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## Acton's Fire Area May Extend to Erin Township

Possibility that the present rural fire area served by Acton may be enlarged to include part of Erin township was indicated at the regular session of Council Monday evening when two members of the township council inquired about fees agreements and entry arrangements.

### Finish Sewer Pipe Laying on Wallace

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Joe Fletcher and Mel Nixon of Fergus were chosen winners of best trimmed boards while awards for business boards went to Lloyd Osburn and Douglas Kerr Fergus.

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Activities concluded with a free dance and a fireworks display in Victoria Park.

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## Gas Strike Near Crewson's Corners Causes a Flurry of Excitement Here

### No Official Verification Potential Could "Supply All of Ontario"

Speculation that large quantities of natural gas lie stored in the pocket tapped Friday afternoon by drillers working for Tony Seynuck, Acton, on property near Crewson's Corners, has caused a flurry of excitement here and outside town this week.

### Prompt Action Puts Out Garage Flames

Prompt action by Lawrence Anthony at Anthony-Little Motor-Wednesday afternoon a vertical spread of flames which could have resulted in a serious fire.

While working over the engine of a late model car, gas fumes ignited and quickly spread over the motor. Mr. Anthony quickly brought a chemical extinguisher into play and put out the flames in a few moments.

However, slight burns were inflicted on his hands. First aid was tendered by Cpl. R. Mason who arrived with the Acton fire brigade minutes after the fire was out.

### United WMS Notes Churches' Council

The Woman's Missionary Society of Acton United church met in the Sunday school room last week. Miss M. Z. Bennett presided.

Worship services were conducted by Mrs. E. Bennie and Miss Bennett. The World Council of Churches, Rev. E. A. Currey spoke on mission work in Halton Presbytery. Book shelf was introduced by Miss M. Mainprize and study book by Mrs. E. A. Currey Bible reading for July and August is the Book of Psalms.

Lunch was served by Mrs. B. Mowat and her group.

### 'Deaf Mute' Racket Latest Fraud Angle

Another racket is reported circulating in this district. This time persons pretending as deaf mutes call around at doors and present cards which claim their incapacity and request donations.

Investigating officials of the Oakville-Trafalgar Chamber of Commerce have learned from the Canadian Association for the Deaf that it does not approve of this practice, even when carried on by persons actually handicapped.

In recent years there's been a rash of rackets by glib salesmen or fast-talking agents.

Lately some towns have been unwilling hosts to blatant salesmen who claim aluminum is injurious to the health and attempt to pawn off on householders steel pots and pans of low grade and high price. There is absolutely no authoritative evidence to support the claim.

Itinerant roof repair men, who contract with the home owner for a price, then either do a sloppy, unsatisfactory job or no job at all are another sort of nefarious breed of swindlers who have taken advantage of home owners in this part of Western Ontario recently.

Earlier this year police here warned of a fraud gang traveling about as bank or income tax inspectors, asking to see bank pass-books and requesting sample signatures. Signatures ended up on a concealed blank cheque, then the cunning "inspectors" hiked off to their victims' bank to cash the cheque for as much as the account would stand.

### 10,000 Acres Under Lease

Early this week the drill and equipment was moved from the No. one well south of Acton to a farm in Esquew, near the fourth line and Spesside sideroad, where further drilling operations anticipated to strike a shallow oil and gas pocket are to commence.

While Mr. Seynuck owns 18 acres in the area where gas was found, he also has leased well rights on 10,000 acres, approximately 48 square miles, in this district.

Boundaries of the leased areas are, roughly, Eden Mills on the west to the fourth line in the east. Erin township line on the north to below the Spesside sideroad on the south.

Drilling Over 25 Years

Tony Seynuck has been engaged in drilling in this area for over 25 years, since 1928. Rumanian by birth, he came to Acton in 1919. He and his wife presently live on Mill Street. They have no children.

Asked by this reporter what future plans he had in mind, Mr. Seynuck replied that, depending on meter tests, he would possibly form a company to develop the No. 1 well while other explorations continue. He added 14 or 15 people, "a few of them from Acton," have invested in his operations up to the present.

"These he regards as 'partners'."

"Oil is my hobby," he replied to another question, "I'm going to keep drilling. I'd like to see these farmers prosper some day, but I'm not out for money myself."

### Ospringle Hoe, Rake Club Has Meeting

The Ospringle Hoe and Rake Club held its second meeting recently at the home of the assistant leader, Miss Joan Aitken.

Roll call was answered by "How my garden grows". The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and Shirley Avey read her club story. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Doris Fines with Miss Durbin, the home economist, as guest speaker.

The leaders gave many pointers on control of insects and weeds and also conducted a quiz in preparation for Achievement Day.



NATURAL GAS STRIKE on the 18-acre property, near Crewson's Corners, owned by Tony Seynuck, Acton, caused excitement here this week. Mr. Seynuck, left, is shown with the drilling crew manager, Earl Sherk, Selkirk, opening the well cap. Flames can be seen at left shooting from the valve. Potential has not been determined.

## Urban Board Considers Need for Extended Area Telephone Service

### Halton Lodges Mark Boyne Battle

Halton County celebrated the Battle of the Boyne at Hamilton on Saturday, July 10th, 1954 with an excellent turnout from all lodges.

There were also eight car loads who went to Breton, Ont. on Monday, July 12th, for the parade there, and all reported having a very good time.

### Honeymoon Couple Damage New Car

A young couple bound on their honeymoon were involved Sunday morning in an accident which, although no serious injury to the bride or groom, was responsible for about \$350 damage to their new car.

Louise J. McIntosh, London, failed to navigate the turn at the corner of Main and Mill Street about 8 a.m. Sunday morning. The car skidded on the pavement, wet from light rain and crashed into a pole on the southeast corner. The pole splintered but did not fall.

Cpl. C. Tremor, who investigated the accident, said the young lady apparently realized too late the course of No. 7 Highway turned left and in cutting over too sharply went into a skid. He indicated no charges would be laid.

Acton Citizen's Band presented a concert in Acton Park last night. This was the first outing of the band with their newly purchased hats.

### Need 85 Per Cent. Approval

While cost would be slightly higher, since the area service would total all subscribers within the three exchanges and thereby put a higher group rate into effect, it was emphasized the slight monthly increase to telephone subscribers would hardly be proportionate to the potential benefit.

Mr. Keith reminded that the creation of extended area service in this district "a very costly operation for the company" is dependent on 85 per cent. acceptance of the idea in each exchange area.

"It is our desire to meet community needs," he said, and went on to point out if it was indicated, the people wanted extended area service the company would take steps to comply.

Board chairman J. Armstrong urged the representatives to acquaint their councils with the possibility of extended area service also to make representations to the councils of Esquew and Nassagaweya. Before application for a vote should be made to the Bell Telephone, Acton, mayor E. Tyler said, extensive work should be undertaken to educate the people to the idea.

Industrial Promotion

An industrial map, designed for industrial promotion of the area showing the towns, existing industries, lines of transportation and

other particulars, was presented by Engineer K. R. Simmons. Members made suggestions for improvements on the map and discussed other possibilities to further development in the "North Hub."

Milton reeve C. A. Martin broached the subject of garbage disposal land. Both Milton and Georgetown, it was learned, are in need of more land for dumping. The advantages of the bulkhead method of disposal were discussed, along with the feasibility of acquiring a common dump ground for these two towns. At present, Acton representatives indicated, there are sufficient facilities for their town.

Members of the Board agreed to order letterheads and envelopes. At the close of the meeting a brief discussion was held on store closing hours and the relative merits of Friday or Saturday night opening.

### Rockwood Camp Scene of Drowning

A nine year-old Hamilton boy was drowned at the Catholic Boys' camp outside Rockwood Sunday afternoon, less than an hour after his parents brought him to the camp.

The body of Frank Donahoe was found in about four feet of water in the Eramosa River which winds through Camp Brebeuf. The lad had gone swimming shortly after his arrival and was not noticed by life guards until after the drowning. Inhalators used by Guelph fire department members failed to revive the boy.

Police, called to the camp about 5 p.m. Sunday later had difficulty locating the parents of the victim. Mr. and Mrs. Donahoe had driven away for a picnic after leaving the boy at the camp.

Camp director Rev. E. Reading reported the drowning was the first since the camp opened several years ago. Coronet J. E. Gompf, Arthur, attended following the accident. Crown Attorney J. M. Kearns, Q.C., indicated no inquest would be held.

## Flames Sweep Across Wheat Field

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## Halton Women's Institutes Enjoy Annual Picnic in Prospect Park

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Third annual picnic of Halton District Women's Institutes was held last week in Acton's Prospect Park, amid pleasant surroundings and ideal picnic weather.

Nearly 150 ladies and children enjoyed the annual outing. Sports events, many of them unusual, resulted as follows:

Kicking the shoe, Miss Lucena Campbell, Georgetown; lucky spot, Mrs. Lloyd Crawford, Campbellville; W.I. member of longest standing, Mrs. Frank, Georgetown; silk stocking contest, Mrs. Shultz, Acton; and Mrs. Matthews, Bannockburn, clothes pins in bottle, Mrs. David Joe, Mountain Union.

Grandmothers' contest, Mrs. Brock, Toronto (Nelson W.I.) and Mrs. John Mowat, Acton; bingo for

### Holiday Week

Annual holiday for this newspaper and all staff members in next week. There will be no paper published July 23.

Correspondents and others with items for publication are asked to send copy in as usual, however, either by mail or left at the office in the night copy slot. This will be held for the next publication, August 5.

Both plant and editorial and business office will be closed from Monday, July 26, until Tuesday, August 3. Monday, August 2 is Civic Holiday.

### Cars Sideswipe After See-Saw Act

Two Erin township residents were involved in an accident Saturday night near Ballinacra, which caused total damage of approximately \$500 to the cars they were driving but no injury to either man.

Thomas Sanger claimed while travelling south on the Seventh Line he was blinded by the headlights on an oncoming car. He told police he put on the brakes and pulled over to the left side of the road.

Driver of the oncoming car, John Binnie, said he turned to the opposite side of the road when he saw a car on the wrong side, then as Thomas pulled back the cars sideswiped.

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BLACKENED STUBBLE is all that remains of seven-and-a-half acres of wheat on this Esquew township farm owned by S. G. Bennett after fire swept across the field Monday afternoon. Here firemen pull in hose after dousing areas still burning, while others survey the damage left by the flames.