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## Function of Halton's Mutual Aid Described to Ontario Firemen

### OBITUARY

#### James A. Britton Funeral on Sunday

Following an illness of the past eight months, James Alexander Britton, R.R. 1 Acton, passed away on July 29 at the General Hospital in Guelph. He was born in Nassagaweya township April 9, 1906, a son of Mrs. and the late W. E. Britton, and had spent his lifetime in this district attending No. 7 school in Nassagaweya. He had resided at the present farm home for the past eight years.

Sixteen years ago he married Miss Christina Wallace who with a little family of five daughters remains to mourn the loss of a young father. They are, Joan, Judy, Barbara, Marlene and Sharon. Two brothers and five sisters also remain. They are William, R.R. 4, Acton, Glen, R.R. 1 Campbellville, Lena (Mrs. A. Freibur), Moffat, Peg (Mrs. P. Boydton), Toronto, Edna (Mrs. E. Anderson), Toronto, Tish (Mrs. A. Hurd), Long Branch, Vera (Mrs. M. Mullen), R.R. 1, Campbellville. Jean (Mrs. D. Ellis) predeceased him. To all who have been bereft sympathy of many friends here goes at this time.

The funeral on Sunday afternoon was one of the most largely attended in some time. Service was held at the V. Rumley and Son funeral home, conducted by Rev. R. H. Armstrong of Knox Presbyterian church, Interment was in Nassagaweya Presbyterian church cemetery.

Pallbearers were neighbors and friends, Messrs. Norman Armstrong, Charles Anderson, Mansel Nellis, George Nightingale, Walter Freyman, and Ray Blacklock. Flower bearers were Ross Britton, Mervin Thompson, Calvin McIntyre, George Job, George Dredge, Bill Carnochan and Freddie Carlson.

#### Parsonage Lawn Is Picnic Setting

The parsonage lawn was the setting for the Baptist Mission Circle picnic on Wednesday evening, July 21. The event, which was well attended, was highlighted by the supper to which all the members contributed. Supper conveners were Mrs. D. Dunk and Miss Jessie Coles. The brief devotional consisted of Scripture verses and prayer. Conterts and games followed. Mrs. D. Cohen and Mrs. R. Costerus were in charge of the program.

## Near 400 Guests Attend Limehouse Community Reunion Held at School

Limehouse Community Reunion was held on July 24th and 25th on the grounds of S.S. No. 9 Esquimaux with four hundred guests attending. After registering for the get-together Saturday afternoon, friends from near and far greeted each other and tried to bridge the year which had gone by when last they met. The school also came in for reminiscing though many changes had taken place since most of the visitors had seen it last.

**Saturday Program**  
Ponies were provided for the children to ride and races and contests were enjoyed. A basket of groceries was used for a lucky draw also a bag of flour presented by Bucks' Georgetown and \$5 by Bert Mossop, Toronto.

In the evening Earl Scott, Blue Valley Boys and Sam Gishby took over the program which was presented from the stage of Halliday's Trailer, complete with loud speaker and lights. Assisting were Mrs. Harry Smotherst of Barrie who sang accompanied by Mrs. E. Kern. Mrs. Smotherst's little daughter, Catherine delighted the audience with her dainty dances accompanied by her mother, Jim McQuillan, Toronto, ventriloquist and Butler gave several numbers. An article on Limehouse originally called Fountain Green was read by Earl Scott tracing the growth of the Community through the years and bringing up many memories of bygone days.

**Church service Sunday**  
Sunday afternoon church service was held in the open, assisted by Acton Citizens Band. The minister, Rev. Calder was in charge. He also sang a most appreciative address accompanied by Mrs. H. Nelson, Mrs. Davidson and Mr.

#### Fire Truck Acts Up On Way To Practice

Answering a practice call to take part in firefighting demonstrations in Milton Monday morning, Acton's fire truck developed engine trouble shortly after it sped out of town with several members of the brigade aboard.

The demonstrations in Milton were part of the program for the annual convention of the Ontario Volunteer Firemen's Association there. Although the local truck did not reach Milton, the Acton brigade was represented by most members at various times during the three day convention.

## Baseball Juveniles Win Group Laurels

Acton's juvenile ball nine starting late to overcome a four-run deficit with Georgetown, there on Tuesday night picked up momentum in the fifth inning to close in four then four more in the last two frames to win the game and the group championship.

The 10-4 victory was the second in the best two out of three of group playoffs. First game was won by Acton through default.

The local ball players now square off against Milton.

Georgetown started off in winning style, scoring four runs in the first off the bats of Norton, Herdington, Timleck and Freeston. Acton managed two runs, in the third and fourth, but didn't get into winning form until the fifth when four sped over homeplate.

Morton fired in three runs while Spielvogel, who owned the best hit of the game in a third inning triple batted in two. Con Lawson Skilling, Pootel and Cunningham who went all the way on the mound for Acton, each drove home a run.

At the conclusion of the business session, honorary past president Clappell, now a resident of Port Huron, Michigan, conducted the installation of officers.

Saturday afternoon the presentation of certificates and buttons to 30 life members was made, two of which were George Gilbert and Jack Blinco, Milton.

The 1955 convention is to be held in Petrolia.

During a general business session a motion "that a letter should be sent to the Dominion and Provincial governments asking them to give more aid in civil defense against the A and H bombs" was approved.

Addresses during the convention were given by Mr. Simmonds of the Fire Marshall's office on arson; by W. G. Neill of the Petroleum Gas Co. on propane and its properties; J. Carrott on "Me and the Night and the Music" covering a fireman's duties, an address by Chief A. E. Clement on the Mutual Aid in Halton County; Sterling Garrow on Michigan fire fighting forces.

In his address on the Halton County Mutual Aid, Chief Clement outlined the plan as carried out in this county. Since the plan of Mutual Aid has been inaugurated in March of 1952, Halton County has five new pumps, three more fire zones and four new fire halls, the chief pointed out.

Following the installation of officers there were speeches by the newly appointed president and first vice-president, Association secretary E. O. McNeely, present E. Cooper, president for the past year, with a medal of service.

**Races, Contests, Winners**  
Prizes winners in races and contests were as follows:

Under school age Jim Smotherst, Grace McDonald, Girls school age to ten Lillian Brocklebank, Caroline Hartley, Boys school age to ten Geo. Scholtz, Peter Glynn, Girls eleven to sixteen Joan Ivens, Dolores Mossop, Boys eleven to sixteen Fred Currie, John Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar Sharp, Miss Colena Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gowdy, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fred Harding, Mr. and Mrs. T. Ivens, Helen Ivens, Marion Ivens, Joan Ivens, Mr. and Mrs. L. W.

## Builder's Interest Outlined Tuesday

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After further discussion on the subject it was agreed that Mayor E. Tyler, Rev. J. Stewart and Councilor J. Hargrave should meet representatives of the firm Wednesday morning.

Prior to this decision, Mr. Goldstraw and his local representative, R. H. Elliott, urged that Acton should not hesitate to take steps to enlarge housing facilities since Mr. Elliott maintained adequate housing often is the motivating industry. Council was told earlier in the meeting that no price quotation is yet available on the sheeting proposed for the curbing rink roof.

Mr. J. McGeehan reported that following a meeting of the first committee with representatives of Esquimaux, Nassagaweya and Erin townships councils it was agreed to continue with the present fire area arrangement until the end of the year but to answer calls in the southern part of Erin Township and draft a new agreement in 1955.

The area to be served in Erin runs from the Town Line up to No. 24 Highway, down the Third Line to No. 5 side road, across No. 5 side road to Peacock school and along both sides of the Seventh Line to Ballinlad. Charge per fire call to Erin will be \$150. \$25 of the \$150 is to be credited to the other two townships' standby account.

Council accepted this agreement reached at the meeting and passed a resolution covering it.

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Seeking compensation in the difficulties of the job, members beyond the next resolution might be a motion R. V. Anderson for an increase. Mr. Anderson is head of the engineering firm employed by the town for the job.

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## Consider 200 Lot Subdivision For 50 Acre Area in Town

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## Council's Decision Given Wednesday

### Initial Building Program

Earlier in the year Council passed a resolution that service costs to subdividers be borne 50-50. The town only paying half of water, sewers and roads. Cost of roads and light standards were to be paid entirely by the subdivider.

It was explained at the meeting last night that the committee recommends the town supply services for an initial building program of 10 houses. Following completion of this an agreement would be signed to supply services, costs again borne entirely by the town, for additional units to be completed within a time limit. It limits are not erected within the time limit, the lots could be sold individually by the real estate agent.

Discussion aspects of the lot sizes, street provisions and other plan of subdivision considerations was held by members.

**A "Different Venture"**  
Councilor E. Foutitt asked a member of the subdividers party: "In other towns where you build, did you get all the services?"

"This town is a different venture altogether," the reply came with some reasons why under local circumstances the subdivider would not bear part of the service costs.

Councilors then engaged in a review of available housing here, the anticipated rise in school population and the need for industrial development to gain better balance of assessment.

"If we want to draw industry, we've got to have more houses," Mayor E. Tyler observed.

After additional explanations, assessments and clarifications regarding the agreement were asked Councilor Foutitt moved that Council rescind the previous motion pertaining to services for new subdivisions.

**Text of Resolution**  
Following this action, the resolution of agreement was moved by Councilor R. Hargrave and Deputy Mayor R. Thompson. It read as follows:

"That this Municipality accept recommendation of committee, and providing the subdividers register an approved plan of subdivision of the Acton portion of the easterly 747 feet of Lot No. 108, Plan 227 and any other portion of the said lot and of the east half of Lot No. 27, Concession No. 3 in Acton purchased by the said subdivider and agree to settle by registration pertaining to Zone No. 1 under By-law No. 478, with reference to residential property that this Municipality install sewers, including sewers, water mains, street lights and roads to 10 feet wide to be constructed by the subdivider within 60 days of the date of registration of the plan of subdivision, with the exception of the following: that before any new subdivisions are registered a new agreement of the same nature as that now in effect shall be entered into and that the same shall be subject to the approval of the Council of this Municipality."

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**Rescue Man Caught In Fairy Lake Mud**  
Toronto man had a close brush with death last week in Fairy Lake. Acton police and fire brigade members who answered the telephone call for help from a woman in the township nearly had a drowning to contend with.

According to reports Norman Shields, 27 Charles St. while on the lake sat on the bank and slipped into the shallow water to release the boat he found to be in deep mud and quicksand. The man sank until only his head was above water.

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## Insurance, Classes, Equipment On Halton H.S. Board Agenda

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#### 100 Years of Age Mrs. J. Wilson Dies

A lady who celebrated her 100th birthday on July 1st, Mrs. James G. Wilson died Wednesday, July 21 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. M. Harrison, 16 Thomsen Rd., Burlington.

Mrs. Wilson was the youngest and last surviving member of the family of Hugh and Christine McGill of the fifth line. Esquimaux early settlers in the Scotch Block. Her husband the late James G. Wilson of Burlington was a county road superintendent.

Mrs. Wilson, a teacher in her young years, was believed to be the oldest living graduate of Toronto Normal School.

A daughter, Mrs. Harrison, four grandchildren and ten great grandchildren survive.

Entombment in Hamilton Mausoleum followed a private funeral service.

**To Estimate Values**  
Electrical dealers in Georgetown, while regarding equipment for the Home Economics room in Georgetown. The matter was left in the hands of Trustee Macintosh. Mrs. Hese teacher had given her recommendations.

Purchases of clearing and other incidental equipment were to be taken care of by the Secretary. June accounts of \$170.41 and July accounts of \$741.56 were approved by the Board.

The secretary was to prepare an estimate of the value of the property and equipment and their replacement cost for the guidance of the Board and the insurance brokers.

The Secretary reported that an architect had agreed to arrange with Hydro for frequency converters at Acton and Georgetown. A contract for a new tax equipment was given by the Board.

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Mrs. F. Crewson Interred at Acton

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## Open Office Where Grocery Store Was

Renovations of the Mill Street building, formerly occupied by Barr's Grocery, were completed this week. New occupant is R. F. Bean who recently established an insurance agency here.

Occupying the second business quarters in the same building is the night of Mr. Bean's office, will be A. Toak proprietor of Andy's Shoe Repair. The former occupant, Mr. Barr operated a grocery business in the store for 22 years.

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ACTON FIRE BRIGADE members who attended part of the three day program of meeting, demonstrations and practices in Milton during the annual Ontario Volunteer Firemen's Association convention last week-end are shown here before Monday's parade. Left to right, M. Holmes, D. Van Fleet, W. Kelly, H. Townsley, D. Price, H. Birtch, J. Driscoll, T. Perkins, H. Pea, D. Mason, B. Van Fleet, L. Synor, B. Tyler, W. Chisholm. From left, Chief S. Tennant and Deputy Chief J. Newton. The Chief and Deputy Chief were Acton's official delegates to the convention which attracted 127 firemen, including 74 life members of the Association.