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OPEN HALTON HOME IN TWO MONTHS

P.U.C. Discuss Damage At Sewage Disposal Plant

The second meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission for 1952 was held on Tuesday evening. Mayor B. D. Rachlin and Commissioners C. E. Wood and J. R. MacArthur were present.

Superintendent Lambert reported that the cold weather had frozen a number of water meters and pipes in the town.

He also reported that on going to the sewerage disposal plant to fix the fire, he found the water pressure pump working but no water coming from the well. Evidently some person with keys to the plant had been in and turned on the water. The lights had also been left burning. All keys were to be picked up and only given out to those who have contracts which are not complete.

R. McEachern requested that the water be billed to his tenants in the building on the corner of Wilbur and Mill Streets. The Commission ruled this request could not be undertaken until separate services were installed to each apartment.

The matter of salaries for the P. U. C. staff was discussed in length. The Commission made an offer to the employees and it is expected this matter will be dealt with at the next regular meeting.

A letter was read from Baxter Laboratories stating the company would negotiate with the Commission and Council for the piece of land between Baxter Laboratories and Willow St. The proposal is for the town and P.U.C. to acquire land facing on Alice Street for a garage and workshop. It was left with Mayor Rachlin to arrange a meeting of the Industrial Committee and the P.U.C. to negotiate with Baxter's representatives.

In going over the minimum equipment needed for cleaning trunk sewers, it was found that by working from both ends, one unit or 321 feet of flexible rods was needed. Also 600 feet of two and a half inch hose is required for flushing the sewers as this is the distance of some water hydrants from the end manholes. The cost of the rods is over \$700. This request was to be turned over to the council.

Prices were received for the moving of the toilet from the P.U.C. office to the basement. The tenders of Acton Construction Co. for \$38 was accepted for the walls and that of R. O. Stapleton for \$95 for moving and placing the fixtures. This will enlarge the storage space in the office.

The following accounts were ordered paid:

Hydro	
Bell Telephone, services	\$ 28.75
H.E.P.C., auditor's serv.	103.64
H. G. Barlow & Co., supp.	29.45
H.E.P.C., power supplied	6083.27
MacDonald Elec., supp.	133.38
Line & Cable Acc., supp.	89.40
Receiver General, supp.	9.00
Jones & VanGils, supp.	79.18
Wellington Fire Ins., ins.	23.50
Ellis & Howard Ltd., supp.	46.79
Can. Line Mat., supp.	43.80
Petty cash, exp. & trans.	51.43
	\$7,321.64
Water	
Neptune Meters Ltd., supp.	\$112.75

OBITUARY

Service in Acton For John Thomas

A farmer in Nassagaweya for 30 years, John Thomas was interred in Eden Mills Cemetery last Saturday. Funeral service was held in the Victor B. Rumley Funeral Home, Acton.

Mr. Thomas died in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he moved from Nassagaweya on Wednesday, January 23rd after an illness of 14 years. The pastor of Eden Mills Presbyterian Church, Rev. F. Williamson officiated at the service. Born 66 years ago in Nassagaweya, Mr. Thomas was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Thomas in Grand Rapids he was employed with the Consumers Power Company for 26 years. In 1919 he married the former Jean Lowrie, and they have one daughter, Isabella. Both survive Mr. Thomas. A sister, Mrs. Norman Spencer of Guelph, is also left.

Pallbearers were Ed Thomas, Wilfred Thomas, Donald Clark, William Wilson, William Gilbertson and Charles Kingsbury.

Canada's prairie lands are part of a great plains region that stretches from the Gulf of Mexico to the Arctic Ocean.

OBITUARY

Former Resident Dies In Waterloo

Thomas Stewart Workman of Egbert, Ontario, a former resident of Acton, passed away on Monday, January 28th at the residence of his sister, 143 Park St., Waterloo. He was 63 years old and a son of the late Thomas N. Workman and Sarah J. McMaster.

In December, 1917, at Toronto, he married Alice Dawson, who survives him. There are also three sons, Stewart of Aurora, Elliott and John at home and one daughter, Mrs. Edgar Nevils of Aldershot, Ont. and three grandchildren.

Two brothers and three sisters also remain, Lorne of Waterloo; Harold of Kitchener; Mrs. Edward Murray (Pearl) and Mrs. Cecil James (Clara) of Kitchener and Miss Mabel Workman of Waterloo, and to all the bereaved sympathy of friends here is extended. Mr. Workman attended the Presbyterian Church and was a member of Manchester Unity Lodge I.O.O.F. No. 6608.

The funeral was held this afternoon at the Schreiter Sandrock Funeral Home in Kitchener and service was conducted by Rev. F. G. Stewart. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

I. McLellan Heads Choir Third Term

At a business meeting of the Knox Church Choir held after practice last Thursday evening, the president, Inez McLellan, completed all unfinished business and thanked the executive and members for their co-operation throughout the past year.

Ten Hanson was appointed chairman for the election of officers, which resulted as follows: president, Inez McLellan, who was the unanimous choice for a third term of office; vice-president, Betty Armstrong; secretary, Gladys Price; treasurer, Gladys Davidson; property convener, Babe Rozell; social convener, Rachel Mallin; posting convener, Lena Mann; flowers, Miss Isabel Anderson.

ROTARY TO PURCHASE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Acton Rotary Club arranged to co-operate with the Home and School Club in the purchase of some playground equipment for the school and plans to have one unit installed when the season opens. The unit will include swing and teeter board. This was decided at the club meeting on Tuesday. Arrangements were also made to take a crippled child to London for special attention.

Vis. Rumley gave a classification talk that was thoroughly enjoyed and also included some recollections of early business days in Acton and his boyhood. Two new members were initiated and welcomed to the club, Ken Hassard and Harold Kinread.

OSPRINGE

Mission Band Has First Meeting Sat.

The many friends of Mr. George Anderson are sorry to learn of his serious illness. A week ago he fell in his home and fractured a bone in his hip. His niece, Mrs. Ida Towell of Fort Erie, arrived on Sunday and is assisting in caring for him.

Mrs. Gordon Aitken and Mrs. Ward Bruce assisted with the program at Everton Church of Christ, Disciple last Friday night.

Friends of Mr. G. Agoston, town line, are sorry to learn he is confined to bed and under the doctor's care, but wish for him a speedy recovery.

The Mission Band held their first meeting on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Gordon Aitken with Mrs. Howard assisting.

THEY GET ALONG SWELL

Three races—white, Japanese and Indian, are represented among the 18 boys enrolled in a new Wolf Cub Pack recently organized at Port Edward, B.C. under the sponsorship of Nelson Bros. Fisheries.

License Sale Slow, Predict Late Rush

Fewer drivers' licenses and motor vehicle permits have been issued in Acton this year than last year at the same time. J. K. Gardiner reported this week. The demand for the bright yellow stickers that this year validate the use of 1951 plates is the slowest of all.

Although quite a few drivers in Acton and district have registered, the total is distinctly behind 1951's. The picture in Acton is a miniature of that throughout Ontario, as the Department of Highways reports a record bottleneck in the annual issuance of licenses and permits.

J. P. Bickell, registrar of motor vehicles, states that, continued laxity on the part of Ontario motorists "will undoubtedly create the worst crowding conditions ever experienced".

Mr. Gardiner also expects a last minute rush in Acton.

The term of 1951 permits and licenses has been extended temporarily so all motorists will be able to secure them without undue delay.

A problem faces those who have already purchased their stickers. Some drivers find their colorful paper license plate just curls up and falls off the windshield of the car. The stickers should be stuck on, in a warm garage with clear water used to clean the windshield beforehand. Some drivers are using Scotch tape.

Committee Meets On Sewer Accounts

A meeting of the Sewerage Committee of Acton Council was held Monday of this week and it was reported that the committee would recommend to council at their next meeting, payment of a bill presented by Jones and VanGils for extras at the disposal plant. The extras had been authorized by town agents.

Mayor Rachlin pointed out that the committee had deferred decision on a request by Jones and VanGils for payment for work done due to unforeseen construction problems and not included in the original contract price.

At a special meeting Friday with representatives of the Spartan Contracting Co. the committee decided to continue the hold-back, due in November, pending some settlement of the claims made by citizens for damaged property and short laterals. The town claims against the company total more than \$2,000. The November hold-back is \$6,221.97. A second hold-back is due in February totalling \$5,900.

OBITUARY

Miss A. Jolliffe Dies At Rockwood

A pioneer in teaching music in public schools, Annie Grace Jolliffe died at her home in Rockwood on January 25. Miss Jolliffe, who had had a long illness, was born at Paisley, Ontario, in 1883. She lived all her life in the district.

Music for public schools was one of her chief concerns and she worked in several townships near Guelph including Eramosa, Erin, Guelph, Nicol, Pilkington, Puslinch and Nassagaweya. She was also a former leader of the Rockwood United Church Choir.

Funeral service was held in the United Church, Rockwood, conducted by Rev. J. W. Oliver on January 27th. "Abide With Me" was sung by the choir. Interment followed in Rockwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were all nephews, D. Jolliffe, Pickering; R. O. Jolliffe and Paul Jolliffe, Toronto; Loren Guild and Wilbert Guild; Rockwood and John Rockwood of New York.

Flower bearers were grand-nephews Norman Guild, Kenneth Guild, Graham Guild, David Somerville, Marc Somerville and Torrance Guild.

After the service, the relatives gathered for a short time at the home of E. B. and Mrs. Jolliffe, the early home for many years of Miss Jolliffe. Surviving are two brothers, R. O. Jolliffe and Charles Jolliffe.

Nonagenarian Still Active At 91 Years

A resident of Acton for over 30 years, Mrs. Peter Smith, Main St., will celebrate her 91st birthday on Monday. Acton's esteemed nonagenarian lived formerly in Bracebridge, where her husband was superintendent of the Bracebridge plant of Beardmore and Co.

Mrs. Smith has always been actively interested in the work of the United Church here, in its organizations, the I.O.D.E. and in all community events.

Still quite active and able to be out, Mrs. Smith lives with her daughter, Miss Pearl Smith.

I. RICHIE CONDUCTS REGULAR MEETING OF KNOX YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP

The regular meeting of Knox Young People's Society was held in the Sunday School Room on Tuesday night. The Mission convener Isabel Ritchie, was in charge and opened with the call to worship and a hymn.

Scripture reading and prayer were given by Ken Mann and after the offering, Kae Hansen led in offertory prayer. Isabel Ritchie gave the topic from the study book and led a short question period. The devotional part closed with another hymn.

Seventeen members answered the roll call and the treasurer's report was read, but in the absence of the secretary, no minutes were read.

Crawford Douglas and Jackie Watkins were appointed voting representatives at the council meeting on Wednesday night. Jim Greer reported on the skating party in Galt last Friday night.

Dismisses Charge Under By-Law

Magistrate Hopkins dismissed a charge laid by the Town against Tony Seynuck under by-law 924 which deals with subdivision control. Court was held in Milton on Monday of this week.

Evidence given showed that the property in question had allegedly been sold in 1948 to K. M. Langdon before the by-law had been passed. No documents were produced to support this evidence but witnesses said the property had been verbally purchased.

C. McKinnon appeared for the town and H. Willis appeared for T. Seynuck. W. Mattocks, F. Crump, J. McGeehan, K. Langdon and T. Seynuck gave evidence.

ZERO WEATHER GREET'S SPRING LAMBS BORN OUTSIDE WEDNESDAY

Although there were zero temperatures all over Ontario on Wednesday, there was a breath of spring at the farm of Charlie Cuts, RR 4 Acton. Outside in the bitter cold, a pair of spring lambs were born.

The young twins picked a sunny day if not a spring one.

NASSAGAWEYA S.S. NO. 7

Ligny Group Host No. 7 Farm Forum

Monday night was review night for the farm forums. The No. 7 forum members were entertained by the Ligny group and after the questionnaire was answered, Carl Parr, the manager of the Co-op in Milton, gave a very instructive talk on co-operation.

Eleven tables played progressive euchre and after refreshments, Stanley Robinson expressed the thanks of the No. 7 forum for the pleasant evening.

The friends of Mr. J. J. Henderson are sorry he is confined to St. Joseph's Hospital and hope he may soon be around again.

Mr. N. Barlow suffered a heart attack last week but is making favorable progress and all hope he will soon be well.

Mrs. Walz of Europe arrived in Canada last week and is staying with her daughter, Mrs. M. Hetzel. Mrs. Wm Job of Atwood spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. Wm Dredge.



A ONE NIGHT REVIVAL of Intermediate hockey is scheduled when the Minor Sports Club present their Booster Night. Many of the old hockey stars will take down their skates and hit the ice for an All Star Review. See page 5.

Hire Matron, Supt. For Halton Home For Aged

Further arrangements for the completion of the Halton County Home for the Aged were concluded at a meeting of County Council last Tuesday when Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Clark, of Guelph, were appointed superintendent and matron of the new institution. The appointment was recommended by the council's special committee which viewed 53 applications for the position.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Clark have extensive knowledge and are conversant with the operation of a Home for aged people, being superintendent of the Eventide Home at Guelph for the past five years. Their remuneration will be \$1,700 for superintendent and \$800 for the matron, with duties to commence on March 1.

In answer to a question by council, R. J. Hargrave, chairman of the Home committee, announced opening of the new Home would be in the early part of April.

An inquiry into need of the Home was referred to the committee when a communication was tabled, stating the branches of the Women's Institute in Halton were anxious to provide various articles. Council felt representatives of the W.I. and the committee could meet and discuss the offer, while other members praised the offer made by the women's organization.

Reminding council that 1952 was Halton's centennial year, M. J. Carlton inquired if council planned to publish a historical book on the county. He offered his services, as he had assisted compiling the centennial book published by Nassagaweya Township.

Tenders of the Gazette Printing Company, Burlington, were accepted for the printing of 150 copies of the minutes, by-laws and reports at \$1.90 per page, and 100 copies of the reports at \$1.90 per page. M. T. White, Milton, was awarded the contract for printing magistrate's blanks and other forms required by the county.

Applications by the Cres Auto Body and Wrecking and Victor J. Hall for a wrecking yard licence were held up pending further investigation by the Trafalgar Police and Deputy-reeve E. Ford. The clerk was authorized to issue the licence when a satisfactory report was received.

Accounts approved and ordered to be paid include: Home for the Aged, \$80,374.81; Assessment, \$71,200; County Roads, \$23,882.58; Finance, \$3,119.93; Hospital Accounts, \$4,187.87; County Buildings, \$752.01; Agriculture and Re-forestation, \$435.00; Printing, \$136.18.

erty, which would be cheap insurance. Other members felt they could not single out just one danger, when an early frost wind and other freak elements could also wipe out a farmer's complete crop as well.

A communication was received from the Ontario Department of Highways in response to a request by council that a signal or traffic light be installed on the Queen Elizabeth Highway and the Sixth Line, Trafalgar. The Department explained it would not be satisfactory to have another traffic signal so close to the one already installed at the seventh line. They, however, suggested the Sixth Line crossing be closed and a secondary road be completed along the north boundary of the highway to the present stop light.

The Warden, and Clerk were authorized to petition the Department of Highways requesting the usual road grant, on an expenditure of \$202,348.74 during 1951. Reeve C. L. S. Palmer, Nelson, was appointed to the County Road Committee for the years 1952-3-4.

While council approved of a \$50

Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent is Canada's 12th holder of that office.