

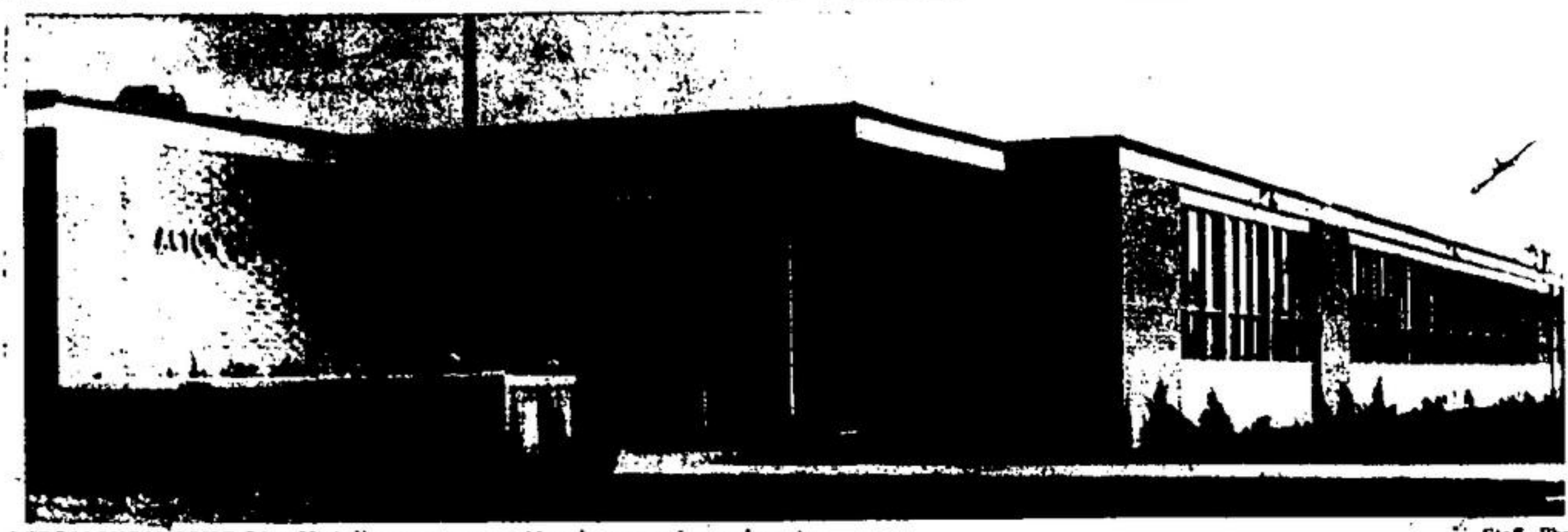
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ANNEXATION HEARINGS COMPLETED



ACTON HIGH SCHOOL officially opens next Monday evening when the Minister of Education will attend the ceremony to which local and district citizens are invited. The \$190,000 building, shown here, although opened only this September, is already crowded to capacity and the District Board has made plans for an addition.

Case to Go to Argument as Final Witnesses Are Called by Esqueusing

Termination of Acton's twice-adjourned annexation hearings to acquire 566 Esqueusing township acres came Tuesday afternoon in the town hall, but the case isn't closed yet. Testimony from over 30 witnesses has been heard but summation and argument, which must precede the Municipal Board's decision, will not be submitted in Toronto by the two opposing counsel until some time next month.

Approve Additions To Acton, Milton High School Bldgs.

Word has been received by the Secretary of the North Halton High School District Board that approval has been granted by the Department of Education for a three-room addition to the new Acton High School and a two room addition to the Milton High School. The amount approved for expenditure in Acton is up to \$40,000. Further approval regarding finances from Council and the Municipal Board are also required before the projects can be started.

Jewellery Business Opens in New Store

Another addition to Acton's row of Mill Street business establishments opens this week in the new Manning Electric block at the corner of Mill and John Streets. Don S. Bexton, formerly of Waterloo, is the proprietor of a new jewellery and watch repair shop.

Tiny Colored Seals Of Immense Value

This week over 2,400,000 tiny pieces of colored paper were mailed throughout Halton county. Each one is small—less than a square inch—yet means a lot. These are the Christmas seals, the sale of which makes possible free chest X-rays to detect tuberculosis, guidance for TB patients, health education and tuberculin testing of school pupils.

Acton Jr. Farmers, Institute Convene

The regular meeting of the Acton Junior Farmers and Junior Institute was held at the home of Ida Archibald on Wednesday, November 10 with over 40 juniors present.

Y.M.C.A. Auxiliary Donates For Relief

The November meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Ladies' Auxiliary was held in the Y.M.C.A. The president, Mrs. George Paul, opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer. The secretary and treasurer gave their reports. Several items of business were discussed.

Treated for Cuts Following Accident

Mrs. A. Harris Acton was treated for cuts Sunday when she suffered injuries following an accident south of here early that morning. A car driven by her husband, Albert Harris, ran into a ditch off No. 7 Highway. No extensive damage to the vehicle was reported.

Start Subdivision

Construction started this week on the largest planned subdivision to begin development, to date, in Acton.

The 200-lot Glenlea subdivision, on property formerly owned by E. Braida in the eastern section of town, will be developed on approximately 50 acres of land. Under the original agreement of service extension made by the subdivision, Thomas and Thomas Construction Company of Cooksville, 10 houses are scheduled for erection in the first phase of development.

Accept Resignation People's Warden

The Advisory Board of St. Alban's Anglican church held an emergency meeting in the Parish Hall last Sunday evening after the evening service. The meeting was called in order to receive officially the resignation of C. Sutton as People's Warden.

Mr. Sutton resigned because he has accepted a position as Recreational Director for Brampton and shortly will be leaving for that town. The rector expressed his appreciation to Mr. Sutton for his assistance to the church during his term of office as People's Warden.

It was also agreed by the meeting to purchase fire doors for the furnace room and the passageway to the church. Plywood squares and panelling will also be purchased to finish off the interior of the Parish Hall. The meeting closed with prayer by the rector.

Those present at the meeting were C. F. Leatherland, Dr. Frank Oakes, T. Ware, S. Snow, T. Jones, V. Bratton, William Denny, K. Knox and Henry Jolley. The chairman of the meeting was the Rev. Evan H. Jones, rector of St. Alban's.

Mac Sprowl Tells Rotarians of Trip

Mac Sprowl told Acton Rotarians about his trip through Great Britain and showed colored slides at their meeting on Tuesday. Mr. Sprowl was the winner of a Nuffield scholarship and inspected agriculture abroad at first hand during the seven month trip. Since his recent return he has begun a series of speaking engagements.

He was introduced to the Rotarians and several guests by the program chairman, F. L. Wright, and thanked by R. H. Elliott.

Ted Hansen reported that tickets to the Rotary-sponsored Metropolitan opera productions in Toronto are now available.

Council Agrees on Services For Queen St. Subdivision

Agreement with a Milton firm of subdividers was made by council Monday night when two representatives of Colbert Construction Co. appeared to outline development plans for the 40 lot Wool Combing subdivision on Queen St., fourth subdivision to undergo planning in Acton this year.

H. Probert and E. Coles appeared with R. F. Bean to seek an agreement from council regarding services to the nine-acre subdivision which recently was approved in revised plan. Mr. Probert said it was planned to make a start on the fronting Queen St. lots next spring.

After a brief debate over the propriety of making a binding agreement, members finally endorsed a motion calling for an agreement and by-law to be drawn up with Colbert Construction whereby it will pay the town \$3,000 when and if the firm requests extension of sewers and water on Queen St. It was also to be agreed by council that services be completed 60 days from the date of request by the company provided no unforeseen delay is experienced during the course of work.

Several weeks ago work started on the 14 lot Cobble Hill subdivision. This week initial construction began at the 200 lot Braida subdivision, while last week agreement was reached with a Hamilton firm who intend to start work this fall on the 240 lot Janby subdivision.

Prior to the appearance of the Braida land subdividers, Thomas and Thomas Construction, briefly waited on council to clarify items in the building by-law.

Members agreed to waive the 15 per cent. holdback clause dealing with well points and gravel payments owing the Warren Grove sewer extension contractor, George Schultz. A motion authorizing payment of \$2,776.70 for progress reports and other bills authorized by the engineer was passed.

It was remarked the installation of the sewers appears to be going ahead favorably. Council granted a taxi license to J. Palmer and A. Langelle, contingent on presentation to the clerk of necessary insurance policies.

A letter from Canadian Constock Ltd. thanked council for offer of the park as a parking depot for construction vehicles, but noted it had been decided to keep the truck headquarters in Georgetown during conversion in this area.

Under local improvement terms the city of Hamilton billed the town for cost of sidewalks in front of its lots in that city. It was noted the sidewalks will cost the town about \$742 per year for 20 years.

Notice was read from the Hospital and Medical Audit Bureau that legal action against the town

and county is pending over the refusal of both parties to pay an indigent patient account under dispute. With two other indigent accounts, council passed one bill for payment from the Guelph General hospital and authorized payment of another bill from the Toronto General hospital.

Four routine reports, from the district magistrate, local police and County Health Unit, were read. A letter from the Public School Board thanked council for co-operation regarding stop signs at River and Willow Sts. and asked for further support in providing adequate safety precautions on Main St.

At a recent meeting with Acton fire brigade members, council's fire committee reported no agreement reached regarding a new place of meeting for the brigade. The matter is to be further discussed. Meanwhile, purchase of an oil space heater for \$129 from Gordon Hardware was authorized for the fire hall.

After a brief discussion with representatives of Fraleigh Construction Co. Ltd., council passed a resolution that no opposition be registered against the proposal of the firm to apply for annexation of that part of the Jany property lying in Esqueusing township.

Following notice read of a North Halton Urban Board meeting this week, arrangements were briefly reviewed for a joint end-of-year party to be held by council, the Planning Board and the Public Utilities Commission. It is planned to hold the get-together December 3.

Deputy-reeve R. Thompson reminded council there are several trees on John St. still in need of cutting down. Councillor A. Irwin suggested roads in Warren Grove were going from bad to worse and councillor E. Footitt passed on a complaint about the CNR sandpile on Cameron St.

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The annual agricultural grants of \$500 were made to the North Halton High School Board and to the Oakville - Trafalgar High School Board. Amounts totaling \$23,870.09 were approved and ordered paid.

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Expect Hon. Dunlop At School Opening

Plans are being finalized for the opening of the new high school on Monday evening, November 22, when district residents will have an opportunity of touring the modern new building on Acton Boulevard. Hon. W. J. Dunlop will give a brief address with Mayor Tyler as chairman for the program. Board and staff members will be introduced. Rev. Armstrong will officially dedicate the school.

The public school is presenting a dictionary to the new school and the Lakeside Chapter of the I.O.D.E. a flag.

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Urban Board Assured Telephone Officials Promise Report on Extended Area

Continuing studies were promised members of the North Halton Urban Board by Bell Telephone officials on the possibilities of extended area service when the group met in Georgetown on Wednesday evening of this week.

The North Halton Urban Board made up of municipal representatives of the three northern towns, inquired early this year about the possibility of linking the Acton, Milton and Georgetown telephone exchanges so calls could be placed in that area without toll charges.

S. F. Murby of the area office of the Telephone Co. who is in charge of rates and planning addressed the board and illustrated his discussion with maps and charts.

one but it involved considerable research and study to provide all the people with the type of service they wanted at a price they would pay. Mr. Murby, in referring to the extended area plan, pointed out the company is presently collecting toll charges on calls between the municipalities and the extension of the area would eliminate these. Consequently rates would have to be increased slightly. The rate structure is based on the number of telephones a subscriber in any given area can reach.

Referring to the map of the area designating the Milton, Acton, Georgetown and Rockwood telephone exchange areas Mr. Murby stressed officials were attempting to have exchanges of comparable size.

He indicated by the map that the bottom end of the Milton telephone from the more northern areas. Discussing the possibility of extended area service he suggested that attempts are made to follow community interest areas as illustrated by studies of the number of long distance calls to other centres.

For example, the suggestion was that people from the south of the Milton area would be inclined to be interested more in the Oakville and Burlington district. People in the Acton area would be more interested in the Georgetown area than the south of the Milton area.

Based on this it was suggested the present Milton area would be designated as possibly three areas with the same calling area as at present but with extended service from the exchange area was about 20 miles south of the Milton area to more southerly limits.

The Milton telephone exchange is the second largest in the area he officially explained, covering 153 square miles as compared with Acton covering 45.6 square miles and Georgetown 59 square miles. The Milton exchange is surrounded by 11 adjacent telephone exchanges.

Mr. Murby concluded that through extended area service boundary problems are minimized but it would be impossible to sell all the people in the Milton area on extended service to Acton, Georgetown and Rockwood.

Stressing that the Bell has been first trying to get everyone telephone service and develop the refinements later he suggested the Bell Telephone Co. would present a proposal in the future as the next step.

The economies and additional costs in a program of area service were reviewed and Mr. Murby suggested that any proposal presented they would like to be able to put into effect within a reasonable period of time.

Expenses of the board were approved totalling \$64.93. Requisitions were to be forwarded to each of the municipalities for \$150 to cover the expenses to the end of the year.

Clerk J. McGeachie reported application had been made for a display at the trade fair and the committee next year could begin to immediately make plans.

Mayor E. Tyler, Acton, was appointed to act as chairman of the meeting in the absence of Mayor J. Armstrong, Georgetown. The final meeting was set for December 14 in Acton.



REMEMBRANCE DAY in Acton last Thursday was marked by a parade to the cenotaph and service in Knox church. Both services were well attended. Here the flag rises over the silent, bowed heads of the guard of honor while Reveille sounds.