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JUDGMENT RESERVED ON ANNEXATION



RAMS RELISH RIDE as the lacrosse season in Acton gets under way with a parade and a win in overtime of 12-10 against Ohsweken Indians. Decorated bicycles were awarded prizes and participated in the parade headed by the Acton Citizens' Band and majorettes. The old fire truck bearing the Ram players is seen here as it proceeded down Mill St. from the station to the arena.

NAME COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE HOUSING ON LOW DOWN PAYMENT

A committee was appointed at a special meeting of Acton council Tuesday evening to investigate the possibility of low down payment houses being built in Acton. It was explained that Acton was in need of more houses and the committee was asked to contact the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation regarding the possibility. Named to the committee are E. Tyler, F. G. Oakes and J. J. Stewart.

Council approved a resolution not to renew any insurance premiums with the present company. A study was made of the insurance rates in comparison and it was explained that a savings could be made on the yearly premiums of over \$300 on the fire and automobile insurance.

Tenders are to be called for the operation of the booth at the arena during the lacrosse season. Council also approved calling tenders for the sale of the grandstand in Prospect Park. The building is for sale as it is and is to be torn down and hauled away, with the grounds to be cleaned up when the job is completed.

Payment was authorized to Norwich Union Fire Insurance of \$24.44 for added coverage on the present insurance.

An application from Lorne Garner Motors asking the town to pay the cost of hardtopping the sidewalk and boulevard was refused. Mr. Garner was to be informed permission would be granted to hard top the area at the same time as hard top was being applied to his garage lot, at his own expense, under town supervision.

The account from J. B. Mackenzie and Son was authorized for payment of \$358.29 for construction of the fire escape from the basement room of the Y.M.C.A.

Further information was asked regarding the complaint of George Holmes concerning the condition of his property.

A framed portrait of Queen Elizabeth II was presented by the Acton office of Simpson-Sears order office. Council expressed their appreciation of the portrait.

Head-On Collision Hospitalizes Three

Severe facial lacerations were suffered by Mrs. Mary Mann of Acton in a traffic accident at Rockwood shortly after midnight last Saturday. Mrs. Lois McKenzie and John Mann, who were in the car with Mrs. Mann, were taken to Guelph by ambulance, treated and released. Mrs. Mann remained in Guelph for treatment and was able to return home on Tuesday.

The car driven by Mr. Mann and a truck were proceeding east on No. 7 highway, the truck leading, when a car driven by Sam Lovely, Guelph, coming from the opposite direction, hit the left rear wheel of the truck, driven by Bernard Dixon of Toronto and then smashed head-on with the Acton car. Both cars were badly damaged.

Mr. Lovely suffered a knee injury; William Blacklock, Guelph, lacerations to face and legs. The driver of the truck was not injured. Dr. Garrett of Acton and Dr. A. B. Waller of Rockwood attended the injured.

DIDN'T EXIST

Of the world's 55,000,000 square miles of land surface, only 10 per cent is covered by topographic maps. Canada and the United States where the automobile map seems to chart everything down to the last square foot, are less completely mapped topographically than Japan or India. Canadians, recently mapping their northeast coast, have discovered 5,000 square miles of islands where current maps had shown only empty sea.

Township Officer Gives Resignation

Elmer McKinnon tendered his resignation as relief officer and weed inspector at the meeting of Erin township council on June 1. The resignation was held over to the next meeting for further consideration.

Reeve Albert Wheeler presided with all members present. The road superintendent was instructed to order four tons of calcium chloride for use on the township roads.

The Income Tax Department, Kitchener, was to be paid \$17.70, balance owing for 1952.

The tender of the Erin Advocate for township printing was accepted for \$425. (\$415 of the contract price to be subject to sales tax of 10 per cent). The printing includes voters' lists, tax bills, nomination bills, proceedings of council, advertising, etc.

Accounts were paid as follows: general, \$798.72; livestock, \$38.00; relief, \$53.28; roads, \$5,891.62.

Require H.S. Rooms By September, '54

Principal G. W. McKenzie reported to the public school board at its regular meeting on June 9 in the school that he estimated there would be an enrolment of 400 pupils at the September opening. About 90 Kindergarten - Primary lots would be starting, which necessitates engaging two extra teachers next year. Two classrooms of the accommodation now being used by the Acton high school will be required to accommodate public school classes in September, 1954.

Chairman T. Watson presided at the meeting. Mr. Quee was present and showed sketched plans for landscaping of the school grounds, which were approved.

The Home and School Association has donated a nest of six swings to the school. The Home and School will hold a banquet for grade eight pupils as usual.

Mr. McKenzie informed the board that all grade eight students in Halton county would write uniform grade examinations on June 16, 17 and 18.

The board approved having used blackboards ground to make them serviceable.

The only unused classroom in the old school is to be redecorated and prepared for use in September.

It was reported that Mrs. Shirley Dills, the K-P teacher, would entertain the K-P mothers this Friday. Acton public school field day is to be held this Friday as well as the inter-school field day with Georgetown, Milton and Acton on Tuesday, June 23.

The secretary reported receipt of \$105 non-resident fees and \$45 non-resident fees from Dublin area.

The finance statement of \$1,210.33 was presented; the board authorized payment and directed the secretary to assess the North Halton High School District Board \$244.55. May plant operation.

ACTON IN DART FINALS

Acton's Legion dart team entered the Provincial finals in Galt on Saturday of last week and came close to carrying off top honors. Members of the Acton team were Jack Drysdale, Bill Nickolak, Mickey Holmes, Pat Waldie and Herb Cook. There were 34 teams in the finals.

Less than one-quarter of Canada's known hydro-electric resources are now in use.

SPECTACULAR CURTAIN OF SPRAY AT MUTUAL AID DEMONSTRATION

Seven pumps stationed along Milton streets relayed water through an estimated 4,500 feet of hose in the Halton Mutual Aid fire demonstration held Tuesday evening in Milton. Eight trucks representing fire brigades from Milton, Acton, Georgetown, Bronte, Oakville, Burlington and Burlington Beach took part in the civil defence exercise.

Hose lines were laid from the pond up Mill St. to Elizabeth St., down Main and up Martin again to the pond where the Milton truck was stationed.

The water was pumped from the pond and relayed from truck to truck, demonstrating the procedure for emergency long distance pumping. Only seven pumps were used, leaving one free in case of another alarm.

Milton Fire Chief A. E. Clement put in the mock emergency calls at 7:10 p.m. and the Milton sirens sounded at 7:20. Acton fire brigade

Chapter Members Presented Gifts

A pot luck supper preceded the June meeting of the Lakoside chapter L.O.D.E. held Tuesday in the Legion Hall. Over 50 members enjoyed the meal.

A short business meeting was held with regent Mrs. G. McKenzie presiding.

Mrs. H. Helwig presented a gift to Miss Clara Grindley, a chapter member who is leaving Acton, on behalf of the group.

A mock wedding, with the preacher reading the service at the top of an eight-foot ladder, concluded when a basket of gifts for Miss Jean Harris was brought in. After the gifts were opened, the meeting ended.

To Purchase Forks, Books as Awards

Mrs. L. Clark of Milton was guest speaker at the June meeting of Limehouse Women's Institute on May 4 at the home of Mrs. Fred Geary. Mrs. Clark spoke on the history of Esqueving township and then took as her topic, "History of Common Things." These included: parrots, starlings, rubber, bath tubs, fire-fighting equipment and tea.

The roll call, "Why I admire elderly ladies," was answered by 13 members and two visitors.

Donations were made to the Scott Mission, Care and Federation of Agriculture Field Day.

Salad forks are to be purchased for all girls of Limehouse Home-making Club who have completed their projects; also books for junior and senior pupils in the school for attendance, punctuality and cleanliness during the year.

Reports were given on the flower and fruit fund, quilts and parcels for Korea, library, banquet, school gardens, Palermo's 50th anniversary, officers' conference and A.C. W.W.

Current events were given by Mrs. Mitchell and the motto, "Youth, not a time of life but a state of mind," by Mrs. Ellerby.

Mrs. James Noble, Mrs. Smithurst, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Sandford were named delegates to the district annual at Burlington. The meeting closed with God Save the Queen and a special prayer for the Queen, after which the hostess and her assistants served tea and cookies.

Firemen Assist In Mock Bomb Raid

Sirens screamed, motorcycle policemen directed convoys through densely-packed traffic, hush lines blocked off main trunk streets, while Canadian and American rescue teams rushed into Niagara Falls, N.Y., in actual training exercise for an atomic bomb raid on Friday, June 5.

Senior Staff Inspector F. B. Cressney of the Ontario Provincial Police headed a 20-man detachment in conveying the Canadian units, consisting of 84 trucks and 401 personnel. There were 23 fire pumps from the fire marshal's office, Halton, Welland and Lincoln counties.

The Milton rural fire truck responded, manned by men from Milton, Georgetown and Acton fire departments and was placed in a double line relay on Buffalo Ave. supplying two of the 24 lines of water used to extinguish the fire.

Attending from Acton were Chief Sam Tennant and deputy-chief J. Newton.

The raid was like "the real thing," with dummies pulled from flaming cars, radiation detection crews at work, accident victims looking so realistically hurt that one spectator fainted and helicopter pilots in rescue work.

The demonstration in the "blazing, stricken city" was part of the first major international Civil Defense demonstration of co-operation aid between the United States and Canada.

Lt. Gen. C. R. Huebner, director of the New York State Civil Defense Commission, declared, "It was a very good show, demonstrating the various techniques we have to go through."

Acton firemen, who had very little to eat that day, were very glad to be given rations from a chuck wagon after 10 o'clock in the evening.

'53 Car Hits Culvert Four Workers Hurt

Frank Woods, Hank Earl and Jack Kingsbury suffered facial lacerations and Jack Chapman is believed to have a fractured arm following an accident south of Georgetown as a car load of Acton workers were on their way to Milton Thursday morning.

Woods, Earl and Kingsbury were taken to Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton for emergency treatment and by noon were reported as resting comfortably. They were also suffering from shock but no serious injury was reported. Jack Chapman was not at first believed to be injured and was treated in Acton.

Driver of the car, Kevin Breen, and Bill Morris, another passenger in the car, were not injured as the 1953 Chevrolet car hit a culvert south of Georgetown on No. 7 highway. One of the passengers reported he believed they were crowded off the road.

NEWLYWEDS PRESENTED MIRROR BY FRIENDS

Friends from Georgetown gathered at the home of Bob and Delaine Rogers (nee Delaine Gibbons) last Saturday evening to surprise the newlyweds with a party and a presentation.

A pleasant evening was enjoyed and a bountiful lunch was served. Friends wished the couple a long and happy marriage and presented them with a plate glass mirror. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers thanked their friends for the beautiful gift and enjoyable evening.



MORE THAN 50 HALTON farmers left Milton early Monday morning for a three day bus trip through western Ontario and Michigan. Sponsored by the Halton Crop Improvement Association, the annual trip included visits to Michigan, a ball game between the New York Yankees and Detroit in Detroit, a stop at the Ford Museum and a number of farms to see new buildings and new methods. Farmers on the trip returned on Wednesday.

Board Hearing Receives Evidence At Town Hall

Judgment was reserved for the presentation of written argument, following the day-long hearing on the application by Acton for the annexation of parts of Esqueving township, heard by R. H. Yates and R. L. Kennedy of the Ontario Municipal Board, Monday.

The application asked for the annexation of land on the south of the present town boundary to include the spring property, sewage disposal plant, Beardmore and Co., Wool Combing Corporation, town dump and part of the J. Flynn farm and E. Braida farm. Land was also included on the north boundary taking in part of the J. J. Stewart, T. Seynuck and Vyse farms as well as the group of houses now on the Third line east of the Wartime Housing subdivision. According to township records, the area totals 349 acres.

J. D. Lucas and C. F. Leatherland appeared as counsel for Acton, Leroy Dale for Esqueving township, and R. E. Davies for the Wool Combing Corporation.

Objections to the annexation of their land to the town were registered by the Township of Esqueving, Wool Combing Corporation, T. Seynuck, W. Finlay, Thomas Rotz and Norman Wright, on behalf of F. L. Wright.

Expressing approval of the annexation of their lands to the town were G. McKeown, Leslie Duly, J. J. Stewart and E. Braida. Written approval of seven of 11 third line residents was submitted to the hearing.

Evidence presented by J. McGeachie, under cross-examination by J. D. Lucas, showed the assessment of the proposed annexation area, as given by township officials, as \$387,195. In 1952 Acton supplied 2,498,800 gallons of water to the Wool Combing at the preferred industrial rate. It was pointed out that township hydro rates were higher and that the firm was served with hydro by the town.

Access to the Wool Combing by Frederick St., which was continued from Agnes St. when the company moved to its present location, evidence showed. Water used by Beardmore Co. was 4,912,800 in 1952 and the firm has asked for an additional 100,000 gallons per day. Mr. McGeachie said in giving evidence. Other services available to the two industries were reviewed.

In dealing with the property on the third line north of No. 7 highway, evidence by Mr. McGeachie showed that the properties were not being serviced by the town. Children from these homes were attending Acton school at the rate of \$5 each per month.

Leroy Dale for Esqueving township pointed out that the "water (sold to industries in the township) adds revenue to the town and helps the water system tremendously in finances."

"There is nothing the town is going to have to spend. The revenue from taxation is going to be a clear profit to Acton and loss to Esqueving," Mr. Dale said.

"We're only asking for what the town rightfully deserves. The industry by which the residents are employed are not helping to share the burden of education costs," Mr. McGeachie replied.

Under cross-examination by R. E. Davies, representing the Wool Combing, Mr. McGeachie explained that based on the expenditures of this year and allowing for some anticipated increases, the tax rate, if the annexation area was included, would be 45¢.

W. Middleton, secretary-treasurer of the Public School Board, said there were 10 students attending Acton school from the annexation area and 19 others from the townships at \$5 per month per pupil. He pointed out that accommodation was available for about 50 more kindergarten primary pupils. Mr. Middleton said the average cost of education per pupil was \$6.05 per month.

Following the morning session, the hearing was adjourned for board members to view the proposed boundaries. Sessions resumed shortly after 2 p.m.

Under cross-examination, A. Kirkness, town foreman, said that Frederick St. was graded, oiled and snow plowed and sanded. Asked by Mr. Lucas if he ever received calls for sand on that road to facilitate truck traffic, Mr. Kirkness replied he had. It was earlier suggested that this was the only access to the Wool Combing Corporation.

E. Tyler, in giving evidence, said town roads were being used by his transports to haul for Beardmore's. "Truck traffic naturally creates more maintenance on the streets used," he said.

Recalled for further cross-examination by Mr. Dale, Mr. McGeachie agreed that approximately 8,000,000 gallons of water were available per month; 5,000,000 gallons were pumped and that the industrial rate had been changed. He did not agree with Mr. Dale, that the waterworks surplus was always turned over to the town. The treasurer pointed out that the 1952 surplus of \$3,801 had not been turned over to the town by the Public Utilities Commission.

Arthur Benton, Esqueving assessor, or, under cross-examination by Mr. Dale, pointed out that the assessment in the township was \$4,877,944 and the total assessment of the annexation area was \$387,195. The fire area tax for the proposed Acton area is levied on buildings only and Esqueving's assessment for that area is \$500,894, with Nassagaweya's assessment at \$357,825. He pointed out that \$236,854 of Esqueving's fire area assessment was in the annexation area.

K. C. Lindsay, clerk-treasurer and assistant assessor, said that 7.93 per cent of the township's taxes were received from the annexation area. He further stated that 11,262 per cent of the school area number one assessment was in annexation area; 42,243 per cent of the assessment for the Acton fire area and 25,796 per cent of the whole Esqueving - Nassagaweya fire area assessment.

Asked by Mr. Dale what would happen to the fire area if this section was taken out of Esqueving, Mr. Lindsay said, "In my opinion, it would make it impossible to carry on. The total building assessment is less than a million dollars. Take 25 per cent out and it makes the mill rate prohibitive to buy new equipment."

Mr. Lindsay pointed out that the school area board had approached Esqueving council for approval to issue debentures up to \$65,000 for a new school at Norval. He said this had been approved by resolution of council.

G. McKeown said he was in favor of annexation into the town because of the school situation. He mentioned advantages of street lighting, better fire protection and garbage collection.

Les Duly explained that based on facts presented by the Town Planning Board, he felt it would be an advantage to be annexed into Acton.

J. J. Stewart spoke in support of annexation because it was impossible for the township to service his lands.

E. Braida said he favored annexation since part of his land was already in town.

T. Seynuck said he had 50 acres with 25 already in town and was opposed to annexation. He reviewed a suit the town made against him. "I feel this time, I don't want to come into town."

W. Finlay opposed the annexation explaining that his taxes would nearly double and he would not derive any benefit.

Thomas Rotz opposed annexation. "The town hasn't anything to offer us," he declared. He explained that although his children were attending school in Acton now, they would be attending Bannockburn school after the holidays.

Norman Wright, appearing for F. L. Wright, opposed annexation. He said his father had found the town had not been able to service portions of land within the town until recently and would not be able to service the land they are taking in.

G. F. Leaver, treasurer of the Wool Combing, was called by Mr. Davies to present evidence. Correspondence between the town and firm dealing with annexation was presented. It was pointed out there had been discussions on annexation and it was understood taxes would increase. The problem of sewage disposal was being investigated with R. V. Anderson, but no final report had been received.

Under cross-examination by Mr. Lucas, Mr. Leaver said they would have municipal service if it was available. He said he expected negotiations on the sewage problem would continue.

Mr. Davies was denied an adjournment of the proceedings. The Board allowed 14 days for Mr. Lucas to present his argument in writing, with 10 days for Mr. Dale to reply and seven days for Mr. Lucas to reply. Mr. Davies was to present a written submission.

PRAYER ANSWERED
Father (of new twins) — Now, Tommy, aren't you glad you prayed for a baby sister?
Tommy — Yep. And aren't you glad I stopped when I did?