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## Monday Is Summer As Holiday Time Near

Monday will see the first day of summer, 1955. And according to long range weather forecasts, this year's summer is expected to be a hot one.

Later, May and early June days have been warm, producing early growth to gardens and field crops. However, up to mid-week a spell of cooler air and downcast skies, was cold enough to light up oil stoves in many homes at night.

## Oakville Has 7-4 Win Over Acton

The only action for the intermediate baseball team this week was a game in Acton Saturday when Oakville's classy Junior A Snobs pinned a 7-4 defeat on the Acton nine. The local team's glaring weakness—allowing the opposition one big inning in every game—was apparent again in Saturday's game.

Ahead 2-0 from runs gleaned in the early innings, the Acton club allowed Oakville to score six runs in the fifth and take a lead that was never headed. Spike Scott, pitching for the locals held the visitors in check until the one big inning.

Still trying for that elusive win number one, the Acton club will play a return game with Oakville on Friday night in Oakville and play in Milton in a twilight game on Saturday night. Next home game here is on Wednesday when Waterdown will visit.

Observers here feel the Acton team composed of fellows who could still play in juvenile ball could do with a couple of veterans to steady them in their first year of intermediate competition. The local lads are gaining the respect of the other teams in the circuit for their efforts but two or three older players to add depth to the batting order when needed would be of real value.

Other action in the league this week saw Campbellville shut-out Oakville 8-0 behind a one hitter hurler, the Acton club lost to Port Credit 6-4, Milton, meanwhile, edged Brampton 4-1 in six innings Saturday night and trounced Port Credit 12-2 last night to stay up near the head of the league.

Carton continues to stay in the cellar but observers again feel that if the local team could break into the win column once it would give them the confidence they need to play the ball they are capable of.

## \$100 In Prizes For Fish Derby

At a meeting of the fish derby committee on Tuesday evening, prizes, admission charge and further planning were on the agenda. The Chamber of Commerce hopes to attract many outsiders to Acton park on Saturday, July 2 for a day's fishing and an evening program.

It was reported that sufficient donations have been made to have \$100 worth of prizes. Further decision was that there would be no admission charge.

## Eleven Assessors Get Certificates

Eleven assessors of Halton county took advantage of a course on Municipal Assessment sponsored by the Association of Assessing Officers of Ontario and conducted by the Department of Education at Queen's University. In the final examinations, all were successful and have received certificates from Queen's University.

Those participating were: A. W. Benton, Esqueping township; E. M. Dunham, Trafalgar township; R. Barber, Trafalgar township; P. L. Spurgeon, Oakville; G. Brown, Oakville; G. W. Johnston, Burlington; E. Marshall, Nelson township; Ted Aldridge, Nelson township and J. F. Rogers, county assessor for Halton.

## Souvenirs Of Trip Shown To Chapter

A most delicious supper preceded the meeting of the Lakeside Chapter, I.O.D.E. on Tuesday evening in the Legion Hall. The meeting was officially opened and Grace sang before the members sat down to the tables to enjoy the cold meal.

Humorous and particularly interesting aspects of her trip to England were reviewed for the group by Miss Jessie Cole. Highlights included seeing Hailie Selassie, visiting Westminster Abbey, and Scout headquarters in London. She showed some souvenirs.

Films on the Royal Visit to Australia, New Zealand, the Fiji Islands and Tonga Islands were shown by Mrs. Kay Alger.

## Stan Hall Re-Elected for Fifth Term In Halton on Conservative Sweep; Vote in County Under 50 Per Cent

Holding the Progressive Conservative's Halton banner in their victory march back into the Ontario Legislature, Stan Hall last week was accorded his fifth popular mandate from the county's electorate—although less than 50 per cent of them in 10 municipalities bothered to go to one of the 85 polling stations.

Of 35,164 voters, 17,882 of them cast a ballot, Thursday, a drop to 49.7 per cent from the 66.5 per cent who voted in the provincial election of 1951. That year there were only 27,000 voters but 17,968—386 more than this year—exercised their franchise.

The well known Trafalgar township farmer commanded a majority of 2,491 votes over his nearest competitor in the riding race. The re-elected M.P.P. won 8,254 votes.

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## Break Gas Pump Lock But Fail To Get Gas

Would-be gasoline thieves were rebuffed by district provincial police to have been tampering last Thursday morning with the lock on gas pumps at Penon's service station on No. 7 Highway east of here. Although the lock was broken, no gas was stolen.

## Ministers, Families Visit Former Rector

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Price, formerly of Acton, were hosts to Acton ministers and their families at the annual ministerial picnic last Friday, at their rectory in Fonthill in the Niagara peninsula.

The group took a tour through the countryside and visited the church buildings in the town.

Rev. and Mrs. Armstrong and David, Rev. and Mrs. E. Jones, Rev. and Mrs. E. Currey, Pastor and Mrs. Costerus and daughters attended. Mr. Currey invited the group to visit him next year.

## Bishop Administers Confirmation To Acton, Rockwood Candidates

Last evening (Wednesday) the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Rt. Rev. W. E. Bagnall, B.A., D.D., administered the rite of confirmation or the Laying on of Hands to 30 candidates. Candidates from St. Alban's church, Acton and St. John's church, Rockwood were presented by the rector of the parish, Rev. Evan H. Jones. Four candidates from St. James' church, Guelph, were presented by the rector, Rev. J. B. Meloche.

The bishop's chaplain for the service was C. O. Ranney, Lay Reader. The choir rendered special anthem, O How Sweet O Lord, under the direction of Mrs. F. G. Oakes, organist and choir leader.

Clergy from other congregations attending included Rev. R. Armstrong, Rev. E. Currey and Pastor Ray Costerus.

## Wellington Upset As Hamilton Out

Halton's northern neighbor, Wellington county, is split in two as far as representation in the Ontario Legislature is concerned, with the two ridings of South Wellington and Wellington-Dufferin.

A major upset, marked last week's election, as far as South Wellington is concerned; the popular minister without portfolio, W. E. Hamilton, lost his Conservative seat to Guelph Mayor Harry Worton, a Liberal.

The Liberal candidate turned a Conservative majority of 2,235 in 1951 into a Liberal majority of 2,214 to put out "Bill" Hamilton.

In Wellington Dufferin the veteran Hillsburg Conservative member, John Root, retained his seat with an increased majority. He defeated Rockwood's D. D. Gray, former Wellington Warden, who was running on a Liberal ticket. Mr. Root's majority was 1,681. Dr. Robert Williams, C.C.F., gained only 630 votes.

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Board chairman E. Tyler congratulated E. E. Barr, Acton, who represented the three towns in the North Halton booth, for a "wonderful job" and urged that the booth be continued. Georgetown mayor J. Armstrong expressed that the board couldn't have found a better man to represent their interests.

Mr. Barr made an extensive report. After thanking all who aided the effort by contributing cars, staff, promotional material, clerical information, booth decorations and flowers, he reported that although no industry came back to the area from the fair, a host of contacts were made which could bear fruit at some later time.

Good Will and Publicity. He listed the contacts separately and urged that the board write follow-up letters to each.

Publicity coverage of the fair was achieved when the Trade Fair News, a daily issued each day, carried a story on the North Halton selling scheme. Mr. Barr revealed. As much good will as possible was made in talking about North Halton, he added, and said many who had never heard of Halton were interviewed or given information.

The booth was definitely worth while, Mr. Barr summed up, however he suggested that in future years changes be made in the provision of promotional literature and an attempt be made to interest the industry of the three towns in a greater, joint promotion effort.

As general satisfaction was expressed, it was noted total expenses were only \$1,772. Remaining brochures are to be divided among the three towns. A list of the contacts made is also to go to each council.

Earlier in the meeting, held in Milton, regular accounts, totalling \$217.99 were passed for payment. Qualifications and experience of two engineers, contacted about the post of engineer for Acton and Milton following the resignation of Ross Simmons, were reviewed and it was agreed to interview one applicant from Ottawa as soon as possible.

A County Health Unit plumbing inspection by-law, adopted this year by Acton council, under consideration in Georgetown and one file in Milton, was discussed for some time. While opinions on the merits of the by-law were aired, no board decision was adopted.

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## Zoning, Control Planning, Are Board Problems

At a sparsely attended meeting of the local Planning Board last night members reviewed with town planner P. A. Deacon a current zoning problem, a building lot control matter and spent some time discussing planning considerations preparatory to completion of the official town plan.

After reviewing with Mr. Deacon the disagreement between the Board and E. Braida, who recently requested and was denied permission to make an industrial extension in a residential zone, the planner urged the Board maintain its stand and retain the zone as is. Considerable discussion followed on problems which the situation raises.

A request to make up a residential property which would be less in area than the town's regulation 6,000 square feet was entertained. Members ultimately came up with a solution which would bring the lot to the required area.

In the latter part of the meeting Mr. Deacon advanced various questions, dealing with present land use designation and as future zoning proposals.

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## INTERRUPTION

The regular series, Pages of the Past, which has been published weekly for many weeks, is interrupted this week. Several more columns will appear later this summer before the accounts are discontinued.

Pages of the Past, interesting articles on the early days of Halton county, has attracted much interest and will be published in book form after the conclusion of the series.

## Damages To Car, Stranded Driver Mishaps' Results

Five traffic accidents—three of them on Saturday—were recorded by district police this week. While damage to vehicles was common to all the mishaps, no injuries were reported suffered by any drivers or passengers involved.

Last Thursday afternoon, on No. 7 Highway four miles east of here, a pick-up truck driven by Ian Sutherland, Chatsworth, collided with a stake truck driven by Kenneth Davidson, Georgetown, as the latter was making a left hand turn. About \$300 damage was caused by the Sutherland vehicle.

Thursday night Wolfgang Goetz, a Canadian resident of only two weeks employed at the Canadian Mushroom Co., ran off the road on the Sixth Line of Nassagaweya near the Beaver Dam and caused \$100 damage to the truck he was driving when it hit a fence.

Saturday afternoon, near Penon's Corners, Robert Forshaw, Guelph, was on his way to Malton to catch a plane when cars in front of him slowed to a stop. To avoid running into the rear of the car ahead, Forshaw swerved off into a driveway, colliding with a truck driven by David Barclay Stewarttown, who was unloading sand in the drive. Forshaw, who took to a taxi after the accident, had \$500 damage to his car and missed the plane besides.

Saturday night, at Moffat, a car driven by C. Perkins went out of control when the windshield wipers stopped working in a rain storm, collided with a parked car owned by Frank Rinehart. Damage to the Rinehart car was \$75 and to the Perkins vehicle \$200.

Also Saturday night, on Silvercreek Hill, a hit-and-run accident occurred when cars driven by Douglas Horne, Pembroke, and Margaret Strachan, Kitchener, were sideswiped by an unknown vehicle while proceeding toward Georgetown. Damage to the Horne car was \$500 and to the Strachan car \$100.

## Meets Grandson Of Paper's Founder

While visiting in Vancouver recently Mrs. Pearl Kennedy was a dinner guest at the home of a friend there. One of the other guests was a Norman Hacking. During the conversation Mrs. Kennedy learned that Mr. Hacking was a grandson of the late Joseph Hacking who founded the Free Press in 1875.

Mr. Hacking has followed in the newspaper field in which his grandfather was a pioneer. He writes a column in the Vancouver Province under the name of "Ship to Shore." The bounds of Canada apparently provide opportunity for many Actonians to renew friendships even over a period of years.

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## Members Voice Criticism

Members voiced criticism following the remarks of Hugh H. Donald, Inspector of Legal offices, who urged council to reconsider their policy of not extending or building a new registry office this year.

"I feel the Inspector's recommendation is premature. I think he should have waited until the plans for the remodeling of the building to make additional room is completed, before council is asked to reconsider," Reeve A. R. Service, Nassagaweya remarked.

The Inspector explained the Halton Registry office is the eighth in size in Ontario, including those in Toronto, Hamilton, London and Windsor. In 1939 the local office did \$5,100 business and last year business amounted to \$42,000. Five years ago business conducted in the office amounted to \$17,000, he said.

"You office has got to such a stage the public should have a good place in which to do business. There is not room for people to work, and it now is the type you would find in the more remote districts," Mr. Donald stated, adding there is only one other office in Ontario which is worse than this one.

Reeve H. Adkins, chairman of the building committee, felt the Inspector's remarks were well taken and the committee had set with thoroughness. He said the additional space being provided in basement rooms would be ready for occupancy next month.

In the hospital report Deputy Reeve Fred C. Atkinson, Burlington, said the committee had sat with representatives of hospital committees to see what programs were being considered. He felt further meetings should take place.

Reeve Service strongly urged a hospital should be built to serve all the northern municipalities. He said it was too much to ask the taxpayers to foot the bill should hospitals be built in Acton, Georgetown and Milton. "I would like to hear the views of Acton and Georgetown, as I feel it would be a terrific job to raise \$600,000 to build a hospital in Milton."

Deputy Reeve A. Norton, Georgetown, said he would be glad to take the suggestion back to his council, while Deputy Reeve E. Savin, Oakville, injected, "Why don't the county take it over? It would ease the burden on taxpayers and would give a better service to everyone."

It was agreed that Warden R. C. Shannon, Reeves Stan Allen and C. A. Martin interview officials at the Department of Health to learn what the county might do in this matter.

Council endorsed a resolution sponsored by Grey County seeking to have all the profits received in the Sheriff's office turned over to the county, similar to that of the Registry office. It was pointed out the county bears considerable cost in this office but did not receive any returns.

Council approved several by-laws, one to control the set-back of building on county roads, a distance of 65 feet from the centre line on some roads and 75 feet on the more important and travelled roads. Council also granted Bronte's request for a seat on the Oakville-Trafalgar supplementary grant on county high school board and asked for a roads amounting to \$80,600.

Members agreed to purchase 19 foam rubber cushions for council member's chairs at a cost of \$128.

The July meeting was extended to August 9, but members will tour the county reforestation tracts July 5.

## Hike To The Breezes For Final Meeting

The C.G.I.T. of Knox church hike to The Breezes on Saturday afternoon. Although the weather was not pleasant, the girls enjoyed swimming and boating. They roasted hot dogs and marshmallows over a fire, enjoyed a sing song and closed with a brief worship service on Thursday, conducted by Mrs. D. Davidson.

This hike concluded the activities of the Canadian Girls in Training until September.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATION** ceremonies were held in the school auditorium on Monday evening when 52 Grade VIII pupils bid hail and farewell to their public school days. The Home and School Association feted the group with a banquet and

short program. Speaker was Pastor R. H. Costerus of Acton Baptist church, who offered good advice in a chat sprinkled with light humor. The graduating class presented a picture to the school.

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