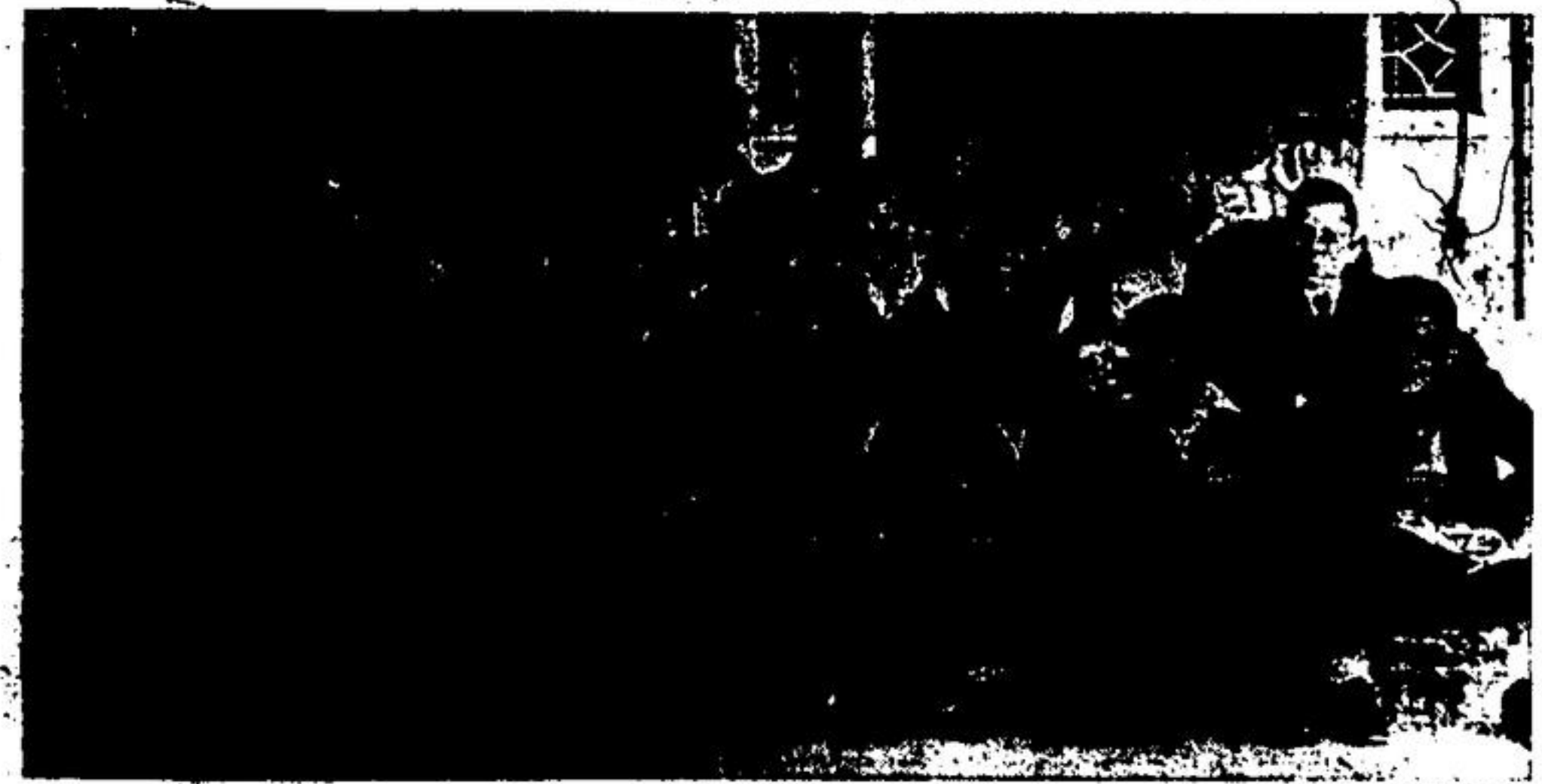


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OFF TO THE BALL GAME, youthful members of the three-team minor sports softball league hold back long enough to get their picture taken before climbing into cars and whisking off to see two International League baseball teams in action. The Toronto trip was given the boys this week by the Acton Fire Department following completion of the league's first season schedule.

Work Halts After Engineer Orders Well Points for Warren Grove Job

Progress on the Warren Grove sewer extension will be delayed about a week, it was learned at Monday night's regular council meeting after it was explained that on the engineer's instructions, contractor George Shultz is to install well points before renewing pipe installations on MacDonald Blvd. Since the well points, used to suck out excessive water from the digging area, will be unavailable until next week, it was further pointed out, and excavating is not to start until another three-day period after the well points are put down, a week's delay in pipe laying is anticipated.

Members were told that the contractor moved men and equipment out of Warren Grove Monday after filling in the excavation on MacDonald Blvd. A discussion followed, producing varied comments from the councillors on the present and previous work stoppage. It was ultimately agreed that the present situation is out of the hands of council and the concern of the engineer and the contractor.

Steel Roof Out
Clerk J. McGeachie earlier told members that progress may be forthcoming in council's attempts to sell a piece of property in Hamilton.

Further inquiries into cost of a tar and gravel layer for the curling rink roof are to be made, after council was advised a steel roof would not be suitable.

Proposed sidewalk changes for Main street south section were reviewed by council. The reconstruction proposals were prompted by necessary hydro work changes on the west side. The road committee was asked to prepare price estimates on the work.

An involved discussion on parking meters, angle parking, time limits and other parking controls followed council's scrutiny of a Department of Highways plan to alleviate unsatisfactory traffic conditions around the corner of Mill and Main streets.

Plan Seen Unworkable
The plan, considered unworkable by council, was criticized as detrimental to downtown business if carried through since it urged reduced parking area on Mill street.

Offshoots of the discussion were remarks by two members who rapped the habit apparently practiced by a few residents of the town or area. This involved the offenders driving onto Mill street early Saturday evening, parking their cars and strolling there all evening to gaze at the pedestrians.

Before talk dwindled away in parking members agreed to request two local grocery stores near the Mill-Main corner to load delivery vehicles at the rear of their respective buildings.

Following this business, council ratified an agreement with Ontario Hydro for \$275 conversion costs on the fire hall, heard and subsequently filed a letter from Wm. Coleman, noted Fire Prevention Week as set for October 3 to 9.

Threaten Legal Action
Councillors decided to take no immediate action after learning that Toronto General Hospital officials threaten legal action if an account alleged the responsibility of the town and of the county is not paid by a stipulated date.

Council filed a letter from the Halton County Health Unit regarding conditions of several local out-houses also instructed that further

Presentation Made By Newspaper Staff
The staff of the Acton Free Press and Canadian Champion, Milton, gathered with their husbands, wives and friends to honor staff-member Miss Evelyn Braida and Don Timmings, who are to be married shortly. The event was held on Friday, August 13, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dill.

About 20 enjoyed an evening of progressive euchre followed by refreshments. A blond wood step-ladder was presented to the couple by the group.

information be sought from the Ontario Provincial Police following inspector's notification that accommodation and equipment in the local office is unsatisfactory and inadequate.

The clerk read a letter of approval from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation who had inspected the 50 acre property, on the eastern limits, sold last week for subdivision development.

Erin Agreement Signed
Clerk McGeachie also reported a fire area agreement signed with Erin township; passed on notice that a local sanatorium patient has been discharged from hospital; submitted and received approval for payment of an account with Guelph General hospital for an Acton indigent.

Councillor A. Irwin requested and received permission from council for the newly-formed intermediate baseball team to use the town's grader later this fall for work on the ball diamond.

Council could provide no answer to a question from councillor R. Langford regarding a query put to him on fire area extension to Eden Mills.

Soccer Club Edges 2-1 Victory After Hard Competition in Galt

Acton soccer team had another hard fight on Saturday when they went to Galt to meet the Green Whites and edged out a 2-1 victory.

Galt kicked off into a stiff breeze and that, combined with hard ground, made play scrappy at the start. Scoring started 15 minutes after the kick off. Slaven brought the ball up close to the penalty area but he was so hemmed in he couldn't pass; he saw an opening, shot and scored with a hard rising drive which had the goalie beaten all the way.

It didn't take Galt long to even it up. From the line-up they moved down the field and attacked right away. Calder moved out to gather a loose ball. McCurdy moved a little bit faster, gained possession, ran round Jock and served into an empty net.

The score remained even throughout the first half after which Acton gained the slight advantage of the wind and also control of the game. Galt's goal was bombarded from every angle but the shots were either wide high or stopped by Momen who played a terrific game from beginning to end.

It wasn't until about 10 minutes from full time that Acton took the lead. Bottomley took the ball down the wing, Fish came down the middle, slowly, and was still outside the penalty area when Bottomley reached the corner flag instead of centring to the goal mouth where it was expected. Terry passed back to Fish who hit the ball first time and scored just inside the post.

The game was reminiscent of the teams' previous encounter—hard fast and furious. The difference was that the defence on

Friday Night Show New Pens Planned

With topics on the agenda ranging from the Friday evening concert to new pens, the Acton fall fair board met Tuesday evening in the town hall. There was a good attendance of 20 directors with president Ray Everdell in charge.

The amusement committee has contacted the theatrical agency concerning the always-popular Friday night show in the arena, but the names of acts are not known as yet. Arrangements for the midway were made last winter, to avoid last year's difficulties in securing rides.

It was decided to build more permanent hog pens and additional cattle ties.

A complaint from councillor C. Lindsay that a new building being erected on Mill St. does not comply with fire marshal's regulations preceded a discussion on many other local dwelling places which have inadequate exits. Councillor Lindsay also asked if the fire chief could be granted time off, when necessary, to inspect new buildings with the building inspector.

Pass Regular Accounts
Regular accounts totalling \$1,733.25 and, in the sewer account to Johns-Menville Co. Ltd. totalling \$311.04, were passed as follows:

Acton Woodcrafts, supp.	\$ 29.60
Whitham's Garage, battery, etc.	40.10
McEachern Garage, serv.	7.87
W. Evans, gas, etc.	74.30
E. S. Cooper, supp.	.60
Thompson Motors, gas, oil, serv.	57.89
Armet Ind. Ltd., road paint	35.00
L. Garner Motors, serv.	16.70
Dept. of Health, insulin	7.15
Gordon's Hdwe., supp.	10.89
Acton Pub. Util., accts.	887.40
Bell Telephone, serv.	35.25
Early Motors, tractor \$700. mower \$330.	1030.00

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Urban Board Rates Industrial Promotion High
Industrial promotion rated high on the agenda of the North Halton Urban Board when the representatives of the three north Halton towns met for their monthly meeting in Milton on Wednesday night of this week.

The Board reviewed the map prepared by engineer R. S. Momen, indicating the industrial area of north Halton in the three towns. Present industries located in the three towns were reviewed and the lists as presented amended slightly. A price on the preparation of the map for distribution in the form of a promotional folder was to be presented at the September meeting by the Dills Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd.

Chairman Armstrong questioned if it was too early to begin investigation and possibly preparation for an exhibit at the International Trade Fair on behalf of the North Halton towns. The Board expressed their approval of

the secretary inquiring on costs and necessary information for the next meeting. It was pointed out the Trade Fair was usually held about May or June of each year. "We should be ready to get cracking on that thing for first thing next year," Mayor Armstrong urged.

It was reported the three towns had indicated their approval of the survey of subscribers regarding an extension of telephone service. Eliminate toll charges on calls between Milton, Acton, Georgetown, and possibly Rowley. Members of the Board felt representatives of the Nassagaweya and Evesham councils should be invited to the next meeting to consider the plan.

Considering the mutual problem of Georgetown and Milton regarding garbage disposal, a letter from the W. L. Ballentine Co. indicated a demonstration of the ball clam sanitary land fill method was being held next week in Nelson

Propose Third Development As Subdivision Fever Spreads

Stencilling, Etching Shown Auxiliary

The Ballinfad Evening Auxiliary held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Norman Sinclair with 14 ladies present. Mrs. F. J. Short-hill opened the meeting with hymn 334. Mrs. Jesse McEnery read the Scripture taken from Romans 14, Matthew 5 and devotional paper, "Am I my brother's keeper." Minutes of the last meeting and treasurer's report were read.

A thank you letter is to be sent to Miss Bennett in appreciation of her coming to speak at the tea. A get well card is to be sent to Mrs. Foreman. It was decided to give \$100 toward the renovation of the church. Plans were made for a play this winter.

Papers were read on Citizenship and Christian Stewardship by Mrs. Baker and Mrs. E. Snow. Mrs. M. McLaughlin gave a very interesting demonstration on stencilling. Lydia Snow gave a demonstration on etching which was enjoyed.

The meeting closed with the benediction and a dainty lunch was served by the hostess and her helper.

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Malton Firm Arranges to Buy Nine-Acre Queen Street Area

Stubborn Tree Stumps Get The Heave-Ho on Mill St.

Two stubborn tree stumps, one in front of Acton United church and the other in front of Manning Electric's new store, were hauled from the dirt by the road grader Wednesday. The task was a difficult one and passers-by were interested in the attempts to dislodge the stumps Tuesday and Wednesday.

School Building Ready to Occupy

Monday morning found the new High School in Acton being cleaned up and made ready for occupancy. Floor finishers and painters put in long hours on the week-end to make fulfillment of the finishing date possible.

Plumbers were also making installation during the week-end. Monday the tedious task of window cleaning got started and since all of the 140 feet on each side of the school is mostly glass, there is plenty of window polishing to be done.

Floors are being cleaned, shop machinery is going into place, the public address system has been installed this week and furnishings and equipment can now be put into place as they arrive.

There seems to be assurance now that the school will be finished and completely equipped ready for the opening date of September 7.

Some of the electrical work and plumbing are being finished this week and outside painting will of course be subject to weather conditions but is well advanced.

Incidentally, the first sod was turned for the new building on September 14 last year and the contract was awarded on July 16 of last year. At that time it was anticipated completion would be by July 16 of this year. Actually the work is now fairly well up on the original schedule. J. B. Mackenzie and Son has had the complete contract for the building program in Acton, Milton and Georgetown.

The one library classroom addition in Milton was opened in May and was in use before school closing. The four room addition with new heating system and washrooms at Georgetown will also be ready for school opening in September. Furniture is scheduled to arrive this week or early next week.

A formal opening will be arranged for October when citizens will be able to inspect the new school and equipment.

Yellow Wolf Shot Near Chicken Coop

A lean yellow and white wolf with long fangs was deprived of his dinner of fresh chicken—and his life—when he was spotted approaching a chicken coop at dusk recently. The ugly beast was shot and killed by Gerald MacLeod at his father's farm on R.R. 4 Acton, in Nassagaweya township.

Its companion, a large grey timber wolf, escaped and was forced to find prey elsewhere.

A picture of the marauding animal is in the Free Press display window this week.

Juveniles Bow Out In Semi-Final Play

Acton Juvenile ball team saw-sawed its way out of the second round of the play-off, following a loss and a win with a second loss Saturday.

In the first game of the three encounters, Acton lost 4-2 and in the second warmed over the opposition 16-2. Saturday's final tabulation showed Acton with four runs and the county town with six.

Acton started strong in an effort to copy the continuous scoring play of the game before. Healey crossed home plate in the first inning and Skilling in the third. A disastrous lull with all local attempts nullified was followed by a late splash with two runs in the eighth, again by Healey and Skilling.

There were eight hits and two errors.

Milton produced four runs in quick succession in the second inning to take a lasting lead. One more was added in the fifth and the final run in the eighth.

Hits numbered 10, errors three. Acton: Healey Skilling, Spivey, Lowell, Lawson, Cunningham, Morton, Coon, Footitt, Ash, Hurst, Creechy.

Dutch Minister Preaches Sunday

The Christian Reform church, which meets twice each Sunday in Acton, Y.M.C.A., had as guest minister on Sunday, Rev. Vander Woude from Holland who is visiting the United States and Canada. He attended the World Congress of Churches while in the States.

The Reform church here which as yet has been unable to obtain a pastor welcomes regularly guest preachers from Brampton, Drayton and other centres.

North Halton H.S. Board Adjusts Insurance for All High Schools

Adjustment of insurance on the three schools occupied the attention of North Halton District High School Board at the meeting on Monday night in Stewarttown. Mr. Richard of the Frank Cowan Co. recently appointed insurance brokers for the board, went into detail on the fire insurance.

The following motion finalized the discussion: That we instruct our insurance brokers, Frank Cowan and Co. to adjust our insurance to replacement value basis and

place the insurance in accordance with the three year schedule as proposed by their representative. Date on which the change is to become effective September 15.

Prices secured by the secretary for cleaning equipment for Acton and Georgetown schools was approved.

Correspondence was read regarding applications of students to attend technical schools in other districts. In view of the fact that shop facilities are not available at Acton, the board did not approve of paying fees to other schools for technical work.

The principal reported on the results of the departmental examination of the three schools. They were considered very satisfactory.

The board also approved of suggestions as to the location of the board's relation to the school to be situated in Acton, Milton and Georgetown. The committee was requested to meet on Tuesday evening.

A letter from the Acton Public School Board requested that the facilities of the shop at Acton be made available for the practical pupils in Acton and Milton. The members in Acton and Milton were in order with the board's request that a letter be sent to the board requesting that the facilities be made available for the practical pupils in Acton and Milton.

The next meeting was set for September 15. Mr. Armstrong, chairman, conducted the meeting with Mayor Tyler, E. Foster and R. Langford representing Acton, deputy-reeve Childs and representatives R. L. Cunningham and E. R. Pearen representing Milton, Reeve S. Allen and councillor D. Sargent representing Georgetown.



SUMMER BUS TOURS by district groups continue to be popular outings. This week nearly 40 Women's Institute members from the Limehouse, Silverwood and Bannockburn Institutes jaunted to Midhurst, Midland, Orillia and even enjoyed a short lake cruise. Here the group is shown Tuesday morning just before boarding the lake. Recent trips have also been taken by Dublin and Ballinfad W.I. members. One of these groups also toured a scenic Georgian Bay route.