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WITHIN 28 MINUTES after sirens sounded, fire trucks from Milton, Georgetown, Trafalgar and Acton had linked their hoses to pump these streams of water over the vacant lot by the Pioneer cemetery, behind the Presbyterian church. The Acton truck formed the first link, pumping water from the creek dammed by Baxter Labora-

ories. After passing through the Acton to the Georgetown truck by the V. B. Rumley Funeral Home, to the Trafalgar truck on Mill St. and to the Milton truck at the Legion hall, the water was shot from four one and a half inch lines and two boosters. The lot was the coolest place in town on a very hot evening Friday.

WATER SOAKS LOT 28 MINUTES AFTER FOUR BRIGADES SUMMONED

An emergency test call summoning the Halton county mutual fire aid system to action, brought Georgetown, Milton and Trafalgar brigades heading for Acton within minutes Friday evening. Acton chief Sam Tennant relayed the call to assist in training for pumper relay work.

The system would be the same in event of a bad fire in Acton when other brigades' assistance was needed.

The shining red trucks with their complements of about six men per truck were met at the outskirts of town and hastily directed to their station in the practice. (This method was used during the A. P. Green fire just over a year ago.) The imaginary fire was located behind the Presbyterian Church, by the Pioneer cemetery, purposefully a vacant lot.

Water was flooding the spot 28 minutes after the siren sounded at 7 p.m., with four brigades stationed in sequence, pumping water from one to the other and finally over the supposed flames in the lot.

At the top of the hill on south Main St. an Acton fireman was stationed to direct the Milton and Trafalgar fire reels. The fireman waiting at Barr's corner hadn't long to wait—the Georgetown truck arrived 12 minutes after the alarm sounded.

Soon, of course, many Actonians gathered to watch the water stream over the vacant lot by the old cemetery. The evening was very hot; children darted into the streams of water with delight and a slight soaking from hoses was more of a pleasure than an annoyance to the firemen, hot in their fire-fighting gear.

Acton's older fire truck stood by at Georgetown during the practice.

ice, while Trafalgar was covered by Oakville.

Rather than draw on water supplies in the mains or from the pond, the brigade assured itself of another source of water by drawing gallon after gallon from the creek. The creek was dammed by Baxter Laboratories temporarily with the Acton truck forming the first link in the fire truck chain there, pumping through 800 feet of hose to the Georgetown truck near the Victor B. Rumley funeral home.

The Georgetown truck pumped to the Trafalgar truck on Mill St. from where 800 feet of hose were laid down Mill and Main Sts. to the front of the Legion hall. The Milton pumper continued, having laid 700 feet of hose to the rear of Knox church.

The lot was the coolest spot in town as four one and a half inch lines and two boosters poured 280 gallons a minute over the parched grass.

Although the demonstration proved the use of the creek in an emergency, firemen explain that the creek would have to be dammed for about an hour before continuous pumping would be successful. On Friday, though, they "couldn't pump it dry."

Telephone operators and local police played their part in the demonstration, handling calls and detouring traffic.

Two somewhat similar mutual fire aid practices have been held in Milton. This is the third and Acton's first. The next may be at Oakville. It is hoped that a practice may be held in each of the centres in the mutual aid area before the cold weather this year.

Chief Shaw of Oakville, the coordinator, was in charge.

Labor Day Monday Early Copy, Please!

Monday, September 7 is Labor Day, and, like many others, the staff of the Free Press is taking the opportunity of doing a little labor as possible.

Since the office will be closed, copy for advertisements and news stories will be required as early as possible. The office will be open as usual Saturday morning.

Our Thanks In Sharing Honors

We do appreciate the many complimentary comments that citizens have passed on to us when your home papers, the Free Press, won an award of merit in the contest of weekly newspapers of Canada. It has been a source of pleasure to us that the Free Press was selected as the best in the all-around newspaper competition. The certificate is on display in our office.

The Free Press won first place in the contest and also won the same shield in 1942 when the paper won first place for the best front page and third place for the best editorial page.

Thanks to all who have been sharing with us the honors that have come to Acton through the home town paper.

Once Held Picnics In Warren Grove

One more suggestion has been made this week for a name for the subdivision now known as the Wartime Housing. A note sent to the Free Press office reads:

"As the land on which the Wartime Houses were built was formerly known as the 'Warren Grove,' a lovely spot where we used to hold our Sunday School picnics and day school picnics, I would suggest the name of 'Warren Grove.'"

This very suitable name is now added to the list of other suggestions, which includes Glenwood, Briarcrest, Sunnyview, Elm Drive, Sunset Drive, Elmvale and The Loop.

W.A. Considers Fall Activities

Plans for activities which will be undertaken in the fall were considered by the members of the Women's Association of the United Church at the meeting on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. J. Rolston.

The meeting opened with the Ode and prayer, and the devotional period was taken by Miss E. Hawthorne and Mrs. Theiford. The roll call was answered by "Harvest."

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH WEDDING SETTING

St. Alban's Anglican church was the setting for a summer wedding on Saturday, August 15, when, in an afternoon ceremony, Marguerite Elizabeth Storey, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Storey of R.R. 4, Acton, was married to Harry William Cannons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cannons of R.R. 3, Brampton. Rev. Ralph Price officiated and Mrs. F. Oakes presided at the organ. White and pink gladioli had been placed in the church for the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was gowned in ballerina length white net over taffeta. The strapless gown was topped by a lace jacket. Her veil was of fingertip length, and she carried a bouquet of pink Sweetheart roses, white poms and Stephanotis.

Mrs. Alice Wilkinson, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, wearing a ballerina length gown of pink net over taffeta, topped with a pink lace jacket. She carried a bouquet of yellow roses, white poms and Stephanotis, and wore a matching bandeau.

The bridesmaids were Miss Marina King and Miss Kay Cannons, sister of the groom, who wore blue and yellow gowns of ballerina length. Strapless; they were topped by lace jackets. Miss King carried red roses, white poms and Stephanotis. Miss Cannons carried Orange Delight roses, white poms and Stephanotis. Both wore matching bandeaus.

Miss Norma Anne Storey, cousin of the bride, was flower girl, wearing a ballerina length dress of green organza, and carrying a nosegay of pink Sweetheart roses and a matching flowered bandeau.

Wesley Storey, brother of the bride, acted as groomsmen, and ushers were Robert Cannons, brother of the groom, and Edward Storey, brother of the bride.

Soloists were Miss Marjorie McDonald and Miss Evelyn McDonald. A reception followed at St. Alban's parish hall. The mother of the bride wore powder blue taffeta with white accessories and a corsage of white Amalies orchids. The groom's mother chose a gown of Lady love nylon with navy accessories and a corsage of blue Vanda orchids.

Leaving with her husband on a wedding trip to Northern Ontario, the bride wore a lime green suit with white accessories and a spray of white orchids.

Out-of-town guests attended from Detroit, Michigan, Toronto, Long Branch, Peterboro, Orangeville, Caledon and Brampton.

Survey Power Line To Relocate Poles

Hydro workers started yesterday to survey and relocate the hydro line which crosses the property recently acquired for the location of a new high school in Acton. The line will be placed on the boulevard and the power line poles will be used jointly for street lighting.

It is expected that the property will be cleared of the power line by the middle of the month so that construction can start on the new school building.

Changing the line will also improve building sites on other locations in this district.

Car Treasure Hunt In Town, Country

A treasure hunt by car was a highlight of the evening when the Presbyterian Young Peoples were the guests of the Baptist Young Peoples last Friday evening. About 30 met at the church, where they were given their first clues in the hunt.

The hunt by car led the group to W. Gordon's, where doughnuts on strings had to be eaten. To Lorne school, to James Emley's, a gravel pit, to the church where hats were made and finally to Garner motors.

Mrs. Garner and D. Patterson directed the evening's fun.

A bonfire was lit by the garage and corn, wieners and marshmallows enjoyed. After charades, films were shown outside.

This was the second joint social meeting for the Baptist and Presbyterian groups.

Three Sons Survive Mrs. Alice Gordon

Mrs. Alice Gordon, whose husband, the late David Gordon, cleared the land where the George Lasby farm now stands, died on Monday at the Guelph General Hospital in her 91st year.

Born in Erasmus Township, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Ritchie, she married in 1881 in Guelph and lived in Arkell until 1911 when she moved to Guelph. She was a staunch member of the Knox Presbyterian church, Guelph, where her husband was one of the pioneer elders.

Surviving her are three sons, R. Lindsay, R. Ross and Russell L., all of Guelph. There are also 13 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Funeral service was at the McIntyre and Wilkie Funeral Home, in Guelph, on Wednesday. Interment was in the Eden Mills Cemetery. Rev. Williamson of Knox Presbyterian church officiated at both the service and at the graveside.

Soper Park, Galt For Baxter Picnic

Soper Park in Galt was the setting this year for the annual picnic of Baxter Laboratories employees, their families and friends. Three buses and private cars took over 170 to the picnic spot.

As well as races, contests, novelties, penny scramble and treasure hunt, swimming and baseball were enjoyed.

A hot supper of meat, vegetables and scalloped potatoes, followed by pie and ice cream was provided by caterers. Free ice cream was enjoyed during the hot afternoon.

After the meal, presents were given to the youngsters.

On the employees committee were Miss Jackie Watkins, Nancy Hurd and Sam Snyder. Bob Marshall and Dan Schroeder were in charge of children's races. Lester Masters and Mrs. Lillian Bradshaw in charge of adult and novelty races. Sam Snyder in charge of softball and Howard Fleming in charge of catering.

Pulp and paper accounts for 10 per cent of revenue freight car loadings in Canada each year.

Majorettes Debut In Tattoo Monday

Acton band's drum majorettes made their first public appearance outside Acton on Monday evening when their performance was applauded at a band tattoo in Burlington. Taking part in the tattoo in the Burlington arena were the Acton Citizens' Band, Oakville band, Brantford Memorial Concert band, Burlington Boys' and Girls' band, Preston Legion Citizens band, R.C.A.F. 424 Squadron band Hamilton and the Warren G. Harding high school band of Warren, Ohio.

About 25 played with the Acton band, travelling in a bus and private cars. A Perrott conducted Acton's drum majorettes, teaching their batons to the music of the march "On Guard," played by the band. An "Old Times' Waltz" was well received and parts played again for a sing song. The Acton band's third selection was the overture "Dahlbante."

About 300 musicians took part in the tattoo, with Capt. Johnson as master of ceremonies.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR Free Press in Home Is Weekly Visit

To the Editor and Staff—The Free Press: Congratulations! We, your readers from week to week, rejoice in your success in the recent contest of Weekly Newspapers, of your particular class. Your success has brought honor and distinction to our town, as well as a great tribute to the editing and management of your paper.

The weekly visit of the Free Press to our home is looked forward to with eager expectation. Your editorials are always timely and interesting and the setting forth of the news, both local and from the distance is ably done.

Above all, we realize, as your readers, that we have a paper that is always on the right side of the questions involving temperance and moral reform.

Again expressing "Heartiest Congratulations."

I remain, Yours sincerely,
C. I. Poole

OBITUARY Former Resident Dies in Brockville

A former resident of Acton, Frederick Ernest Ryder, died in Brockville on Thursday, August 27, after a lengthy illness. He was in his 77th year. Born at Acton, he was the son of the late James Ryder and the former Frances Martin.

Mr. Ryder, who for many years had been a resident of Brockville, was a retired commercial traveller and had been an employee of the Storey Gove works and Walhousham works. He retired in 1932 due to ill health.

Mr. Ryder was a member of the Free Presbyterian Church in Brockville. In Acton, he was a member of Walker Lodge. At one time he was an active member of the Commercial Travellers' Association and was later an honorary member.

Interested in sports, particularly lacrosse and baseball, he had been coach and manager of a baseball team.

He is survived by his wife, the former Alice B. Chisholm, in whom he was married in 1902, and two daughters, Mrs. Harry Donovan (Audrey) and Mrs. Charles Broadbent (Barbara); one grandson, David Ernest Donovan, all of Brockville. He also leaves one brother, Edward Ryder of Acton; two sisters, Mrs. Robert Elgie (Laura) and Mrs. Jack Bell (Maudie) both of Toronto as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers, Thomas and Nelson Ryder, and by two sisters, Mrs. William Gray and Mrs. Andrew Vance.

Funeral service was held at Brockville on Saturday afternoon. Interment was made in the family plot in Oakland Cemetery.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR Congratulations on Winning of Shield

Brockwood, August 29, 1953
Dear Mr. Dill:

Congratulations to you and the Acton Free Press for winning the Shield. I heard that you left Monday evening for the West for the annual Convention of Newspaper Editors.

Not only for the Acton Free Press do you secure recognition but for the Canadian Champion Milton, third place.

Again congratulating you on your success.

I am, Yours sincerely,
Richard Harris

Consider Town Manager Review Expenses, Budget

At Monday evening's meeting of Acton council a notice of motion was presented by councillors McLeod and Tyler reading: "We hereby bring a notice of motion before council that we will bring a motion on September 21, 1953, to the effect that we hire a town manager to control all works done by the town of Acton." It was the opinion that considerable savings could be effected if all town work could be directed and supervised by one person.

The financial statement until August 31 was presented by the clerk and the expenditures in comparison with allowances in the budget were given careful consideration. Most departments were keeping within their budget allowance.

The only items which caused concern were the grant allowances for police and fire protection in an amount of \$3,600. The system had been changed by the departments and this amount budgeted as a receipt this year will not be received until next year.

Recommend Improvement

The sale of the land at Hydro Substation No. one to the H.E.P.C. was held in abeyance until a letter from Baxter Laboratories of Canada is received, expressing their views on the land purchase. Council member Weick reported on the unsatisfactory condition that land was left in after the removal of the workshop. He recommended, and council agreed that an improvement be made.

Write Again

A letter was received from the Department of Highways stating their position in the erection of two directional signs on the Queen Elizabeth highway at the Bronte cut-off. Council felt that as Highway 25 terminates in Acton, road signs to Acton should be allowed on the highway. Another letter is to be sent to the Department outlining Acton council's viewpoint.

The road drainage on Bower Ave. near Ivan Harris's house was reviewed and the road committee with the town foreman was authorized to remedy the situation.

Delay Construction

A tender price of \$875 was received from Jones and Van C. for the construction of a concrete valve pit at the sewage treatment plant. It has been suggested that the construction could be undertaken by the P.U.C. men. It was decided to delay construction until a suitable method of paying for the job could be found. Council felt that this was a capital expenditure and should be included with the costs of sewer installation and the work yet to be done at the sewer plant and then paid for by issuing debentures.

The clerk was requested to inquire from the P.U.C. the extent of the work yet to be completed on the sewerage system, so one issue of debentures would be all that would be required.

Request Cost Review

Council's representative on the P.U.C. was instructed to request a review of the sewer and water works maintenance cost in an effort to arrive at a more equitable division of costs.

Solicitor Leatherland reported that after deducting office expenses, three-fifths of the fines collected under municipal by-laws were returnable to council. Council receives nothing on convictions under the Highway Traffic and Public Commercial Vehicles Act, Liquor Control Act and criminal code.

R. V. Anderson and Associates had forwarded to council two copies of an agreement to be signed, appointing their engineers for the Maria St. bridge. The clerk was instructed to return these to Mr. Anderson for minor changes suggested by council before signing.

The position of council on indigent patient cases was reaffirmed after receiving a letter from Halton county council. The clerk read correspondence regarding postponed cases and the clerk was issued instructions. An application for relief was received and a decision was taken until further information is secured.

Trainers, Tourist Camp by-law of the city of Hamilton was read and left for further discussion at a later meeting. Council had been urged to enact a similar by-law.

A letter from the firemen's hall informed council that Fire Prevention Week is being held from October 4 to 10 this year.

A map showing the Bell Telephone area served by the Acton exchange was presented to council. A letter was forwarded to the head office of the Bell Telephone company outlining Acton's position.

Reconnect Pool

Permission was given to the swimming pool committee to connect their intake pipe to the main at the street line and to disconnect from the faulty hydrant in the arena now in use.

All members of council were on hand for the five and one-half hour session, with Mayor F. G. Oakes presiding.

Accounts passed for payment were:

Watson Dairy Bar lunches	\$ 6.00
Bell Telephone Co. correction of cheque	5.00
Acton P. U. C. (hydro)	448.00
July town operations	448.00
C.N.R. expenses re main-tenance crossing	75.94
	\$535.01

PAST-PRESIDENT'S PIN GIVEN TO JOHN GOY

Fall activities, including a ladies' night and carnival, were discussed by Acton Rotary club at its regular meeting Tuesday evening. A committee was appointed to plan for ladies' night.

A past-president's pin was presented to Johnny Goy by G. A. Dills. V. B. Rumley expressed congratulations to the Free Press in placing first in newspaper competition.

Three More Cases Of Polio in County

Dr. Bull, Medical Officer of Health for Halton County, states that three new cases of polio were reported last week. One of these was a young adult in Burlington and the other two are 9 and 14 year old boys from Nassagaweya Township.

The number of cases reported up to the present this year in Halton County, although larger than last year, is not above average, he says. There have been no fatalities reported in the county this year.

It is hoped that the approach of cooler weather will result in a decrease in the number of cases. Dr. Bull added.

EXHIBITS, QUIZ, SKITS PRECEDE AWARDS TO HALTON GARDEN CLUBS

A summer of hard work and play in their gardens was climaxed for 35 Halton girls and their leaders last Friday August 28, when six County Garden clubs held their Achievement Day at the town hall in Milton. The groups taking part were the Acton Happy Hoers, the Ashgrove Normal club, Hornby Home Garden club, Henry Happy Hoers, the Loxley Lassies and the Otterburgh club.

In the morning the girls registered and played the quiz. Judge classes of carnations and tomatoes and a garden tour followed under the direction of Halton's Home Economist, Mrs. Marion Montgomery.

Each garden club member was expected to prepare a Garden Record Book, exhibit six varieties of vegetables from her garden, show her skill at flower arrangement, answer a garden quiz and judge two classes of vegetables. Additional requirements were made of the eight third year members, including a special exhibit and poster.

The six clubs prepared a display of at least 12 varieties of vegetables from their gardens and gave a commentary on it. In the afternoon, the girls gave 10 minute demonstrations and skits on "Let's grow a garden" and "Flowers at our house."

Mrs. Borgstrom then presented awards and certificates. Proud winners of county honor pins were Marion Down of the Otterburgh club, Maureen May, Helen, Margaret, Mack, Henry, Beatrice, Hayward, Omaha, Margaret Gairath, Harriet, and Jacqueline Peacock, Omaha. These girls have completed six required units. Others May Be Smart: Dressing Up Home Grown Vegetables, First Year Garden Club, Sleeping Garments, Milky Way and Second Year Garden Club.

There were 17 certificates of achievement awarded for the completion of two units, and each member received a silver spoon for one unit. The girls' leaders were given Madonna lily bulbs in appreciation of their work.