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FIRST BIG CATCH of the bass season was this 21 inch black large mouthed bass caught on July 1 by Turk Shepherd, in Fairy Lake. The six-and-a-half-pound beauty had a mouth span of four and three-quarter inches.

Storm Interferes With W.I. Picnic

When the members of the Acton Women's Institute gathered at the park for their annual picnic on Thursday, July 3, they were greeted with a little sunshine, some dark clouds and finally a heavy thunderstorm.

They took refuge in the booth there and between showers were able to carry out some of the sports program arranged by the committee of Mrs. E. Smith, Mrs. McAuley and Mrs. George Lantz.

The winners in the various contests were as follows: children's races, Linda Lovell, Bruce Shultz and Marie Lambert, with prizes for all the small children.

Ladies' contests: forward and backward, Mrs. Leo Synott, Mrs. F. Hunter; time race, Mrs. H. Lasby; grandmother's musical entry, vocal Mrs. W. Hamilton, musical Mrs. H. Lasby; tooth pick game, Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Hunter; hog calling, Mrs. F. Anderson and Mrs. Hamilton; proverb hunt, Mrs. W. Denny and Mrs. F. Anderson; mystery lady, Mrs. J. Mowat; oldest member, Mrs. W. Hamilton; youngest member, Mrs. F. Hunter.

A pot luck lunch was served in the "place of refuge" and all departed for home after the storm had subsided, apparently none the worse for their experience.

21 Mills Esqueing General Tax Rate

At Esqueing council meeting on July 8, the general tax rate by-law was passed, with results as follows: county rate 5.4 mills, township rate 8.0 mills, general school rate 2.6 mills, for North Halton high school purposes 5.0 mills, total general tax rate 21.0 mills.

Special rate for Norval street lights 2.5 mills, special rate for Glen Williams street lighting 1.2 mills, Milton Fire Area No. 2 assessment on buildings only 5.0 mills.

The requisitions for trustees' rates for schools are not in and by-law will be passed at a later date.

A letter from W. Deane, county clerk, stated that the municipalities of Burlington and Oakville have appealed from the decision of Halton County Council equalization of assessments as contained in a by-law passed on June 10.

The following accounts were passed for payment: Bell Telephone Co., \$10.95; H.E.P.C. of Ont., \$22.88; Board of Hydro Commissioners, Georgetown, \$95.35; H.E.P.C. of Ont., \$8.04; H. C. McClure, \$25.00.

The treasurer was also instructed to pay G. C. Brown, renewal premium on road liability policy, \$388.11; A. W. Benton, \$7.00; A. W. Benton, convention expenses, \$57.00.

Sheep claims were passed as follows: Robert G. Irving, 1 lamb killed, \$16.00; Meldrum Stark, valuator, \$4.00.

Claims for foxes destroyed in Esqueing were paid as follows: Bruce Ismond, Georgetown 2, \$10.00; Ward Raddell, Georgetown 3, \$2.50; David Lawson, Milton 5, \$5.00; Samuel W. Snow, Georgetown 1, \$5.00; total \$22.50.

Relief accounts as presented by the relief officer, amounting to \$124.22 were passed for payment.

The clerk was instructed to prepare a by-law adjusting the salary of the road superintendent, raising it by the amount of \$300.00 per annum, subject to the approval of the Department of Highways, as of July 1st.

Council also raised the rate of pay to the road employees 10c per hour as of July 1st.

A by-law to distribute the interest accruing from the Railway Bonus Fund amongst the different school sections entitled to it was passed.

A by-law to assess the township of Esqueing for the year 1952 was passed.

Road accounts as presented by the road superintendent of \$4,848.31 were passed.

Summer Meeting Is Held On Lawn

The postponed June meeting of Bannockburn W.I. was held on the lawn at the home of Mrs. W. J. McDonald with a good attendance of members and visitors and the president, Mrs. T. Gordon, in charge.

Opening was the Ode and Mary Stewart Collier. Roll call was an Ontario industry.

Extension service for the branch was discussed and choosing and using fabrics chosen. Plans were made for the annual community picnic and a committee appointed.

Progress at the cemetery was reported. Mrs. R. L. Davidson, district convener of agriculture, spoke briefly and outlined plans for the county picnic. District convener's report on agriculture and Canadian industries was given by Mrs. Storey.

Sympathy was expressed for the friends in the sudden passing of the late J. D. Nelson.

A contest conducted by Mrs. Linham and Mrs. Storey was won by Mrs. Moyle.

The meeting adjourned with "Carry me back to old Virginia" by Mrs. McDonald, assisted by Mrs. Debbie and Mrs. Russell, served lunch after which a vote of thanks was rendered the hostess.

Vancouver, with 102 has the most hotels of any Canadian city.

Special Medal Won By Eramosa Scout

The Boy Scout Medal for Meritorious Conduct has been awarded to Scout William J. Sinclair of the First Eramosa Scout Troop, Rockwood, it was announced in the Dominion Day honors list by the Governor General, Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey.

Bill Sinclair was returning from an overnight ski hike with eight other scouts and the scoutmaster, Clarence Comfort, to Everton, five miles from his home at Oustie. When his ski strap broke, he proceeded to walk along the road and met two men coming from the school. The three walked together, and Bill, suspicious, memorized all he could about them.

When the scout arrived home, he called the scoutmaster, who, with Bill's father, found the men walking along the road. The Provincial Police were informed and arrested the pair. They had stolen the Red Cross money from the school and in one of their pockets were keys to a truck which was found ditched a few miles from the school.

The young scout had no idea the details of the incident had been forwarded to the Governor General.

The 14 year old boy indeed merits the congratulations.

WATSON-NELLIS WEDDING SATURDAY IN NORFOLK CHURCH, GUELPH

On Saturday, June 28 in Norfolk United Church, Guelph, Edith May Nellis of R.R. 1, Acton, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Nellis, was married to William Robert Watson of Nassagaweya township. Officiating at the afternoon ceremony was Rev. Bruce W. Hall of Guelph.

A navy blue gabardine suit, with white accessories, was worn by the bride, and she carried pink roses and sweet peas with maiden hair fern.

Attending her was Mrs. Lorne Wardlaw of Georgetown, who wore a lime green suit with navy accessories, and carried yellow roses with sweet peas and maiden hair fern. Jean Wardlaw of Georgetown, wearing pink and carrying a nosegay of pink and white sweet peas, was flower girl.

The best man was Ivan Elliott of Georgetown.

A quiet reception was held following the ceremony at the home of the bride, with a three-tiered wedding cake centering the table.

A pink topcoat was worn with her suit by Mrs. Watson when she left with her husband on a trip to the U.S.A.

Guests attended the reception from Milton, Georgetown, Hillsburgh, Rockwood and the surrounding district.

The groom's gift to the bride was a gold wrist watch; the bride gave her attendant a pair of pearl earrings.

JOHNNY GOY NEW PRESIDENT OF ROTARY ASSIGNED OFFICE TUESDAY

Newly-elected President Johnny Goy was in charge at the meeting of Acton Rotary Club on Tuesday evening and committees were named for the year and the general arrangements outlined. The club is arranging to make flats for use by florists and greenhouse owners in order to raise funds for their various projects and already material has been purchased and the work outlined.

The meeting was devoted to business and the plans for the year. A club bulletin is contemplated. Tribute was paid to retiring president Theron Jones on the past year and appreciation expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Art Padgug on the very successful ladies' night enjoyed at this hospitable home recently.

Provincial Constable A. McNiven has been transferred to the Oakville detachment of Provincial Police Const. McNiven was formerly on the Milton detachment.

W.M.S. Sends Bales To Korea, Missions

The regular meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Acton United Church was held at the home of Miss M. Z. Bennett on Tuesday evening with the president, Miss M. Z. Bennett, presiding. Worship services were taken by Mrs. B. Mowat, Mrs. B. Veldhuis, Mrs. E. A. Currey, Mrs. Thomson, Miss M. Mainprize, Mrs. Hannah and Mrs. C. L. Poole. Mrs. Mowat gave a reading and a quiz on stewardship.

"Temperance" was given by Miss D. Simmons.

Bales of clothing are being sent to Korea and the home mission field. Miss E. Hawthorne was appointed corresponding secretary for the balance of the year. Miss Bennett closed the meeting with prayer.

West Coast Trip Described to W.I.

Highlights of her trip to the West coast in April, along with impressions and comparisons of our habits and economies, were given to the Nassagaweya Branch Women's Institute by Mrs. E. Rinehart at the regular July meeting of that branch.

Mrs. Charles Morton, hostess, and convener Mrs. Price and Mrs. Moffat, presented a most enjoyable program for members and visitors.

Reports were read from the District Annual at Acton by Mrs. L. Campbell and Mrs. M. Moffat and homecrafts were requested as the extension service for 1952-53.

30 Years' Service Devoted to Church

John Jeremiah Henderson, who was an elder at Nassagaweya Presbyterian church, for 30 years, superintendent for 20 years and clerk of session for five years, died on July 6 at the Long Branch home of his son James. Mr. Henderson, whose home was on R.R. 1, Acton, in Nassagaweya, had been ill for six months.

He was born in 1880, the son of the late James Henderson and Janet Smith. His wife, to whom he was married in 1907, was the late Agnes Jane Little.

Funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 9, in Nassagaweya Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. James Sutherland. Pallbearers were all neighbours: Horace Blyth, Chas. Thompson, Irwin Little, Lester Miller, Roy Lindsay and Alfred Allan.

Interment was in Fairview cemetery, Acton.

Surviving Mr. Henderson are three sons, Joseph, R.R. 1, Acton; James, Long Branch, and Charles, Appin.

Settle Halton's Share In Joint Home as \$46,000

Financial settlement by agreement between committees as set up by both Halton and Peel county councils, was satisfactorily concluded, it was reported by K. V. Dick to Halton County council at its regular monthly meeting held Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Dick told members after several meetings with Peel representatives Peel agreed to pay Halton \$46,000 as their equity in the jointly owned home located at Brampton.

During the session council authorized a by-law be prepared to approve of the agreement of severance between the two counties and accept the \$46,000 amount as agreed upon by the committees. It was further agreed Halton would pay \$5,000 as their share of operating costs of the jointly owned home from January to July 3, 1952.

Silver Salad Forks Given Club Girls

The ladies of Limehouse W.I. were delighted to welcome to their July meeting, Mrs. Readhead, district convener of home economics and health and enjoyed her talk on that topic. Mrs. V. Norris was also a welcome guest, having been the guest speaker at the June meeting, while she was yet convener of historical research and current events for the district.

The meeting was held in the Memorial Hall, presided over by Mrs. E. Sanford and opened with the hymn, "Happy the home when God is there," followed by the Lords Prayer in unison.

The roll call, "How to postpone old age," was answered by 23 members, all with one idea, that worry hastens old age.

Mrs. Frank Brown, convener of home economics and health for program, Dorothy McDonald gave a piano solo and the current events were read by Mrs. S. Glsby. Two-minute reports were given by each convener and Mrs. S. Kirkpatrick gave the motto, "Laugh more, worry less, keep young and happy," which was a follow-up of the roll call.

Ruth Brown and Kay Norton displayed cotton dresses they had made in their homemaking club. Ruth also gave a talk on serving a vegetable five different ways.

Kay Norton and Kathleen Kirkpatrick demonstrated the making of a salad. These demonstrations, etc. show what the girls learn in the homemaking club and it is ever a pleasure to have the girls show what they have achieved. A great deal of thanks is due the leaders who spend many hours preparing for these classes.

Ruth Brown, Kathleen Kirkpatrick, Kay Norton of the homemaking club and Dorothy McDonald, a member of the garden club, were each presented with silver salad forks.

After closing the meeting with God Save the Queen, all enjoyed a social half hour.

Members also felt that as those Halton residents residing at Brampton had not been transferred to Halton Centennial Manor, Halton would also pay their share of the operating costs from June 3 until the time they were transferred to Milton. Members voiced their appreciation to the members of the negotiating committee for the satisfactory job they completed.

Several tenders for the supply of coal for the county buildings were received and members authorized the building committee to inspect these tenders with power to make the decision of which tender it would accept.

Reeve C. L. S. Palmer, chairman of the assessment committee, recommended Ford Rogers, county assessor, have his salary increased \$500 per annum. He will now receive \$2,500 with an eight cent mileage allowance while on county business, council decided.

Communications from two municipalities were received in connection with the county's equalized assessment by-law and appeals. A resolution passed by Esqueing township council stated Esqueing was satisfied with the equalized assessment figures as approved at the June meeting of county council.

The second from Trafalgar said Trafalgar was against the county judge hearing the assessment appeal. Trafalgar members told council they were advised that if a single municipality raised an objection, the Municipal Board or a three man court would be appointed to hear the appeals.

Clerk William Deans pointed out appeals against the equalized assessment by-law had been received from the towns of Burlington and Oakville. He further stated the two appellants were favorable to having the county judge hear the case, but if one of the municipalities objected, he would have to notify the department. Both letters, it was agreed, should be filed.

Considerable discussion took place over a resolution from Brant county seeking to have the government pass legislation to have pension cheques of indigents turned over to the municipalities of their residence. It was felt it would ease the municipal burden somewhat. Members were divided on the question but finally approved of endorsing the resolution by a 7-6 vote.

Some members did not think it right, a pensioner in a hospital, should receive the whole of his pension while the municipality was forced to pay the whole hospital bill. Others considered the pension was the property of the pensioner and it should be up to that person to decide whether some of his pension should be slated for municipal coffers.

Roy Smith, county engineer, was present to tell council of the new Canadian Good Roads Association organization. Council agreed to become a member of the association and pay the \$50 membership fee. The county engineer was delegated to attend the convention being held at Quebec next October 20-23.

Mr. Smith also said all municipalities in the county were eligible as members of the association when the county took out membership. Each municipality would have the privilege of also sending delegates to the convention, without having to pay an extra membership fee. He also said this differed from the Ontario Good Roads Association, which asked all municipalities to pay a fee to become members.

Reeve E. H. Lauder, Oakville, asked council to consider the appointment of a county solicitor. He felt it was imperative for the county to have a solicitor as work had been mounting during the past two years. He also said the county should have their own solicitor to protect their rights during a hearing of the pending assessment appeals. The finance committee were empowered to select a county solicitor, as council were not holding an August session.

LOCAL PIANISTS GAIN HONORS IN RECENT ROYAL CONSERVATORY EXAMS

Among those successful in passing the recent Royal Conservatory of Music examinations were several from Acton and district. Grade VIII piano, Denise Coles, first class honors; Crawford Douglas, honors.

Grade VII piano, Frank Bean, honors; Grade VI piano, Marilyn Wragglesworth, Jane Elliott, Sheila Hosking, honors.

Grade V piano, Hugh Sirra, honors; Grade IV piano, Marie Kerr, first class honors.

Grade II piano, Patricia Coles, first class honors.

More Consideration On Contractor's Sewer Bill

Mayor B. D. Raehlin submitted a written report to council at the Monday evening session, following the delegation's trip to the Department of Municipal Affairs on the question of paying an account submitted by Jones and VanGils and approved by engineer R. V. Anderson. Mayor Raehlin reported it was C. F. Nunn's opinion that the first claim in 1950 of Jones and VanGils should not have been paid but since it was paid, this council was committed to make this 1952 payment.

Reeve Hargrave, a member of the delegation, reported that Mr. Nunn inferred to get into a litigation might cost more than the amount involved. It was also pointed out that Mr. Nunn's was not a legal opinion.

Mayor Raehlin reported on contacting the auditor regarding the payment. Mr. Leaver suggested that the funds could be made available by special debenture or a levy in the 1953 taxes. He advised council that if he was shown the approval of the engineer and solicitor and the approval of the majority of council he would take an exception to the payment.

Solicitor Leatherland recommended a short letter be obtained from the engineer explaining his approval and submitted to the auditor for approval before payment is made.

Mr. Leatherland said he, as town solicitor, was not prepared to authorize payment of de-hydrating oil which was an amount of some \$300 on the contractor's bill.

Mayor Raehlin suggested that the engineer be asked to certify in writing that a specific contract clause, referred to in the 1950 payment, authorizes payment of the extras totaling \$3,926.06. Council felt if the Mayor wanted this information it would be perfectly all right for him to write personally but it was evidently not necessary for council. Councillor Rognavaldson objected to his writing for the information on the basis that it was not necessary and tended to confound the issue. A resolution was passed to request the engineer to give the information required by the auditor and same be submitted to the auditor for approval.

Gas Sale By-law
A McIsaac explained to council that the gas sale by-law did not

seem to be enforced and asked what was being done. Mayor Raehlin explained that the man has been convicted and now he's allowed to "stay open".

Solicitor Leatherland said there was no reason why another charge could not be laid. Convicted in Magistrate's Court of violating the by-law, F. Toth Jr. has appealed the decision and the appeal has not yet been heard.

Mayor Raehlin said that on the solicitor's advice he would instruct the police to lay another charge under the by-law. "As long as we have the by-law it should be enforced," he concluded.

Rent Controls
Council tabled a letter seeking an opinion of the discontinuance of rent control. The letter from the special committee set up to consider the regulations said it would recommend discontinuance of the controls if no further information was received.

A five page letter was received from H. V. Deen outlining the early stages of the swimming pool organization. Mr. Deen asked if council had taken responsibility for future maintenance of the pool when it was built. Solicitor Leatherland assured council no such action had been taken.

The letter was ordered filed since council had nothing to do with the information pool organization.

Notice was received from the county clerk that Burlington and Oakville were again this year applicants for a swimming pool.

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Hon. Goodfellow Opens Halton Centennial Manor

"I hope that those who come through these doors will find comfort, security, and contentment of mind," Hon. W. A. Goodfellow, Minister of Welfare for Ontario, said in declaring Halton Centennial Manor officially open Sunday before a large crowd that weathered a scorching sun to attend the official ceremony.

Hon. Goodfellow offered his congratulations to the members of Halton County Council "whose vision and through whose energy this project has been made possible." He expressed pride that he had played a small part in implementing the Ontario program for this type of accommodation.

"We're living under what is called a free enterprise system and it is competition all the way. That is what makes the system work. Yet we must recognize that some are not as fortunate as others," the speaker continued. "We have recognized this need... and a distribution of the good things of life is necessary at least to some measure. When we fail to realize the needs of the less fortunate we defeat our way of life."

Halton M.P.P. Stanley Hall introduced the speaker and expressed pride in the Halton Centennial Manor. "I feel we have something here we'll all be proud of," Mr. Hall declared.

Warden J. M. Wickson in his remarks explained that on July 12, 100 years ago, the first county council had convened "and now we are opening the most worthy project ever undertaken in Halton." Forseeing great development in Halton, the Warden said, "Halton has one of the finest homes in Ontario, of which all can be proud."

Milton Junior Band entertained the gathering crowd preceding the service as citizens headed for any spot that offered shade and many of the women used umbrellas for protection from the scorching sun. In his shirt sleeves to address the audience, Hon. Goodfellow suggested that probably all those wearing coats were from the city.

During the service of dedication Rev. E. Orsborn, Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton, gave the Scripture reading from the 23rd Psalm, "The Lord is my Shepherd." Rev. J. Homer Ferris, Grace Anglican Church, Milton, offered the prayer of dedication and pronounced the Benediction.

More than 5,000 made the trip through the five-winged spacious, modern accommodation for Halton's senior citizens. Many expressed delight at the congenial atmosphere that the building contributed with bedrooms decorated in cheery pastels and drapes with bright patterns.



HON. W. A. GOODFELLOW, Ontario's Minister of Public Welfare officially opened Halton Centennial Manor in a brief Sunday dedication ceremony attended by about 5,000 citizens. Mr. Goodfellow has been Minister for six and a half years.

MEAT MARKET IN NEW QUARTERS AND OPENS WITH NEW EQUIPMENT

Announcement is made in another column of a change in Acton's business section. Bradley's Meat Market, which has been located for the past five years at Mill and Egan Street has removed to new premises in the Rumley block next door to Acton Home Furnishings.

In the new, large quarters, Mr. Bradley has installed modern refrigerators, display counters and modern store fixtures and equipment that go to make a modern meat market.

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Board Renews Bus Contracts

By a vote of 8 to 3, North Halton High School District Board decided to renew all the contracts for the bus routes with the present drivers of these routes at the same price that has been paid since the inauguration of the service nearly five years ago.

A lower rate was offered, the Board on mileage over 50 miles on two routes, but the large majority of the Board considered the very satisfactory service that had been rendered in the past when the decision was made to renew the old contracts for a period of three years and a yearly re-opening for any changes or revisions which may be necessary.

This special meeting to consider transportation contracts was held at Stewarttown on Thursday evening and all members of the Board were present with chairman John Roll presiding.



WARDENS DURING the planning and construction of Halton Centennial Manor, officially opened on Sunday are seen in the men's dayroom following the brief dedication ceremony. Shown from left are K. Y. Dick, Warden 1951; J. M. Wickson, Warden 1952; Mrs. Mary Pettit, Warden 1949; L. E. Ludlow, Supervisor of Homes for the Age; Ontario Department of Public Welfare; and W. VanSickle, Warden 1950. An inspection of the Manor followed the service and about 5,000 citizens took advantage of the opportunity to see the completed project.

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