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Lambeth Firm Seeks Water Meter Changeover Contract from PUC

A representative of a municipal meter service firm described to Public Utilities Commission members here last week the advantages at conversion time of installing standard 60-cycle meters over modified 25-cycle meters which, he claimed, the Hydro Electric Power Commission uses in change-over work.

Lionel E. L. Davey, of Davey Electric Meter Service, Lambeth, presented his arguments why the local P.U.C. should invest in the standard 60 cycle meters instead of the modified 25 cycle meters. Earlier, Mr. Davey explained the position of his firm as a competing service beside the H.E.P.C.

The installation of meters by his firm, Mr. Davey advised, could be done during changeover or shortly

after. Other than a small percentage of loss, he claimed, no ill effects are caused by the flow of 60 cycle current through 25 cycle meter units. Local hydro superintendent D. Mason suggested, in the event Mr. Davey's service was used, the H.E.P.C. might be disturbed if its survey figures were used by the Lambeth firm.

Questions Hydro Meter However, the Commission agreed there would be no harm in learning of Mr. Davey's estimates for the complete job. The quotation is to be prepared and will be presented at a later meeting.

Theron Jones, representing Jones and Van Gils, contractors, discussed with members points pertaining to non-payment of the Commission's account with that firm. The Commission noted at a previous meeting that the disturbance of survey stakes and a discoloring of the hydro shop facing were the main points causing delay in payment of the account. Arrangements were made with Mr. Jones to rectify the points in question.

L. Cripps appeared to question the last reading on his hydro meter which was, according to Mr. Cripps, unusually high compared to average readings. Superintendent Mason said a parallel test was now

being made on the meter.

To Make Govt. Test Offered an alternative of paying the difference over an average reading if the parallel test should prove the meter not defective, or submitting the meter to a government test and paying the \$2 service charge as well as the difference if that test should vindicate the performance of the meter. Mr. Cripps chose the government test.

The Commission and Mr. Cripps agreed there was reason to believe a cog may have slipped when the meter began a new cycle and thus added an unwarranted 1,000 kilowatt hours to the reading. This possibility is to be brought to the attention of the government test technicians.

Secretary J. McGeachie later informed the Commission of another meter in town which, according to the resident in the house, is clocking an unusually high reading. An error in billing for a past reading may also have complicated this case, it was pointed out. A test unit is also running alongside this meter, superintendent Mason said, and further investigation of the case is to be made.

Waterworks superintendent J. Lambert reported the latest water meter illegal connection has been rectified.

Hope to Keep Pump A check of measurements on sewer lateral location at the home of Mrs. B. Chew tends to uphold the P.U.C.'s contention of non-responsibility for a bill presented

by A. Vine for search digging on the property last year. It was pointed out. The members agreed with this evidence. However, chairman F. C. Oakes is to check further information with Mrs. Chew.

Mr. Lambert also noted he felt assured arrangements would evolve whereby sludge from the disposal plant could be disposed of. Two men are presently interested in removing the sludge. Commission members believed that when the fertilizer value of the sludge was fully realized, there would be no trouble in disposing of it.

The waterworks superintendent said he hoped a pump at the station could be kept when conversion is made here. Attesting the worth and satisfactory operation of the pump, Mr. Lambert said he believed "the pump is a credit to the Commission and the men who look after it."

Suggests Extra Keys Before the commission adjourned Mayor E. Tyler suggested a set of extra keys for all Acton's public buildings be made and kept in the clerk's office in case of emergencies. Keys used will have to be issued out to persons of authority and Clerk McGeachie is to be responsible. A motion was passed on this resolution.

The Commission ordered payment of an insurance account to R. F. Bean Co. Ltd. of \$88.70 and also ordered issuance of checks for the following accounts.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Bell Telephone, serv. \$25.10, L. W. Agar, coal \$1.00, Consolidated Truck Lines, exp., trans. \$1.25, Ellis & Howard, mdse. \$10.82, Pitney-Bowes of Can., ser. Remington Rand, inspec. ribbons \$4.00, Can. Gen. Elec. mdse. \$13.06

More Adult Participation at Y.M.C.A. Next Year Hope of Secretary D. Schmul

Movement Back To Land is Increasing

A back-to-the-land movement is taking place in Canada and the United States. More and more city workers who toil in offices or shops all day are finding a new "freedom" in tilling the soil after they get home and on week-ends.

Sundown farmers, as they are being called, may be assembly line workers in a factory or corporation executives. Their "farms" may be a quarter-acre backyard or a 30-acre plot. Their crops range from gladioli to potatoes, although the majority raise fresh vegetables which can be canned or put down in a home freezer.

The mass movement of urban dwellers to suburban areas is one chief cause for the increase in sundown farming. But there are other reasons. The purchase of a home freezer has prompted a suburbanite to justify the economy of his act by growing his own vegetables. According to one survey, a half to three-fourths of an acre of good land will produce nearly all the vegetables and small fruits required by a family of five for one year.

Many sundown farmers find that gardening relaxes the mental tensions built up during the day by the pressures of modern business. "Ureer insurance" some call it. Mechanization of garden tools has lured a large number to the land. Work has become easier and more can be accomplished in less time. One large department store chain is even offering a sit-down tractor, especially for spare-time farmers.

The availability of modern agricultural chemicals in small packages is another important factor in the growth of after-five agriculture. Fertilizers and pesticides are found on the shelves of most local hardware stores so that when Mr. City Farmer sees his crop being threatened, all he need do to get rid of the bugs is to reach for his dust gun or aerosol bomb.

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"My plans are for a centre for the community next year," declared Dick Schmul, secretary of Acton Y.M.C.A., as he reviewed the activities and special events that have been under his supervision since he first began Y work in Canada, last September.



Mr. Schmul, former associate general secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Amsterdam, Holland, arrived in Acton last August with Mrs. Schmul and their three children, Rodrik, Diedrik and Albertine.

With him he brought a bulging scrapbook with clippings and photographs and souvenirs of his many activities in Europe.

Another Scrapbook Now Mr. Schmul has another scrapbook of his work here in Acton which contains Y bulletins, pictures and clippings from the Free Press and other papers. He has been the guest speaker at club meetings in several other centres, sharing his wide knowledge of Y work in the district.

Mr. Schmul's hope right now is that more adults will take an active interest in Acton Y.M.C.A. There are now 145 adult members of the Y, and Mr. Schmul is anxious to encourage programs and events which will interest these adults to coming to the Y to participate.

400 Members "Acton Y has now reached a 400 member level," Mr. Schmul announced this week. Of these, 145 are adults and 42 are in the nursery, school, class. Members of a Dutch club, which meets in the Y, have also joined the association.

The rest of the members are the lively boys and girls. While Mr. Schmul has naturally introduced changes into the Acton Y, many of the popular activities of other years continue.

Reviewing activities since September, Mr. Schmul recalled the highlights of the year so far — the well-planned special events directly or indirectly under Y sponsorship. The first was the opening night at the Y, and the latest last week's Mother and Daughter banquet. Between these have been the Y's Men's Christmas dinner, the Y's Men's luncheon and auction sale, the Halloween party in the arena, Christmas gymnastics, Phalanx club induction in Toronto, the ladies' auxiliary penny sale and other parents' night and music night. In the near future is the Father and Son banquet and next closing night.

Of course, other events took place in the Y also and regular high school gym classes are held there.

Renovations in washroom facilities and a new parking room upstairs have proved very satisfactory. New furniture has also been added. After school and on week-ends, the Y rings with the laughter and chatter of youngsters.

Many Classes The usual classes in gymnastics have been held since September, under Mr. Schmul's direction.

Two months ago a boxing class started with an average of about 25 in attendance. An average of 150 to 200 adults attend the Y's Men's luncheon and auction sale.

The Y's Men's club began this season with a series of classes in Guelph. About 50 boys go to Guelph Tuesday and 32 girls Wednesday, in four or five carloads. They are given instruction in the pool there.

Since Christmas a winter team has been attracting a dozen or so boys and a few girls each week. Instructor is Bill Manprize.

Leathercraft is being taught a small class by Mrs. H. Holmes each week.

Ju Jitsu Training Like to be able to flip your friends? Ju Jitsu takes over the gym part of the time Saturdays. Interested Actonians may join a group from Georgetown.

In November the choir of the Dutch Reform church began holding practices in the Y each Friday evening. These singers are all members of the Y. They have already given some very pleasing performances.

Mr. Schmul, who has trained Dutch basketball teams and was twice a national basketball delegate to Olympic games, undertook the training of a local basketball team this year. With practice and training an Acton team may next year undertake a series of games.

Acton Y is becoming known in other centres through the secretary's speaking engagements. He has addressed the Guelph Y's Men, the Milton Teachers Association, Y's Men's convention in London, Y's Men's club in London, and here in Acton, the Dutch school, public school, Rotary club and United church Men's Club.

Summing up his work at the Y so far, Mr. Schmul stressed again he was anxious to see more educational activities and adult programs in the Y here next year.

Meanwhile, accounts of successful events and new endeavors are gradually filling the pages of his scrapbook of Acton.

Cuban Pays \$1000 For Horny Heifer

A CUBAN BUYER of a horny heifer of \$1000 paid the top price of \$1000 for a horny heifer, Newland Farm, Acton, at the sale of 25 lots of Mr. B. M. Newlands of Horny of Horny Farm's arena at Trafalgar recently.

Several United States buyers attended the sale which included 40 head of President of Dr. Paul Beer of Georgetown.

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Wool Plaids, 54" wide - \$2.98 yd.
Corduroy - Red - Wine - Royal - Green - Brown - Navy \$1.98
Flannelette, White - 36" wide - 55c yd.
Flannelette - White - 27" wide - 45c yd.
Flannelette - Flowered and striped - 69c yd.
Crinkle Crepe Cotton - Reg. 69c yd. Special 59c yd.
Marquessette Curtain Material Plains and dotted 35c to 79c yd.
Lace Curtain Material - Reg. 95c yd. To Clear 59c yd.
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