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## ACCEPT \$136,980 HIGH SCHOOL TENDER

### Courts of Revision Are Sitting Today

Is your name on the voters' list? P. W. Cooke, county Returning Officer, reports that there are 1,635 names on the Acton list, and a total of 22,461 on the Halton list.

Rural courts of revision are sitting today, the 15th day before polling day, between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. In Acton these are being held at the enumerators' homes. Urban courts in Oakville and Burlington will sit Friday and Saturday as well.

A qualified elector whose name is not entered on the voters' list on polling day may still vote if he is vouched for by an elector whose name is on the list, and takes an oath. To vote a person must be 21 years of age, a Canadian citizen or other British subject and resident in Canada for 12 months preceding polling day.

### Two Men Injured Riding Motorcycle

Two Acton district men were seriously injured four miles west of town early Sunday morning when the motorcycle they were riding hit a soft shoulder and plunged into a ditch.

George Allan, 27, of R.R. 3, Acton, was taken to Guelph General Hospital with a possible broken neck. The driver of the bike, Ted Cole, 22, of R.R. 2, Acton, was also hospitalized with severe head injuries and a dislocated shoulder. X-rays at the hospital revealed neither had fractures. Their condition is satisfactory.

The accident occurred about three a.m. at Silvercreek, four miles east of Acton, on No. 7 highway.

Poison ivy can be controlled by spraying with a solution of 3 pounds of common salt dissolved in a gallon of slightly soapy water.



ENJOYING A DIP in the recently completed junior swimming pool are Acton children from two to 10 this week. The pool was officially opened on Saturday as a good crowd of children stood anxiously at the gate waiting for the first ducking. No special ceremony was observed on the occasion. First two swimmers in the pool officially were Johnny and Heather McGeachie, whose father was the ambitious secretary of the project. Shown in the inset with the children are Amos

Mason, chairman of the swimming pool committee, and Jack McGeachie, secretary of the project. Supervision this week has been provided by Miss Nellie Hall who volunteered her services and chairman Amos Mason has been on hand most every day making observations for corrections that may be needed. Water is supplied to the pool from the town system and chlorinated from time to time.

### Miss E. Hawthorne Honored on Radio

Miss Emma Hawthorne was the "good friend and neighbor" honored on Alan Maitland's "Roses from Rose Brand" program over CJBK recently.

Mrs. Frank Wale of Orangeville had her letter selected on the program. She wrote of the many kindnesses Miss Hawthorne has done for neighbors and of her work in the Women's Institute and church organizations.

A beautiful bouquet of roses was sent to Miss Hawthorne. Mrs. Wale, the former Ruth Jennings, of Acton, was a neighbor of Miss Hawthorne for many years.

### Two Cases of Polio Reported in County

Two cases of poliomyelitis have already been reported in Halton county this year, the Halton County Health Unit disclosed this week. Both are in Burlington.

Both cases are in young children and one has produced no paralysis. In 1952 there were only six cases with no fatalities and a total of 21 was reported in 1951.

### Enjoy Meal, Games On Musselle Lawn

The Alert Evening Auxiliary of Knox Church held a delightful summer meeting at the home of Mrs. George Musselle on Wednesday evening, July 15th.

Tables were set on the lawn where a bountiful supper was enjoyed, after which games and contests were conducted by Mrs. A. McIsaac and Mrs. Les Halliday. Prizes were awarded the winners and balloons and candy given to the children.

### JUNIOR POOL OPENED SATURDAY SUPERVISE YOUNGSTERS' SWIMMING

Ranging from expert young lads with underwater goggles, to timid young ladies not too anxious to let go of the ledge at the shallow end, Acton youngsters are this week enjoying the new junior pool in Acton park. Children 10 and under are allowed in the trim new pool.

The pool opened last Saturday afternoon on a hot, sticky day, between summer showers. Active young children, already damp with rain, waited anxiously by the wire gate until, at the appointed time, the pool was opened to them.

Between summer showers, the president of the swimming pool committee, Amos Mason, presented the key to the swimming pool to mayor Dr. F. G. Oakes. The first two youngsters into the new pool were Johnny and Heather McGeachie, children of swimming pool committee secretary, Jack McGeachie.

Not far behind them were other youngsters who, when they learned the new pool would soon be opened, flew home to change into bathing suits.

It was with delight that they jumped into the water to inaugurate the new pool. One edge of the pool is shaded by a large tree. While this is a favorite spot on hot and sunny days, at the opening of the pool this was the shelter from showers for members of the committee, parents and interested friends.

Miss Nellie Hall volunteered to supervise the pool for the first week.

The pool has been open each day since, with supervised swimming periods in the afternoons and evenings. Sultry weather and enthusiastic reports from Acton's young set have increased the attendance steadily.

For the timid tots, the shallow end is an easy introduction to water fun. Supervision, the gradual slope and the limitation of age make the new junior pool ideal for young would-be swimmers, and enthusiastic but inexperienced ones. The pool is open each afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and each evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

### Rain Forces Events To Arena Saturday

Summer storms forced some of the activities at the Guelph Association, Baptist Young Peoples' Union, annual picnic at Acton into the arena last Saturday afternoon. About 75 attended the picnic from the district.

Games and races in the arena were under the direction of Bill Currie of Hillsburgh. Supper was also eaten in the arena while rain poured outside.

Some enjoyed swimming in the pond despite the bad weather.

The group gathered in the basement of the Baptist church in the evening where Doug Peck, president of the eastern division of the Guelph Association, was in charge. Acton young people presented a skit and devotional was held.

### Rev. Currey Tells Of Home Missions

The Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church held the July meeting in the church school room last Tuesday evening. The study for the month was "Lord of the Lands make Canada Thine Own."

Mrs. Currey led the worship service with Mrs. Bennie reading the Scripture and Miss D. Simmons singing the responses during the meditation. Mrs. (Rev.) Palmer, of Davidson, Sask., sang two lovely solos accompanied by Miss F. Brown at the piano.

Rev. Currey was the speaker and told of Home Mission work and showed slides of the work and also slides of Canadian scenes. Mrs. Mowat thanked those taking part and the meeting closed with God Save the Queen and benediction by Rev. Currey.

### Seven Room High School Planned, Start In August At Seven-Acre Site

#### Steering Defective Car Rolls in Ditch

When the steering wheel became disconnected, a half-ton pickup truck driven by Nick Schewachenko careened into the ditch and rolled over. The accident occurred at 2:45 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, just west of Acton on No. 7 highway, near the first line.

Mrs. Catherine Schewachenko suffered abrasions and bruises. She was treated by Dr. Kenney and taken to Guelph General Hospital. She was released almost immediately. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$800.

#### Plan Storm Repair Set Fire Call Fee

The borrowing of \$15,000 on debentures was finally authorized by Erin council at its adjourned meeting on July 6th. The sum is for telephone repairs and reconstruction, necessitated by the disastrous ice storm of the past winter.

A delegation from the Erin Village Fire Department interviewed council regarding a new agreement between the Fire Department and the township as to services and the rate of pay for fires in the township.

After consideration council agreed to pay to the treasurer of Erin Village \$150.00 per call for services at any fire in the township, except for motor vehicles on a public road, these calls to be at \$25.00 a call. A standby of \$300 commenced from July 1. The contract to be subject to the approval of the Erin village council and the township council.

#### END TABLES, LAMPS PRESENTED BY FRIENDS

Monday evening, July 13, a presentation was held for Mr. and Mrs. John Bousfield at Nassagaweya township hall. Mrs. Bousfield was the former Eileen Allen.

The couple was given two blond step end tables and two attractive table lamps. Miss Donna McMillan read the address and Horace Blyth, Erice Barber, Stewart Miller and Douglas Anderson made the presentation.

The tender of J. B. Mackenzie and Son for \$136,980 was accepted for the building of a new high school in Acton by the North Halton High School District Board at a meeting in Stewartstown last Thursday evening. The contract includes the building of seven rooms, plumbing, heating, ventilating, lighting and some landscaping.

Tenders for additions at Milton and Georgetown were not accepted. A letter from the Department of Education disapproved of the proposed basement utility room at Milton and gave reasons for disapproval. The letter stated that the Board must assume full responsibility if the work was proceeded with. Grants would only be paid on the classroom originally approved.

In view of this letter, the Board decided to ask all the contractors who had submitted tenders to submit new tenders on the library classroom and the architect agreed to have new specifications and alterations to plans made.

Tender prices for the four room addition at Georgetown were considered excessive in relation to the

#### HOLD SURPRISE PARTY FOR MRS. B. TENNANT

Friends and neighbors at the Wartime Housing held a surprise party for Mrs. B. Tennant Wednesday evening, July 15. About 16 ladies brought lunch and surprised her at her home. Mrs. Tennant left for England this Tuesday with her three children.

On behalf of the group, Mrs. J. McKnight presented Mrs. Tennant with a travelling alarm clock.

#### EUCHRE, PRESENTATION AT DAVIDSON'S HOME

A very enjoyable evening was spent by friends and neighbors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davidson, R.R. 3 Acton, on July 15 in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson on the occasion of their recent marriage.

Seven tables of euchre were played, prizes going to men's high John Kingsbury, ladies' high, Mrs. Robt. Wilson, lone hands, James Van Fleet.

J. J. Stewart then called on Mr. Wilson and his bride and in a few well chosen words asked the newlyweds on behalf of all present to accept a lovely tri-light lamp. Both replied suitably.

Mrs. J. J. Stewart assisted the hostess and a dainty lunch brought a pleasant evening to a close.

A midwest habitual robber drey 90 years. He's in for the time of his life.

### HYDRO OPERATIONS CLEAR \$800 SIX MONTHS' ESTIMATE WAS \$5,000

Acton Public Utilities Commission authorized the purchase of two street light relays, to have spares on hand for emergencies, at the regular meeting on Thursday evening.

A letter was read from the Hydro Electric Power Commission stating they had the six months' audit under consideration and would take the matter up with the proper authorities at an early date. During the first six months operation a little over \$800 had been made on the operation of the hydro department, and nearly \$2,000 had been spent on capital account over the amount of operating expenses. The estimated amount on operations profits \$5,000 for this period is raised on rates set by the H.E.P.C.

Superintendent Mason reported that the half carload of poles had arrived and been unloaded. The account was passed for payment less the freight paid to the C.N.R.

Superintendent Lambert reported that a mechanic from Consolidated Engines had been in town recently and an improvement had been made in the valve springs at the sewage lift station. When a spring breaks now, the whole pump assembly does not have to be torn down to make repairs.

The matter of levelling the sewer

and water trench in front of Mr. R. Ballentine's apartment was brought to the attention of the Commission. This matter was left with the chairman and the chairman of streets and walks committee of council to arrange. At a joint meeting of the delegation it was decided to have the grader level this bit of trench but if the trench sinks Mr. Ballentine will be responsible for filling in the depression.

The charge from the town for fill on Victoria and Brock Streets was accepted by the Commission but the account for filling in under the sidewalk at Mrs. B. Chew's was not accepted as the Commission felt they had not excavated this hole and did not see why they should be charged for repairs.

The work being done around the sewage treatment plant was reviewed and it was felt that the work should continue and not leave the job partially completed. Ditches have to be stoned or tiled as the roadway around the plant is washing away with the rains and at the present time is very narrow in certain parts.

Hydro accounts totalling \$195.56 and Waterworks accounts totalling \$1,758.18 were approved for payment.

### Seek Larger Share Fines Committee To Investigate

"I can see no reason why we shouldn't get a greater percentage of fines back," Councillor Lindsay declared at the regular meeting of council on Monday commenting on the fact that of fines levied in Magistrate's Court only \$600 was returned to the town on about \$300 worth of fines. "I have it on a good source that a breakdown of the distribution of fines can be demanded by council. I think we should go high and get that breakdown."

Clerk McGeachie pointed out the situation had been reviewed two years ago and no satisfactory answer could be obtained. At one time the auditors had been sent to the Attorney General's department and still no satisfactory explanation of the distribution was received.

Councillor Lindsay declared, "I have it on good authority we're being swindled."

The police committee was instructed to investigate with whatever sources possible and try to present a satisfactory answer.

A. Mason and G. A. Dills explained to council the junior swimming pool was in operation but a leaky valve was not remedied yet and the committee was not prepared to hand over the pool until everything was satisfactory. Mr. Mason said the committee would look after the supervision of it until the pool was formally turned over.

There has been some suggestion that the committee consider building the big pool rather than the bath houses. Mr. Mason pointed out about \$4,500 would be left after the completion of the junior pool and a grant from the provincial government is still available. It was thought about \$12,000 to \$15,000 would be required to build

the larger pool without filtration plant or bath houses.

Councillor Lindsay said he favored the bath houses and showers since they would be of greater benefit to the athletic organizations using the park than a swimming pool.

Mr. Mason stressed the importance of regulations and supervision at the junior pool, suggesting that possibly volunteer supervision could be used for the remainder of the season.

An amendment to the by-law governing the insurance minimum carried by taxis was approved. The minimum was doubled and passenger hazard added. All taxis are now required to carry \$10,000 and \$20,000 public liability and \$2,000 property damage and \$10,000 and \$20,000 passenger hazard coverage.

A meeting with R. F. Bean, the fire committee, and the property (Continued on Page Ten)

#### ATTENTION!

It is dangerous to take your mind off eyes off the road, even momentarily. Sighting should be left for roads away from busy, through highways. When speaking with your passengers, keep your eyes ahead... they will be able to bear you even if you don't turn to look at them.