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REAFFIRM LOYALTY AT SUNDAY SERVICE



LIGHTNING STRUCK the barn of Peter Patterson, three miles north of Campbellville on the Guelph Road at about 11 p.m. Monday night and the blaze levelled the barn. Damage was estimated between \$10,000 and \$12,000, partially covered by insurance. The ruins are shown here Tuesday morning still smoking. Nearby buildings were saved through the efforts of the Milton Fire Brigade.

OPEN \$39,000 SCHOOL ADDITION AT CAMPBELLVILLE ON FRIDAY

"As the Queen dedicates herself to the Empire, we also hope this school is entering into a long period of usefulness," Inspector L. L. Skuce said in declaring the \$39,000 addition to Campbellville public school open on Friday evening of last week.

The new school addition features tile floor, plywood panelling, black board and indirect lights. Large window areas, ample cupboard space and up-to-date washroom facilities.

D. E. Moffat acted as chairman and welcomed those gathered in the new addition. Nassagaweya Reeve Stan Norrish reminded the group that, with increased building at the south of the county, more people might move to the Campbellville district. "All the schools in the township are now in good shape," he stated.

Musical numbers were given by the school children, directed by one of the teachers, John Kobzy. Miss June Watkins is the primary teacher.

Rev. Ralph E. Porritt spoke the official words of dedication and

Rev. James Sutherland gave the benediction.

A display of manual training and household science was seen by the visitors to the school.

The members of the Nassagaweya School Area No. 1 Board are D. E. Moffat, chairman; Claude Brinklow, Elmer Cox, Duncan Moffat and Stanley Robinson with Mrs. Beatrice Fletcher as secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Skuce, the public school inspector, dug back into the early history of Campbellville and of the county to illustrate the progress of education and school building.

The first school was built on the east half of lot 6. According to historian Joshua Norrish, an ancestor of the present reeve, who wrote a history of Nassagaweya, the pioneer school had been an "old hovel" which had been used as a Scotsman's shanty.

"We try to give the children of to-day interests to occupy their leisure time so that so many of them won't find their way into institutions like those at Brampton or Guelph."

OBJECT TO EXCEEDING SCHEDULE AT MIDNIGHT BOARD SESSION

North Halton High School District Board heard teachers from two schools present their problems, looked over surveys of school sites, heard of offers withdrawn and attended to the monthly program of routine matters in a session that lasted until after midnight on Monday in Georgetown.

The staff of Milton school protested the engagement of a new teacher at a salary above the minimum. Mr. Wilson read a letter stating the teachers' problem. The letter asked if other salaries were to be adjusted in keeping with this latest engagement. The Board checked various minutes on salary schedules over the past few years and referred the matter to the management committee with the request that they bring in a report as soon as possible.

Contracts were approved for engagement of J. Sullivan for the Milton staff and J. Heron on the Acton staff. Letters of resignation were received from Miss C. Grindley and J. Cuthbertson of the Acton staff.

All principals were offered re-engagement at salaries of \$5,000 for Messrs Robbins and Lambert and \$4,700 for Mr. Wood, who assumes the principalship of Milton this year.

Secretary G. O. Brown was appointed the Board's delegate to the meeting of the Ontario Urban and Rural School Trustees' Association to be held at Bigwin Inn in Muskoka.

Insurance on Milton school was increased to \$225,000 and May accounts passed amounted to \$12,745.61.

Notice was received of the hearing of Acton's request for annexation of a portion of Exquisite council.

J. Adamson was appointed trustee officer for Acton replacing C. W. Mason at the end of the school term.

Miss Luke, speaking on behalf of the Georgetown teachers who met with the Board, suggested the Board's consideration of a plan operated in the cities, whereby sick leave could be accumulated and an amount paid to the teacher on retirement, according to the number of days to the teacher's credit. The Board agreed to consider the proposal.

The agreement with the architect

was received and returned for clarification on several points before being signed.

The surveys for the land at Acton, Milton and Georgetown schools were received and had been forwarded to the architects.

The deed for the property in Acton was received and a motion was passed empowering the officers to sign the deed on behalf of the Board. Another motion empowered the Board to borrow up to \$20,000 for building purposes until the debentures are issued.

Mr. Tost from whom the Georgetown property was to be secured was reported as asking an additional \$900 for the land shown in the survey bringing the total price to \$6,900. He gave until June 1st for acceptance of this latest offer.

The board by motion reaffirmed their former offer of \$6,000 for the property and the motion stated if this offer was not accepted by June 1, it would be withdrawn. If this land is not acquired, it will not in any way hamper the building program at the Georgetown school.

Members present at the meeting in Georgetown on Monday were Messrs. Martin, Cook, Beaumont, Carbert, Milne, Brown, Biehn and Dills and Chairman N. L. Pickett presided.

To Attend Mock Atom Bomb Raid

A convoy of fire fighting equipment from Halton county will take part in a simulated atomic bomb raid in Niagara Falls, New York, where it will be considered an atom bomb has dropped on the night of June 5.

Should an atom bomb drop anywhere in Ontario, it has been stated that 174 fire pumpers would be required to put it out. Taking part in the mock fire fighting in June will be pumpers from Halton, Hamilton and Lincoln counties.

Fire fighting equipment from Milton is expected to attend the mock A bomb raid.

The chief and one fireman expect to attend from Acton. The Acton fire truck will not participate.

Screen Windows To Stop Breakage

Prices were reviewed on Thursday evening, when the Public Utilities Commission met in regular session, on screens for the sewage lift station. These windows seem to have a fascination for boys with stones in their hands. The price of screens for the two windows are \$62.00 and an order was placed with Shipway Iron and Wire Co. J. Goy was present at this meeting. He had received an account for repairing a line burnt down when a pole was hit by one of his trucks. After reviewing the case the Commission decided to leave the amount as it was originally rendered.

Mrs. John Mowat had complained of a high water bill. The meter had been taken out and tested and found to be running 3 per cent. slow. This account was to remain as issued.

A cheque for transmitting power to the rural consumers was received from the H.E.P.C. amounting to \$120.69.

Superintendent Lambert reported that the assessor Geo. Musselle, Secretary J. McGeachie and himself had located the lot stakes at J. Higgin's property on Mason Blvd. It was found that this hydrant was three feet on Mr. Higgin's lot and he wanted to erect a fence across the front of the property. Arrangements will be made to move the hydrant onto the street property in the near future.

The motor on the heat exchanger had burnt out since the last meeting. This motor had been repaired and was now in service. The rods for cleaning the main trunk sewers have arrived.

Superintendent Mason reported that two relays and the wiring on a pole on John Street had been damaged during the fire to the oiling truck on Wednesday of last week. Temporary repairs had been made and an iron box will now be required to make the connections weatherproof. The Beamish Construction Co. were notified of the damage resulting from the fire. Arrangements were made for the Commission to view a site where sewer and water service is to be installed on Queen St. At the same time they are to visit the hydro building on Alice St. to view the fill recently placed there from the sewage disposal plant.

Superintendent Mason was delegated to attend a meeting in Muskoka early in June in connection with the hydro changeover.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro Accounts

Petty Cash, express	\$ 6.91
Bell Telephone Co. service	24.10
Elliott Bros. Mds.	2.06
Hinton's 5-100 Store, Mds.	4.95
L. Garner Motors, truck	16.50
Denny's Transport, truck	31.50
Thos. Cutting, truck	76.50
Geo. Robinson, truck	21.00
F. Terry, postage	100.00
Norwich Union Fire Insurance Co., premium	10.00
Beardmore & Co., base for stamp meter	25.00
Tremco Manufacture Co.	6.50
Snap-on-tools, mds.	19.09
Masco Electric, mds.	33.43
Federal Wire and Cable Co., wire	24.21
Mansell Nellis, truck	124.00
	\$326.45

Waterworks Accounts

Bell Telephone Co. service	\$ 8.05
Doughty & McFarlane, seed	13.70
Joek Calder, pipe	1.60
Chas. E. Napier Co. charts	25.25
	\$48.60

—Charles B. Wall, the son of Mrs. Edith L. Smith, Young St., Acton, has passed his final year in the faculty of medicine at the University of Western Ontario. He graduates this Saturday with the degree of doctor of medicine.

Lightning Hits Barn Damage \$10,000

Fire damage estimated at between \$10,000 and \$12,000 resulted when a bolt of lightning struck the barn on the farm of Peter Patterson, R. R. 1, Campbellville, three miles north of the village at 11 p.m. Monday night.

The building was a total loss and was only partly covered by insurance. Several pigs, a calf and the contents of the barn were also destroyed.

Milton fire brigade remained at the scene of the fire until 4 a.m. to prevent its spread to surrounding buildings.

Lightning Strikes, Splinters Wall

Lightning in the Monday storm struck the house of H. Holmes on Park Ave., shattering six small windows and one large one in the sun porch and knocking a hole in the wall just above the cement block foundation.

Mrs. Holmes, alone at the time, reports hearing a sharp crack of lightning quite close but did not realize until the next morning it had hit the house.

Evidently the lightning was conducted by a cable near the roof, travelled along the eavestroughing and into the sun porch, going out through the floor.

Boards and asphalt siding on the outside were splintered and torn with flooring inside damaged. No fire resulted. Telephone connections were scattered all over the basement with the electric clock and radio damaged by the lightning.

Electrical connections at Lindsay's Mill were also damaged when the silos conducted a bolt of lightning.

Health Unit Nurse Speaks to W.I.

Miss Kidd of the Halton County Health Unit was the guest speaker for the May meeting of the Nassagaweya Branch Women's Institute. The program for the coming year was the main topic of discussion and voting delegates for the district annual at Burlington were appointed.

Mrs. M. Mahon, vice president, presided over the general business session in the absence of the president, Mrs. A. Diamond. Miss Kidd had much of interest to tell of the history and services of the Halton County Health Unit.

Mrs. M. Mahon won first prize in the contest provided by the conveners, Mrs. Page and Mrs. Mullen. Mrs. M. Moffat, hostess, served tea and a social half hour was enjoyed.

Office To Be Open Day of Coronation

In view of the fact that all ceremonies in connection with the Coronation celebration in Acton are being held on Sunday, the Free Press office will be open on Tuesday, June 2, as usual.

A mid-week holiday involves many difficulties in getting your home town paper in the mails on time and requires all of the time of the staff in meeting schedules.

As usual, we will appreciate news copy and advertising as early in the week as possible.

20 Pages This Issue

This issue of the Acton Free Press includes a special Coronation supplement making a total of 20 pages in your home town paper this week. Plus the supplement, there are 12 pages of local news and pictures presented for your enjoyment this week.



BOARD MEMBERS of Township School Area No. 1 Nassagaweya, responsible for the construction of the new public school addition officially opened on Friday are shown here. From the left in the back are Claude Brinklow, Elmer Cox, and Stanley Robinson. In the front are Duncan Moffat, D. E. Moffat, chairman, and Mrs. Beatrice Fletcher, secretary-treasurer.

Bunting, Flags To Line Parade Route, Coronation Service In Park Sunday

Miss Lydia Snow Heads Association

The Women Teachers' Association of Halton County held its spring dinner meeting in Glenwood school recently when Mrs. Helen Ward, executive secretary of the Ontario Federation of Women Teachers, conducted the installation of officers. Officers installed were Mrs. L. L. Skuce, honorary president; Miss Lydia Snow of Nassagaweya, president; Miss Eunice Hodgson, Oakville, vice-president; Miss Rita Mather, Oakville, secretary; Miss Jean Ruddell, Georgetown, treasurer; Miss Shirley South, Burlington and Miss Joan Millward, Bronte, executive members.

Miss Beatrice Hume, Georgetown, and Miss Nellie Jardine, Hornby, who are retiring from the teaching profession in June, were presented with gifts on behalf of the teachers by Mrs. Skuce, Miss Jean Fotte, Burlington, gave a report on the regional assembly held in Hamilton and stated that Miss Florence Meares, Burlington, was elected to the provincial board of directors of the F.W.T.A.O. Mrs. Elizabeth Hoey of Bronte was the speaker.

Miss Joyce Hudson and Miss Glenn Galstorf of Oakville.

Seating, Platform Planned for Sunday

The platform for the Coronation program in the park Sunday afternoon will be located in the north-east corner on the inside of the race track with seats and cars to be arranged in a semi-circle across the park, council decided at a special meeting called Monday evening to complete their share of the arrangements.

Seating will be provided for at least 1,000 with school children and bandsmen arranged at the side of the semi-circle and spectators in the centre area.

Accommodation for cars behind the seats will be made with service club members on hand to direct the cars.

Ajax Engineers and J. B. Mackenzie and Son have assured sufficient planking for the seats and Jack Ridley has promised to haul cement blocks to support the planks. A work committee from the Legion will be on hand early Sunday morning to arrange the planks and blocks.

Extra police will be on duty to assist in rerouting traffic and clearing the way for the parade with the least inconvenience.

Tree Planting

Coronation celebrations here begin at 1.15 Sunday, May 31, at the public school grounds, where a tree planting ceremony is planned, under the auspices of the Acton Home and School association. School children of Acton and local rural schools will attend.

The parade will march off at 2.15, travelling west on Mill St. from Wilbur to Main; north on Main to Knox and west on Knox to Prospect Park. There the special service will begin.

Following is the order of parade: Group one—Dr. A. J. Buchanan, marshal; Acton council, school board, Public Utilities commission, Acton Volunteer fire brigade; Acton Citizens' band; assembly point, Willow St. between Mill and Church Sts.

Group two—G. W. McKenzie, marshal; all Acton public school children and rural school children; Guelph Pipe Band; assembly point, Wilbur St. between Mill and Bowler Sts.

Group three—J. T. Hurst, marshal; Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, Women's Institute, Scout and Guide Mothers, Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Wolf Cubs, Brownies, and Acton High school; Hillsburgh Citizens' band; assembly point, Guelph St. between Mill and Church Sts.

Group four—Max Stovary, marshal; Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion with all visitors and veterans; Canadian Field Artillery Trumpet Band; assembly point, school grounds.

All those taking part in the parade will assemble at 2 p.m.

Dinner Precedes Circle Meeting

The Baptist Mission Circle met at the home of Mrs. Lorne Garner on Wednesday, May 20, when the members participated in their annual birthday party. After a delicious dinner prepared by Mrs. Wilma Chapman and Mrs. Hazel Cripps, Mrs. H. Helwig took the chair for an interesting meeting.

Mrs. G. Wagner read the scripture and Mrs. Chapman gave a fine report on the Divisional Rally held recently in Brampton.

During the business session, it was decided to invite Rev. E. Ekstisen, a Latvian Jew from behind the Iron Curtain, to be guest speaker at the fall thanksgiving. During the evening, Mrs. G. McKillop sang two solos, which were very much enjoyed.

Mrs. Helwig thanked the hostess and the soloist and Mrs. Lorne Garner closed with prayer.

Message is Wired To Queen Elizabeth

Tuesday morning at Acton station, town clerk J. McGeachie wired the town's message to Queen Elizabeth II on the occasion of her Coronation. The message from Acton reads: Her Royal Highness, Queen Elizabeth II, Buckingham Palace, London, England.

The citizens of the Town of Acton, Ontario, Canada, take this opportunity of pledging anew our allegiance to the Crown and reaffirming our faith in democratic principles. We rejoice with you on your Coronation as Queen of our Empire.

Frank G. Oakes, Mayor

1,480 Contestants In Music Festival

The total number of contestants at the Halton county music festival was 325 higher than last year, without the large high school choirs, it was declared at the annual meeting of the festival association held in Milton public school on May 19. The entries in the rural festivals were also the largest ever.

The annual report recalled that Dr. G. Roy Fenwick, adjudicator, congratulated the music supervisors and teachers for the excellent work that had been done in preparing contestants.

There were 33 sets of pin typewriters awarded this year. A trophy committee reviewed all the cups and shields during the winter and decided one new cup and two new shields and about that many replacements next year were needed. The new cup was donated by the Hornby Women's Institute and the shields were donated by the Bank of Commerce, Georgetown, and the Bank of Montreal, Oakville.

The numbers of entries at the county festival were: rural, 108 entries with 610 contestants; high school, 40 entries with 70 contestants; urban, 100 entries with 800 contestants; a total of 308 entries and 1,480 contestants.

The officers of the 1952 executive were all re-elected with one exception. Mrs. C. Ford, vice-president for Trafalgar, resigned and Mrs. M. Beatty was elected in this position.

It was decided to award four scholarships this year and Dr. Fenwick chose the following: Glenn DeBerty, Georgetown; Donna McMillan, Acton; Terry Wolfe, Burlington and Paul Prust, Georgetown.

Fireworks Display Coronation Theme

A large crowd gathered on roadways and in cars at Campbellville Athletic Grounds Saturday evening, May 23, to admire the seventh annual fireworks display with Coronation as its theme, the fireworks featured a royal coronation salute and a parachute flag shell. The Campbellville Tennis club sponsored the sparkling display of fireworks.

A girls' softball game preceded the fireworks display, with Campbellville playing Hallowell.

Route Decorated

Uniforms and flags will provide brilliant color in the parade and the route will be gaily decorated with gilt reproductions of crowns and crests; red, white and blue streamers, pictures of the Queen and flags.

The religious aspect of the Coronation influences the drumhead service, which will include hymns, prayers and an address by Captain D. Crawford Smith, D.C. (R.C.A. Ch.C.). A special choir under the direction of Ted Hansen will sing, with a selection by the Acton Canadian Legion Quartette. A special school children's choir will also participate.

Members of the Acton Ministerial Association, Rev. E. A. Currey, Rev. Ralph Price, Rev. R. H. Armstrong and Pastor Dwight Patterson are in charge.

Band Concert

Acton Citizens' Band will present their concert in the park at 8.30 p.m.

On the eve of Coronation Day, a dance is being held in the town hall by the Lakeside Chapter IO D.E.

Tuesday night the Boy Scouts will hold a brief ceremony and light a beacon fire in the country near Acton. Scouts all over the Dominion are expected to light beacons Coronation Day.

Dr. A. J. Buchanan heads the committee which has arranged for Acton's part in marking this historic Coronation of our Queen. George Angell is secretary and Johnny Goy treasurer, with members of the committee, Mrs. Fred Anderson, Mrs. J. C. Bradshaw, Ed Footitt, Mrs. Aubrey Bradshaw, Ten Hansen, Charles Heard, Mrs. Alan Merritt, John McHugh, Tom Nicol, Mrs. F. G. Oakes, Mrs. M. Symon, Sam Tennant, Lawrence Wieck and David Dills.