Stanley E. Wilkinson presented his scholarship to Jo Ann Veldhuis for the pupil who showed the greatest proficiency and promise at the end of the Commercial

Main St. He pointed out that in 1858 the lot was slightly over 57 feet. Another deed of 10 feet brought the lot down to 80 or 87 feet and in 1927 the plan registered the lot at 83 feet.

The solicitor suggested that perhaps the measurements on the width of Mill St. had been taken improperly. A hydro standard erected at that corner is partly on town land and partly on Mr. Raehlin's property if that is so, Mr. Elliott said.

Mr. Elliott asked if Council would apply to the Lieutenant-Governor and have a survey of the town made and monuments placed.



A SMOLDERING COAL AND FEED pile and 20 blackened brooder stoves are all that remains of a 200 foot by 20 foot frame chicken house that was levelled by fire on Sunday morning near Everton, just north of No. 7 highway. The \$16,000 blaze wiped out some 5,000 chickens just two weeks away from market on the farm of Adam Szady-Bey. Neighbors fought the lightning blaze vainly, and the Rockwood Fire Brigade was unable to save any part of the building. Cause of the fire is unknown. — Staff Photo

Social Evening To Buy Radio, Success

A good crowd gathered at Lorne School, S. S. No. 12, Esqueusing, last Friday night to enjoy the euchre and dance put on by the ladies of the section.

Cards were enjoyed the first couple of hours with awards going to ladies first, Mrs. J. Dennis; second, Mrs. J. Locker; men's first, Mr. J. Locker; second, Mr. G. W. Masales. Travelling prizes, ladies, Miss Marjory McDonald and men's, Mr. C. Leishman. Conrolation prizes went to Mrs. J. J. Stewart and LaVerne Allen.

Several ladies had made a quilt and tickets had been sold. Little Wayne Bowen drew the lucky ticket and the winner was Mrs. Clinton B. Swackhamer, R. R. 2, Acton.

A bountiful lunch was served and the remainder of the evening spent in dancing with music by Messrs. L. Doby, R. Braide and D. Shortill and Mr. R. L. Davidson, floor manager.

The purpose of this social evening was for funds to purchase a radio for the school for the use of Miss Muriel Burns, the teacher, and her pupil, to replace the one that had been stolen the latter part of June.