

BOARD APPROVES BUILDING PROGRAM

Motion Outlines Building Program for North Halton

A motion outlining a plan to start action on the building program of the North Halton High School District Board received approval of eight of the members present at a meeting in Stewarstown on Monday evening and two adverse votes. Two members who were not present are, according to the wording of the motion, to be given the opportunity of expressing their opinions.

To Plan Opening School Addition

Officials are considering dates in October for the official opening of the new addition to the Acton Public School although the school will go into operation at the beginning of the September term.

Major construction has been completed on the structure and only a few minor jobs remain with the cleaning up to put the building in operating condition. No special name has been considered for the school and board members feel it will continue simply as Acton Public School.

Playground additions have been levelled and scraped in preparation for the fall term. An addition has been made of a strip of property on the south side of the new building for playground area. Baxter Laboratories have granted permission for the pupils to use this strip of land.

A second addition to playground space is the area that was formerly swampy in the front playground north of Education Lane.

In the new building, furniture is on hand, tile floors installed with blackboards yet to come. The auditorium, expected to seat 500, is attractively finished in plywood panelling with two stage entrances from the corridor at the rear. Metal chairs are on hand for the auditorium. It is possible to stand on the front edge of the chair without tipping it.

Stage lights have been built in at the floor level and there is also ample lighting from the top.

Course in Germany For Acton Soldier

An Acton man of the 27th Infantry Brigade in Germany is taking a senior NCO's course that includes lessons in techniques of instruction, tactics, fieldcraft, map using, battalion communications, military law, weapons and drill. Attending the course is A. Sgt. J. Hunter.

The two and a half week course at Hannover will qualify the NCOs for confirmation in the rank of sergeant.

Neighbors Surprise Anniversary Pair

About forty neighbours and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Matthews, No. 7 Highway, on Friday evening and held a surprise party in honor of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Euclire was played during the evening with the winners Mrs. J. VanFleet and Mr. R. L. Davidson. Mr. Morgan Madill acted as chairman and offered congratulations and best wishes to the couple, presenting them with a silver teapot and a Kenwood Blanket on behalf of the gathering.

Lunch was served by the ladies and an enjoyable evening came to a close.

To Replace Storm Hit Transformer

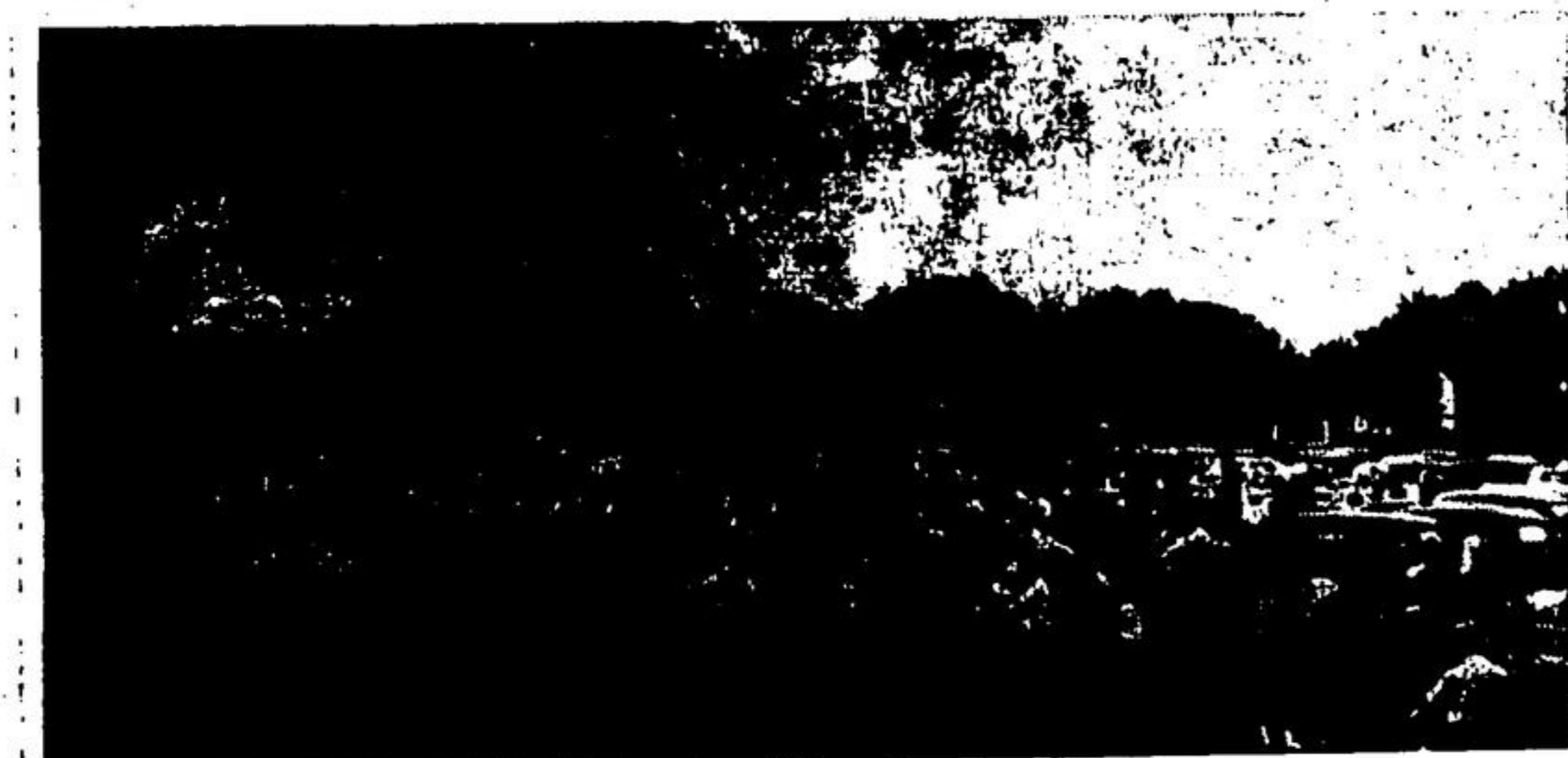
Hydro superintendent Mason reported to the regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission Thursday evening that during a recent electrical storm, a 25 K.V.A. transformer had been burnt out. This transformer had been in service since 1927. It was decided to purchase a new 25 K.V.A. transformer and a 10 K.V.A. to be put into service on the distribution lines about town.

Superintendent Mason was also given permission to purchase two new demand meters for the new services going into buildings.

J. McMullen was present and said he felt the deposit of \$25.00 for a commercial service was excessive. It was pointed out that these rates had been set up by past commissions to protect them from loss. When the situation was explained, Mr. McMullen did not ask special consideration for himself.

A letter was read from the Ontario Municipal Electric Association, where they pointed out the changes in the tax legislation whereby certain buildings could now be taxed. Another letter from the same Association asked that a questionnaire be filled out regarding rates applicable to Acton. This request was complied with.

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MORE THAN 2,000 attended the Acton Citizens' Band Tattoo staged in the park on Saturday evening when a musical evening's program included majorette fancy drills, pipe band displays, brass band selections and a concluding display of fireworks. Shown above is a section of the crowd near the grandstand and stretching in the back are the rows of cars that were arranged in a semi-circle around the stand. Proceeds from the Tattoo that attracted seven bands are to buy additional uniforms for the Acton band.

End Discussion; Approve Account Of Contractor

By a vote of 7-2, Acton council in regular session Monday evening approved payment to Jones and VanGils on an account of \$3,926.06 submitted a few months ago and considered at several meetings with flaring differences of opinion on the validity of the account and contract with the construction firm that built the sewage disposal plant at the third line site. Minutes showed that a similar account had been paid in 1950 for what were termed extras and evidently it was then understood that this bill would be forthcoming in the future.

All councillors favored payment of the account with the exception of Councillor Fryer and Mayor Rachlin, who registered opposition in a recorded vote that climaxed the much-discussed topic. The account was made up of rental, transportation and operation of well points in 1951, \$2,664.83; 1951 excavation at plant due to work stoppage on account of steel shortage, \$708; de-hydrating to accelerate setting of concrete due to wells and springs, \$553.23.

"The very fact that council made a payment in 1950 does not commit this council. My opinion has changed," declared Mayor Rachlin in voicing his opposition to approval of the account. "I know more about the contract than any one of you," concluded the Mayor.

Deputy-revee Stewart commented that he was of the opinion council had authorized the installation of well-points to complete the project.

Park Improvements
F. Botell sought permission from council to use the property at the end of the race track in Acton's park where the present rough is. He submitted a plan to council for the proposed development of the area to contain a refreshment booth, picnic tables, men's and ladies' lavatories and a dock for boats.

To inaugurate the improvement program he proposed, this year, to erect two portable buildings just inside the track. One building would be a refreshment booth, the other a band stand.

A resolution was passed granting permission to Mr. Botell to erect a refreshment booth and stand along with picnic tables inside the track for the season. In return, he would undertake to cut the grass in that portion of the park, keep it clean, and pay a fee of \$25 with no further concessions to be granted for the balance of 1952.

Chairman of the Parks Committee was instructed to contact the Lacerase Club regarding the rental of the refreshment booth in the arena.

Building Permit
Council was informed that a building permit had been issued to W. Wolfe for an addition to the buildings on the turkey farm north of Hower Ave and complained of earlier this year by a delegation from that area.

Amendments to the zoning or building by-law were considered to protect the area from increased development of this type of project. A telephone conversation brought the Building Inspector, who reported the building was for packaging and processing according to the permit issued.

Treasurer McGeachie reported on the financial condition of the sewer account. According to figures presented, it appeared evident that a debenture issue of approximately \$13,000 would be necessary to complete the system. With a bank balance now of some \$8,125, there is still a debit, based on payments yet to be made, of \$13,537, with the possibility of some unaccounted amounts that might be added to complete the plant.

Inventory of Equipment
Fire chief Dawkins, W. E. Dawkins and J. H. Price were paid at the rate of \$1.50 per hour while taking an inventory of fire equipment for the Fire Marshal in connection with the standardization program being carried out through the province. The total bill was for \$12.75. Councillor Taylor reported a re-

Pump 20 Million Gallons This Year

In a six month switch from cold and snow to sweltering heat, Acton has just recorded figures for the first half of 1952.

From the first of January to the end of June, there were 18 births recorded in town and 22 deaths, with 11 marriage certificates issued. Everyone shared the benefit of 20,540,300 gallons of water that were pumped into Acton homes and factories during the half year. Most water was used in May, when 3,771,900 gallons passed through the pipes.

The issuing of building permits clearly shows the best weather for building. There was just one permit issued in the cold month of January, and three in February. Not one was sought in windy, chilly March. There were five issued in April, and in May when work outdoors is more pleasant, there were 10 applied for. June was the biggest month of all with 14 permits.

Values of the permits were as follows: January \$500; February \$6,565; April \$1,350; May, \$9,800; June \$3,455. The value of the 33 structures applied for was recorded as totalling \$24,660.

Striped bass have long frequented Nova Scotia's Cobequid Bay.

LIGHTNING BOLT DIVES PAST TREE HITS, SPLINTERS GARAGE POST

The storm didn't seem close to Acton Monday morning about 2:45 a.m. but with a sudden crack lightning ducked a tree and dived at a post on the balustrade of Jack Creighton's garage that adjoins his Willow St. home.

It had been raining for about an hour and from the Church St. home of Tom Watson it looked like a blue ball of fire that seemed to drop from the end of the lightning bolt.

Mrs. Stan Norton, who also happened to be looking in that direction said it seemed to break in mid air and sparks flew in all directions. She commented that she thought it hit Creighton's house but was unable to tell when no flames appeared.

"It was terrible. There was a flash and crash altogether with sparks flying just like a fire cracker," Mrs. Norton said. Mr. Creighton explained that the small post that was hit sits in a

metal flashing which in turn is connected to the eavestroughing which probably grounded the bolt effectively and prevented serious fire damage.

Lightning in the homes of Chas. Heard and Bob Winton was extinguished as a result of the storm, but lights in the Creighton home were not affected.

The small post on the rear outside corner on top of the garage that was severely splintered has been replaced.

STAFF HELPS OTHER NEWSPAPERS WITH PERSONALS: CLOSURE WEEK

There will be no long list of Actonians visiting out of town and of who was visiting in Acton to read next Thursday. All the Acton Free Press staff will be creating personals for other newspapers as they take their annual weeks vacation.

Next Thursday there will be no waiting in stores or the post office lobby for the bundle of Free Presses to arrive; those who ever complained about the papers being late will have no cause for concern Thursday—but we don't be any to wait for. There do hope the paper is missed.

Those with items of news and orders for job printing are asked to wait until next week; regular correspondents are asked to send in a summary of happenings in their locality for two weeks.

Although the publishing of the paper and printing of everything from bills to books is expected to be back to normal after civic holiday, it cannot be predicted what effect sunburn, mosquito bites, suitcases of dirty clothes, an empty wallet and a handful of holiday memories will have on the next issue of this paper you will read.

To take a Pollyanna attitude, beginning in August there will be, we trust, over 50 editions of the local paper before there is another break.



HOT BAND TO 300 BANDSMEN was Acton Citizens' Band seen parading in the march that got the Saturday evening Band Tattoo underway. Bandmaster A. Perrot is seen here leading the band in the parade. A crowd lined the streets for the seven band parade and display of floats. Members of Acton Band entertained the visiting bandmen in the arena after the program and served sandwiches and coffee. Mayor Rachlin extended a welcome to the visitors.

Acton Band Host To 300 Players; 2000 at Tattoo

Everybody loves a band, and on Saturday night some 2,000 proved the truth of the statement by attending the Band Tattoo of Acton Citizens' Band in the park when the local band played host to six bands and more than 300 bandmen. Climaxing the event was a colorful display of fireworks.

Oakville Citizens' Band headed the parade that got under way rather late because of the failure of some of the bands to appear. Hillsburgh band followed in their smart grey trousers and blue blazers. Adding a great deal of color to the parade was the almost-black-long Burlington band headed by a color guard, 15 drum majorettes and followed by a 60-piece brass band. Red coats with blue trousers were the attractive uniforms of the group.

The Lorne Scots Pipe Band, Brampton, added the swinging skill of the bagpipes and was received with great enthusiasm by the spectators lining the downtown streets.

Rockwood Community Band in their dark trousers and contrasting white shirts was followed by a series of floats representing Blow Press, Roy's Taxi, Highway Garage, Acton Taxi, Masales Dairy,

The motion was put forward by Trustees C. Wood and W. Coon and was thoroughly discussed by the Board. It reads as follows:

"That in view of the fact the opinion of the municipalities has been secured on the building program, we proceed with the first step of building a new school in Acton and the agreement that the units in Milton and Georgetown will follow.

"That the Finance Committee interview the county council with regard to leasing debentures and the building committee seek the necessary approval of the Municipal Board and the Department of Education.

"That all plans be completed so that tenders may be called for January 1953 and a building started in Acton early that year and that the secretary write the Acton Public School Board requesting extension of occupancy until September 1954.

"That this motion be presented at a meeting when all members of the Board are present and falling such, that each member be given an opportunity to vote on the question."

Three applications were received for director of music in the Georgetown School and Kenneth Harrison was engaged at a salary of \$600.

The secretary was instructed to write the Minister of Education for approval of the designation of the Board as the North Halton High School District Board.

Accounts were passed for June and July and the secretary was instructed to write Mr. Kilgour informing him that Mr. West would be teaching music in Milton School next term.

The contract for lighting changes at the Georgetown High School was awarded Georgetown Plumbing and Heating for \$362.50 and painting at Milton School to Gordon Farlow. The secretary gave a very concise report of the convention of the Ontario Urban and Rural School Trustees' Association where he had represented the North Halton Board.

Members present at the July meeting were Trustees Martin, Pickett, Coon, Dilis, Wood, Milne, Bishin, Carbert and Brown and Chairman Bell presided.

Congregation Bids Minister Farewell

The congregation of Ebenezer United Church gathered recently to bid farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Pickersgill. A varied program was given, after which A. Diamond read an address to the guests of honor. Mrs. J. Easterbrook presented a beautiful bouquet of red roses to Mrs. Pickersgill and Elwood Wilson gave them a gift of money. Both expressed their appreciation for the gift and their regrets on leaving. A social time was held in the basement while refreshments were served.

Late the new minister, Mr. Slinn, his wife and family, were welcomed. The other charges on the circuit, Eden Mills and Arkell, joined in the welcoming party. Rev. John Oliver of Rockwood welcomed Mr. Slinn into the Guelph Presbytery.

SHIRLEY POTTER WEDS DONALD PERKINS IN TORONTO CHURCH

Rev. Richard Kendall officiated at the double-ring ceremony in Epworth United Church, Toronto, for the evening wedding of Shirley Constance Potter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald D. Potter, Toronto, and Donald John Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Perkins, Acton.

The altar was decorated with gladioli and F. Barker, church organist, played the wedding music. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a ballerina-length gown of white sheer over tulle. Her fingertip veil was held by scalloped band of seed pearls and rhinestones and she carried a cascade of white gladioli and stibonitis.

Patricia Potter, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, wearing a similar gown of pink with a matching braided headress. She carried a nosegay of pink baby mums and roses.

David Cull was best man and ushers were Jack Potter, brother of the bride and Ross Griff, Stratford.