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P.U.C. REQUESTS COUNCIL RUN SEWERS



HON. LESLIE FROST will officially open and dedicate the new public school addition on October 28 when Acton School Board plans an open house for all the citizens and visitors and an opportunity to view the building. Plans are nearing completion for the event and a booklet is being prepared. The program will begin at 8 p.m. on the Tuesday evening.

STANDARDIZED FIRE EQUIPMENT INSTALLED IN ACTON THIS WEEK

In a seven-day program, Acton's fire fighting equipment is this week being standardized to conform with equipment throughout Ontario. Firemen are assisting a three-man crew of machinist, assistant machinist and instructor, who are in charge of the change-over to Acton fire hydrants, the two fire trucks and industrial fire equipment.

Fire services instructor, working under the Fire Marshal's office in Toronto, is C. E. Beck.

Fire engines were converted first. Adapters were fitted to the hose nozzles and hose couplings were made smaller than those used previously. The threads in the standardized program are larger and more quickly and easily joined.

Adapters with the standardized thread are placed on all the 62 fire hydrants in Acton. It was expected two days would be spent converting the fire trucks, three days on the hydrants and two days on industry.

About 70 per cent of Ontario municipalities require conversion for standardization; 95 per cent of this conversion can be done in the field. The Toronto fire department thread was adopted as the standard for the province, which made 30 per cent of Ontario on the standard thread before the conversion program began.

Standardization will benefit the mutual fire aid plans in Halton county. As well as Acton, Georgetown, Burlington and Trafalgar are to be changed. Conversion takes place in Georgetown this week as well as in Acton.

Close to a million dollar contract was awarded to Empire Brass for all the required fittings during the program of standardization.

Provincial and federal governments are co-operating in financing the conversion.

Wednesday morning about 11 a.m. the fire siren summoned the Acton brigade and newly-adapted equipment was tested.

Holy Communion Held Last Sunday

Rev. A. Calder conducted communion services at Limehouse Presbyterian Church last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McEnery were new members received.

We extend sympathy to Mr. O. Moffat, whose brother, William, was buried in Acton last week after a lengthy illness; also to Mr. John Nickell of Eden Mills, whose brother, James, was buried at Limehouse on Monday.

Mrs. Lane is up again following a week in bed under the doctor's care.

Mrs. E. Ellery, Mrs. Sneathurst and Sanford attended the W. I. area convention held in Kitchener this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cummings of Point Pleasant, N.Y., spent the week-end with the James Nobles.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brownridge of Georgetown visited the F. T. C. Brown's on Sunday.

The Shelbourne's visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Powell, Louisville on Sunday.

The W. I. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. August Spitzer on Thursday.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mills on the arrival of a little son last week.

BAPTIST CHURCH 110th ANNIVERSARY REV. E. G. BAXTER IS GUEST MINISTER

The 110th anniversary services of the Baptist Church were observed Sunday, October 5. Rev. E. G. Baxter, Port Colborne, a former minister, was guest speaker. Miss Lillie Moore, Bethany Baptist Church, Toronto, was soloist.

At the morning service, Mr. Baxter used as his theme, "The Quest for God," basing his sermon around the text, "O God, Thou art my God, early will I seek Thee." In these words the psalmist recognizes God, appropriates God and dedicates himself to God. Life is a quest as we seek after God, find Him through faith in Jesus Christ and dedicate our lives to His service. Only as we do this will our lives be filled with the presence and power of God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Miss Moore sang "Be Thou My Vision" and "Love Divine" and "If I Gained the World" was the anthem.

The ministers and congregations of the local churches joined in the evening service. Rev. E. A. Curry read the scripture lesson and Rev. R. H. Armstrong led in prayer.

"The Quest for Security" was the sermon theme and was based on Luke 12: 13-21, the story of the man who placed too much importance on material possessions. The man in the story was seeking security and thought he had achieved it but he made three basic mistakes. He thought of security in terms of material resources. He thought of security in terms of himself only. He thought of security without God. Too often we think of ourselves as self sufficient. We forget we are tenants of God's earth and that man does not live by bread alone but by every word of God. We must never forget God's great commandments to love the Lord with heart, soul, mind and strength and our neighbors as ourselves. God in Jesus Christ is our real security. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." That is true security. We can enjoy the security God offers in Jesus Christ by belief in Him and His redemption.

During the service, Miss Moore sang "My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me" and "Beautiful Promise." The girls' trio sang "He Lifted Me."

Rev. Ralph Price pronounced the benediction. The minister, Dwight Patterson was in charge of both services with Charles Landsborough at the organ and Mrs. Lorne Garner at the piano.

One Member Short Perfect Attendance

President Johnny Goy drew special attention to the fact there was 95 per cent attendance at the Rotary club meeting on Tuesday of this week, with only one member absent. Two guests also attended the meeting, George Muselle of Acton and Dr. W. Somerville of Haileybury.

The Phalanx club offered to help at the Rotary club fun fair, it was announced. Johnny Goy and Art Padbury reported on a trip to Toronto to purchase prizes for the fair.

V. Rumley reported on a trip to the Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto with two district children last week, and that a second trip with one of the cases was necessary.

A report was given of the sale of draw tickets at Streetsville fair.

Century Old House Is On the Move

A century old house that has stood at the corner of Mill and John Streets is being moved from its location to a new site on No. 7 Highway east of Acton. The movers who are in charge tell us that the big barn timbers used in its construction are still in good condition and the house is in sound condition and good for another generation or so.

From "Acton's Early Days" we learn that the lot on which this house stands was first sold out of the Adams' subdivision by Ruth Adams, widow, to Ann McKenzie, widow. The same year, he property came into the possession of John Holgate, who was a merchant on Main Street in those early days. In 1852, he sold this lot to Angus Kennedy, who was a carpenter in Acton. It was Mr. Kennedy who built the little frame house which 100 years later is being moved.

The late Graham Lawson was interested in the property shortly after the building was erected. In 1857 there was some dispute among the members of the Adams family respecting this and other properties of the estate. In 1868, the title was confirmed and Emily Scott, widow of John Scott, purchased the property. Six years later, William Grant, wagon maker and Acton's first constable after incorporation, bought the property.

In 1874, Mr. Grant sold to Robert Fisher of Erin. Mr. Fisher moved Mr. Grant's shop from the John Street side of the lot to the Mill Street frontage. Here he opened a tinware and stove shop. After conducting the business a few years, the Free Press made this its location in 1879.

In 1896, the late H. P. Moore purchased the house property next door to the Free Press and owned it for over 20 years. The last tenants of this 100-year-old house were Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brown, who were born in Acton and had always lived here.

The property is now owned by Douglas Manning, who plans to erect a business property on this location. Mr. Manning has already built a large double garage on the John St. side of the property. The house has been purchased by Jack Fields, who is having it moved to its new location east of Acton, where a foundation is ready for it.

September Meeting Knox Ladies' Aid

The September meeting of Knox Ladies' Aid was held in the classroom of the church on Tuesday afternoon, September 30. The president, Mrs. F. J. McCutcheon, presided. The scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Murray Smith and Mrs. E. Smith led in prayer.

Graatifying reports of the work the past month and throughout the summer were given.

Members were in favor of serving the annual turkey dinner at the anniversary time, so the committees were appointed to make the usual arrangements. Buying and supply convenor is Mrs. J. Dennis; program committee, Mrs. R. L. Davidson and Mrs. Fred Anderson; general table convenors, Mrs. A. J. Buchanan and Mrs. R. M. McDonald.

Mrs. A. M. McPherson and her helpers served lunch and a pleasant social time was enjoyed.

Trophy Cabinet For New School

The regular meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. A. Wilderspin on Thursday, October 2 at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. R. L. Davidson, the president, was in charge. The roll call was answered by laundry hints given by the members.

The report of the booth at Acton fair was most encouraging with a definite sell-out and a good financial balance.

Mr. G. McKenzie, principal of the public school, was present to report on some suitable gifts for the new school. The need for a trophy cabinet was explained by Mr. McKenzie so the ladies voted to finance the erection of a suitable cabinet for the purpose.

The annual area convention of Guelph district was being held in Kitchener on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 7 and 8. Mrs. E. Smith and Mrs. Fred Anderson were appointed to represent the local branch there.

The program of the day was the reading and discussion on the resolutions being submitted at the convention, giving knowledge of the interest different branches take in the laws and control of world-wide affairs.

The meeting closed by singing "Home on the Range" and a friendly chat was enjoyed during the lunch hour which followed. Mrs. Hunter conducted a contest improving our knowledge of soaps.

Mrs. Davidson tendered a vote of thanks to the hostess for the use of her home.

ANNOUNCE WINNERS IN DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE I.O.D.E. DRAW ON SATURDAY

Those winning prizes on the draws at the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. bazaar held on Saturday, October 4, in the Y.M.C.A. were: quilt, Miss Ethel Treloar; Blank Mills doll, Mrs. Lou-itt; penny sale draws, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Bess Smith, Mrs. Bert Mowat, Mrs. Bellamy, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Mooney, Mrs. Wes Beatty, Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Drysdale, Mrs. Van Fleet, Mrs. McKeough, Mrs. Earl Masales, Mrs. John Wilson, all of Acton; Mrs. J. M. McDonald of Toronto and Mrs. Alex Puzay of Guelph.

Men's Association Organized At Knox

The men of Knox Presbyterian congregation, Acton, met on Monday evening to consider and formulate plans for the launching of a laymen's association within their own church. The meeting was capably chaired by Gordon Oder, who welcomed the group and outlined the purpose of the meeting.

Charles Kirkness led in the singing of several favorite hymns. Rev. R. H. Armstrong led in responsive scripture reading and in prayer. Dr. A. J. Buchanan introduced the guest speaker of the evening, Rev. G. L. Royal of Norval, who presented a very forceful and informative address on the principles and worthy objectives of men's group work.

Charles Davidson expressed the appreciation of the gathering to Mr. Royal for his inspiring message.

During the ensuing discussion period, a motion to organize a regular men's association was unanimously endorsed and the present committee were empowered to nominate a full slate of officers for endorsement at the next monthly meeting.

Showing of two excellent short films concluded the program, which was followed by refreshments, served by a committee of the younger men.

The very fine fellowship enjoyed by the sizeable group present presages a future both happy and prosperous for this young and ambitious organization.

Ask Fire Escape

R. Bean, E. Hilton and C. Sutton, representing the Y.M.C.A. Board, explained to council the definite hazard existing because of no fire escape from the basement room of the Y.M.C.A. The members of the Board asked permission to have specifications prepared and call for tenders pointing out that the installation of the escape was the responsibility of the town.

"I question the responsibility of the town toward that building. I still feel the town should have no responsibility there," the mayor declared. Mr. Bean pointed out that "the fact remains that the town does own that building and any responsibility would rest on the town shoulders."

Mr. Bean said he could safely say that 75 per cent of the homes in Acton were represented in the activities of that building, following a statement by Mayor Rachlin that a very small percentage of people use the building.

R. Redfern New Y General Secretary

Duties as general secretary of Acton Y.M.C.A. begin this week for R. J. Redfern, 29 of Toronto. Bob Redfern was highly recommended to the Acton Y board of directors, who announced his appointment.

He has had varied experience in the recreational field in Toronto, has done professional entertaining and is interested in dramatics.

An open house is planned later in October for Acton people to meet Mr. Redfern.

He is married and has two children, a girl five years old and a boy seven years old.

Provincial Officer Addresses I.O.D.E.

The regular October meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Mrs. Garner, Mill St., Mrs. Alfred Long, the Regent, presided. A new member, Mrs. Gordon Beatty, was welcomed into the Chapter.

The report on the success of the annual bazaar was given.

Mrs. Leckie, the Provincial Convener of Services at Home and Abroad, was the guest speaker and made suggestions regarding service work which the Chapter might undertake. Mrs. Schroeder thanked the speaker and Mrs. Ken Blow presented Mrs. Leckie with a bouquet of flowers.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Masales, Mrs. Wolfe, Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Mooney and Mrs. Long.

Quilting Orders W.A. Project Now

The Woman's Association of the United Church met at the home of Mrs. H. Burns on Tuesday with a good attendance and the president, Mrs. H. Burns, presiding. Devotional period was taken by Mrs. E. Lambert, the roll call was answered by "giving."

The ladies are busy quilting. They have quilted several and are still busy at other orders.

Several cards were sent out to sick and shut-ins.

Plans were made for an event coming in the near future.

The meeting closed with the singing of the Mizpah benediction. Mrs. Burns, assisted by Mrs. G. Bowman, Mrs. B. Mowat, Mrs. C. L. Poole and Mrs. A. McKeown, served lunch and a social time was spent together.

A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Burns for her home.

\$442,000 System Is Tossed Back To Council

Public Utilities Commissioners, J. R. MacArthur and C. Wood requested "council take over the operation of the sewers and plant and all work in connection with the sewers as soon as possible" when they addressed Acton council in regular session on Tuesday evening of this week.

In a prepared statement Commissioner J. R. MacArthur said in part, "We have had only one meeting with the sewer committee this year and this was at our request and at that time the committee felt that we should carry on operating the sewerage plant and supervise the installation of the laterals."

"Since that time we have been the recipients of a considerable amount of criticism coming from members of council either directly or indirectly, with regard to the costs of operation also regarding our staff. This criticism could never be considered at any time as constructive."

"Our impression is that you do not consider that the Commission is operating the sewers efficiently and that the distribution of expense (including labor) is not being handled equitably."

The representatives suggested the town hire a man immediately and the Commission offered the assistance of its present employees in training the man. The representatives also pointed out that "at this time the disposal plant is not in proper working operation, a matter which has been drawn to the attention of the Mayor."

Mayor Rachlin explained he felt the engineer had been negligent. Chairman of the P.U.C., J. R. MacArthur, reminded council the system had never actually been turned over to them.

Commissioner Wood pointed to a "seven hundred and some odd dollar deficit" on the operation of the plant up until this month over the amount allowed. "It might be pointed out also that the sewer account has not been charged anything towards the cost of the truck; gas used or any tools used in connection with the sewers," representatives pointed out.

Following the retirement of the P.U.C. officials, council agreed to have the Sewer Committee meet with Commission representatives to attempt to "iron out" the situation.

Appreciate Tax Rebate

A letter from A. P. Green expressed the firm's appreciation for the rebate on business tax following their fire. "The obvious willingness to co-operate on the part of all concerned has played no small part in our decision to rebuild on the same land," the letter pointed out.

Mayor Rachlin explained that a piece of property owned by the town back of the Blow and Green factory was originally left for a letter. A letter from the A. P. Green firm asked if the property, never officially declared a street, could be purchased by them for expansion to the back of their plant. It was pointed out that the transfer was possible and a satisfactory arrangement had been made with those concerned.

Force Electric Products asked permission to dispose of their waste through the sewers. A report in 1951 was received from the Department of Health regarding the effluent from the plating plant. Consideration of the matter was left for the advice of the town solicitor.

A letter, following inquiry from the Central Mortgage and Housing, assured council the corporation will make direct loans available to acceptable home owner applicants provided their plans and specifications conform to N.H.A. requirements.

Miscellaneous Items

Council accepted the claim of J. B. Adamson in the amount of \$1125 covering the expense of extending a faulty sewer lateral by five feet.

Mrs. I. E. Buckland complained of inadequate street lighting on John St. N. and the road committee was to investigate the situation.

The Department of Highways informed council that cost of installation of a flasher light at Main and Mill would have to be borne by council. No further action was taken.

Permission was granted Acton Legion to have their tag day on November 9 and 8 for poppies.

Council considered a comparison of estimates and expenditures to date and adjourned the session punctually at midnight.

The following accounts were approved:

Bell Telephone, services	\$ 24.28
Guelph Sand & Gravel	11.65
Thompson Motors, gas, oil, material	200.28
Acton Woodcraft	15.50
Flintkote Co.	90.00
J. W. of Esquimaux	115.24
T. H. Goy, cartage	1.50
Gypsum, Lime, Alabastine	3.50
L. Duby, taking tickets	6.00
Marsh Tire Service	6.50
Acton P.U.C.	319.81
Canada Law Book Co.	2.70
Bell Telephone Co.	5.85
Lakeview Greenhouse	10.00
Norwich Lion Fire Ins.	25.00
W. D. Talbot	18.44
Ont. Prov. Police	688.38
Acton Free Press	2.53
Watson Dairy Bar	5.90

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