

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS ACTON RETAIN FRONTAGE ON MILL STREET

The deputy-minister of highways advised representatives of Acton's Planning Board that it would not be practical to deed a portion of the land on the north side of Mill St. between Main and John Sts. back to building owners, although a survey shows that approximately three feet of some of the building belongs to the town.

The chairman of the planning board, T. Jones, reported at a meeting on March 28 that the deputy-minister advised against deeding back the land in case the

town wished to widen the street in the future, when the town would have to purchase the land again. He explained that the department of highways had several problems of this nature, and their practice is to recommend retention of ownership of land that may be of some use in the future.

It was his recommendation that Acton keep this land as owner and open the now unopened portion of Mill St. to a depth of 40.5 feet.

R. Shoemaker, surveyor from Guelph, attended the meeting to assist in discussions. His survey showed that the town owned part of lots 11 and 12, block 3, plan 31, and that the street light standard placed next to Cooper's men's wear store was on town property.

He produced a plan which showed the town purchased additional land on the north side of Mill St. to widen the road to the same width as the east part of Mill St., which was 40.5 feet, with the two blocks between John and Main Sts. only 41.25 feet.

It was resolved to report to council, and recommend a by-law be prepared "opening up the property purchased by the town in 1929 for widening of Mill St. from the original 41.25 feet to a width of 40.5 feet, keeping Mill St. in a straight line, and retaining ownership of the remainder of the land purchased to the depth of 10.43 feet for future development."

The surveyor was instructed to survey and stake with iron bars the corner of Guelph St. from Mill St. to Bower Ave.

F. Crump was paid \$7. expenses for a trip to the department of highways in Toronto.

Chairman Jones outlined a discussion he had had concerning the changing of lots fronting on the third line from zone one to zone four to permit commercial building. More information was to be obtained.

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Specification forms and drawings may be obtained at the office of the County Clerk, Milton, Ontario.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

WM. DEANS, COUNTY CLERK, Milton, Ontario.

Books IN REVIEW

THE SEEKER AND THE SOUGHT

By Marie Baumer

Some people claim there are three levels to a good book. The first is the surface and obvious level; the second is what you can read into it by adjectives, association of ideas, use of words and various inferences. The third level: It has never been found.

But Marie Baumer, in "The Seeker and the Sought" has certainly created a two level story that provides all the suspense of a psychic mystery.

Walter Williams shot his apartment door in the face of a youth pleading for help. He was unable to erase from his memory the boy's look of anguish and embarked upon a trail of mystery that took quiet Williams through dark alleys, to seances and equally mysterious places.

From the beginning of the 217 page book the author captures the readers; as the suspense mounts, "The Seeker and the Sought" becomes one of those books you can't leave.

On what might be called the second level of the book is the personification of the author's conception of human motives and social values. This is apparent to the average reader.

Williams, the leading character, changes the whole foundation of his life in seeking the boy in tears whom he turned away.

TRAGEDY HINTED IN YELLOWED SHEET OF FAMILY TREE OF 1774

A prized possession of Frank Rawlings of Acton is an old yellowed sheet of paper with 17 lines of ornate writing. In tracing a family tree, a paper such as this one would be invaluable, for it details in fine, frilly hand the children of Samuel, Hodges and Elizabeth Thompson, ancestors of Mr. Rawlings. His mother's maiden name was Moss and her mother's maiden name was Thompson.

Much ornamentation surrounds the names of the husband and wife at the top of the sheet, which is followed by "Married Oct. 19, 1755."

The names of ten children and the dates of their births follow, each written with great care and style.

After a long, firm line is written, "Elizabeth Hodges, the above children's mother, died Feb. 11, 1773. In her lying in with the above, Betty Hodges."

"Entered June 14th, 1774."

There is more tragedy in the simple list than the mother's death before she was married 30 years. Of the ten children, three were called Samuel, two John and two Betty, suggesting that four children at least died in infancy.

The page, ripped along the left hand side, was likely taken from a family book or Bible.

Silver-Wood W.I. Now One Year Old

A most successful euchre was held in Stewarttown Hall on March 28, which was the first birthday of Silver-Wood Women's Institute. Mrs. E. Miller greeted the guests.

Winners at cards were first, Mrs. Ron Latimer; second, Mrs. Fran Brown and the middle score prize went to Miss Laura Robinson. The men's prize winners were Harold Campbell, George Burt and Ben Case.

Mrs. Robert McEney won the door prize. Miss Margaret Kane won the raffle of a beautiful cushion and Miss Jardine Drew the birthday prize receiving a most handsome bouquet of flowers.

Mrs. Milton Brown said a few words of greeting and led the gathering in singing "Happy Birthdays" and the delicious lunch was served by members of the Institute and their husbands, convenor being Mrs. Tom Appleyard.

Farmers Produce All-Time Record

Ontario's farmers in 1950 produced the largest volume of agriculture products in gross value in history. Agriculture Minister Thomas L. Kennedy reports. Total value of agriculture products is placed at \$1,274,327,000 or almost \$150 million more than in 1950 in which year agriculture production was valued at \$1,126,321,000.

Production of hogs was valued at \$194 million compared with \$185 million in 1950; cattle and calves were valued at \$195 million compared with \$180 million; poultry and eggs had a value of \$114 million, an increase of \$21 million over 1950 and field crops were valued at \$447 million, compared with \$423 million in 1950.

Y Swimmers Win Embroidered Crests

Over 100 different boys and girls attended swimming classes in the Guelph Y, sponsored by the Acton Y's Men's Club. Embroidered crests will be presented to all those attending most of the lessons. The total attendance was 575.

Patricia Moyle, Jeanne Anderson, Marie Lambert and Rosalind Higgins attended 90 per cent, and those present at 80 per cent, are David Smith, Andrew Williams, Brian Sweeney, Paul Elliott, Mary Hunter, Norma Sinclair, Pat Cole, Mary Jane Force and Irene Gordon.

With 70 per cent attendance are Bernard Tennant, Paul McGeachie, Michael Hurst, Fred Graham, Bill Green, Keith Mattocks, Harry McFadden, Billie McCoy, James Denney, Edward Melody, Lynda Lovell, Ruth Jones, Jane Mason, Anne DeForest, Judith Sargent, Ruth Landsborough, Patsy Smethurst and Darlene Lambert.

Also receiving crests, having attended 60 per cent of the classes, are Wayne Ridley, Donald Lindsay, Willard Halladay, Allen Fetterly, Jimmy Lindsay, Colin Holmes, James Wahlman, Bert Halladay, Wayne Spires, Ella Jany and Judy Mason.

Assessors Discuss Normal Rent Value

"Rentals to-day are by no means normal and to what year must we turn to establish normality?" assessors queried when they held their regular meeting of the Halton County Assessors' Association on March 31 in the Legion Hall, Oakville.

Members in attendance were A. W. Benton and K. C. Lindsay from Esqueping; A. C. Flummerfelt, E. Dunham and C. Readhead from Trafalgar; E. Marshall from Nelson; F. McNiven from Milton; G. W. Johnston from Burlington; County Assessor Ford Rodgers; F. W. Crump from Acton and L. W. McMillan from Nassagaweya. Chairman P. L. Spurgeon from Oakville presided.

Chairman Spurgeon opened the meeting with regrets from Reg. Hunter of the Assessment Branch, Department of Municipal Affairs, who was scheduled to attend the meeting and discuss business assessment on portion of buildings, but due to ill health was confined to his bed and was unable to attend. It was stated that this discussion would be held at some later date when Mr. Hunter would again be available.

Chairman Spurgeon went on to open a discussion regarding the attempted use of present day sales values in relation to assessment values and many different views were heard in this connection. Although Section 33, sub-section 3 of the Assessment Act states "normal sales value" will be used in determining circumstances affecting the value of buildings, it was thought that to-day's sales values and "normal sales values" as mentioned in the Act are two entirely different values and as a medium of comparison, to-day's sales values should not be too influential in deciding the circumstances affecting the assessed value.

It was decided to have some authoritative speaker address the Association at some later date on present day sales values and normal sales values, possibly some practicing appraiser of real estate who is dealing with this matter all the time. Normal rental value as defined by the Act also came under discussion and the same principle affects this as does the normal sales values.

Here again it was thought that some authority could be contacted to address the meeting, to speak on normal rental values and how to determine them. This was thought to be the only solution, especially in the case of the townships where a normal rental value on a farm is a difficult thing to determine as so few farms to-day are operated on a rental basis.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at Oak Villa, where Mayor J. Black addressed the Association and complimented the Association on their efforts to date in the common cause of better assessment throughout the County. The Mayor endorsed the work of the Assessors and was of the opinion this association would go far in the final settlement of the county equalization.

The afternoon session commenced at 2 p.m. and County Assessor Rodgers presented his views on the information concerning the one, one and a half, one and a quarter and one and three-quarter storey houses that he had been asked to produce.

The buds of Canada's balsam poplar are sticky and produce a wax used by wild bees to seal cracks in their hives.

POUNGING THE SPORTS BEAT

with A. Vengeance

Hockey activity this week saw Milton Co-ops out Thorold from the Intermediate "A" playdowns and cop a berth in the provincial semi-finals. Thorold won only one game of the beat in five series, an 8-2 victory on Monday night on their home ice. The Co-ops came back strong last night with a decisive 7-3 win to wind up the series.

Milton new meets Hineson Crushers in the semi-finals with the first game in Hineson on Friday night, the series returning to Milton next Monday evening. Callaghan and Ganuque are the other semi-finalists.

Quite a contingent of hockey fans from Acton sat in on the Wednesday game in Milton. Some even went to the extent of travelling to Thorold for the games. The presence of two Acton players on the team probably accounts for their interest.

SPORTS WHIRL
Did we offend any sensitive souls with our commentary on the baseball situation last week? We aren't going to apologize if we did, for what was said in this column actually took place. It seems likely the Acton B-Hives, the proposed In-croase entry from Acton, will play in a grouping with Dundas, Hespefer, and the Oshtwecken Indians from the Indian Reserve near Brantford, although no word has been received as yet. We intended to write a column on In-croase in Acton for this week but it will have to be postponed until some future date. Oakville Oaks might change their minds about entering a team in the Halton County league this season. They are negotiating with the Toronto Viaduct League and if the terms are good might transfer their affections to that circuit. The Viaducts threw off the O.B.A. shackles and will operate independently. This created much consternation in O.B.A. circles but was given a good reception in Oakville where they have never forgiven the O.B.A. brass for expelling Bud Corbett last season in a Junior baseball ruckus and proclaiming Shallow Lake champions when Oakville refused to put in an appearance for a play-off game. It will be Acton's loss and Toronto's gain if Doctor George Sirrs moves, and we understand that is what his plans are. Doctor Sirrs has been the outstanding promoter of minor baseball and hockey in Acton ever since he took up residence here a few years ago. Baxter Labs, George-town Industrial league champions and proud winners of the Sheweny Tost trophy, will meet the Milton Rural and Industrial league champions, Moffat Electric, in an exhibition in Milton tonight. Jack Stewart played for both teams, so we're undecided as to where he will play tonight. Genial "Toots" Brownlow is the brain behind the Moffat team. Incidentally, we are informed that the Acton Girls' softball club which attracted a lot of interest last season, will be in there pitching again this season.

Milton Juniors Win Championship

Milton Junior Farmers defeated Acton Juniors 8-3 in a sudden death match to win the Halton County championship on Monday of this week in the Milton Arena. It was a hard fought, clean game with lots of goals and penalties. Milton Juniors were led by the line of Eves, J. Gillies and G. Gillies accounting for 5 of the 8 goals.

For Acton, Fyfe Somerville, along with goalie Jackie Marshall, played the best game. Following the game, Dr. C. Martin presented the Milton Milling Co. shield to Bill Brain, who received it on behalf of the Milton club.

The scoring was as follows:
First Period—M. Eves, G. Gillies; M. G. Gillies, R. Eves; M. J. Gillies, R. Eves; A. John Zions, Fyfe Somerville; M. Ben Devlin, Bruce Bowden, Penalties, Coulson, hooking; Eves, tripping; Ingram, hooking.
Second Period—M. Ben Devlin, Willmott; M. Graham Gillies, Eves; A. Currie, Somerville; M. Eves, unassisted Penalties, B. Somerville, tripping; J. Gillies, tripping.
Third Period—A. Mac Sprowl, Zions; M. Willmott, Leriche, Penalties, G. Gillies elbowing; D. Currie, roughing; R. Eves, roughing; R. Eves, roughing; B. Somerville, roughing; G. Gillies, boarding.

CAR COLLIDES WITH PARKED CAR AT MAIN, CHURCH ST. CORNER

Late Saturday evening a car driven by Jack Blow of Acton collided with a parked truck at the corner of Main and Church Sts. The truck was owned by J. Cooney.

The Blow car was making a left turn when it collided with the truck. No one was injured. The accident was investigated by police.

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