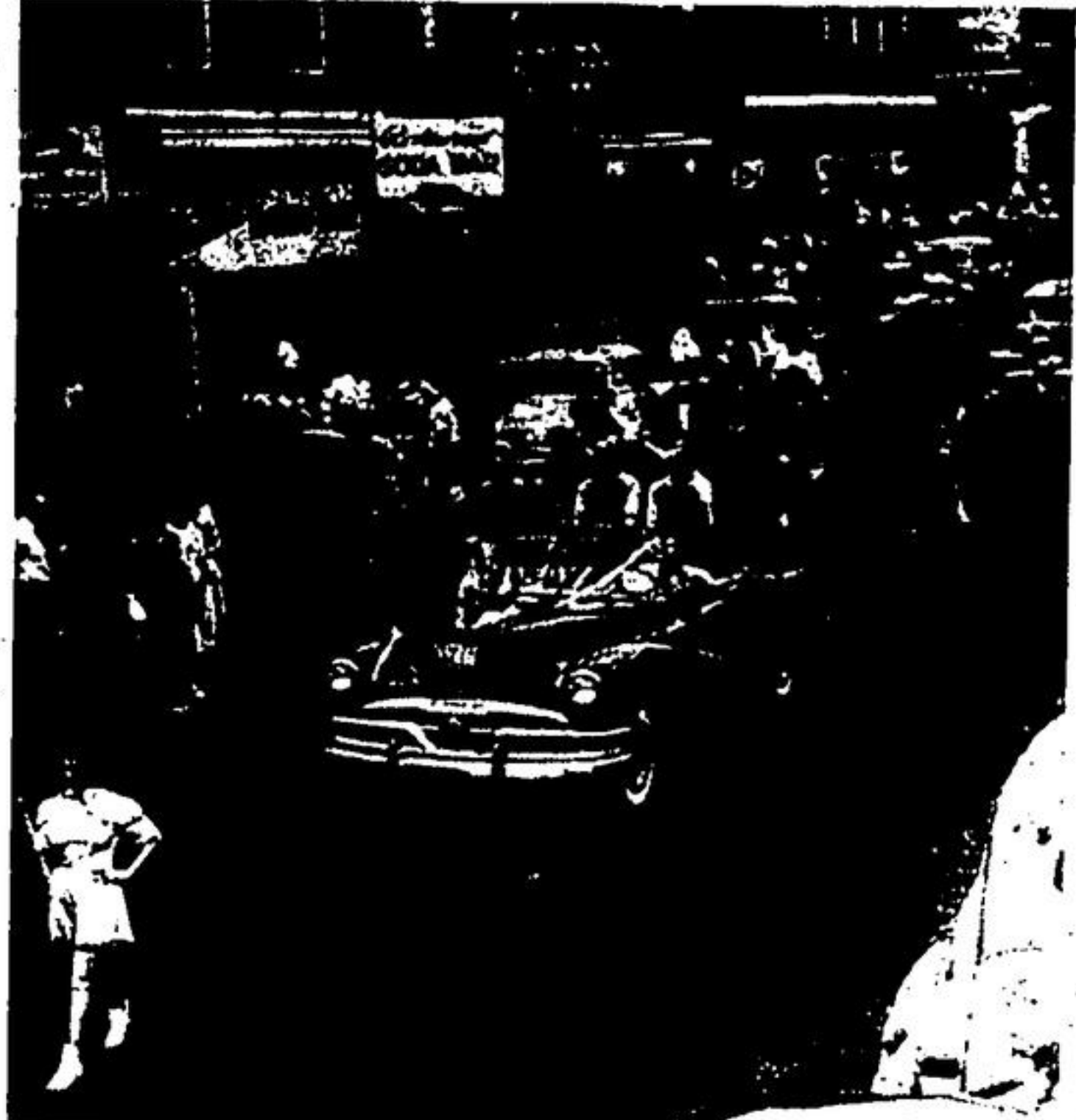


STORMY MEETING ADJOURNS AT 2 A.M.



LACROSSE OPENED with a bang and a parade when the sport was revived in Acton for the current season after an absence of some 50 years. Seated in places of honor on the convertible are old-time players, E. Ryder and F. McIntosh in B-Hive sweaters all set to greet the season. Acton Citizens' Band provided the music and vehicles from Lorne Garner's, Masales Dairy, Thompson Motors, Roy's Taxi, along with bikes and tricycles decorated for prizes were in the parade. The lacrosse team was mounted on the Acton Fire Truck. Score of the opener against Brant-Norfolk Mahawks was 19-6 for Acton. —Staff Photo

Editor On Farm Front

40 Halton Farmers View Modern Trends On Tour

BY G. A. DILLS

This isn't the brand of informative farm article that our readers are seasoned to expect in farm news which is so well presented by Halton's Agricultural Representative, J. E. Whitelock. We've been farm touring in Western Ontario all day Monday and tonight are quartered in a commodious motel just near St. Thomas, and tomorrow will be another story. We, in this case, means a group of 42 Halton farmers and one newspaper editor, headed by J. E. Whitelock, our Agricultural Representative. The other bus load with which we have travelled all day was from York County and is shepherded by Moffat Cockburn, Agricultural Representative of York, and we parted at a crossroads just before the evening meal.

Forty years ago when we started the printing trade, all type was set by hand and machinery wasn't very complicated or fast. We remember well too, the farming of those days, was really mixed farming in the true sense of the word. Our trip has shown us that the progress in farming of these years has become so specialized and complicated as the printing or any other business.

We urban folks drive past farms in this beautiful month of June and admire the countryside and the crops and little realize why some fields give more promise of good yield and look better. This week we've been hearing of experimentation and listening to successful farmers share their experiences with others, withholding nothing but gladly telling of what they have found advantageous.

Just this side of Guelph is a farm of 40 acres which is called the Soak and Agricultural Engineering Farm. Here, plots of land are being treated in various methods with tillage and fertilizer to determine the best methods. Just west of Guelph on the farm of Prof. Harry Smallfield, some new methods were explained to the group. We've been over a lot of back roads and seen a lot of farms which are being successful because the operators are studying their jobs and taking advantage of the facilities that are available to them.

One of them, in Middlesex County, the group spent some time at the farm of Alex M. Stewart and Son, near Ailsa Craig. It is said that most good grain is shipped from this farm to the United States than from any other farm in the province. The Stewarts are farmers down through the generations.

One of them related that a hundred years ago land in that district could only be acquired by settlers from Scotland who could speak Gaelic as well as English. We drove over the farm and heard explanation of rotation of crops, five year plans, soil nutrition, fertilization and other technical terms that were a bit bewildering to our layman's understanding. Not all farmers in any section of this province are good. Side by side will be found the progressive and prosperous worker of the soil and those others who do not seek or acquire advancement in their vocation. On the Stewart farm was

Recital Followed By Presentation

A recital by the piano pupils of Mrs. Mary Gowdy attracted a good crowd to Knox Church Sunday School room Tuesday evening. Young musicians from tots to teens and twenties presented varied selections. Following the program, Denise Coles and Linda Parker presented Mrs. Gowdy, who is leaving Acton within the next two weeks, with a travelling clock and evening purse. Mrs. Gowdy spoke a few words of sincere appreciation to her pupils. Those who took part in the recital were Sharon Bradley, Linda Parker, Susan Heard, John Leatherland, Katherine Kirkness, Carolyn Cook, David Smith, Robbie Parker, Mary Lou Creighton, Alan McIsaac, Theresa Arbie, Ruth Jones, Pat Cole, Judy Mason, Donald Brown, Edna Jany, Jane Mason, Margaret Armstrong, Bobby Armstrong, Sylvia Jones, Jo Jany, Elizabeth Jany, Marjory McDonald, Maureen Kinross, Evelyn McDonald, Eileen Frank, Hugh Sirs, Jane Elliott, Denise Coles and Crawford Douglas.

Field Day Laurels To Milton Juniors

Halton Junior Farmers held their annual field day on Saturday, June 14 at Lowville park with all Junior Farmer clubs in the county competing in the inter-club competition. The field day committee in charge was assistant agricultural representative Art Bennett, George Smith, immediate past president, Palermo Jrs., Howesden Ruddell, president of Norval Juniors and Mac Sproul, county president of the Halton Junior Farmers.

Milton Junior Farmers took the laurels of the day, being winners of the girls' softball championship; the boys also were champions in softball.

Norval Junior Farmers won the tug-of-war, just edging Milton. The two Milton softball teams, with support from the other clubs will represent Halton at the provincial field day at Guelph.

Hon. Goodfellow To Open Manor

Plans are under way now for the official opening of Halton Centennial Manor, which is scheduled for Sunday, July 6, when it is expected some 10,000 visitors will tour the new county home.

Official opening of the Manor will be conducted by Hon. W. A. Goodfellow, Ontario Minister of Welfare. Furniture is in place in many of the rooms including the kitchen, dining room, staff sitting room, board room, men's day room and a number of other rooms.

The staff of the Manor has been hired and the new county addition is receiving the final touches in preparation for the opening event, after which residents will be transferred from the joint Peel-Halton Home in Brampton to the Halton Manor just south of Milton on No. 25 highway.

OBITUARY

Miss M. M. Garvin Dies Suddenly

This community was indeed shocked by the sudden death last Thursday of Miss Margaret M. Garvin. She had been about as usual and was going home late Thursday afternoon when she suffered a heart seizure on Mill Street. She was taken into Cooper's Drug Store and a doctor called, who had her taken to Guelph by ambulance. Miss Garvin however passed away before reaching the hospital. Margaret M. Garvin was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Garvin and was born at Lenoir, Ontario. Following the death of her father, the family came to Acton and for over fifty years she has resided here. She was an expert glove maker and has been a valued employee of the Storey Glove Company for over thirty years, as fore-lady of the making department of that plant. She has taken a keen interest in her home community, was a member of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.D.E. and Knox Presbyterian Church.

Margaret Garvin has a host of friends in this home community where she has spent most of her life. She was always bright and cheery and had a friendly greeting for all. To her sister, Mrs. Norma Masales, and her brother, Earl Garvin of Toronto, the sympathy of all goes in the loss that has been suffered.

The funeral on Saturday afternoon at the Victor-B. Bonley Funeral Home was in charge of the minister, Rev. R. Armstrong. Many friends attended in tribute to a life they admired and many floral offerings bore testimony of sympathy and esteem. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. R. R. and Jack Arnold, Mac Symon, H. L. Ritchie, Lorne Youngblut and George Bowman.

Crashes Into Truck Motorcyclist Hurt

Concussion, abrasions, bruises and shock were suffered by Frank Hillier, 19, of Waterloo, when the motorcycle he was riding collided with the front end of the box of a loaded dump truck at the corner of Mill and Main Sts. Saturday at 4 p.m.

Driving the dump truck along No. 7 highway was Mathew Elliott of Acton. As he turned east along Mill St. the motorcycle, coming from Milton, smashed into the front end of the box. The truck wheels passed over the front wheel of the motorcycle. The Acton rescuistator was brought and applied to the 19-year-old injured man and he was taken by ambulance to hospital in Guelph.

A passenger on the motorcycle, Richard Rejesky of Waterloo, was uninjured.

Hillier has since been released from hospital.

PAVING UNDERWAY

Paving operations in Acton are progressing rapidly. Main St. has been completed and most of Mill St. is done. It is expected the work will be completed by the end of the week.

Ruth Nelson Band Has Annual Picnic

The Ruth Nelson Mission Band held its annual picnic on the United Church lawn Tuesday afternoon, June 17.

The occasion was honored by the presence of Mrs. Robert MacArthur's sister, Miss Ruth Nelson of Carlyle, Saskatchewan. Miss Nelson, after whom the Band is named, is a missionary in Western Canada.

A short opening meeting was followed by sports on the lawn.

The three-legged race winners were Betty Bean and Anne DeForest; 6 year old race by Barbara Mervin; 8 year old girls by Joanne Parce; 8 year old boys by David DeWitt and Terry Waterhouse; 9 year old girls by Linda Lovell and Joanne Parce; 9 year old boys by John MacArthur and Paul McGeehan; 10 and 11 year old girls by Betty Bean and Anne DeForest; over 11 year old girls by Betty Bean and Georgia Plester, wheelchair race by Paul McGeehan and John MacArthur; hopping race by Georgia Plester and Nancy DeWitt; lucky number by Marie Lambert; race of boats in jar, guessed by Anne DeForest; peanut scramble by Susie DeWitt; Marie Lambert won most points for merit chart from January to June term and was presented with the prize from Mrs. Orr, the superintendent.

Before lunch Rev. E. Curry introduced Miss Nelson, who made a few very fitting remarks to the boys and girls. Mr. Curry led in the singing of grace, after which a delicious lunch was served by members of the Women's Missionary Society.

Text Books For High School Pupils

North Halton High School District Board will supply text books for grades 9 and 10 in the three schools. It was decided at the meeting in Acton on Monday night. The student will pay a deposit of \$2 per book and if the book is returned in good condition, the amount will be refunded.

The resignation of Miss Hepburn, a music teacher from Georgetown school, was accepted and Mrs. Turner has been engaged to teach girls' physical training at the Milton School with other subjects. With 24 students in grade 13 at Milton School in September, it becomes necessary to make a temporary classroom in part of the auditorium of the school and this and the arranging of a temporary office in the Georgetown school will be done during the vacation period.

The matter of tenders for bus routes was discussed but action was deferred until a later meeting. Tenders for painting at Milton school were received and the tender of G. Farlow was accepted at a cost of \$350.

Tender for coal at Milton was awarded R. S. Adams at \$19.25 and to Kenner and Son at Georgetown at \$20.00 per ton.

Accounts passed amounted to \$12,827.91.

All members were present at the meeting in Acton school except Messrs. John Bell, C. Woods, G. A. Dills and Dr. C. Martin. Chairman for the meeting was N. Pickett.

Bill Is Still Unpaid After Hot 4 Hour Discussion

Charges, questions, contract terms and outright denunciations were hurled back and forth in the stormiest session of council this year, when Town Council met Tuesday evening in regular session. Street-founded rumors and long-standing questions flared into the open as council discussed bills received from Jones and Van Gils and considered a report by R. V. Anderson regarding engineer for extra work at the sewage disposal plant "due to unusual conditions encountered by general contractor."

Proposals were traveled and most officials exhausted at the end of the session that adjourned at 2 a.m., despite a curfew of midnight imposed at the first of the year. A delegation of citizens headed by E. Foutt pointed out they had "heard Jones and Van Gils had asked for an additional amount to their contract and we would like to know why some council members are considering giving them that amount."

Members of the delegation were E. Foutt, L. Garner, N. Garner, F. Toth, R. Arnold, J. Brown, J. Gordon, S. Cripps and J. Bruce. Others present were L. MacSwain, W. McLeod and G. Lantz.

At 10 p.m. the discussion of the Jones and Van Gils contract was instituted and it was not completed until 1 a.m., when an amendment to a motion was passed "that we commit all the officials of the Department of Municipal Affairs regarding payment." Favoring this resolution were Irwin, Rognvaldson, Stewart, Thompson, Wick, Fryer, Opposed were Taylor, Hargrave and Rachlin.

R. V. Anderson explained printed cost summaries that had been prepared and which he submitted to council. This summary showed the tender price of \$67,970.74, and the contract had been completed for \$1,238.35 under the bid. Engineer Anderson explained that this had not been paid to the contractor since all payments were on unit prices.

Deal With Extras

Dealing with the extras under consideration, for well-points and extra excavation because of work delay, Mr. Anderson declared, "all claims don't just go in. We check them."

Mayor Rachlin contended the plan was to be completed in six months and it had been under construction for two years.

Extras due to unusual conditions encountered by the general contractor were listed as well-point excavation at main plant, 1950, \$2,762.10; well-point system at main plant, 1951, \$2,664.83; excavation at main plant re 1950 stop over, \$768; de-hydrate 80 (for mixing in cement) \$553.23. Total \$6,818.75.

A payment was made in 1950 of \$5,236.19 that covered 1950 well-points and 1950 excavation due to sitting along with pumping station excavation, rock excavation and boxes in digester tank.

Following some questions from the delegation about the use of well-points, test holes, and the right to pay, Councillor Taylor explained that some of the council had gone to the trouble of questioning members of the 1950 council on the matter.

Outlines Investigation

"Jones and Van Gils started in June and encountered a railway strike. They kept their men working cleaning up in a hope to continue. In the fall, they ran into a government clamp on steel. No contractor has any control over circumstances like that. They ran into a water condition which they failed to foresee. They came to council and explained the situation. The project was on the verge of folding up. If they had dropped a

Feels Payment Just

W. McLeod said he was on council in 1950 when the first payment of the extras was made. "I felt it was due them or it wouldn't have been paid them."

As the meeting continued, Mayor Rachlin referred to a charge by Councillor Taylor that he had instituted this delegation. "I think you suggested to one councillor, to influence his vote, if he approved payment a taxpayer might 'suh him.' Councillor Taylor said,

"When citizens came to me and inquired, I gave my opinion," the mayor replied. "It is my privilege to attempt to influence any councillor either at this table or over the phone," he concluded.

Mayor Rachlin disagreed with Mr. Anderson on the allowance of \$1,000 for extras to the contract, explaining he felt it should be limited to that.

"If you can frame a contract and frame plans and specifications so accurately you can come out just exactly right, you should be an engineer, not Mayor of Acton," Engineer Anderson said.

Mayor Rachlin replied that "I contend some of these are legal points and you should stick to engineering."

Legal Technicalities

Legal technicalities were tossed back and forth with constant references to the contract.

Recommended Payment

Mayor Rachlin reported that the sewer committee had met and recommended payment of the account with the exception of \$110 sales tax. The motion in committee had been carried by a majority of 3-1.

Mr. Rachlin said, "I don't think they had the right to pay the cost of well-points in 1950."

Mr. Anderson said, "I'm not afraid to say the council did not act to the detriment of the town. I think Mr. Mason and the other men realized what they were doing when they passed that motion. They felt the contract did allow payment."

In a written reply to questions of the mayor, Town Solicitor Leatherland explained, in effect, that the balance of the account must be paid unless the payment made in 1950 is declared illegal.

J. Gordon suggested that "if a man makes a bad guess and signs a paper, doesn't he have to stand behind it?"

R. V. Anderson replied that "if I thought the contractor was taking the town for a ride, I would have opposed it. They have been very fair and given you a good job."

In the Mayor's letter to the Solicitor, which was read at council, he said, "I believe I have evidence that at least one member of the present Acton council was interested in the supplying of some of the supplies to the contractor. I would be interested in knowing if this should be a matter for the attorney general's department."

Mayor Rachlin suggested that it might be in good taste for one councillor to refrain from voting. R. Thompson asked why he should refrain from voting. Councillor Taylor charged that Mayor Reever Hargrave and Councillor Thompson was "still working to unseat Reever from this council." The mayor replied that, "Miss Taylor had no business to make these statements."



MORE THAN 40 HALTON County farmers spent Monday and Tuesday of this week touring in Western Ontario, "visiting farms and agricultural show places. The group was joined by a bus load of farmers from York County and most of the time travelled together. Editor G. A. Dills made the trip with the Halton group and reports in this issue on the two day event. "We've been on trips from coast to coast in various roles but we never travelled with a more congenial and finer group than we associated with on Monday and Tuesday of this week," the editor comments. Shown here are the members of the Halton group in front of the bus before they begin their trip on Monday morning. Heading the bus trip was J. E. Whitelock, energetic Agricultural Representative for the County. Staff Photo

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