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RECORD USE OF WATER IN ACTON NEW WELL READY FOR PUMP

Superintendent Lambert reported at the Commission meeting on Tuesday evening that during last week, 1,306,100 gallons of water had been pumped. The sewerage disposal plant had handled 835,100 gallons of sewerage. The difference in the water pumped and the sewerage handled was 421,000 gallons. The daily sewerage average last week was 126,000 gallons and water pumped 186,000 gallons.

A letter was presented from Robt. H. Saunders which included an address given in Muskoka last week in which he forecast an increase in rates for next year.

Another letter notified the Commission of the opening of a Sir Adam Beck Memorial and Museum at Chesley.

Orders were issued for the purchase of 200 gallons of gas for the waterworks department.

Superintendent Mason reported that the Dominion Hotel had installed gas stoves for cooking and that the special cooking rate would not apply henceforth. The refrigeration and hot water equipment are on the commercial rate.

Superintendent Lambert reported that the power is installed in the well pumping station on Main Street North and all is in readiness for the Consolidated Machinery Co. to send a man to instal the pump. It is expected this second source of water will be turned into the lines this week.

The secretary was to notify J. McMullen that they were holding him responsible for an account on one of his houses as the tenant had not signed for the service.

Hydro

Petty cash, express, expenses, etc.	$ 3.28
Highway Garage, acc't.	6.70
Can. Gen. Elec., acc't.	25.09
H.E.P.C., May power	7407.98
Northern Electric, covers	.58
Ellis & Howard, supp.	41.77
McEachern Garage, gas	5.26
Can. Line Materials Ltd., account	11.88
	$7,502.54

Those present at the meeting were Commissioners C. E. Wood, J. R. MacArthur and Mayor B. D. Rachlin.

$7,000 Fire Loss In Second Blaze

Fire struck disastrously for the second time on the farm of Malcolm McCormick Wednesday of last week when rampaging flames swept completely out of control and gutted his large and modern stable and a storehouse. The Rockwood district farmer has estimated damage at $7,000.

At least 90 pigs and two calves were lost in the fire that started just after six o'clock in the evening. Mr. McCormick also lost all his stable equipment, one ton of baled hay and 60 tons of straw situated 20 feet from the stable. The cause of the fire remains officially undetermined, although there is a likelihood of this being attributed to faulty electrical wiring.

No one was injured and all the efforts of the volunteer Rockwood fire brigade could not stop the fire which had obtained a stranglehold on the stable before their arrival. The firefighters were alerted by Albert Sobol, a neighbor of the McCormicks.

The 60 by 50 feet barn was a smouldering mass of burnt timber before dark and the desolate scene reminded the farmer of the equally damaging flames that devoured his barn on November 10, 1940. Not only did he lose his barn on that occasion but also his entire stock of implements and also all his stored grain.

The direction of the wind and the efforts of the Rockwood volunteers, who were able to take advantage of the nearby river prevented the leaping flames from touching the farm house.

The first intimation the farmer received of what had taken place during his absence in Guelph was the ruins of the stable.

OBITUARY

Former Resident Georgetown Dies

Mrs. Agnes Kennedy (née Smith), beloved wife of Jacob D. Kennedy, died on Sunday at her residence 138 Balsam Ave. South Hamilton. She was born in Orkland, Ont., the former Agnes Smith, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith. She has been in Hamilton for the past 26 years and was a member of Pigeon [illegible] church.

She is survived by her husband [illegible] Mrs. Annie Henry [illegible] Mrs. R. A. [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Kennedy [illegible] Hamilton; Her son [illegible] A. Kennedy [illegible]

[illegible] Woodland Cemetery.

Mr. Kennedy issued the following letter to weather media and the late Mr. and Mrs. Alex [illegible] moving to Georgetown [illegible] where she lived until her [illegible]

FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS HONOR MR., MRS. ALLAN AT SHOWERS FOR BRIDE

Prior to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Allan, a large crowd of friends and neighbors gathered at Lorne School and showered them with gifts and good wishes recently.

Churchill friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Allan and presented them with a Kenwood blanket.

Announce Results At Lorne School

Lorne School promotions for the current year have been announced. Names are listed according to the standing in each grade.

Promoted to Grade 2 — Linda Swackhamer, honors; Wayne Bowen, honors; Valerie Crofts, honors; Jimmie Kay, pass.

To Grade 3—Lynda Vickery, honors; Sandra Davidson, honors; Patsy Kay, pass; Valerie Lazenby, recommended.

To Grade 4 — Beverley Holmes, pass; Leslie McPhedran, pass; Donald Swackhamer, recommended; Janette Kay, rec.

To Grade 5—Emily Saul, honors; Jane McPhedran, honors; Ann Watkins, honors; Calvin Kay, pass; Catherine McPhedran, rec.

To Grade 6 — Barbara Davidson, honors; Charlie Saul, pass.

To Grade 7—Gail Dobbie, honors; Gordon Holmes, pass; Ronald Davidson, pass.

Approve Accounts At Area Meeting

The regular meeting of Erin Township School Area No. 1 was held in Ospringe School on Wednesday, June 11, with all members of the Board present.

The following accounts were approved for payment: teachers' salaries for May, $1,811.53; janitors' salaries, $148.50; Receiver General, income tax, $133.95; Mrs. Myrtle White, supplies, $2.20; Mrs. Norma Lovell, supplies, $2.23; W. S. Irwin, duplicate for cheque no. 33, $11.10; Fred's Electric, wiring S. S. No. 10 and account, $475.94; Delmer Peavoy, 18 cord wood, $135.00; Moyer School Supplies, $1.50; Arthur Saunders, 42 cord wood, $315.00; Globe and Mail, re teachers want ad, $4.95; Educator Supplies Ltd., $2.19; Bert Berry, salary and account for May, $52.00.

Crew Halted; Bin, Hits Tree, Road

A six truck construction crew was halted for half an hour in Acton on Wednesday afternoon when one of the trucks carrying a gravel bin clipped a tree limb in front of the United Church on Mill St.

The 12 foot high bin, being carried on the back of a dump truck, was knocked off its retaining blocks and gouged the pavement as it bounced down. Jacks and blocks were employed and the bin was lifted back in place on the truck.

The crew was travelling from Stratford to Barrie where they are to begin work on the Barrie highway. The crew was of the Yandt Bros. construction company.

Arrangements were made for damages to the pavement to be paid by the company. Corporal Mason investigated the accident.

Teachers, Officers Travel On Picnic

Sunday School teachers, officers, friends and families of the Acton United Church enjoyed their annual travelling picnic on Sunday when they visited Davidson Park, Hamilton. Buses [illegible]

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EISENHOWER TALENT

Author General Eisenhower's talents are that is little known to most people is his ability as a writer. John Gunther reports that Eisenhower excelled in English throughout high school and at West Point. "For years in the War Department, he was "a kind of sublimated ghost writer." Conciseness in writing is his ideal—he wrote his Crusade in Europe in seven weeks.

Minister Queries Pupils In Toronto

With principal G. W. McKenzie of Acton public school, grade eight pupils enjoyed a bus trip to Toronto and a day full of activity on Tuesday. The group visited the Royal Ontario Museum in the morning and then had lunch at the cafeteria in the parliament buildings.

Just before their tour of the parliament buildings, they were met by Stan Hall, M.P.P. for Halton, and while they were in the legislative assembly Dr. Dunlop, the minister of education, spoke to the Acton pupils and asked them about the different subjects on the curriculum.

He pointed out the importance of going on to school and working towards a goal.

A tour of Casa Loma and Riverdale park completed the afternoon and the busload was back in Acton before six o'clock.

List Race Winners Of Church Picnic

Over 200 gathered in Acton park Friday afternoon and evening for the annual Sunday school picnic of the United Church.

As well as various events, there was a refreshment booth and a picnic supper for the Sunday School pupils, their families and teachers.

Prizes were awarded race and special event winners, who were: kindergarten girls, Olive Plummer, Gwen Bean; kindergarten boys, Phillip Wedge, Tommy McKeown.

Primary boys, Billy Smith, Clifford Wedge; primary girls, Janet Bilton, Kay Dennis; primary boys, Lloyd Nellis, Victor Roach; junior girls 8-9, Diane Dedels, Janet Saul; junior boys 8-9, Keith Mainprize, John MacArthur.

Girls, 10, Ann Deforest, Irene Gordon; boys, 10, Rodger Lambert, Allan Fetterly; 11-12, Clare Lambert, Betty Bean; 13-15, Carol Plummer, Frank Bean.

Senior girls, Shirley Saul, Nancy Lambert; girls backward, Betty Bean, Ann Deforest; boys special, Wayne Emmerson, Bob Coxe; girls wheelbarrow, Blair Hotchen, Ann Deforest; boys wheelbarrow, Bobby Coxe, Wayne Emmerson.

Ladies' softball throw, Mrs. Jack Holmes; special race, Jack Holmes; shoe race, Ruth Holmes.

Customer: "Are you sure that this stuff will grow hair?"

Van the Barber: "Am I sure? Do you see this hair cream? Until some of this hair grower got spilled on it last week, it was just a ping-pong paddle."

BORN IN 1862 IN NASSAGAWEYA, HAS 90TH BIRTHDAY IN U.S.

Mrs. Nancy E. Weir was a charming hostess recently when she greeted 200 guests in celebration of her ninetieth birthday anniversary. The event was planned by women of the First Presbyterian Church and was held at Mrs. Weir's home in El Monte, California.

Mrs. Weir, affectionately known as "Mother Weir," was born May 8, 1862, in Nassagaweya, Ontario. In 1887 she became the bride of the late William G. Weir, also of Nassagaweya. They went to the United States in 1904 and settled in Los Angeles. In 1923 they moved to Hermosa Beach and in 1945 made their home in El Monte.

The tea celebrating Mrs. Weir's birthday anniversary was held in the garden of her home.

Mother Weir received more than 200 cards and gifts and dozens of boxes of flowers. She has been an active member of the First Presbyterian Church for the past seven years.

In recalling the party in her honor, Mrs. Weir said: "My feeling of gratitude is so deep for the kindness of my many friends, that I cannot adequately express my thanks."

Varied Program By Piano Pupils

On Friday, June 20, in the Baptist Church, piano pupils of Miss Ethel Franklin presented a piano recital with accordion and vocal solos adding variety to the program.

Those taking part were John Musselle, Marilyn Patterson, Sharleen Marshall, Bobby Cripps, Kay Pasmore, Lesley Duby, Joan Ramsden, Jean Britton, Mary Pasmore, Ann Watkins, Gail Dobbie, Laurie Duby, Nancy Aitken, Peter Lawson, Marilyn Lemon, Barbara Ware, Danny Holmes, Elizabeth Force, Wayne Bowen, Mary Jane Force, Bobby Duby, Lynda Mann, Marilyn Woods, Melba Williamson, Valene Varey, Laurie Ritchie, Bob Agnew, Betty Lemon, Phyllis Barnes, Joy Peal, Joan Chisholm, Ruth Landsborough, Dorothy McDonald, Helen Landsborough, Bob Landsborough, Faye Sagaski, Betty Sinclair, Peggy Oakes, Frances Oakes, Elaine Rachlin, Fay Garner, Ruth Smith, Arlene Gordon, Shirley Thompson.

Fay Garner gave an accordion solo, "My Sweetheart" and Shirley Thompson sang "Bless This House."

On behalf of the pupils, Ruth Landsborough presented Miss Franklin with a rhinestone brooch and nylons.

Pictures taken at last year's piano were shown by Mrs. L. Garner.

COUNTY TEACHERS FETE INSPECTOR, MRS. SKUCE ON 25th ANNIVERSARY

On Wednesday June 18, the spacious auditorium of Glenwood School was the setting for a banquet, when the teachers of Halton County entertained in honor of L. L. Skuce, inspector of public schools and Mrs. Skuce, on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

After a delicious supper served by the ladies of Appleby United Church, L. Fulford, Oakville, president of Halton Teachers' Institute took charge of the program. Under the capable leadership of G. M. Evans, Oakville and S. Buchanan, pianist, 170 teachers and guests enjoyed a short sing song. Delightful solos and duets in keeping with the anniversary theme were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Asher of Trafalgar Township.

The highlight of the evening came when J. A. Lockhart, Burlington on behalf of the teachers of the Institute spoke of the high esteem in which both Mr. and Mrs. Skuce are held, of the educational advancement which Mr. Skuce has promoted in Halton County, and of Mrs. Skuce's valuable services to community welfare.

Miss B. Hume, Georgetown, presented Mrs. Skuce with a beautiful bouquet of 25 roses tied with silver ribbon. J. A. Lockhart presented Mr. and Mrs. Skuce with a money bag containing one hundred silver dollars as a tangible expression of affection and good wishes.

In words well chosen and sincere, Mr. and Mrs. Skuce thanked the teachers for their gifts in recognition of this special occasion and expressed their appreciation for the honor which had been bestowed upon them.

An enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the singing of God Save the Queen.

ACTON HOME AND SCHOOL Association sponsored a graduation banquet for the pupils of the public school Graduating Class in the Y.M.C.A., Acton, on Thursday of last week when the 35 students were feted. The picture above shows the students. Back row, left to right, G. Smethurst, J. Cunningham, G. Dawkins, F. Hurst, R. Landsborough, B. Thorarinson, W. Currie, G. Lamarche, H. Deforest, G. McFadden. Middle row, S. Paul, F. Andrews, M. Hunter, R. Sinclair, W. Spires, E. Baxter, R. Armstrong, B. Halliday, S. Jones, D. Dawkins, E. Ritchie. Front row, N. Robson, S. Mages, M. Ware, J. Peel, M. Seguin, J. Deforest, E. Jennings, E. Jany, S. Lewandowski, N. Wilds. —*Staff Photo*

Graduating Class Guests At Banquet

The 34 members of Acton public school's graduating class were guests of honor at the graduation banquet held on June 19 in the Y.M.C.A. Ladies of the Home and School Association catered for the excellent banquet.

Rev. V. J. Morgan said grace and after the banquet, a sing song was led by Les Duby, who also gave several solos.

The high school principal, Orland Robbins, told the members of the graduating class that their education was by no means finished, as more is required than for previous generations. He reminisced about schools he attended and their value.

The toast to the school was made by Dorothy Dawkins and replied to by T. Jones as a representative of the school board.

A matched set of pictures of the Queen and Prince Philip was presented to the new school, through Mr. Jones, by Sylvia Mages on behalf of the graduating class.

Emmerson Baxter thanked the guest speaker, Mr. Robbins, and presented him with a tie pin and cuff links.

An initialed leather belt was presented to principal G. W. McKenzie by Elizabeth Jany on behalf of the class of '52.

The gymnasium of the Y was decorated in the school colors, red and white, for the banquet.

Among the guests were Miss Folster of the teaching staff and H. Hinton and W. Wolfe of the home and school association.

Bible To Honor Miss Bennett Gift

The Friendly Circle held its June meeting in the form of a picnic on Wednesday, June 18. It was to have been held at the home of Mrs. R. McKeown but due to the cool and windy weather, it was decided to have it in the Sunday School room of the church.

Card tables were placed in the centre of the room and the food, which was brought in by each member, was placed on them. When it was ready, a circle was made around the room and everybody helped themselves to the various assortments of delicious salads, sandwiches and cakes.

After everybody had sufficient to eat and drink, a short business period was held. It was decided that a Bible, similar to the one on the communion table in the church, be purchased and given to the new school in honor of Miss M. Z. Bennett, who was principal of the school for so many years. The details for the bazaar to be held in the fall were completed. A reunion is to be held in the fall. The Circle agreed to further help with the "Chair Fund" and to assist with the purchasing of new tables. Some recipe books have been completed and each member has her share. More will be available for sale during the summer months. The demonstration which was to have been held in the fall has been cancelled.

Miss C. Grindley thanked Mrs. McKeown for offering her home for the occasion and hoped the members would be able to go there some other time.

A very enjoyable evening closed with Mrs. J. J. Stewart Sr., Mrs. L. Lovell and Mrs. E. Hufnagel conducting a number of games and contests on the church lawn.

Miss Grindley wished everyone an enjoyable summer and hoped to see everyone at the first meeting of the fall.

The average journey of a passenger on the Canadian National Railways during 1951 was 93 miles, an increase of nine miles over the figure for 1950.

Committee Plan, Begin Building Of Junior Pool

Plans for the provision of swimming facilities for the children of Acton were discussed in detail at a meeting of the Acton Swimming Pool Committee, held in the council chambers on June 23rd. Eight members were present, and Mr. Amos Mason occupied the chair.

There were two major points in the discussion. First, the impossibility of building the pool during the past three years because of cement shortages and steel restrictions, which came into effect shortly after the first campaign closed, and secondly, the financial objective for the whole project had not been reached to date, although there were a great many pledges that had not yet been honored because of the delay.

Due to the easing of restrictions in steel, it is now possible to proceed with construction, and the committee decided to commence work on the first pool. As the primary purpose of this project is to provide swimming facilities for children, and particularly younger children, it was considered advisable to build the junior pool first. To that end, W. A. Barnett, of Barnett and Rieder, Architects, Toronto, was engaged as consultant.

In answer to a question as to the administration of the fund to date, the chairman pointed out that every cent collected is still on deposit and that there had been no expenditures for any purpose. The committee believes that the money on hand is sufficient to construct one pool and to provide some of the facilities for both pools and it is thought that once construction is under way, there will be no difficulty in obtaining the necessary additional funds.

The committee regretted that it had not been possible to obtain steel at an earlier date, but felt sure that everyone interested in the welfare of the children of Acton will appreciate that it had not been feasible to go ahead with the pool construction unless adequate steel was available.

Rev. Ralph Price Officially Inducted

Rev. Ralph E. Price, B.A., B.D., was inducted as the rector of St. Alban's Church, Acton and St. John's Church, Rockwood at a service held in the Acton Anglican Church Tuesday evening.

Taking part in the service were the archdeacon of Halton and Wellington, Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson, B.A., rector of St. George's Church, Georgetown; rural dean Rev. C. F. Heathcote, L.Th., and Canon S. A. Kirk, B.A., L.Th., rector of St. George's Church, Guelph. The curate of St. George's Church, Guelph, Rev. Robert Blackwell, was also present.

Rev. F. John Bartlett of St. Mark's, Orangeville, gave the address from the text of John 1, verses 6-9, stating that the new rector was bearing witness of the light just as John was.

The license stating the bishop's appointment of Rev. Price was read during the service.

Flowers had been placed at the windows, altar and font.

ANNOUNCE PROMOTION RESULTS FOR ACTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The following are the June promotion results for Acton High School. Promotion with honors list are arranged in order of merit and include all students who passed in all subjects and who obtained an average of at least 66 per cent. Promotion without honors list are arranged alphabetically and include all students who passed in all subjects and who obtained an average between 50 per cent. and 66 per cent.

Grade IX

Promotion with honors — Joseph Jany, Jean McCrea and Kathleen Stanley (equal), Helen Luxton, Cheryl Morton, Mary Mages, Lorraine Tyler, Joyce Halladay, Norma Hobson, Colin MacColl, Marjorie Winters, Avelina Rocher, Ray Holloway, Gail Hamilton, Bernice Sargent, Elaine Rachlin, Frances Oakes, Ted Footitt, Donna McMillan.

Promotion without honors—Barbara Anderson, Herbert Dodds, Faye Garner, Kathleen Kirkpatrick, Mary Anne Maxwell, Delmar Watson.

Conditional promotion — Peggy Bradshaw, Bob Dennis, Doris Halladay, John Hufnagel, Ross Morton, Leona Sagaskie, Shirley Saul, Ken Thomson.

Grade XA

Promotion with honors — Janice Baker, Nancy Lambert, Arlene Gordon, Mary Braida, Betty Sinclair, Ruth Marshall, Francis Heffernan, June Lindsay, Pauline Papillon.

Promotion without honors—Kathleen Foster, Deanna Grier, Evelyn MacDonald, Peggy Oakes, Desmond O'Rourke, Evelyn Saunders, Vera Warne.

Conditional promotion — Neils in Benton, Diane Dawkins, Eileen Frank, Rochelle Henderson, Bill MacColl, Dennis Papillon.

Grade XB

Promotion with honors — Betty Mae Lambert, Ruth Smith, Betty Williamson, Julia Krul, Kathleen McCristall, Carol Fetterly, Bob Coxe, Richard Mason, Maureen Kincaid.

Promotion without honors—Frank Beaty, Catherine Bennan.

Conditional promotion—Merlyn Moore, Frances Fletcher.

Grade XI

Promotion with honors—Barbara Thorson, Isabelle Ritchie, Sheila O'Rourke, Barbara Baxter.

Promotion without honors—Earl Gordon, Eva Jennings, Audrey Wilkinson.

Conditional promotion—Joyce Adair, Russell Arbic, Joy Boyd, Faye Farmer, Mary Jennings, David McVey, Ronald Ralston.

Grade XII

Promotion with honors—Marjorie Warne, Joyce Lambert, Helen Keeler, Chris Lamb, Denise Coles, Donald Dawkins, Jack Davidson, Pat Terry.

Promotion without honors — Rod Force, Betty Price.

Conditional promotion — Elaine Hufnagel.

Winners of Awards and Prizes

General proficiency scholarships are awarded by the North Halton High School District Board and are given to the students who complete in one year the work of the grade with the highest average per cent. mark. The winners are:

Grade IX—First general proficiency prize, Joseph Jany, $15.00 cash; second general proficiency prize, Jean McCrea and Kathleen Stanley equal, $10.00 cash.

Grade X—First general proficiency prize, Janice Baker, $15.00 cash; second general proficiency prize, Betty Mae Lambert, $10.00 cash.

Grade XI—First general proficiency prize, $15.00 cash; second general proficiency prize, Isabelle Ritchie, $10.00 cash.

The scholarship of $25.00 donated by the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. to the student who completes in one year the course in Grade XII with the highest academic standing and who continues to the Upper School, was won by Marjorie Warne.

Members of the "Never Late, Never Absent Club" are: Bob Coxe, John Hufnagel, Colin MacColl, Jean McCrea, Avelina Rocher, Lorene Roszel, Ruth Smith, Annamarie Spitzer, Kathleen Stanley, Barbara Turner.

The winners of the following awards will not be known until the results of the Upper School examinations are published in August.

(a) Scholarship of $25.00 donated by the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. to the student who attains the highest standing in the Upper School; (b) special prize given by the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. to the girl and boy in the Middle and Upper School having the best all round record in High School as judged by both students and staff.

The scholarship to the student making the greatest progress, not necessarily the highest marks, during the school year, awarded by Mr. Amos Mason and won by Dorothy Warne.

The scholarship to the student who has made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the school. Donated by Mr. E. G. Tyler and won by Rod Force.

The scholarship to the student who at the end of the Commercial Option Course has shown the greatest promise for business. Awarded by Mr. Stanley Wilkins and won by Elaine Hufnagel.

Prizes to the best all round student in each grade 9, 10, 11 based on character, school work, extracurricular activities, cooperation and behaviour, awarded by the A.H.S. Staff and won by Helen Luxton and Ruth Smith.

Dominion Day

Tuesday, July 1, is Dominion Day and an official holiday.

The staff of this paper will take the holiday on Monday, however, making a long week-end. The office will be open on Monday by special arrangement to receive items of news, advertisements and orders of job printing and will be back to normal routine Tuesday.

To facilitate the handling of news for next Thursday's paper during this short week, all those with ads or items of local news are asked to bring, send or phone them as early in the week as possible.