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SEASONAL BUS TOURS continue to prove popular with groups and organizations in the district. Last week 35 members of the Dublin Women's Institute took advantage of a sunny, late spring day to travel to Midland where they visited the famed Martyr's Shrine.

## Micro Plastics Fills Boundaries as Third Plant Expansion Undertaken

### 22 H.S. Students Exempt from Exams

Exempt from writing any examinations this spring are 22 students of the 128 in Acton high school. For 106, examinations which must be written vary from one to all subjects. The students are facing the final questions of the year in all grades this week.

Fewer are required to write finals this year than last, principal O. Robbins pointed out. Many are exempt from all but one subject, he added. Only five or six in lower and middle school must write all their year's subjects.

Examinations are being marked promptly by the staff and promotion results will be completed next week. These will be published in the Free Press, probably the week after.

Upper school examinations began last Friday, and will be finished at Acton high school June 21. Results will be available about mid-August. With all examinations handed in early next week, the students will return to the school for the promotion assembly next Friday. Reports will be given out then.

Those students who passed their high school year and were not required to write any final examinations were:

Grade nine A. Wanetta Deforest, Brian Gervais, Margaret Kirkness, Beth McEnery; grade nine B. Raymond Braida, Margaret Dennis, Helen Landsborough, Wendy Mackenzie, Allan McIntosh, Mackerley Smith.

Grade 10. Elizabeth Jany, Barbara Jensen, Joy Peel, Beth Ritchie, Marjory Ware.

Grade 11. Joe Jany; grade 12. Janice Baker, Mary Eram, Maureen Kinross, Betty May Lambert, Nancy Lambert, Ruth Marshall.

## Revere Memory of the Fallen On Sunday's Decoration Day

Vivid geraniums will prove that "their name liveth forever more" when Decoration Day will be held at Fairview cemetery and St. Joseph's cemetery next Sunday afternoon.

The event, unique in Acton, is being sponsored by local organizations who stress that it is a community occasion. Not only will graves of ex-servicemen be decorated, but everyone is invited to bring flowers of any kind to place on the graves of relatives and friends. It is hoped the event will become an annual one and have more and more from town and out-of-town participating.

Decoration Day will in no way supplant Remembrance Day, although on Sunday the parade will halt at the Cenotaph for a brief service there.

Rev. Barker of Georgetown will be the guest speaker for the main part of the service, being held at Fairview cemetery, or, in the event of rain, in Acton United church.

Final plans were made for the Decoration Day parade at a meeting of the committee on Tuesday evening. Members of Acton organizations will march with the three bands from the station to the cenotaph on Mill St. and from there to Fairview cemetery where a service will be held.

The order of the parade is: Assembly point, C.N.R. station, 2 p.m.; parade time, 2:15 p.m.

## License Issuer For 17 Years Resigns

After 17 years as issuer of motor vehicle licenses in Acton, J. K. Gardiner, has passed the mantle of office. His successor took over earlier this month. He is R. J. Hargrave who is also examiner for license applicants in town.

Mr. Gardiner's appointment as issuer 17 years ago was the first here. Prior to that there had been no office in town. His resignation last month became effective June 1.

## Annexation Case Now Set for July 6

Notification this week to town clerk J. McGeachie from the Ontario Municipal Board schedules the hearing on Acton's 566-acre annexation bid for July 6 at 10 a.m. in the council chambers.

Unless circumstances cause a postponement of the hearing, the July date falls exactly 12 weeks after the first hearing in February which was abruptly adjourned when the town council, J. D. Lucas, announced Acton's proposal had been changed to a bid of 566 acres, a 1031-acre reduction from the original proposal of 1597.

Esquering township council, L. Dale, charged the sudden move invalidated the evidence in the township's case prepared on the basis of a 1597-acre proposal.

Municipal Board officers presiding at the February hearing concurred with Mr. Dale's contention and subsequently adjourned the hearing and ordered the town to submit an amended application of annexation.

Later last month council passed a by-law amending the first application in by-law and submitted it to the board. The formal notice of the new application is published elsewhere in this issue.

## C.N.I.B. Campaign Noted Success Here

About 80 per cent. of Acton's quota of \$2500 has been received for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind building campaign. When the drive was first organized, this quota was set to cover donations from the district as well as the town; later it was decided only Acton itself would be canvassed. The quota was not lowered, however, and the lower sum received does not lessen the success of the drive locally.

## Lightning Strikes Transformer, Barn

During Saturday's tumultuous storm, brilliant blue flashes of lightning struck locally while thunder crashed overhead. Parade postponement, electric power failure, drenched Actonians and visiting bandmen were among the casualties during the severe electrical storm.

Power was off for about three quarters of an hour in part of the town when a blinding streak of lightning struck a transformer on Young St. Repairs were made in the rain. A barn just outside of town was struck while its owner was milking. He reports his cows fell to the barn floor, dead weights, as the wind lifted filled the barn.

North of Acton, a barn roof was blown completely off by the angry gusts of wind.

Cars were forced to pull to the side of the highway as rain fell in sheets, blown into drenching gusts. The sky, an ominous color of steel gray; warning rumbles of thunder and an abrupt cooling of the air gave warning that the evening's storm was intending to surpass in all respects the rainfall of the morning. It was successful: there was more lightning, more thunder and more rain.

The downpour came just at the time the parade was to cross town prior to an outdoor band tattoo in the park.

The parade was postponed until the tail end of the storm was dribbling from the still-grey sky.

In Rockwood, hail fell during the outburst.

During the steady rain which followed the first deluge, an accident occurred on Mill St. in front of the Free Press office. Spectators appeared suddenly from doorways, hearing the crash at 8:30 p.m.

A truck driven by Howard Ingram of Streetsville stopped momentarily. Driving behind, the car driven by R. J. Dark of Acton was in collision with the rear of the truck. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$20 and to the car at \$200. Constable Harness investigated. No charges will be laid.

## Rain Fails to Dampen Spirit of Colorful Band Tattoo Saturday

Had nature managed to get her fickle way Saturday night, there would have been no pre-tattoo parade of bands, nor would there have been even a token audience to hear the program of march music in the park.

Wet as it was during nature's tantrum of unco-operativeness, she didn't get her way.

Six bands — five brass groups and one pipe band—braved the scheduled march from the C.N.R. station to the park, led by Acton Citizens' Band. They were applauded along Mill Street for their defiance of the rain, and the downpour didn't even dampen the spirits of baton-twirling majorettes from Acton and Burlington who preceded their respective bands.

A crowd of nearly 150 filed into the arena following the parade to the park. An illuminated area in front of the grandstand had been prepared for the tattoo, but the rain vetoed those arrangements.

Inside the drier atmosphere of the arena, the program sounded off with several selections by the 75 piece Burlington Boys' and Girls' band, led by Bandmaster E. G. Corlett.

Appreciative applause greeted this group and for selections played by the other bands in the following order:

Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps band, S. Lieut. R. H. Moseley; Hillsburgh Citizens' Band, Bandmaster C. Allan; Oakville Citizens' Band, Bandmaster Frank Lockley; Lorne Scots Pipe Band, Pipe Major J. A. Sellers and led by Drum Major Finlay McCallum; Fergus Citizens' Band, Bandmaster A. Lee.

The parade was under the marshmanship of John McHugh, Acton; Master of ceremonies at the arena was Charles Kirkness.

Concluding the evening, four selections were played by the masked bands. Numbers were O Canada, led by Acton Bandmaster A. Perrott; a march, led by Fergus Bandmaster Lee; Abide with Me, led by Hillsburgh Bandmaster Allan and the National Anthem, also led by Bandmaster Perrott.

## Halton Principals Discuss Text Books

The principals of Halton county held their sixth meeting of the year at Oakwood Public School, Oakville, on Thursday, June 10. All principals, including Oakville's supervising principal A. J. Fish, and inspectors L. L. Skuce and R. F. Bornhold, extended a warm welcome to the three new county principals, C. Matheson, H. Speers and M. Mays.

The agenda of the meeting included directed discussions and recommendations on the text books to be chosen for any particular grade was given careful consideration not only from the desirability of the book itself—its content, vocabulary, print, binding and illustrations—but also from the financial point of view.

A committee to do research on the topic of report cards was formed. Committee members include the following principals—W. Kinross (Georgetown), E. W. Foster (Milton), D. H. Ross (Oakville), R. M. Acheson (Burlington) and W. K. Armstrong (Trafalgar).

The retiring chairman W. L. Fulford (Oakville) was thanked by the group for his fine leadership in this most successful year. R. A. Hopkins (Bronte) was elected chairman of the association.

## Red Shield Appeal Starts Next Week

Next week and the week following, volunteer canvassers will call on residents and businessmen in Acton and district during Salvation Army's annual Red Shield appeal.

Although the national Red Shield campaign has been held earlier, it was delayed in this area until completion of the C.N.I.B. building campaign.

Local campaign treasurer is W. Woodburn. Donations may be left at the Bank of Nova Scotia here.

The Red Shield, symbol of unprejudiced help to the sick, destitute and helpless, is carried by a legion of Christian humanitarians the world over.

To the lonely soldiers who called it "Sally Ann", to the down-and-out in the desolate anonymity of tenement cities, to broken, homeless families, to the victims of narrow-minded society or to the forgotten men caged in cells, the Red Shield is a sign of comfort and hope.

But to be held higher, and carried further, the Red Shield needs your help.

## A Close Shave

What could have been a serious injury resulted in no more than a lightly shaved shoe here Saturday night.

Lawrence Anthony was working in the shop of Anthony-Little Motors. More than half a mile away from him someone was shooting rats in the town dump.

A bullet travelled north, apparently ricocheted off the highway, careened in the open door of the garage and grazed off the heel of Mr. Anthony's shoe.

Police reported no action would be taken following the incident.



SPEAKING OF SIZES, here's a picture of comparisons. Young Peter Gibbons, a veteran of two years' baton-twirling with Acton Citizens' Band, finds his own 24-inch baton, like himself, hardly measures up to the heights owned by Drum Major Finlay McCallum, Milton, who stands seven feet, two inches, from spats to busby. Both participated in Saturday's Band Tattoo in Acton park.

## County Approves Equalized Assessment of \$79 Million

### Halton Principals Discuss Text Books

Without a dissenting vote, Halton County Council approved an equalized assessment by-law totalling 79 million dollars, at its regular meeting in the Court House, Milton, Tuesday afternoon. Reeve Bob Shannon, chairman of the assessment committee, and Warden J. J. Stewart expressed high praise to the various assessors in the county and to County Assessor Ford Rogers for their work establishing assessment figures which met with the approval of all municipalities.

Reeve Shannon explained when he presented the by-law, all but two municipalities were present at an assessment committee meeting where it was agreed the figures as presented by the assessing department be accepted.

Approve Survey Aid

Council approved an expenditure of \$1500 to assist municipalities making application for a judge's plan of survey, following a request from the inspector of legal offices, Mr. Moore. He explained Trafalgar and Bronte had already embarked on such a program which assists with the indexing and abstracting of surveys in the local registry office.

It would also give a proper survey of all properties in a given area. Payment of the program is divided four ways, the provincial government paying one quarter, the county a quarter, the municipality a like amount and the balance of one quarter by the land owners in the area.

The speaker pointed out the registry office was turning over \$20,000 yearly to the county and it would not be long before an addition would have to be added to the present building. He said the county was not large enough yet to establish two offices.

Forestry Competition Winners

Eighteen thousand, five hundred trees have been planted in Halton county forests this spring. C. R. Groves, Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, announced to members of council. He also reported 20 rural schools participated in a successful school forestry competition. Winners were: S.S. 14 Esquering township \$25; S.S. 17 Nelson township \$10. The balance of 17 schools received \$3 each as a consolation prize.

Reeve George Brenholtz, Nelson township, told council his council had been in receipt of a complaint from a ratepayer about the deplorable condition of a county road, the Guelph line between Mount Nemo and the highway. He asked when the county was going to make this a permanent road.

"Its condition is dangerous to traffic and my council would like to know if something is going to be done about it," Reeve Brenholtz asked.

Road is "Deplorable"

"When the road committee made its inspection of county roads we found this road to be not too bad. A great amount of gravel had been put on this road last year, preparing it for a hard top," Reeve Wilfred Bird, chairman of the road committee, injected.

"But when is this going to be done? There are 1000 trucks a day going over this road and in two days it is deplorable," declared Reeve Brenholtz.

"I have heard the company which is using this road is prepared to assist the county in some manner to improve it for the heavy traffic. I would suggest the committee see these people in order to hasten the work," deputy-revee E. R. Leather, Nelson, said.

Seek to Improve Road

"I understand from the engineer there isn't a road in the county which is in suitable condition for hard topping this year," deputy-revee H. Wade, Burlington, stated.

After considerable discussion council decided that the road committee should interview the company using this road to see what assistance and work could be done to improve the condition of the road in question.

Council later agreed to add two short strips of roads to the county system: one, the portion of 10 Slide road, Trafalgar, described as the section of road between the First and Second Lines immediately south of Milton; and a section in Esquering township, between Halton and Peel.

Endorse Resolutions

Reeve R. H. Shannon, Burlington, questioned the county taking over these roads, saying, "Why should we assume the responsibility of these roads, when there isn't enough money provided to take care of the roads we already have."

Member also approved a resolution seeking a supplementary grant on the county road system of \$25,000 which would restore the full amount provided for the roads.

Resolutions sponsored by the counties of Brant and Oxford seeking to have legislation approved to reduce the speed limit of traffic in school areas and to have traffic halted while a school bus was discharging or taking on passengers, was unanimously endorsed and that a more rigid inspection and examination of drivers of school buses be provided.

### Holidays in Local Plants Announced

Plant holidays in Acton's larger industries were announced this week with late July proving to be the most popular time for holiday closing.

Micro Plastics Ltd. holidays are the last week in July. Beardmore and Co. Ltd. holiday periods are July 1 to July 19 and July 10 to July 28, varying with departments and running staffs. Wool Combing Corporation holidays are July 19 to August 3, while Force Electric Products Ltd. shut down for holidays July 24 to August 9. Baxter Laboratories holidays are July 29 to August 14.

### Leave S.S. Picnic As Storm Starts

Knox church held its annual church school and congregational picnic last Saturday afternoon, at the Breezes on Fairy Lake. The showers in the morning failed to dampen enthusiasm and it was one of the best attended picnics in recent years.

The afternoon's sports began with races and novelty events for children and grown-ups. While the small fry went for a swim the others enjoyed a good game of baseball. About 5:30 p.m. the picnic hamper were opened and a bountiful supper was spread out on the tables and heartily enjoyed by all. The last car loads had just left the park when the violent thunderstorm broke.

Winners in the days events were: Straight races—girls five and under, Connie Coles, Barbara McEachern; boys five and under, David Ryder, Bruce Coles; girls six and seven, Sandra Sinclair, Ann Trysenier; boys six and seven, John Bassiles, John McNabb; girls eight to ten, Jean Kovacs, Doreen McDowell; boys eight to ten, Leslie McPhedran, John Hurst; girls 11 and 12, Carol Kovacs, Faye McEachern; boys 11 and 12, Gerald Viterwyk, Bill Greer.

Girls 13, 14, Kathy McPhedran, boys 13 and 14, Gerald Viterwyk, Mike Hurst; girls 15 and 16, Kathy McPhedran, Carol Kovacs; ladies' open, Nan Hurst, Gladys Price; men's open, Jim Greer, Don Ryder.

Novelty races—girls 6 and under, pin banky on line, Ann Trysenier, Sandra Sinclair; boys six and under, horse race, David Armstrong and Wayne Aitken; girls seven to 10, batting balloons, Jean Kovacs, Lois Gregory; boys seven to 10, wheelbarrow race, John Hurst and James Aitken; girls 11 to 16, breaking balloons, Ilona Kovacs, Margaret Armstrong; boys 11 to 16, sack race, Bill Greer, Gerald Viterwyk.

Men's three legged race, Herb Price and Ted Hansen; thread the needle, Herb Price, Lulu Sinclair; wimmen's scramble, Faye McEachern; women's three-legged race, Wilma Coles, Gladys Davidson.

### Music Study Group Has Buffet Supper

Presentations, colored slides and piano selections by a talented guest added to the regular meeting of the Acton Music Study group this week. The annual supper meeting was held Monday at the home of Mrs. R. H. Elliott. Following a cold buffet, miscellaneous types of music were considered by the group in charge.

Miss Joan Pickering of Rockwood, who teaches music in Acton, contributed several selections to the program.

Presentations were made to Miss Mary Snyder and Mrs. J. Dilla, two members who are leaving Acton this month.

Slides of a motor trip to the southern United States were shown by Mrs. Elliott.

### Masonic Church Service in Fergus

Masons from all parts of Guelph district attended the district divine service in Fergus last Sunday evening. About 300 members of Walker Lodge, Acton, joined others from Drayton, Elmira, Erin, Elora, Galt, Guelph, Kitchener, Waterloo, New Hamburg, Hespeler, Preston, Ayr, Baden and Georgetown.

The district chaplain Rev. Crawford Smith, the minister of Knox Presbyterian church, Guelph, conducted the service held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Fergus.