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Party by the Lake, Fishing Derby Here Proposed by C. of C.

Proposal of a one-day fish derby was made last night at the general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce where members endorsed a suggestion that Fairy Lake be used to attract summer visitors by advertising a fishing contest on the opening of the bass season.

At the same time an idea was advanced that on the evening of the fish derby, proposed for July 2, a community party be held in the park by the lake.

Prizes would be offered for winners in the contest and a system of registration devised. It was left to the Chamber council to organize committees to arrange the derby and the evening party, which would be free to all citizens.

Earlier in the meeting it was discussed that several women in town were anxious to join the Chamber but they might feel excluded because of the dominant male membership. This is to be given full consideration in the fall, following the summer recess.

Progress of the booster edition being sponsored May 26 by the Chamber was discussed and some problems of distribution ironed out.

Flags for Standards

A committee headed by Robert Sly reported the cost of flags, holders and clamps in school downtown light standards would be about \$88. Authorization was given to go ahead with this project.

F. I. Wright, on a suggestion passed on by President J. Goy, agreed to do the ground work this summer for the revival of a horticulture organization here. Interest in such a society has declined in recent years, it was noted.

Agreement prevailed among members that, as a means of sustaining interest through the summer months, a social outing should be enjoyed by Chamber members. A professional ball game was suggested and accepted with date to be announced later.

President Goy revealed the trash containers proposed for the downtown area were still under consideration, but that it was found better and cheaper containers could be produced here in town instead of buying them outside of town.

The president urged members during their summer travels to keep their eyes open for ideas and activities undertaken by other Chamber of Commerce groups.

To Buy Six Swings And Slide For P.S. Junior Grade Pupils

Purchase of six swings and one 16-foot slide for junior grade pupils in Acton Public School's stone school was approved at last week's meeting of the Board when Principal G. W. McKenzie pointed out there was no playground equipment for these pupils.

The Principal considered there was a real need for some playground equipment and offered toward purchase \$150 from money earned by pupils' projects. The board accepted this offer and approved purchase of the equipment.

It was also noted by the principal that the children have voted \$100 from money earned toward the piano fund.

To Repair Ball Diamond

Principal McKenzie reported that the attendance at school opening was 570 and that present enrolment is 608.

Request for kindergarten primary supplies and home economics was approved.

The board authorized purchase of material necessary to repair the ball diamonds, also for the cupboard in the old school.

A finance statement of \$981.10 was presented, approved and payment authorized.

By resolution, the board requested council to issue debentures to cover purchase of 8.04 acres of land for a new school site.

The application of the members of the Dutch Reform church for the use of the public school auditorium for the evening of June 4 was approved at the regular fee and in accordance with policy of the board.

Government Annuity Retirement Plan for Douglas Price was passed.

The secretary reported receipt of \$48 as March non-resident fees, also \$40 for April non-resident fees and payment of \$13,000 legislative grant in part.

The board approved the usual landscaping flower expenditure.

Name T. C. Byrne Zone Commander

T. C. Byrne of Pembroke and formerly of Acton, was elected zone commander at a Canadian Legion Zone G rally at Arnprior on May 1. Approximately 250 Legion delegates met in the newly erected Legion Hall in Arnprior.

Mr. Byrne is a former deputy zone commander. In his new post as zone commander he replaces William Fleury of Deep River.



QUEEN FOR A WEEK is Frances Oakes, 17, who Saturday night was crowned with a tiara of peanuts. She will enjoy an all-expense paid trip to New York city. The Acton high school girl garnered the most votes in the Rotary Club's peanut sales campaign last week.

Peanut Crown for Fran. Oakes As Rotary Queen Contest Ends

Before a packed theatre, attractive 17 year old Frances Oakes was revealed as the winner of the Rotary club's Queen for a Week contest Saturday. The top ten finalists in the unique contest appeared on the Acton Roxby stage earlier in the evening. A group of Rotarians counted ballots from boxes throughout Acton hastily to compute the winner.

Miss Oakes wins a double, all-expense paid trip to New York with a companion.

Art Padbury made the announcement of the winning girl to a house hushed with suspense. Applause burst out when her name was announced. Mr. Padbury, as president of the Rotary club, thanked everyone for their support and interest.

All the girls deserved to be the Queen, Rotarian Jim Ledger asserted when he spoke a few words. He thanked the girls for their enthusiastic participation.

"My Wonderful"

"It's wonderful," Frances Oakes exclaimed. As to her trip, she hasn't had time enough to make all the plans yet. She isn't even certain who her companion will be, but thinks likely it will be her mother, Mrs. F. Oakes.

She has never been to New York and is particularly looking forward to seeing the Empire State Building and Radio City, she says. Of course, there will also be shopping.

Probably the trip will be made during the summer—at any rate, after her third form examinations in June.

She will probably stay in the Barbizon Plaza hotel which faces Central Park south. Since she will be there in the summer, she will no doubt mount to the thirtieth floor Yacht Lounge on the roof terrace. The hotel—even houses a theatre and concert hall.

Tours and Shopping.

Included in the prize will be a complete dinner at the Copacabana, including the floor show, a guided tour of La Guardia airport, a yacht cruise around New York, an evening in Radio City Music Hall and a trip to the top of the Empire State

Open Deer Season in Halton But Hunters Target of Criticism

Halton county will have an open season for hunting deer, according to a resolution approved at its regular monthly session in Milton Tuesday afternoon. Members finally gave their approval after indicating objections to holding an open season because of the damage that might be caused to farms by irresponsible hunters.

Apply to Certify

H. Haddaway and A. Knobel, district representatives of the International United Electrical Workers CIO-CCL, told the Free Press this week that this union had on Thursday, May 5, made application to the Ontario Labor Relations Board for certificate to represent the employees of the S. G. Smallwood Company in Acton.

The hearing before the board has been set for Monday, May 21.

Completing Lists Of Halton Voters

Lists of eligible voters will be completed by the end of this week for the provincial elections being held on June 9 in Halton county. 106 enumerators are at work on the task of listing those who may exercise their franchise.

There will be 85 polling subdivisions and about 125 polls on election day, which falls on a Thursday.

William Anderson has been named the Liberal candidate and Stanley Allen the C.C.F. candidate for Halton. The Conservative candidate will be chosen at a meeting tomorrow. It seems likely there will be only three candidates running for member in the county.

The nomination meeting will be held on May 26 in Milton town hall.

Fourth Natural Gas Well in Esquesing

Natural gas continues to roar from the earth in Esquesing township under the prodding drills of Tony Seynuck, Acton gas and oil explorer, who said this week his fourth well, which blew in Saturday, had tested at over 332,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

The president of Anthony Gas and Oil Explorations Ltd. said the strike was made at about 2,000 feet and an official government test was made Monday. The well is located on the Moore sisters' farm, about five miles south of Acton.

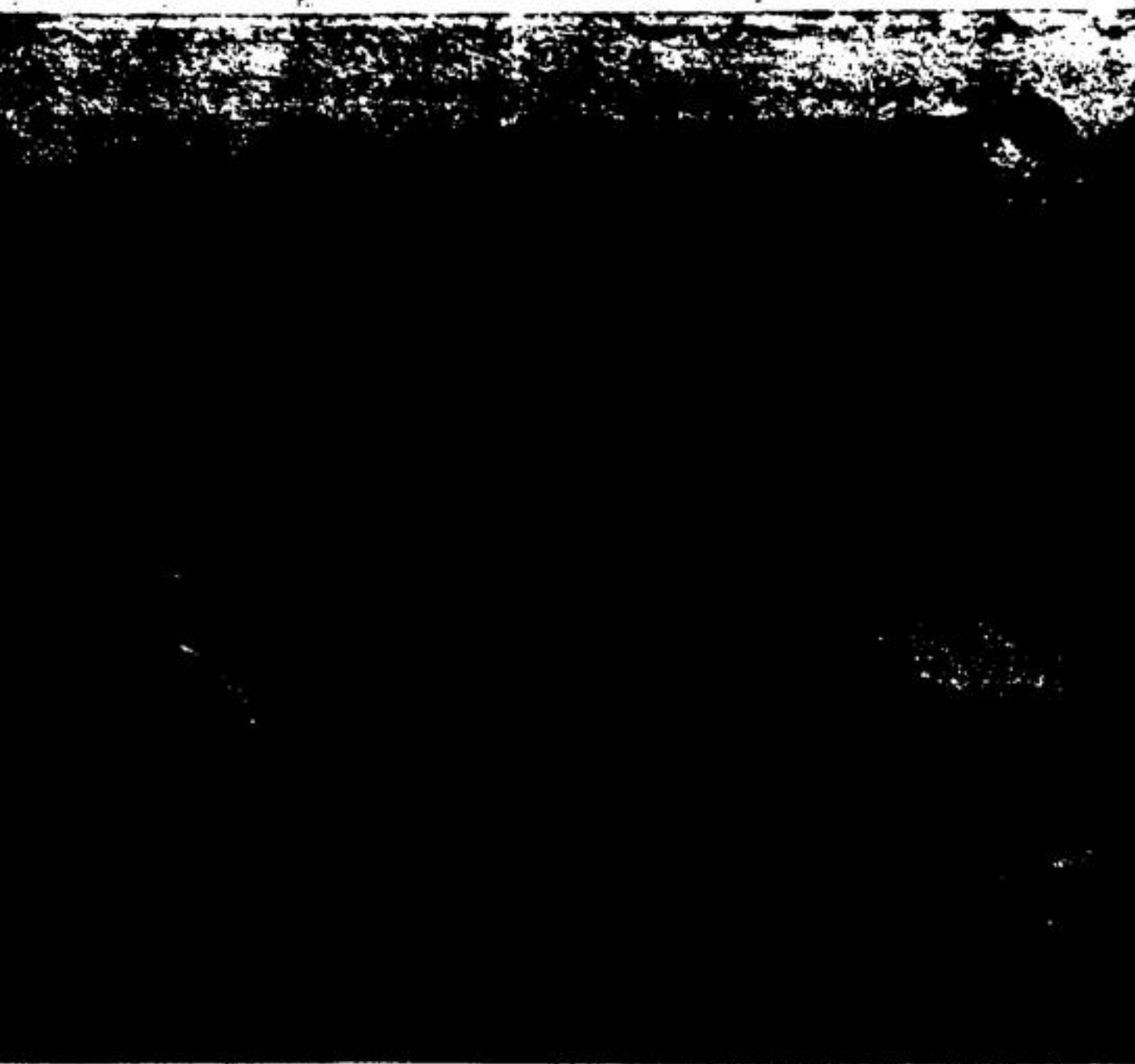
Meanwhile, operations continue. Mr. Seynuck has visions of drilling up to 50 wells in this area before the end of the year. He indicated the potential of natural gas in the Acton-Milton-Georgetown area is nearly beyond estimate.

Last week's strike, his largest to date, follows a strike in February on farm land leased for drilling from A. McDonald, Georgetown. This well, No. 3, was tested again this week and by reportedly official metering shows 300,000 cubic feet.

C.G.I.T. Members Work on Project

The C.G.I.T. of Knox church met in the church room on May 9. After a game called Kamabi they sang the hymn and repeated the purpose. Ann Watkins and Jane McPhedran took part in the worship service conducted by Norma Sinclair.

As their project the group went down to the basement to cover their model huts with salt and flour.



MORE THAN 6,000 trees are being planted back of Halton Centennial Manor in Milton this week. The planting, under the supervision of District Forester C. Groves is of Norway Spruce and Scotch Pine. Shown from the left are Dr. C. Martin and J. J. Stewart, chairman of the Board of Halton Manor, with superintendent Eric Clarke and secretary-treasurer William Deans, as they examine the plantings and just how the county tree planter works.

Left Home Monday Night Local Man Still Missing

Despite efforts of search parties, district provincial police and reports of having been seen, Andrew Buchanan, 33, is still missing after leaving his home Monday evening.

The Acton resident left his Milton St. home early Monday evening, reportedly to visit his son, William, on Macdonald Boulevard. He is believed to have walked along Mill Street, toward the high school, then disappeared.

Mr. Buchanan was wearing a grey-blue jacket, a red sweater and duck trousers. He had on a peaked cap.

Wednesday a general report on the missing man was sent out on the Provincial Police radio band. At the same time three local broadcasting stations in the area announced his disappearance.

At 1 p.m. yesterday a group of about 25 men organized at the town hall and left to search the bush area near Churchhill where it was believed he may have gone. No trace was found.

It was learned this morning that another search party, acting on a report that Mr. Buchanan was seen near Spyside, combed the bush area near that point last night but



ANDREW BUCHANAN

Public Utilities Commission Has Variety in Regular Session Here

A variety of routine business was covered by the local Public Utilities Commission last week when it met for regular session.

William Mattocks, appearing for the Chamber of Commerce, was given permission for the C. of C. to install permanent flag holders on eight light standards on Mill Street.

The commission agreed to make an offer to E. Jones, Milton, an experienced hydro lineman, of \$140 an hour for a 40 hour week. Mr. Jones, to be hired on a temporary basis, appeared early in the meeting after it was suggested by Superintendent D. Mason that additional experienced help was required for the hydro department.

Water Pipe Key Off

Members discussed the line key break in waterworks construction near the Glenlea subdivision last week when during the night water gushed out of the unstoppered line and almost drained the standpipe tank dry. The break was not discovered until near morning.

A weed killer was reported needed around the spring area.

Superintendent Mason discussed the ordering of required line and pole supplies for the Glenlea subdivision. He noted work could begin installing lights on the Third Line poles now within the town's area. No action followed a suggestion that an aerial ladder was needed for the hydro department, however the request is to be investigated.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

To Transfer Rural Lines

Chairman F. Oakes noted a hydrant on a Warren Grove homeowner's property is to be moved as soon as possible.

It was learned the Guelph rural branch of the H.E.P.C. has made final meter readings for rural hydro users on the Third Line area, recently annexed to Acton, prior to turning the lines over to the Acton P.U.C. Consumers in this area have been notified.

Several members of the commission expressed intentions of attending the meeting.

Nine To Receive Y Certificates

Leaders' corps certificates will be presented to nine Acton Y.M.C.A. members at a special event yet to be planned, secretary Bob Bryshaw announced this week.

Those who have won the certificates, completing their first year, are Frank Marisak, Peter Lawson, Brian McCristall, Don Lindsay, Marjorie Janks, Theresa Arbic, Ernie Lawson, Pauline Baker and Ena Waller.

District Board Approves 2-Room Addition for Milton High School

Plans were approved Tuesday night for a two-room addition to Milton High School by the North Halton District High School board. The plans call for two classrooms on the south side of the present school with halls and cloak rooms, and floor finish will match the present classrooms.

Roy Turner of Barnett and Rieder presented the proposal.

The plans now go to the Department of Education for final approval and the Milton Council and Municipal Board for final approval of the funds necessary.

There was again discussion on the sale of the present building for public school purposes and the erection of a new High School. It was felt, however, that this move was too involved with five municipalities participating. Figures were presented to show the increased estimated school population of Milton and the need for a bigger school.

Open night for Milton High School was announced for Friday, May 13, and the members of the board were extended an invitation from the principal.

The resignation of John Heron from the staff of Acton school was announced and two positions on the Acton staff were being advertised. The Georgetown replacements were completed for two staff members.

The liability and medical aid insurance was awarded to the board's brokers, Frank Cowan Co., for a three year period at a total cost on the Milton and Acton schools of \$28,640. Another lower bid for this insurance was submitted but it was felt the coverage was not as complete and by previous motion the Frank Cowan Co. had been appointed representatives for all the insurance on the three schools. Mr. Richardson discussed the matter fully with the board. Assurance was given that no increase would be applicable in premium in the three years regardless of school population changes.

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