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'Nothing Alarming' Official Says On Local Assessment

Dept. Official Conducts Assessment "Spot Check"

T. R. Hunter of the Provincial Assessment Department, Toronto, reported to council at their regular meeting on Tuesday evening after making a "spot check" on local assessments, chiefly in the residential field. He said, "I did find some discrepancies but nothing alarming." He explained that he had picked 11 properties at random and reviewed them on the basis of the new provincial assessment manual which differs in some respects from the one being used in Acton. "There are some discrepancies but you'll find them in any municipality. You can't expect to have them all corrected this year either. It isn't fair to expect it of a new assessor."

Mr. Hunter expressed the opinion that the assessor should view properties on which appeals are entered to the County Court of Revision, before appearing at the court.

He explained that council had no authority in the matter of assessment regarding changes. "Only the Court of Revision has that power," he explained.

Councillor Taylor asked if an assessment committee would be advisable. "It might in some respects but it is wise for an assessor not to divulge any figures during the assessment year," he answered.

Mr. Hunter suggested that the provincial manual made a more equitable assessment because of a change in the depreciation procedure. Since Hargrave suggested that since it had taken seven years to assess the county on the present system, it would be rather expensive to turn around and assess it on a newer system.

County Rate Set
Official notification was received from the County Clerk that Acton's share of the county expenditure would be \$12,692.90 for the present year. This responded with the amount budgeted for. The rate was based on the assessment figures of the equalization by-law established.

Investigate Roof
P. F. Landsey, Guelph, suggested he could repair the arena roof at a very low cost by using a fibreglass substance with asphalt emulsion. He was asked by council to investigate the condition and present an estimated cost for putting a new roof on the curling rink.

Council accepted the tender of Mellor Brothers for the necessary grading and culvert at the sewerage disposal plant as recommended by the engineer for \$470.

Councillor Taylor and Councillor Wick were appointed Acton representatives to the Rural Fire Area Committee. Councillor Wick reported on a meeting of Erin township representatives at Leslie school at which the plan was approved.

The engagement of G. W. Musselle as assessor was confirmed, and it was agreed that termination of employment could be on one month's notice by either party with salary to be paid weekly.

Permission was granted to the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. to hold their annual picnic in the Acton park.

Council agreed to have street lights installed on the east end of Mill St. and members of the road committee suggested that the road would be improved as soon as possible.

Raffle Permission
Permission was requested from the Ladies' Legion Auxiliary and the Lakeside I.O.D.E. to hold raffles. A letter was to be written explaining that council had no authority to grant such permission but certifying the organizations were charitable organizations.

A by-law authorizing the signing of an agreement with the Ontario Department of Highways was passed. The agreement covers the maintenance of the centre 33 feet on certain connecting links in town.

Treasurer McGeechie submitted a financial report of expenditures and receipts to the end of April compared with the budgeted amount which was carefully gone over and studied.

The following accounts were approved for payment:
Bell Telephone Co. \$ 37.70
Watson Dairy Bar, lunch 5.00
Public Utilities, power 353.71
H. G. Barlow & Co., stationery 4.30
Globe & Mail, advertising Bowman, Black & Shoemaker, land survey 104.00
C.N.R., flashing signals 31.85
Thompson Motors, acct 270.12
Dept. of Health, indigent, patient charges 3.00
E. G. Tarzwell, acct 6.35
L. W. Agar, coal, town hall 36.40
Symon Hdw., hardware 5.83
Hydro, town operations 252.72
Fred Dawkins, expenses 4.08
Bell Telephone, acct 4.85
Joe McDonald, load of fill 11.00

The following accounts were approved:
Acton Public Util. Comm. water heater \$ 97.00
R. V. Anderson & Assoc. 1825.95
Jones & Van Gils 1641.27
Chas. E. Napier Co. Ltd. 1764.00
Can. Industries Ltd., liquid chlorine 104.68

The regular meeting adjourned at 11:45 with all business completed. Councillor Rognvaldson was the only absent councillor. Councillor Taylor was excused at 10 p.m.



TWO POINTS BEHIND for the Intermediate B Championship of southern Ontario was this team from Acton High School when they competed in the annual Play Day events at the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph. Bill McHugh, shown in the centre front row, captured the individual Intermediate Championship and here shows his shield. Members of the team shown in the front row are Wayne Arbie, Bill McHugh, Bob Coon; second row, Fred Gordon, Don Dawkins and Bill Coon, with Mr. Heron, the P.T. instructor coach at the back. —Staff Photo



INTER-SCHOOL CHAMPIONS are shown here after awards were made at the annual Inter-School meet held in Georgetown on Wednesday of last week. Winners shown are, back row, left to right, G. Homewood, Bantam; G. Aitken, Intermediate; R. Ellis, senior and holding school trophy; D. McKay, half-mile winner; W. Arbie, Junior. Champions in the girls' classes are shown in the front row, S. Forbes, Bantam; C. Morton, Junior; D. Kelman, Intermediate; N. Brown, Senior. An error was made in compiling points the day of the event and the school trophy was presented to Milton. A later check awarded the trophy to Acton by three-quarters of a point. —Staff Photo

FORD OFFICIALS OUTLINE LABOR NEEDS FOR OAKVILLE PLANT

Limited operations at the assembly plant will start by early summer next year and if it is finished on schedule, 3,000 persons should be on the payroll by October or November. Gordon Garbutt, director of public relations of the Ford Motor Company of Canada said Tuesday night at a meeting of the South-Central Trafalgar Property Owners Association.

Labor needs, Mr. Garbutt said, will be filled from three sources: the existing supply of employables in Trafalgar Township, Oakville and Bronte; commuter type labor from Toronto, Hamilton and nearby towns, villages and rural areas, and by people attracted to the district from more distant points by the prospect of employment.

Most of the skilled and unskilled workers of the area are working. "We could not expect to draw any substantial number of factory workers from Oakville's population as it stands at present. Trafalgar Township might offer a few hundred, applicants and jobs in our factory at attractive wage rates might bring a few hundred more from nearby towns, villages and rural areas."

The obvious conclusion, Mr. Garbutt said, "is that we must depend upon the labor supply of the whole Toronto-Hamilton zone for 50 to 75 per cent of our initial requirements."

Conary to some public opinion that auto workers are laid off frequently, the industry is "only slightly more susceptible to the ups and downs of business and of employment than most other manufacturing enterprises, but because it employs large masses of people in certain areas, the effects are more pronounced and get greater public attention," he said.

Lay-offs caused by major model changes have been reduced to a minimum in recent years, Mr. Garbutt said. In the change-over to the 1952 models, "thousands of our employees lost no time at all and relatively few were off work for more than three weeks."

Of the work force from Hamilton and Toronto, who will be at the plant, "we expect a substantial number will be willing to commute daily to work in Ford Oak-

Acton, Guelph Give Musical Program

The public school choir sang several selections, including their music festival competition piece, at the regular meeting of the Acton Home and School Association in the Y.M.C.A. Monday evening. The public school double trio and trio and double trio, from the high school also presented numbers.

After the regular business, Mrs. J. W. McNaughton of the Guelph Home and School Association, installed the officers for the year.

The Guelph Barber Shop Quartette also added to the musical part of the program by giving several numbers.

Lunch followed the meeting. H. H. Hinison, the president, presided.

"CLIFF-SIDE" SCENE OF LOVELY AFTERNOON WEDDING VOWS

"Cliff-side," the former home of Miss Annie Jolliffe, was the scene of an afternoon wedding on Saturday, May 17, when Rev. John Oliver united in marriage Eva Joan Varcoe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Varcoe, R. R. 2, Rockwood, and Torrance Delmer Guild, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Guild, Rockwood. Apple blossoms and clarkia made a beautiful setting for the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a robin's egg blue-garibaldi suit with white accessories; her corsage was of white stocks and snapdragon.

Matron of honor was Mrs. D. Turnbull, who wore a pink, silk suit with white accessories, and a corsage of pink stocks and clarkia.

The brother of the groom, Kenneth Guild, was best man. The wedding music was played by Mrs. David Armstrong.

Four C.G.I.T. girls, Aleda Bacon, Reta Land, Shirley Bastille and Joyce Murphy, served the luncheon at "Cliff-side" after the ceremony.

The couple left for Orchard Beach, Lake Simcoe. They will reside in Rockwood.

Clever Puppets Net Funds For Chairs

An over-capacity crowd, about two-thirds children, enjoyed popcorn, candy and puppet shows last Friday evening in the town hall. The puppet shows, put on by several Guelph men and women who make the puppets as a hobby, were under the direction of Prof. Ough-ton of the Ontario Agricultural College and sponsored in Acton by the United Church Sunday School.

About \$75 was made for new chairs in the Sunday School room.

A baking and candy sale was held in conjunction with the show and popcorn was all sold out before the performance.

The cleverly dressed, well-manipulated puppets enacted several stories, among them Noah and the Ark, St. George and the Dragon, and Why the Jollyfish have no bones. The show lasted about an hour and a half.

The Prairie Lily, flaming orange as it waves amid the grasslands, is the flower symbol of Saskatchewan.



PRESENTATION OF THE TROPHY climaxed the season for the Baxter Lab hockey entry in the Georgetown town league. Shown here after the presentation of the Sheeney Tost Trophy are Coach A. McPhail, Captain J. Stewart, Manager H. Kinread, President C. Rognvaldson, Secretary-Treasurer E. Huffnagel and Company representative, W. Benson. The trophy was presented at a banquet celebrating the occasion in the Station Hotel last Thursday evening. It was the first time an Acton aggregation had captured the Georgetown trophy. —Staff Photo

Speaker Travelled 70,000 Miles

On May 19, the third meeting of the United Church Young Peoples' got underway with the opening hymn, followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison. The roll call was next with 21 present.

President Ken Bickle urged those present to be on hand for the wind-up meeting on May 26 which would bring the Young Peoples' group to a close until the fall season. A hymn was then sung, followed by a scripture reading by Olga Buckler. Joy Botell led in prayer and this was followed with the offering by Frank Bean and Fred Gordon.

Rev. E. A. Currey then introduced the speaker, Rev. Oliver of Rockwood, who proved to be a jolly person and a wonderful man. He told of some of the hardships of his life, as well as of the joys and pleasures. Rev. Oliver completed his talk by telling of his experiences on the Atlantic and Pacific.

He has travelled a distance of 70,000 miles — almost three times around the world—and told of how he had been able to help and look after the boys who had lost their way, been imprisoned in camps, or been hurt in some other kind of way.

Ena Jennings thanked Rev. Oliver for his very fine address. The closing hymn was sung, after which some games were played and a light lunch served.

Taps and the Mizpah benediction brought the meeting to a close.

STORES CLOSE
Most stores in town have endorsed the plan to stay open for business on Friday evening until 10 p.m. and close on Saturday, May 24.

OBITUARY
Life-Long Resident, John Kennedy Dies

An employee of Beardmore and Co. for 58 years and a life-long resident of Acton, John Joseph Kennedy passed away on Tuesday, May 13th at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Wilson, in Toronto. Mr. Kennedy had resided with his daughter for the past four years, but made frequent visits to the home town. He was in his 91st year. His wife, Sarah McKague, predeceased him several years ago.

He was born in Limehouse, a son of the late Donald and Mary Kennedy, who were pioneers of this district. Surviving are one son, Harold of Detroit, Mich., and one daughter, Mrs. John Wilson (Margaret) of Toronto. Two sisters also survive him, Mrs. Sarah Gibbons, Toronto, and Mrs. F. McCarthy, New York City.

Mr. Kennedy had many friends in this community who will miss him. He was a devout member of St. Joseph's Church and of the Holy Name Society of that church.

The funeral was held on Saturday with Requiem Mass conducted by Rev. Father Morgan.

Many friends attended the service and numerous Mass cards and floral tributes bore testimony of esteem. Interment was at Dublin Cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. Neil Gibbons, Lawrence Gibbons, Frank Gibbons, John Smith, John Wilson and Michael Wilson.

Approve Idea Of Rural Fire Area

Southern Erin township residents approved in principle the formation of an Acton Fire Area that would serve a district of approximately six to seven miles in a radius around Acton. The approval was forthcoming at a meeting in Leslie School on Monday evening of this week called to explain the situation to those interested in rural fire protection.

A number of films on fire prevention, causes and inspections were shown by G. Alexander, a representative of the Fire Marshal's office. He reminded the ratepayers at the meeting that the provincial government was prepared to offer a 35 per cent grant on the purchase of a fire truck and equipment to serve the combined area of sections from Nassagaweya, Essex and Erin township.

Acton Fire Chief F. Dawkins explained that an Acton by-law forbids the truck and equipment to go beyond the limits of the town water supply.

Work on the establishment of a Fire Area was actively begun in March of this year when representatives from the townships attended a meeting in Acton. The plan was that the three surrounding townships would combine to purchase fire equipment which would be paid for on the basis of building assessment in the area served. The equipment would be stored in Acton and manned by the Acton brigade. In return for housing the truck, it would be available to Acton in case of a major fire. Remuneration of firemen for attending out-of-town fires is yet to be considered.

Erin representatives at the meeting Monday favored immediate action by their representatives, Councillor Wallace and Deputy-revee Griffen on the plan and the ultimate purchase of a truck.

Garage Closing Decision Appealed

It was reported this week that Magistrate Langdon registered a conviction and levied a fine of \$5 and costs against Frank Toth, Jr. under the town's garage closing by-law.

Magistrate Langdon heard the case two weeks ago and withheld his decision to investigate some previous cases. He has since then registered the conviction.

Mr. Toth said this week the decision has been appealed.

Guild Gives Gift To Mrs. A. Haydon

The regular meeting of St. Alban's Guild was held in the Parish Hall with three members present, and Mrs. Tom Jones presiding. The meeting opened with the Guild prayer.

Mrs. C. Nellis was appointed convener of the dinner for the men who worked on the parish hall.

Mrs. Jack Newton was asked to be treasurer for the balance of the year.

At the close of the meeting a delightful lunch was served by the committee, during which Mrs. G. Currie, on behalf of the member of the Guild, presented Mrs. A. Haydon with a lovely cup and saucer.

See Colored Slides Of British Isles

The May meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. was held on Tuesday, May 13. In respect and honor of their late member, Miss Jessie Walker, the meeting was opened by two minutes of silence and prayer by the Regent.

Only routine business with respect to their forthcoming bazaar and committee reports were dealt with.

Miss C. Grindley favored the meeting with a presentation of beautiful colored slides taken throughout the British Isles during the Festival of Britain.

Under the convensorship of Mrs. R. Langford, tea was served to about 50 members.

On May 14 the members of the Chapter attended the funeral services of Miss Jessie Walker.

POLICE WARN AGAINST PARKING IN SEVERAL "NO PARKING" AREAS

Police this week issued a warning against illegal parking, particularly in the area on the south side of Mill St. between John St. and the tracks, as well as in front of the Roxy Theatre to the I.G.A. corner.

The local police feel they have been lenient but since the practice is increasing, it seems evident stricter methods will be necessary.

Former Employee Of Utilities Dies

Funeral services were held at the Victor B. Rumley Funeral Home on Wednesday afternoon for the late Jesse S. Walker, conducted by the Rev. E. A. Currey of the United Church, of which she was a member. Miss Walker was born in Calgary, Alberta. She was a member of the I.O.D.E., Lakeside Chapter and a former employee of Acton Public Utilities Commission.

Besides her sorrowing parents, she leaves to mourn two sisters, Barbara (Mrs. George Nowell) of New Westminster, B.C. and Mae (Mrs. Harry Walton) of Winnipeg, Manitoba; and two nieces, Glenda and Diane of New Westminster, B.C.

Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

Pallbearers were her cousins, Thomas Terry, Hamilton; Jack Stanley, Toronto; Thomas Thatcher, Guelph; Wilfred Walker, Guelph; and Douglas, Mason, P.U.C. and Kerwin McPhail, P.U.C.

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