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## Annexation Decision Gives Acton 465 Additional Acres

### Warren Grove Lines Ready for Sewage

Warren Grove's sewers, the source of giant-size headaches for the 1954 council, are finally complete, it was reported at Monday night's meeting of council members.

Six months after the extension started, originally figured an eight to ten week job, a completion certificate was issued by the engineer. During the course of installation, council faced a steady progression of complaints, arguments, disagreements and work stoppages.

According to word relayed Monday night from the engineer, the sewers were ready for lateral hookups as of January 1. The town councilors decided, will not begin charging sewer rental on the water-works bills until March 1.

A curious find added a flavor of humor to the wind-up of a situation notorious for its unharmonious qualities. While workmen were discharging the lines and clearing manhole pits, they came across one child's tricycle and two large empty fruit juice tins.



MAYOR E. TYLER, whose tireless efforts during the past two years to bring about needed annexation of lands to Acton's area were rewarded this week in a decision from the Municipal Board.

### Beardmore, Wool Combing Lands Included by Board

A long-awaited decision from the Ontario Municipal Board, was handed down this week. As of March 1, this year, Acton's boundaries will enclose 979 acres instead of the present 514. Included in the new limits will be industrial property owned by the Wool Combing Corporation and Beardmore Co. Ltd. Acton applied for 566 Esqueping township acres; the Municipal Board awarded 465.

The decision culminates proceedings started by the town nearly two years ago. In 1953 a first application was thrown out. In 1954 the town tried again, early in the year, reducing its bid from 1597 acres to 566. However, because of this very action the annexation hearings were postponed and a new application ordered.

Later in the year, in September, hearings again opened but were adjourned after two days and 30 witnesses failed to close legal presentation. Last November the drawn-out proceedings again resumed, this time to complete hearings and adjourn the case for argument in December.

### Chamber to Gather Artificial Ice Data For Acton's Arena

A committee to gather and investigate data on artificial ice for Acton's arena was named at a dinner meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday evening when over 30 members met in the Dominion Hotel.

During discussions from the floor of possible projects, the matter of artificial ice was broached by J. Newton who urged the subject be taken up immediately by the Chamber and a special committee named to gather information on costs, facilities, grants and equipment. Mr. Newton was appointed chairman of a three man committee.

Following Secretary R. F. Bean's report, President J. Goy commented on business at the previous council meeting. A brief discussion was held on the proposal of the Chamber to assume responsibility for replacements and additions to the strings of colored lights used on Mill and Main Streets. The civic committee is to pursue the matter further.

Brief reports were spoken by several committee chairmen. President Goy asked Mayor E. Tyler to outline before the meeting the significance of the Municipal Board's favorable decision this week to Acton's annexation application. At the same time, Mayor Tyler was lauded by the President and applauded by the membership as "One man who has done more to bring this about than any other in the community."

Two films, one dealing with the manufacture of fire bricks and the other with small-mouth bass fishing in Canada, were shown by G. Barbeau of A. P. Green Fire Brick Co. At the close of the meeting President Goy reminded committee members to call meetings before the next council session.

## Battery of By-Laws Binds Council in Session 'Til 2

It was by-law night at Council Monday. Six by-laws dealing with expropriation action, extension of services, sale of property and high school addition debenture sale, were responsible for long hours given to first reading and discussion of contents. As a result Council didn't get home until 2:30 Tuesday morning.

First by-law up for reading on the Monday night agenda authorized sale of a lot formerly owned by the town and adjacent to Baxter Lake. The lot, which was given first reading and brief attention, is \$375.

The next two by-laws dealt with water service extensions for Cobble Hill. First by-law contained particulars of installation and agreement for the extension, the act authorized the municipality to borrow some \$9,500 for the project.

Acton Share is 45 Per Cent. The Glenlea subdivision was given attention under the fourth by-law which in first reading provided for construction of two roads into the subdivision, now being developed, at a cost of \$2,500.

A by-law to authorize borrowing of \$40,000 for a three-room addition to Acton's new high school, completed just four months ago, was read a first time. It was remarked at the council table Acton's share in the cost would be approximately 15 per cent.

A by-law authorizing expropriation of certain lands belonging to T. Brankiewicz was brought in and given first reading by town solicitor C. F. Leatherland. The lands in question are to provide a road allowance into some 36 acres sold to a Hamilton subdivider, Fraleigh Construction Co. who requested the action and agreed to bear all legal costs involved. Value of the land at time of entry was affixed at \$1000.

Need Road Agreement. First visitor at Monday night's meeting was Wm. Wilson, who submitted suggestions for a slogan on

### Hold Skating Party At Lake on Friday

The Young Peoples of Acton Baptist church held a skating party at Fairy Lake on Friday evening. Lunch was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Gagner.

In charge of the event were Helen and Ruth Landsborough, Warren Wagner and Frank Bean.

### Churchill Reviews Year's Activities

The annual congregational meeting of the Churchill United church was held in the vestry of the church on Wednesday evening, January 12. Rev. Curry opened with prayer and Mr. Russ took over for the business period. Minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, A. Kerr. Mr. Russ asked for the financial reports for the different societies which were found satisfactory.

The church treasurer, H. Griffin, gave the financial report for the year showing an encouraging balance on hand.

After the election of officers, Mr. Russ asked for the report from the building committee, given by H. Griffin, which was found satisfactory. The response the people gave to the men who canvassed was most encouraging and the voluntary labor which was given during the building was much appreciated.

### Inside This Issue

Printing Week highlights the effect of the great inventions and development in this craft on the life of every man, woman and child today. On Page Seven of this issue a Free Press staff writer tells how the history of printing depicts man's inventiveness.

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### Land in Annexation Area

Lands included in the annexation are generally 49 acres farm lands owned by J. J. Stewart, west of the Third Line; 22 acres farm lands and small holdings, owned by Ron Vyse and others, west of the Third Line; an acreage comprising a 150-foot wide strip east of the Third Line from about Vyse's lane to No. 7 Highway, owned by R. N. Brown; a small acreage of farm lands, south of the highway and west of the Third Line, owned by E. Braida; a small acreage, in a 150-foot wide strip south of the highway and east of the third line, owned by Mrs. M. McCullough; nearly 300 acres owned by Beardmore and Co. Ltd. and the Wool Combing Corporation.

While effective date of the annexation is March 1, 1955, the Board pointed out in its decision that any adjustment of assets and liabilities would be made as of January 1, 1955.

### Sees Case in "Two Parts"

In its review of the case (accompanying the decision released) the Board noted Esqueping township has a present area of 66,179 acres and a total assessment of \$5,088,225, of which \$614,935 is industrial. The Beardmore and Wool Combing properties represent 59.21 per cent of the total industrial assessment in the township, the report added.

However, the review continued, both companies have in large measure depended upon Acton for years for certain services, fire protection, employee housing and adjacent social and educational facilities in the community.

Considering these two industrial sections as a "second part" in the annexation proposal, the Board decided favorably to Acton in view of evidence presented. Wool Combing consented to annexation at the hearings, while the Beardmore company did not state preference.

### 36 Acres are "Bonus"

Furthermore, the decision went on of the 23 assessed owners of lands in the area proposed to be annexed, 16 testified at the hearings and 11 of the 16 testified in favor of annexation.

In the decision articles, the Board gave no indication why the large strip north and south of No. 7 Highway was not included.

One area, 36 acres formerly owned by Mrs. E. Jany, in the western corner of town was not included in the town's annexation proposal, but was presented for application during the hearings. The Board looked favorably upon this submission and included it in the decision order.

(The 36 acres was included by the Board in the 465 total award. Actually, since the town's original application was 566, 429 acres of the formal bid was awarded.)



BILL TELFER, the managing director of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association, addressed a joint meeting of the Rotary clubs of Acton and Milton.

## Address, Plant Tour For Printing Week

Bill Telfer, the managing director of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association was guest speaker at the joint meeting of Acton and Milton Rotary club Tuesday when the group of about 40 had dinner in the Dominion Hotel, Acton.

Speaking in connection with Printing Week, Mr. Telfer told of the role of weekly newspapers and went back to outline the history of printing. Greatest change in many years was the introduction of the linotype machine, he pointed out.

Printing last year marked its 500th birthday, having begun after the invention of paper. Nothing has yet been invented to eliminate the necessity of the printed word, he declared. It cannot be replaced by radio and will not be by television.

He explained that 525 of the better weekly newspapers in Canada, including the Acton Free Press and the Canadian Champion, Milton, belong to the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association.

He was introduced by G. A. Dills and thanked by Harold Kinread.

The men adjourned to the Free Press office for a tour of the plant, and spent considerable time watching the machines in operation.

## Burlington Reeve Chosen Warden At Halton County Council Opener

Reeve of Burlington, Robert H. Shannon, 31, and father of two children, is the youngest warden to be chosen Warden of Halton County when he defeated Milton's Dr. C. A. Martin at the inaugural meeting of County Council in Milton Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Shannon has been in municipal office at Burlington five years, and each year one of the representatives on County Council. He is a former Deputy Reeve and has been Reeve the past three years.

Reeve Shannon was nominated by Deputy Reeve Atkinson, Burlington, and Reeve Adkins, of Nelson. Reeve Dr. C. A. Martin was nominated by Reeve Robert Marshall, Trafalgar, and Reeve Stanley Allen of Georgetown.

Delay in Voting. Both candidates spoke briefly, asking members for their support. Each reminded council the county was experiencing rapid growth which will require considerable work to be done during the year.

Reeve Martin suggested both candidates retire during the voting as the Burlington representatives enjoyed two votes each while the Milton councillors only one. Reeve Shannon agreed. Some delay was caused during the voting when Reeve Harold Adkins said he found himself in an embarrassing situation as he was one of the movers of Reeve Shannon's nomination. Clerk William Deans reminded members they each had to vote and finally gave the Nelson representative 30 seconds to vote. He voted for the Burlington representative. The new Warden received 16 votes while Reeve Martin was given 11.

Road Program Unpopular. Thinking council for the high honor they bestowed upon him, the new Warden spoke highly of Reeve Martin's ability as a councillor. He added, "In our work for the year you will find our road program is unpopular. There is nothing wrong in the over-crowding there and we must admit the road building program must be improved."

Other new works he hoped would be concluded during the year was the additional space to be built at Halton Centennial Manor. A new registrar office was required to relieve the overcrowding there and he hoped there would continue to be good fellowship throughout the year.

For the first time in many years, nine new members were present on a council of 18. The new members represented Oakville, Acton, Nelson, Bronte, and Trafalgar. Of

### Halton Mutual Aid Officers Elected

The Halton County Mutual Aid Fire Services Association held its first meeting of 1955 at Acton on Sunday. The following officers were elected: Chief Hyde, Georgetown, president; Chief Wright, Trafalgar No. 2, vice-president; Alex Phillips, Trafalgar No. 2, secretary-treasurer.

Following the meeting refreshments were served by the Acton Fire Fighters Association.

### Worship Services Planned by Girls

The C.G.T. group of Knox Presbyterian Church met in the Sunday school room on Monday. They learned a game called Chinese writing and then had the business. Mrs. Davidson led in a worship service based on prayer and personal devotions. The girls worked on their project.

The group was divided into two and each group planned a worship service to present at the next meetings. Hymns were chosen from the hymn book to put into hymn books that will be made at the next meeting.

The meeting closed singing, The Lord is My Shepherd.

### Three Candidates Pass Corps' Exams

Leaders' Fellowship examinations were held for the members of the Junior Leaders' Corps of the Y.M.C.A. during the past two weeks, and three of the six candidates, Miss Ena Walker, Miss Anne DeForest and Frank Marisak succeeded in obtaining the high-standing necessary for the first year recognition in the corps.

These awards will be presented at the coming Leaders' Fellowship dinner during Y.M.C.A. week.



ROBERT H. SHANNON, Burlington Reeve, 31, is the youngest man to become Warden of Halton County.

### M.P. Stresses Home Importance

The highlight of the monthly meeting of the Public School Home and School association held in the school on Monday evening was a talk by Miss Sybil Bennett, M.P. Miss Bennett talked of her early childhood and the tremendous inspiration she received from her father, stressing the importance that the home has on the future of the children. She also gave an outline of her Parliamentary activities, with some amusing anecdotes.

Miss Bennett was introduced by G. W. McKenzie and thanked on behalf of all present by R. R. Park.

It was announced during the business session that the president, G. Cardie, was leaving town and would with regret, resign the presidency. Wes Wolfe will once again assume the office of president until the end of the present season.

ACTON LEGION BANQUET, an annual event where election of officers and a year-end review is made, was attended by over 180 members and guests in the Y.M.C.A. Saturday evening. George Musselle, left, hands over the gavel as Gordon Beatty assumes the presidency for 1955. He succeeds M. Storey. Report on page five.

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