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Council, Board Make Offer To Buy More School Lands

Proposed Public School Site In Eastern Section of Town

Plans to purchase additional property for public school purposes were confirmed Monday evening at a regular session of council where two public school trustees appeared with a resolution passed by the Board which proposes to buy over eight acres of land in the eastern section of town, near the high school.

Council was asked to pass a resolution to purchase an additional acre for road use to serve the property and to make an offer of purchase.

Brief conversation dealing with price and location of the land was held between council and the two board members, W. Wolfe and C. Bradley. Name of the present owner of the property was not stated during this conversation.

Following this short exchange, the two trustees with Mayor E. Tyler, councillor C. Lindsay and town solicitor C. F. Leatherland left the council chambers armed with the board and council's offers to purchase. When the council members returned later in the meeting, they reported the offer had been made and deadline for rejection or rejection set for later this week.

Dim View of Stoptlight

At the start of the meeting, Council ordered George Schultz, Warren Grove sewer extension contractor, paid \$1,429.28. This amount is two-thirds of the hold-back on the contractor's bill for work done on the sewer line. In a survey made on the number of public school children crossing the highway at River street, it was found only a small minority of the 68 pupils living on the western side of town use this crossing.

In view of this evidence, council considered a stop light at this corner was hardly justified. The owner of a Main street house adjacent to the creek appeared before council to seek information about proposed measures to divert the flow of water in order to prevent flooding. He was advised to gain further information from his lawyer after learning of council's present position on the matter.

Property committee chairman L. Weick reported new chairs for the chamber have been purchased and will be in place next meeting.

New Subdivision Inquiry

Clerk J. McGeachie told council that the mother of a baby which was claimed by the Guelph General Hospital to be an Acton indigent, has left the town. Reeve R. Hargrave answered several questions regarding the Halton County Health Unit's current budget. One item noted by the council bore out that this unit with the Peel unit, has the lowest per capita cost of any health unit in Ontario. This cost is about \$1.20 per person.

E. Baida inquired of council about proper procedure to subdivide a strip of property into about 14 lots. When council was asked if it would be agreeable to servicing a subdivision there, a favorable reply was given.

The Minor Sports Association was refunded \$20 arena rental following its Booster Night.

Set Daylight Saving Time

Two tenders for the park booth concession were opened one for \$15 and one for \$30. Council accepted the tender of Harry and Johnnie's lunch for \$30, with a stipulation in the motion that the fee is to be paid in 30 days.

Clerk J. McGeachie noted a local merchant was desirous of buying one of the two revolvers owned by the town. A motion was passed that the revolver be sold for \$25.

A by-law setting daylight saving time in 1955 from April 24 at 2 a.m. to September 25 at 2 a.m. was given the necessary readings and passed.

Second reading of a plumbing inspection by-law was held over pending further notice of an agreement of fees between the town and the health unit.

Clerk McGeachie explained some contrary juggling of the town's 1954 road grant receipts from the Department of Highways. The adjustment of the payable grant portion was made on catch basin work and, in effect, causes 1954's deficit to swell.

"Parallel Parking Only"

The town was notified by the Department of Municipal Affairs that a surplus of \$10,380 on the Warren Grove sewer extension debentures would have to be used to retire redeemable debentures. The sizable remainder, the clerk indicated, could then go into general account.

On request of the local police, council ordered "Parallel Parking Only" signs to be put up on the west side of Willow Street between Mill and Church streets.

The Department of Planning and Development notified the town that it was prepared to approve the plan of subdivision for the Lakeview Heights subdivision.

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Recreation, Adult Education Program Outlined to C. of C.

Recreational and educational facilities of a community basis available through the Department of Education's community programs branch were outlined in function and aim before members of the Chamber of Commerce at a general meeting Wednesday evening. D. L. Minshall, Oakville, described the various channels of assistance designed for adults who wish to institute some recreational project for community youth or an educational program for adults.

Mr. Minshall stressed the importance of productive use of leisure time, and also emphasized the need for each community to make a careful assessment of its own recreational needs. Basic program requirements, function and aims were outlined along with the role of the Department in advising and assisting on any project or program started. In a humor-filled address, Mr. Minshall also emphasized that continuity in planning is an important factor in any efforts toward community recreation or adult education programs.

The speaker was introduced by J. Ledger and thanked by F. Crump.

Civic Night in April

Following reading of the minutes and a financial report by secretary R. F. Bean, President J. Goy asked for opinions on the suitability of a waste receptacle which was displayed at the meeting. Before installing receptacles in downtown Acton, it was agreed to contact local firms for price quotations.

Reports were heard on tentative plans for a Chamber of Commerce sponsored "Booster Edition", a supplement to the local newspaper, which is planned for this spring. Members endorsed the idea and briefly discussed the content and aims of this edition.

President Goy announced that at the next general meeting, April 13, the evening would be Civic Night with Mayor E. Tyler as the guest speaker and members of the council and planning board as guests.

J. Newton, chairman of the artificial ice committee, reported on latest progress which involved primary considerations of organization, cost, action, etc. The next move, it was agreed, is to contact local organizations and learn from representatives of the chamber may count on their support.

Halton TB Sales Up 15 Per Cent. in '54

Sale of TB seals at Christmas time, 1954, was reported to be a 15 per cent. increase over the previous year, when members of the executive of the Halton County Tuberculosis Association met in Milton Monday evening.

At the same meeting the officers of the Association planned the annual meeting to be held in Trafalgar hall in April. Plans were considered to investigate possibility of a mobile chest X-ray clinic to service the northern part of Halton county. Such a clinic would extend chest X-ray facilities and allow district medical practitioners a more convenient means to have patients X-rayed, if was pointed out.

Dr. A. Bull, Halton Medical Officer of Health, reported that over one-half the school children in the county have had TB tests this winter. The "patch tests" are made to determine, more directly, if a child has ever been in contact with TB. It was noted that only about two per cent. of the tests reacted positively and that no active cases have been discovered so far.

Toronto B.Y.P.U. Take Service Here

The Sunday evening service at Acton Baptist church was taken by members of the B.Y.P.U. of Annette Street Baptist church in Toronto. About 15 took part with Fred Heppburn, the president, as speaker of the evening. There were special vocal numbers.

Acton B.Y.P.U. members took the service in Annette church last October and this was a return visit.

Refreshments were served afterwards.

Acton Chorus, Band Visit Reformatory

St. Alban's Men's Chorus and the Acton Citizens' Band presented a concert in the gymnasium of the Ontario Reformatory at Brampton on Sunday evening to a large and appreciative audience. Carol Goodwin also gave accordion selections.

R. R. Parker acted as master of ceremonies for the varied numbers on the program.

The guests went afterwards to the canteen where refreshments were served. Members of the group from here were glad to meet Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Coles and family and Cliff Sutton, former Actonians, who also attended. Mr. Sutton is now recreational director in Brampton and Mr. Coles is on the reformatory staff.

Things Disappear? Check New Y Club

Have you seen the town hall lately? Maybe you had better see if it is still there — many things have suddenly disappeared recently. It seems to be the result of a new group in town. These mysterious little fellows make magic a hobby and you may find them practicing anywhere and with all sorts of things.

The group is the Acton chapter of the Ontario Y Wizards which has formed in the last three weeks at the Y.M.C.A. The group consists of 20 children, eight to 18, who meet weekly at the Y.M.C.A. to receive instructions in magic from "Wells the Wizard", a professional magician from Toronto.

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Georgetown Will Drop Engineer

North Halton's tri-town—Urban Board, suffered a crack Tuesday night, but it's not likely to cause a split. Reporting a decision of Georgetown council this week, S. Allen told the Urban Board meeting in Acton that his municipality had decided to withdraw next May 1 from the engineering arrangement. It was the unanimous vote of our council," Mr. Allen said, "to hire a full-time engineer."

The Georgetown councillor explained that a major water project which would necessitate a resident engineer, plus mounting work in connection with the sprawling Deltex development, would justify the town hiring a full-time engineer.

He emphasized however, that it was the intention of Georgetown to stay in the Urban Board insofar as other projects and activities are concerned in the three town's areas.

Board chairman E. Tyler asked if it was the intention of Georgetown to approach engineer Ross Simmons, now jointly hired by the three towns, with a proposition to become Georgetown's engineer. Mr. Allen said no decision on those lines had been made.

Engineer Simmons, also present at Tuesday night's meeting, said he had foreseen such a possibility as one town dropping out and for that reason, among others, had pressed for additional engineering staff in order to put at each town's disposal engineering personnel with a background of local requirements.

After brief discussion among members, it was agreed Acton and Milton representatives would hold a special meeting next week to attempt a new engineering arrangement on a tri-town basis.

Urban board members also reviewed display suggestions at Tuesday night's meeting for the forthcoming Trade Fair, where it

is intended to promote a civic booth advertising the industrial potentialities of Acton, Georgetown and Milton.

No Sound from Bell Two sketches, with price tags on semi-completed displays of \$225 and \$1,001, were examined. Neither was accepted. However, on suggestion of Mr. Allen, members agreed to contact a Georgetown woman, reportedly having talent in display booth, with a view to designing the urban board's Trade Fair booth.

The matter of a full time attendant at the display booth was held over.

Secretary J. McGeachie notified

the board that compensation for the engineer would be about 90 cents per hundred dollars on his salary. (This would mean a cost per annum of about \$40.) No action was taken on this matter.

To a question from a Milton representative, it was noted there has been no word yet from the Bell Telephone Company regarding a proposed survey of customers who would be involved in extended area telephone service recently agitated for by the urban board.

At the outset of the meeting two accounts were passed, one to the engineer for \$60.88 mileage and another for Rapid Blue Print Ltd., engineering supplies for \$32.25.

Final games of the Minor Sports club's full winter schedule were played Monday and Tuesday of this week and winners of the club's trophies for this year determined. Paul Lawson's team topped the senior series for the season. Markers team the intermediate series and H. Cook the Pee Wee league.

Eight teams have been playing twice a week in competition during the winter. Trophies will be formally presented at banquets later this month.

In the Pee Wee league, H. Cook's team eliminated J. Melon's in three straight games to take the championship. The score was close in the final game when Cook's team shut out Melon's while T. Waterhouse scored one goal for Cook.

Mark's and Holmes were matched in the final game of the intermediate series when the winners again shut-out the losing aggregation. In the first period, E. Lawson scored for Marks. He again made the record in the second period with a penalty for hooking. But he completely filled the star's shoes— or skates—when the contest moved to the third frame. Ridley was awarded a penalty for tripping.

Midgets and Juveniles formed two teams to play for the senior trophy. They have been playing O.M.H.A. during the year.

Paul Lawson's team edged out Ted Footitt's boys with a one goal margin. Final count: Lawson 7, Footitt 6.

Baxter whanged home two goals for Lawson, one on an assist from Lawson, before one of Footitt's team mates, Johnson, replied on a shot from Wilds.

Oakes upped Footitt's count at the two minute mark of second period, followed by an opposition score four minutes. Skilling added two more digits on the scoreboard for Lawson while Sinclair kept up Footitt's end with a goal from Johnson.

With the score 5-3, Footitt's put on the steam in the third and tied up the score on counts from Sinclair and Footitt. Both Footitt and Lawson took penalties.

Overtime was played when again the teams tied the score 6-6. Baxter got the first goal from Heatley answered shortly by Sinclair. Willes took a respite in the penalty box.

In the second overtime, Lawson settled the game with the winning goal for his team.

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