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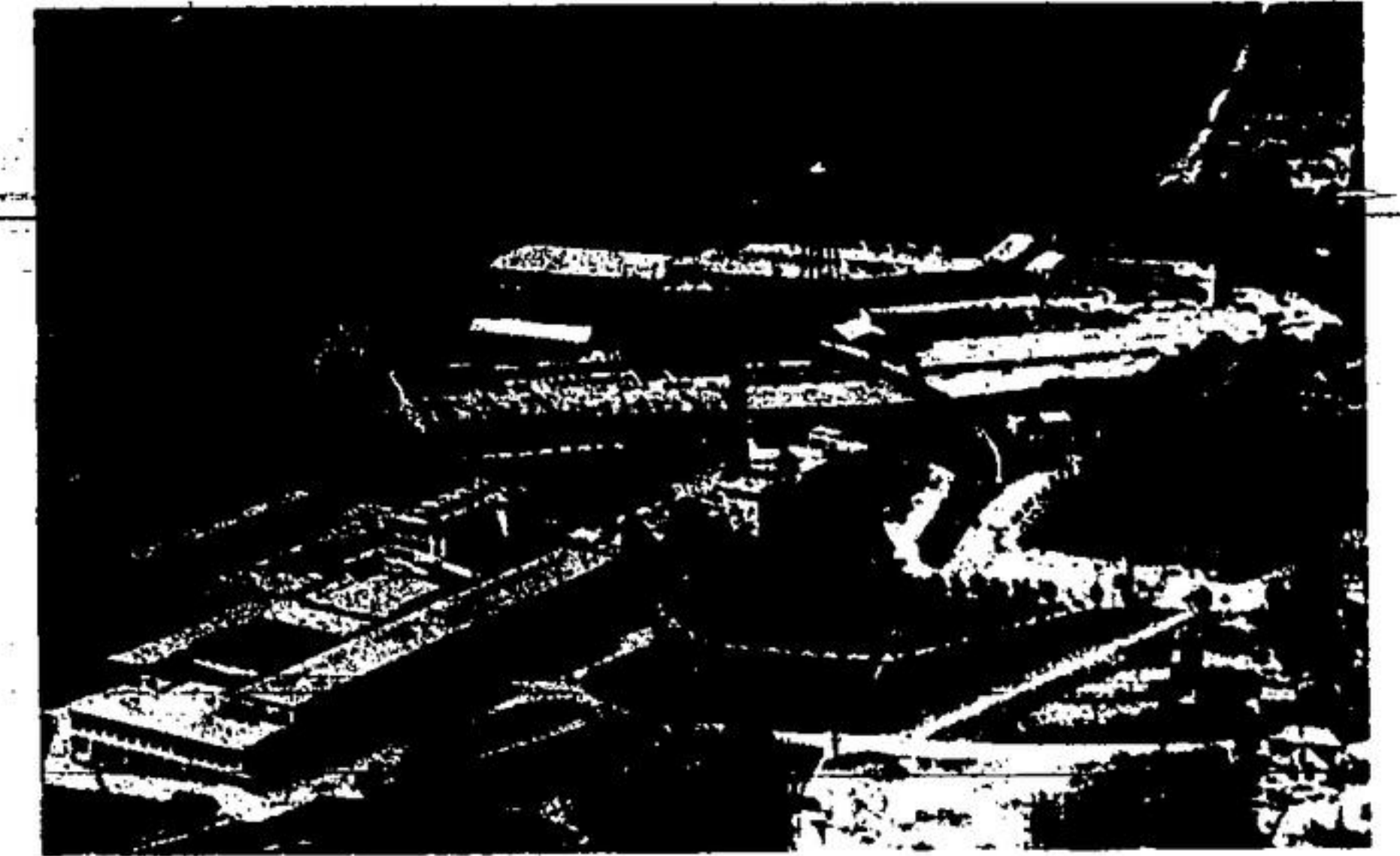
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PLANS ANNOUNCED—on Wednesday night of this week by the Industrial Committee and approved by Acton council called for annexation of approximately 400 acres from Esqueping Township to the Town of Acton. The present built-up area of the town is shown here in an aerial view. A certain amount of farm land that appears in this photo would be included in the town if the Ontario Municipal Board approves the annexation plan.



BEARDMORE CO. and the Wool Combing Corporation will be included in the Town of Acton if an annexation plan announced by the Industrial Committee of Acton council receive approval of the Ontario Municipal Board. The committee reported that Beardmore and Co. was not opposed to an annexation of the parts of their property not already included in the town boundaries. The Wool Combing Corporation is investigating the plan and considering disposal problems.

Town Seeks Approval To Annex 400 Acres

Materials Selected For New Schools

At a special meeting last night, North Halton High School Board made selections of various materials which will go into the new buildings at Acton, Milton and Georgetown. Samples of materials were brought to Esqueping Township Hall by the architects Barnett and Reider and costs, efficiency and suitability were all explained before selections were made.

Fluorescent lighting will be used in Acton and Milton and incandescent lighting in Georgetown. Fluorescent lighting in classrooms will be of Vinyl Acetate tile with washrooms and corridors possibly in terrazzo. The materials selected are the ones desired but may have to be changed when tenders are submitted and prices are not within the approved costs. The Board was in session until midnight making selections. The architects expect to have complete plans and specifications ready in four to six weeks when tenders can be called for the complete \$250,000 program in the three schools.

Mrs. Fred Coles Wins Mixmaster

A blank ticket was the first drawn for the grand prize in a mixmaster at the Canada Packers food school held Tuesday evening in the public school auditorium, sponsored by the Acton Home and School Association. A second ticket was promptly drawn—that of Mrs. Wilfred Coles.

Bags of groceries, a ham, a set of glassware and the tempting food that demonstrator Mrs. Joan Thomas had made were also drawn for. Over 400 ladies and gentlemen heard hints and watched in a slanted mirror as Mrs. Thomas demonstrated special dishes, assisted occasionally by R. R. Parker, the master of ceremonies, and Wes Wolfe, the president of the Home and School Association.

After the "Queen" was sung, Mr. Wolfe welcomed the withering audience. He thanked Doug Manning, who lent the stove and refrigerator, and Doug Mason and Earl Van Norman who installed them for the evening.

Mrs. Thomas, in a neat yellow dress with a microphone around her neck so she could be heard as she walked around the platform, exhorting basic food necessities first. Giving big aprons to Mrs. Fred Anderson and Mrs. Fred Coles, she had them mix chocolate cakes—right in the cake pans. Mr. Parker helped in several demonstrations; he was given a pan in which a pie filling had been mixed, and a spoon to scrape it out at one point, and retired to the wings to enjoy his reward.

Mrs. Thomas made sandwiches, first demonstrating how to make broiled sandwiches with canned meat, then fancy sandwiches and last a meat mixture stuffed into a hollowed-out loaf of bread for slicing.

A spiced cocoanut layer cake with orange fluff icing followed, and then two pies. The first was a raspberry lemon pie made with frozen raspberries and ice cream, the second mince meat ice cream pie made of mince meat.

During intermission, cook books were sold, and those who bought these books were eligible for the draw for a ham which Mrs. Thomas glazed and decorated, and held up with candles lit in orange cups around it. Winner was Mrs. S. Paul.

After intermission lunch suggestions were given including grilled sausages on toast with cheese and bacon, a casserole of sausage and apples, fruit kabob salad and skillet potato salad.

Miss M. Z. Bennett was asked to draw the tickets for the lucky winners.

Bags of groceries went to Mrs. P. Kenney, Mrs. E. Hufnagel, Mrs. Bertha Kentner, Mrs. Harold Elliott, Mrs. G. McFadden, Mrs. R. F. Bean, Mrs. M. Bauer, Mrs. Mary Zapp, Mrs. Harry Dennis, Miss Joanne Julian, Mrs. Robert Wallace, Mrs. William McLeod, Mrs. A. McKewen, Mrs. Frank Heller and Mrs. S. Sinclair.

Following are the winners of the cooking sandwiches, Miss Pat Duval, filled loaf, Mrs. A. Fryer, sausage sandwich plate, Mrs. L. Lovell, party sandwiches, Mrs. Holloway; skillet potato salad, Mrs. S. Tennant, fruit kabob salad, Mrs. R. Arnold, mince ice cream pie, Mrs. G. Holmes, raspberry lemon pie, Mrs. F. J. Salt, spiced cocoanut cake, Mrs. John Chapman, set of oven glassware, Mrs. J. Cole.

A chocolate cake for the oldest lady present was won by Mrs. Leonard McDougall of Guelph.

Flowers were presented to Mrs. Thomas by Mr. Parker.

DOG TAKES 2 THIRDS AT SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

Lorne Weick reports "keen competition" in the dog shows at the Sportsmen's Show last week when his dog, Jonsha Upkeeper, took two third prizes in the English Bulldog class.

During the last two days of the show there was a total of 732 dogs in the show. A total of 18 bulldogs competed in that class.

The two prizes were won on Wednesday and Friday of last week.

OBITUARY

Former Actonian Dies in London

Ralph R. Swackhamer, who was born in Acton and spent his boyhood days here, died on Friday in Westminster Hospital, London, aged 39 years. He was a son of the late Hiram Swackhamer and Mary Chisholm. He attended Acton schools and it was from this community that he joined the 164th Battalion for service in the first world war. He was also a veteran of World War II. For many years he has been a resident of Guelph and had many relatives and friends in this district. He has been in ill health for some time.

He was active in Masonic circles being a member of the Guelph Lodge and the Scottish Rite. Surviving are his wife, Edith Demmons and five sons, Lloyd, Ralph Jr., Murray, Bruce and Allan. One sister Mrs. R. Unwin of Rochester and two brothers, Brant of Georgetown and Joseph of Toronto also remain. To all the bereaved, sympathy of many friends in this community goes at this time.

A Masonic service was held on Sunday evening and on Tuesday afternoon, a service was held at Towell's Funeral Home in Guelph, at which many friends gathered in tribute and sympathy. Interment was in Woodlawn cemetery, Guelph.

Y LADIES' AUXILIARY HOLDS EUCHRE IN Y

Thursday evening, March 19, the Y Ladies' Auxiliary sponsored a euchre in the Y.M.C.A. Eleven tables were in play.

Prize winners were as follows: ladies' first, Mrs. J. Hurst; second, Mrs. Holloway; consolation, Mrs. L. Cripps. Men's first, Mrs. F. Lambert; second, Mrs. Paul; consolation, Jim Jessiman. The door prize was won by J. Creesey, who also won the birthday prize.

Name C. G. Riddell OBA Vice President

A. E. Stirling of Chatham Saturday was elected president of the Ontario Baseball Association for 1953 at the organization's annual meeting.

He succeeds W. F. Nickel of Stratford, who announced his retirement during the meeting and declined to stand for re-election.

C. G. Riddell of Milton was elected first vice-president; Tim Turrow of Preston second vice-president and James Millman of London, Ont. third vice-president. The executive are F. Bradley, Hamilton; J. Leask, Fort Erie; H. McMullen, Milton and A. Walker, Oshawa.



FORMER WARDEN of Halton County, Reeve of Nassagaweya Township and prominent business man, Wm. Van Sickle of Campbellville, passed away last night at the Wellesley Hospital in Toronto.

Town To Request Hearing From Municipal Board

Solicitor C. F. Leatherland was instructed to prepare a by-law authorizing application for annexation of land in Esqueping Township, by Acton council in a special session of council on Wednesday evening. The Industrial Committee presented a report to the council suggesting annexation of land that would double the present acreage of about 400 acres of the town and add an estimated \$430,000 of assessment. Plans call for inclusion of the entire Beardmore and Wool Combing property and south to just beyond the present line leading to the town spring. This would include the sewage disposal plant and town dump at the third line.

Plans also call for property to be included on the north of town in line with the northern extremity of the Wartime Housing subdivision to the third line.

Councillor E. Tyler presented the report of the Industrial Committee and reviewed negotiations beginning as far back as 1949. This committee held numerous meetings with Beardmore and Co. and the Wool Combing Corp. and it was hoped that the annexation would be finalized before the end of the year (1951). However, this was not the case as both companies were anxious to know how the county equalized assessment would affect them. The township of Esqueping did not complete this new assessment until 1952 and no further contact was made to the industrial involved by the Industrial Committee of 1952, the report stated.

It was reported that the 1953 committee met with Beardmore Co. and the firm approved annexation providing the land used for waste disposal was also included. The Wool Combing Corp. told the committee a meeting of the Board was not planned until April and in the meantime they were investigating the possibility of the Acton plant treating their sewage. No more definite answer could be offered until the meeting of the firm's Board of Directors.

The proposed northern boundary would include the settlement of houses now located on the third line. The committee reported a meeting had been held with the property owners concerned and of those affected by the northern boundary, nine of 12 signed their agreement to annexation into the town.

Items mentioned to these residents as being in their favor were listed as garbage collection, street

Map Outlines Area

A map outlining the proposed extension of town boundaries appears on page 5. A dotted line represents the present boundary and a solid line indicates the proposed north and south extensions.

BUILDING PLANS FOR NEW SCHOOLS PROGRESS IS REPORTED TO BOARD

Details of building sites, easements, approvals and other items in connection with the building program in North Halton High School District occupied much of the attention of the Board at the meeting in Acton on Monday evening. Barnett and Reider reported that sketch plans had been viewed by the Department of Education and received tentative approval. A special meeting of the Board on Wednesday night in Stewarttown Hall had been arranged at which materials would be shown and choice made by the Board.

Land purchase at Acton between six and seven acres from Mr. Darwin Cripps at a price of \$6,000 had been arranged and a deposit made on the agreement of sale. The Hydro-Electric Power Commission had been interviewed and would make no concession on removal of the power line other than the total cost which would amount to not more than \$2,000. The Board made a motion accepting this arrangement for clearing the property.

Approval was also given the Georgetown addition of land and the room in Milton is to be a Library Classroom. A basement was, however, not approved by the Department in the Milton room.

Miss D. Parkinson was engaged as a new teacher on the staff of the Georgetown school. The vacancy on the Milton staff had not been filled.

Principal Marcellus sought a ruling of the Board regarding smoking in the school at functions held in the evening. The Board instructed that signs were to be erected in all schools prohibiting smoking.

Principal Lambert was granted

lights, children could attend Acton school without extra charge, cheaper hydro rates, cheaper fire insurance and fire protection. The group had generally seemed agreeable to using their present water supply.

The committee reported having contacted T. Seymour regarding his field of 25 to 30 acres. The property owner asked if the committee would guarantee him his taxes would not be increased and it was pointed out that neither the town or township could make this guarantee. No definite answer was received.

J. Stewart was approached regarding annexation of a field touching on the railroad property and the committee received assurance he would not oppose its annexation.

The committee was questioned by council regarding the Maria St. or Crescent bridge and reported that it was their opinion "this bridge was taken over by the town in 1950 annexation proceedings and it is the responsibility of the town to provide suitable access to the residents of this area. The committee therefore recommend that we acquire the necessary land in conjunction with the bridge, from Beardmore and Co., and assume full responsibility for the bridge."

Figure presented by the committee based on estimated assessments in the proposed annexation area, showed that with the added area a mill rate of 43 mills would be the equivalent of this year's 51, because of the added assessment that would be in the town.

Members of the Industrial Committee for this year are E. Tyler, J. Greer, J. Stewart and F. G. Oakes.

Council unanimously approved the committee's report and a special meeting is planned for Monday morning to pass the by-law to submit the annexation application to the Municipal Board. The Board will then call a hearing with all property owners concerned being notified, before making a ruling.

Deputy Minister Reveals Halton Line Undecided

J. D. Millar, Deputy Minister of Highways, emphatically denied that "final plan of the highway's path has now been determined" as was reported in a Toronto evening paper regarding construction of the Toronto-Windsor super highway slated to cross Highway 25 between Acton and Milton as reported by this paper in 1951. In a telephone interview shortly after the appearance of the story, Mr. Millar emphasized that the route of the road through Halton and Peel and counties had not been finalized.

"We actually have four or five lines over that area," the Deputy Minister said, "but to reveal a definite route just puts it in the hands of the speculators."

Mr. Millar pointed out that there were many considerations in plotting the line of the highway. "We try to go as close to the towns as we can and yet leave them room to expand in the future," he said. Lot lines and the angles the road might take across farms are also taken into consideration.

According to the Deputy Minister aerial views of the land provide the first basis for plotting the lines.

The proposed highway, parts of which are now under construction, will combine clover leaves, traffic circles and double overpasses.

Parts of the new province-skirting super highway, to be known officially as 401 are now completed but no definite date is set on when the whole road will be completed.

"But when it is completed the province will have a trans-southern Ontario highway which will make unrestricted border-to-border driving possible. Drivers on it won't have to pass through any towns or slow-down points," Mr. Millar pointed out.

A northern arm of the road passes between Preston and Kitchener, Hespeler and Guelph, Acton and Milton, passes south of Brampton and joins with a southern arm at Highway 27.

Mr. Millar would not say when a decision might be made on the Halton and Peel county route.

Christians Behind Iron Curtain Topic

The regular meeting of the Baptist Mission Circle was held on Wednesday evening of last week at the home of Mrs. Harry Dye, with Mrs. C. Landsborough, the president in charge. Following the business, Mrs. Lorne Garner gave the devotional on the topic, "Your Value."

Mrs. Landsborough spoke on Christians behind the Iron Curtain requesting prayers for them, she said, "No iron curtain can keep out the power that our prayers can release."

Dublin Institute Praised on Quilt

The regular monthly meeting of Dublin Women's Institute was held last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Douglas McPherson, Esqueping township, with a good attendance. The meeting opened with the Institute Ogle, followed by the Mary Stewart Collect.

Mrs. L. Ferguson, the president, was in the chair. Letters of congratulation were read from neighboring institutes for winning the award on the quilt at the International Crafts and Hobby Show recently. Ideas were discussed for the District Annual, which the district director will present at the next directors' meeting. Plans were made for another euchre.

Mrs. Wm. McPhedran gave an interesting talk on Community Activities. Mrs. C. McIntyre conducted a contest and the winners were Mrs. D. McPherson and Mrs. B. Rennick.

The hostess and the lunch committee served a dainty lunch and an enjoyable social time was spent by the ladies.

DOZEN ROSES GIVEN MRS. FRED ANDERSON

A radio program which each week day honors some lady for her kindness and thoughtfulness last Thursday paid tribute to Mrs. Fred Anderson of Acton. The program "Roses from Rose Brand," sponsored by Rose brand products of Guelph, cited several examples of Mrs. Anderson's neighborliness and sent her a beautiful bouquet of red roses.

Mrs. Anderson did not know her name had been submitted to the broadcast and heard about the tribute while she was down town shopping. Since then, she has received many phone calls and letters congratulating her and saying she deserved every word that was said.

The program mentioned her work in the church, the baby clinic and the Women's Institute. Mrs. Anderson regularly helps a blind neighbor and recently held a party for a neighbor who moved away.

With her dozen roses came a card of greeting explaining the gift was in appreciation for her kindness to friends and neighbors. Mrs. Anderson took the lovely bouquet to the anniversary of the W.I. of which she is secretary, on Tuesday in Acton United church where many others also enjoyed the beauty of the presentation.

Mrs. J. Rolston, who submitted Mrs. Anderson's name to the broadcast, received a gift box of Rose brand products.

Fifth Anniversary Acton Rotary Club

Commenting at the fifth anniversary of Acton Rotary club on Tuesday, President Johnny Goy said the work for crippled children had gone from \$200 five years ago to \$1,400 in the past year. He stressed more effort if the need is to be filled. Treasurer Walt Woodburn said that to date \$408 had been contributed for Easter seals. Double this amount is the objective of the Acton club.

A number of former Rotarians and charter members were present for the fifth anniversary and the birthday cake was served by the president.

Special feature of the night was the entertainment provided by Bob Redfern, secretary of the Y.M.C.A., who gave songs, stories and imitations that kept the program lively. Crawford Douglas was his accompanist.

GALLINAFAD

Injured at School By Falling Branch

We are pleased to report that Harvey Burt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Burt, was able to return home from the hospital on Saturday. He was playing at school when a limb broke, hitting him on the head. It was feared he might have a concussion.

The W. I. euchre held on Tuesday of last week was well attended when 21 tables were played. High scorers were Mrs. Wilfred Burt and Muriel Hills, Mr. Orville Brown and Mr. Geo. Somerville.

A student from Toronto University took the service on Sunday and told of his work on a mission field in Saskatchewan for the past two summers.

Rev. and Mrs. Brearly of Appleton visited at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gibb, for a day or two.