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DECORATION DAY in Acton Sunday was an encouraging success, and gave every indication of becoming an annual observance. Graves of service men were decorated by local groups after the ceremony at Fairview Cemetery, as were the graves of many friends and relatives of local citizens. Here members of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.D.E. stand before a cluster of crosses

First Local Decoration Day Success

Judging by interest shown and the attendance, the Decoration Day service will become a fixed event in Acton each year. It was a happy thought which prompted the organizations of Acton to band together and make it possible for citizens of present day Acton and former residents to pay tribute to the memory of loved ones in Fairview and St. Joseph's cemetery.

Sunday was ideal for such an event and the gardens yielded a lot of choice bloom that makes the graves of loved ones fresh in the memory of all. Decoration Day was under the auspices of Acton Branch of the Legion, the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E., Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E., Acton Women's Institute and Acton Fire Brigade and had the full co-operation and participation of Acton council.

Two Parade Sections
Marching in the parade under Dr. A. J. Buchanan, Gordon Beatty and Max Storey as marshalls, were all the participating organizations, council and officials, the Boy Scouts and Cubs and Girl Guides and Brownies.

The two sections of the parade were headed by Acton Citizens' Band and the Guelph Sea Cadets' Band.
The parade went from the C.N.R. station by Mill and Main Streets to Fairview cemetery. At the Cenotaph, a wreath was placed and a prayer offered by Rev. R. Price. The names of servicemen on the monument were read and Last Post and Reveille sounded by Charles Landsborough.

Band Plays for Hymns
At Fairview cemetery, Mayor E. G. Tyler, on behalf of the town, welcomed all to the service and commended those who had arranged it.

The Acton band led in the singing of hymns and Rev. E. A. Curry, Rev. R. H. Armstrong and Rev. R. Price took various parts of the service.
The address was by Rev. A. Barker of Georgetown which he drew to the attention of the audience that while the earthly remains of loved ones rested in the cemeteries, the spirit of these loved ones lived on and will live on through the years.

While one group went to St. Joseph's cemetery another group went to each grave of a service man in Fairview cemetery and placed a red geranium on the grave.

Graves Decorated
The graves so decorated were:
In Fairview: H. Chisholm, Ramsdell, Leonard, Musselle, Jack Wilder, Frank Holloway, Campbell, Clark, J. D. Smith, Philip Holmes, Jack, Frank, Fred Creamer, Perry, Watson, William Weaver, J. Ross, Norman, Stuckey, Thomas J. Shepherd, Gus Large, Ken Mackenzie, Frank Masters, Earl Davidson, William Boyd, Len Atkinson, James Merryweather, Albert Mills, David Taylor, Andrew W. Lee, Herbert Bull, Tom Mason, William Mulh, J. P. Kering, William Knight, Wm J. Cook, Frank Serven, John D. Russell, Harry Moore, Howard, Webster, Arthur, First, Brook, Dan Taylor, B. Arnold, Bill Walker, John L. Gibbons, Charles E. Goldham, William McGee, Howard Norton, John Ruster, Tom Robson, Selwyn Turner, James Mills, Moore monument.

In St. Joseph's cemetery: Joseph Kennedy, James Conway, Thomas Byrne.

Hundreds of citizens from town and out-of-town placed flowers on the graves of relatives and friends. Many from out-of-town who could not be present Sunday visited the cemeteries earlier that day or the day previous and placed flowers on graves.

The first decoration day brought back many cherished memories that all will hope may be continued in years to come.

Champ Bicyclists Of Y Determined

An unusual sports event took place in Acton park last Saturday morning when bicycles sped around the track, dodging obstacles and performing tricks. The races were a part of the Y.M.C.A. summer program. About 20 boys in bantam, midget and junior groups competed in the events.

The champion bicyclist in the bantam class was Roderik Schull and in the midget and junior class, Bob Cox. There were three varieties of races. The first was an obstacle race which included riding over a teeter-totter and throwing a ball in a can while riding the bike. The second race was an obstacle race in time, and the third a straight speed race once around the track.

Building Activity Bristles in Summer

Seasonal trademarks can be found at many points in Acton and area this week, as spring gives way to summer and building, repairs and maintenance to buildings, roads and grounds, stamp the time of the year in constructive activity.

On Acton's streets oiling operations started this week and, temporarily halted by the drenching rains of Tuesday, continued again at midweek.
Most of town on No. 7 highway east of here, resurfacing is being done in strips by Ontario hydro crews. Part of a larger crew working on No. 7, new top is also being applied west of Rockwood.

Back in town, new construction forges ahead. At Micro Plastics, walls on the 5,000 square foot addition are up, while in downtown Acton, a new business building being erected by D. Manning is taking shape with much of the exterior brickwork and block work completed.

At other scattered points in town new houses are being built by contractors or owners, with phases of construction varying from the foundation stage to finishing stage.
The new high school here has most of its grounds seeded and other outside areas are now being surfaced with hard top. Inside, carpentry and flooring are progressing well enough to anticipate the painters in a few weeks.

Next week, Warren Grove is slated to bustle with activity, as the sewer extension contractor prepares to move in and begin the line up Wallace street and along Mason and MacDonald Boulevards.

Two Men, Woman In Eden Mills Smash

One Acton woman and two Eden Mills men were taken to hospital early Sunday morning after an accident on the county road, just outside Eden Mills, which completely wrecked the new, demonstrator model car they were riding.

Patricia Teasdel, Acton, Howard F. Cole and Fred Tolton, both of Eden Mills, were involved in the accident which was caused, according to the driver, Miss Teasdel, when a passing car forced her off the road.

Police from Guelph, who investigated, said that when the car struck the ditch it bounced, rolled over to the ditch on the opposite side of the road, then rolled back to the first ditch before coming to a stop.
Taken to Guelph General Hospital, Miss Teasdel and Mr. Tolton were released later Sunday after treatment for light injuries. Mr. Cole is still in hospital with head injuries.

Score 8-0 as Acton Trounces Kitchener For Four Straight

Acton won its fourth straight game in Southern Ontario Soccer League play last Saturday when the local team trounced Kitchener City, in Kitchener, to the one-sided tune of 8-0.

Within ten minutes of the start Larry Nolan opened the scoring with a shot that sent the goalie diving the wrong way. After that the Acton boys had it all their own way and the forwards gave the impression of being able to score whenever they felt like it. Allen registered the next one with a drive that left the goalie helpless; five minutes later he did the same thing to put Acton three up in 20 minutes.

Kitchener kicked off, Andy Nolan cut in and let loose a hard drive from outside the penalty area. One of the backs touched the ball and deflected it into the net. Terry Slaven made it five with a deceptive lob that passed between the crossbar and the goalie's head; 5-0 in the first half.

Tony Van Dam scored in the first minute of the second half with a repetition of Nolan's move only this time there was no deflection. A couple of minutes later Allen got his bit trick with the same shot he had used twice before.

Play was rather slow from then on with Kitchener making a few breakaways. The few shots that did reach Calder were safe in his hands. Just before the final whistle Sutton got Acton's last counter with a long lob from the wing.

Acton travels to Hamilton this week to meet German Canadians. Next week the team returns to the park to play New Hamburg.

Acton, Calder, Schipper, Hall, A. Nolan, Davies, Wilson, Bottomley, Fish, Allen, Slaven, L. Nolan, Van Dam, Souke, Sutton.
Kitchener, Kozakowski, Henderson, Quirks, Gromow, Floyd, May, Sowa, Stoddard, Rose, Scott.
Referee—Billy Kess

Line of Responsibility Gets Critical Study by P.U.C., Finance Members

Line of responsibility of municipal office employees whose salaries are jointly paid by the town and Public Utilities Commission came under critical study at a special meeting last week of the P.U.C. with members of council's finance committee.

The meeting was called when council's finance committee learned a raise in wages had been offered a staff member in order to retain her services. Committee chairman C. Lindsay contended council had not been notified of the action by the commission; chairman Dr. F. G. Oakes who earlier noted it was an emergency action.

Since council is responsible for paying 50 per cent Mr. Lindsay explained, it was felt council should be allowed some determination on the matter.

Review Employees' Positions
Early discussion on this particular incident, as well as the previously submitted requests by other office employees for wage increases, gradually broadened into a full-scale review of the position of municipal employees who work for both the town and the P.U.C.

Councillor Lindsay declared there were no direct lines of responsibility under the present set-up. It was noted there were other factors in the existing authority arrangements that were not satisfactory. P.U.C. secretary J. McGeachie,

Council Hears Plans to Create New Subdivision Inside Limits

Season's Opening Jitney for Bowlers

The opening night of the Acton Lawn Bowling club was held last Friday, followed on Tuesday evening by the first of a series of weekly jitneys. Originally slated for Thursday, the opening night of the season at the Acton green was rained out. About 18 bowlers attended the postponed session when, as well as games, instructions to beginners was an important item of the program. Lunch was served.

Last Tuesday, the first jitney, or local tournament, was held. Taking first place, with a score of 25 and a plus of 13, was the team composed of Arlie White and Mrs. H. Helwig. Second, with a score of 24 and a plus of seven, were Harry Rogers and Mrs. J. Inglis.

There were ten teams playing altogether. Proceeds go to the club's crippled children's fund.

Urban Board Talks On Ind. Promotion

Industrial promotion possibilities provided the framework of discussion for the nine-man urban municipalities board Tuesday night when representatives of Acton, Milton and Georgetown councils met in Acton for a regular session.

The group, organized recently for the original purpose of hiring an engineer to serve the three towns, has chosen to be designated as the North Halton Urban Board.

The board, which has indicated in recent meetings an optimistic attitude to shouldering common interests extending beyond engineering problems, asked the engineer to prepare a map draft of the area. The map would show the three towns, existing transportation links and industrial establishments in each centre.

At the same meeting an account totalling \$1,192.15 for engineering equipment was approved. Board secretary J. McGeachie was instructed to place insurance on the equipment.

A schedule of work prepared by the engineer and designed to provide a guide to treating the engineering needs of the three towns, was found unsatisfactory in view of the nature of problems to be dealt with in each municipality. Members agreed it would be difficult for engineer K. R. Simmons to follow the schedule.

Ken Knox Heads Acton Y Board

Kenneth Knox was elected chairman of the Y.M.C.A. board for the coming year at a board meeting in Acton on Wednesday evening, June 16. Mr. and Mrs. Knox came to Acton from England last September and live on Bower Ave. Mr. Knox is general manager of Wool Comb Corp. He has had experience in church youth work in England.

Other board officers are: secretary, Mrs. J. Hurst; treasurer, Walter Woodburn; building committee, Jack Ridley, Mansel Nellis; program committee, Jack Heron, Sid Eisen; finance committee, Ed Footitt; Walter Woodburn; membership committee, Bill Wilson.

Next Week's Paper

Next week this newspaper will appear Wednesday instead of the usual press day, Thursday, which is in view of the holiday.

In view of the earlier press schedule, to make this possible, correspondents and advertisers are asked to submit copy earlier. Correspondents should have news in this office by Monday night to assure publication. Display advertisements, with mats, should be left by Saturday morning, while classifieds will be accepted up to Tuesday afternoon.

Cattle, Trees, Barn Storm Casualties

A barn burned to the ground, cattle killed and crops flattened followed the pounding rain and hail of Monday's storms. One thunderstorm broke early Monday evening and a second battered the area during the night.

In the group of houses just west of Silver Creek, four miles east of here an apparently healthy beech tree was uprooted and crashed to the ground, falling in a 20-foot space between a house and garage without causing any damage. The tree, 20 inches through, fell beside the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kynock during the night.

Hay and wheat fields were bent flat during the storm.

Eight cattle were killed by lightning at the farm of Geo. Job, R.R. 1, Acton. He was away from home at the time and returned about 8 p.m. to discover the Ayrshires and Holsteins dead beneath a tree. There was no apparent lightning damage to the tree itself.

Near Oakville, a housewife was knocked unconscious when a lightning bolt struck nearby while she was at her front door. Three homes in the new subdivision at the Queen Elizabeth Way and Dixie Road were hit.

At Omagh, a neighbor watched as three successive bolts of lightning struck the large barn on the farm of Johnston Neelands. Hay and straw were ignited and the seventh line barn was burned to the ground. Power failure in Acton was brief.

North Halton H.S. Board Gives Night School Classes Approval

Engagement of teaching staff and approval of grading and purchase of equipment occupied the attention of North Halton District High School Board at the meeting in Milton on Monday night. The board also gave approval of the night classes in the three towns under the Community Education plan with the proviso that all arrangements and supervision be carried on by the committee in charge of the classes. The use of the facilities of the three schools was granted and the classes are to pay the amounts paid for extra caretaker services.

Approve Grounds Grading
The resignations of Principal O. E. Robbins and Miss M. Snyder from the Acton staff were accepted. Mr. E. A. Hansen, present assistant principal of the Acton school was appointed principal at a salary of \$4,700. Miss Ann Taylor of Brampton was appointed to the Acton staff at a salary of \$3,600 and Mr. W. J. Lawrie of Toronto at a salary of \$3,700. Their duties will commence on school opening in September.

The new members had been interviewed by Acton members of the Board and their recommendations were accepted. Those appointed complete the staffs in all three schools.

The contract for placing the wiring in the floor in the shop at Acton was awarded to Del Jordan at a cost of \$135.00. This wiring will provide the outlets to the various machines.

Also approved was the grading of the grounds at Acton at a cost of \$2,246 and at Georgetown of \$2075. Grass seed and fertilizer for seeding of the new grounds at both schools had cost \$194.80. Repairs to the exterior of the old building at Georgetown were approved at \$225.

A new radio-photograph for the Georgetown school was purchased at a cost of \$105. Accounts approved for payment for the month amounted to \$13,945.47.

Approval was given the contract of the John Asphalt Paving Co. for a strip of pavement at Acton school 50 feet by 120 feet at a cost of \$132.50. This contract called for a crushed stone base in the section and two inches of asphalt. It will be used in conjunction with the paved driveway for classes for physical training when grounds are too wet. There are 533 yards in the section paid for by the Board. Driveways are provided in the general contract.

Chairman W. Coon outlined the work that had been done toward equipment for the shop at Acton. In consultation with Mr. Brown, teacher at Milton, the equipment had been reduced to a cost of \$4,990.58. This cost included installation of all machines and connecting by the firm of Cooper and Horton, Toronto.

Buy Science Equipment
Science equipment at Acton school was to be purchased at a total cost of \$700 to provide for the added facilities in the new school and to partially modernize the present equipment. The Board also authorized purchase of new science equipment at Georgetown up to \$300. This was in addition to \$375 which had been allotted last year. All equipment was for delivery before school opening in September.

Samples of paint schemes, wall materials and flooring were shown by the Board by the architects and met with the approval of the Board. These color arrangements and furnishings refer to the Acton and Georgetown schools. Assurance was given the Board that the new buildings at Acton and Georgetown would be completed in July and that provision for storing of old equipment from the Acton school would be made in the corridors. Heating equipment at Acton had been approved by the inspectors and the heating unit in Georgetown would be installed during the summer vacation.

Present at the meeting were Messrs. Coon, Cook, Brown, Hall, Dills, Masterson, Carbert, Milne and Forgrave and vice chairman W. Coon presided.

Steal Cigarettes From Garage Stand

Police investigation, considering a possible tie-in with a robbery in Georgetown, is underway this week following a break-in at Bill's service station Sunday. Apparently the thief or thieves pushed through a window in the refreshment stand beside the garage on Mill St. A quantity of cigarettes was missing.

The theft was discovered on Sunday morning by Vic Masters. Owner of the garage is Bill Evans.

There is a possibility the case may be associated with a break-in in Georgetown, the same night.

Two Parties View Same Area But on Two Different Proposals

Possible development of a new housing subdivision entirely within the existing limits of town centered the attention of Council Monday night when, in a session which didn't adjourn until 1:40 a.m., members heard the separate, tentative proposals on the same lands from two different real estate representatives.

Telephone System For Fire Practice

A call for Halton County Mutual Aid assistance by Georgetown in a practice last week started at 8:56 p.m. and called in brigades from Acton, Milton, Burlington, Burlington Beach, Nelson, Oakville and Trafalgar.

Water was pumped from the creek at the rear of the Georgetown theatre and down the Main St., supplying four 2 1/2 inch lines, a total of 756 gallons per minute.

There were two complete relays with the trucks each laying two 500 feet lines. The first relay consisted of Georgetown, Acton, Milton and Trafalgar and the second Oakville, Burlington, Nelson and Burlington Beach.

A field telephone system was also tested as a means of communication from the nozzle to the source. It was agreed that each company would obtain a set.

Representatives from Wentworth County and the Humber and Credit Valley Association witnessed the test.

Could Build Houses

After discussion on the necessity of completing a road to the area through property presently owned by T. Brankiewicz, council indicated to Mr. McLeod the subject would be given further study.

Just before Mr. McLeod left, G. W. Goldstraw, Milton, real estate agent and R. H. Elliott, his local representative, came into the chambers.

Mr. Goldstraw remarked he was viewing the same property as was just discussed, with intention of developing a subdivision area.

"Generally," he said, "it is not my idea to develop the area just for lots" and continued that he could conceivably be interested in having houses built.

He had learned through investigation, the speaker added, that Mr. Brankiewicz was prepared to donate land for the purpose of road construction and indicated Mr. Jany was in a position to come to agreement on sale of the property.

To Planning Board
Mr. Goldstraw was informed of the town's policy on division of service costs and replied subsequently that he was now prepared to agree to the terms.

Also raised by Mr. Goldstraw was the question of possible development of a block of property, off Queen Street, now being advertised for tax sale. Considerable talk was held on this but no concrete decision advanced.

Later, it was council's consideration that the proposals of subdivision raised by both men be turned over to the Planning Board for study and recommendation.

Much later in the meeting, councillor C. Lindsay reported to members the facts and discussion surrounding last week's meeting of the financial committee with the Public Utilities Commission. (This meeting is reported elsewhere in this issue.)

Acted in Good Faith
After hearing councillor Lindsay describe conditions attending the raise in wages of an office employee, a suggestion to separate the waterworks from the P.U.C. and the complexities of the position of clerk J. McGeachie regarding his responsibility to two bodies, council expressed varying moods of opinion.

Reeve J. J. Stewart submitted that the commission acted in good faith in granting the raise—and felt council should go along with it—but at the same time, he was concerned that council had not been consulted. "I don't want to see an issue over this, though," he concluded.

Councillor R. J. Hargrave indicated council had little alternative but to back up the raise.

Councillors E. Footitt and R. Langford agreed the town should have a say in wage raises where council pays half the salary.

A motion was passed approving 50 per cent payment by council of a wage increase to Carol Tyler.

Agree to Joint Meeting
Suggestions on how the council and commission might better come to terms on coefficient subjects followed, with reference back to the motion just passed.

Reeve Stewart said he felt council was not binding themselves in any other increase requests by this action. Councillor A. Irwin immediately replied that it then tended to be discriminatory.

"We replied the reeve," I believe that each request is a case in itself. Here, another motion followed in which council requested a joint meeting with the P.U.C. to discuss any further adjustments in salaries of administration employees.

At the close of this subject, various reasons were being advanced by the mayor and other councillors dealing with the reportedly advantageous alternative of having the waterworks department controlled by the town instead of the P.U.C.

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