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Petition for a Friday Night Opening By-Law Gets Snared in Legal Blocks

A move by a group of Acton merchants to switch from Saturday night to Friday night opening ran into legal blocks this week when Council was petitioned to pass the necessary by-law setting the new hours. But where rough going developed here, a clear way through was suggested when a closer look was taken at the existing by-law.

Camp Fees, Donation To Wooden School

The village of Orton in Canada and Orton in England exchanged recordings recently, and Fred Wright had the discs to play at the Rotary club meeting Tuesday. He was filling in for a post office representative who was to have spoken, and presented his program for the international committee.

A donation of \$150 was made to Wooded school. This was above camp fees, amounting to \$300, being paid this year for local children to attend.

Jim Ledger reported that the club dinner for the Home and School piano was not needed, and expressed thanks.

Acton Rotary club set a record in May, having the lowest percentage attendance—68 per cent.—of any of the over 60 clubs in the Rotary district during May. They were five per cent. lower than the second lowest club.

Vic Rumley and Gordon McKewen were appointed to the crippled children's committee. Guests from Guelph and Orangeville attended the meeting.

Manager of New B. of M. Branch

Ben Corless, who was for several years accountant on the staff of the Bank of Montreal in Acton, has been appointed manager of a new branch of the Bank in Milton.

Good Attendance At First Jitney

There was a good turnout for the first jitney of the Acton Lawn Bowling club on Thursday evening, June 16. Prize winners for the lady was Mrs. M. Bell and for the men, Arlie White.

Eden Mills Community Boasts Flood Lighting in Its Softball Park

They have a community club in Eden Mills that has representatives from every organization. They had helped financially and morally as had the village trustees. At a well attended meeting a few weeks ago a secret ballot of those present revealed that 7 to 1 the backing was on the project to floodlight the park.

They tell us the funds to complete it are in sight too. There's been a lot of volunteer labor and help and those who cannot give in this way are getting on the band wagon with cash donations. The Eden Mills folks are aiming to have the project done before the lights go on.

Talk about community enthusiasm and spirit but it's been many a day since we've seen so much of it backed by good deeds as is being the installing of floodlights at Eden Mills park.

We found out too that the land for the park was sold to the community at a very reasonable price by a couple of residents and the park is in charge of the Eden Mills Community Club.

New Subdivision Policy Will See Developer Bear All Service Bills

Future subdivision policy was laid down by the town at Monday night's council meeting. It's a sharp change from the policy which has guided agreements with five subdividers in the last 12 months.

From now on subdividers can expect the town to foot no bills for service extensions or roads. Instead the financial onus will be on the developer.

Council has so far made agreements to provide services and roads to five subdivisions. These are the 200-lot Glenlea development, the 40-

lot Fairview subdivision, the 10-lot Cobble Hill subdivision, the 240-lot Lakeview subdivision and a small subdivision proposed to be developed by E. Braida.

Monday night's motion read: "No services (will) be supplied to any proposed subdivision other than those already approved by council as of this date (June 20); any future subdivider must pay for all services and dedicate five per cent. of the proposed subdivision for public purposes as well as an acreage for school purposes based on the size of the subdivision."

Employees Ask Review of Pension Plan in Effect with Commission

A special meeting to review the pension security plan presently subscribed to by the P.U.C. and its employees, was scheduled for this week following Secretary J. McGeachie's remarks at a regular session Thursday that the plan's matured payments were inadequate in light of the current cost of living.

To raise the benefits of retirement for all commission employees would involve an increased participation from staff and the employer. The secretary outlined that a satisfactory level could be reached by the employer, or commission, assuming a slight cost increase and the employees assuming a larger payment.

At present employees pay two and a half per cent toward pension on their gross salary, while the commission pays seven and a half per cent.

After considerable discussion on the proposal, which the secretary said was agreeable among all employees, members decided to leave the topic over for further study at a special meeting this week.

Earlier, the secretary reported another inspection of the disposal plant flueing works will be made when the manufacturer's inspector is in this area again.

A free summer check-up on the commission's oil furnaces will be made, it was also reported. Members also learned that the Rural Hydro equipment bill has been paid and no interest charged.

Street lighting cost structure, which for some time has caused a deficit for the town to face each year, will be reviewed by the Hamilton H.E.P.C. office, which has been supplied with all necessary local data, secretary McGeachie said.

On another matter, he told the commission tests on water made on Beardmore Co. property, where the town is exploring for possible future water supplies, show a grade 'A' rating. Further analysis is to be made.

Monthly Billing Problem The secretary also initiated a discussion on the growing difficulty in completing each month's water and hydro bills, because of the lateness in closing off reading books each month.

As possible solutions were advanced, the recurring worry of the commission and employees of too many back calls again reared to complicate the problem. The point was talked over for some time.

Hydro superintendent D. Mason reported that work on a distribution station here necessitated the short power cut-off early Sunday morning. Line installation work is continuing at the Glenlea subdivision, he continued.

The labor cost matter in connection with a converted transformer, which blew out shortly after it was returned to service, is (Continued on Page Ten)

Won't Bust

Continuation to the Home and School Association's "Plane or Bust" campaign, a committee Tuesday evening decided to purchase a second hand, dark oak instrument in Georgetown. It is a Heintzman piano in excellent condition. The group hopes to have it at the school next week for an executive meeting when business relating to the purchase will be discussed.

Bishop's Gra-Y Club Organized

The Bishop's Gra-Y club is the name chosen by Y.M.C.A. boys for their new group. Overflow of applications to join the prospering Royal Star Gra-Y club resulted in the recent formation of the second organization.

Peter Newton heads the Bishop's Gra-Y, with Pat Churchill as vice-president.

The club is named for Merlin Bishop, who is world service secretary of the Y in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Their theme for the year will be the work in Ethiopia. They will have speakers and films. The boys are planning to write to pen pals in Ethiopia.

They will have regular meetings throughout the summer.

Fish Derby for July 1 Weekend Draws Interest

Plans for Acton's first fish derby, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, move on this week after major details for the summertime angling event were worked out at a committee meeting Monday night.

Prizes of \$100 for the best catches of pike and bass during the day-long event are announced with the possibility of more prizes being added later for other fishing feats accomplished on Fairy Lake.

To be held on Fairy Lake July 2, the derby will get underway at 8 a.m. and wind up at 5 p.m. A booth for registration, information on boats and bait, weighing and general derby headquarters will be manned by Chamber committee members. No entry fee will be charged.

Right now an extensive publicity effort is being made to get the word of the derby around. Radiating for miles out of town are arrows pointing toward Acton park where the event will centre. Car bumper stickers move into view this week and it is planned to advertise and publicize in nearby centres.

Prizes are being donated by local businessmen. There are plans in motion for a big entertainment program in the evening. A refreshment booth will be open on the park grounds.

YMCA Names Contest Champs

The summer schedule of meetings and competitions is well underway at the Y.M.C.A. First evening was a marble marathon on Monday of last week when Russell Gregory emerged from the battle in the finals as champion. Both boys and girls entered the event in the gym.

Champion declared at the end of the two-day archery tournament were Shannon Runners-up were Carmen Woodburn, Charles Sunter and Bill Henry. There were 16 entered in bow-and-arrow bouts Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

A novel milk toy derby attracted about 20 contestants last Thursday, but Fred Landry proved the best at tossing the light discs.

There were two dart competitions, one for juniors—won by Don Harris—and one for seniors—won by Bob Agnew. These were held Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Registration for day camp has exceeded the limit. Bob Brayshaw announced the limit. Six girls have been accepted for an embroidery class in July during the afternoons. Mrs. Brayshaw will instruct.

Members of the checker club are bowing to Jeff Fryer, who is at the top of the ladder for the eighth consecutive week.

The badminton club is looking for out-of-town games, and expect to play Brampton shortly. They will meet outdoors at the Y when the coat of topsoil is placed on the new courts.

Piano Pupils Give Closing Recital

Piano pupils of Miss Joan Pickering presented a program at the home of Mrs. R. H. Elliott, where Miss Pickering's pupils in the Friday evening. Parents and friends heard selections played by Carol and Malcolm Candler, Katherine Kirkness, Sharon Bradley, Margaret Armstrong, Teresa Arlic, David Brian, and Normie Smith, Elizabeth, Joe and Ella May, Helen, Ruth and Joanne Landborough, all of Acton, and Miss Synnott from Rockwood.

Miss Pickering will be marrying Russell Oke at Bierheim on July 23 and the concert concluded her teaching in Acton. Her pupils made the presentation of a carafe to her.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the concert.

Picnic At Church Concludes Season

The United Church Mission Band's closing picnic was attended by about 35 youngsters from preschoolers to 12 year olds, at the church on Tuesday afternoon. After the devotional period, the boys and girls gathered on the lawn at the side of the church for a program of games and races. There were prizes for the winners.

The picnic supper, provided by the W.M.S. ladies, was served on the lawn. This concluded the Mission Band program for the summer.

In charge of the event were Mrs. M. Synnott, Mrs. G. McKenzie and Mrs. W. Waterhouse.

Anglican Men's Club Tours Ford Plant

For ladies' night, the St. Alban's branch of the Brotherhood of Anglican churchmen took a tour of the Ford plant in Trafalgar, township. Nearly 50 left the church.

This was the final meeting of the group for the season. The conducted tour, lasted for well over an hour.

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HERE'S A GOOD CATCH, if he makes it: Peter Gibbons, young baton-twirler for the Acton Citizens' Band, gropes for the "sense" of sound in the gaping mouth of the tuba played by Charles Kingsmill, Acton, a member of the Lorne Scots band, which contributed to the sounds of six bands in Saturday evening's Tattoo in Acton park.

Enjoy Cool Breezes, Band, Music In Park During Annual Band Tattoo

Sidewalks were crowded with people tapping their feet as six bands marched through town on their way to Saturday evening's Band Tattoo in the park. There, about 1500 sat beneath the trees in the grandstand or in their cars enjoying both the cool breezes from the lake and the fine program of music and marching. Although the day was hot and humid, it was very pleasant in the park.

Boy Scouts carrying placards identified each band as they paraded through the town, the Lorne Scots from Georgetown (with Acton players among the ranks), the Brampton Citizens' Band, the Oakville Citizens' Band, the Sea Cadets Trumpet Band of HMCS Ajax, Guelph, the Fergus Citizens' Band and the Kitchener Light Aircraft Fusiliers Pipe Band.

Phil Caddick, at the microphone, announced the program of selections played by each of the visiting bands in turn. The Lorne Scots were directed by bandmaster A. Perrott, the Fergus Citizens' Band by A. C. Lee and the Brampton Citizens' Band by W. T. Atkins, A.R.C.M. They played a pleasing variety of numbers.

Light Bright Flares The Kitchener Pipe Band paraded on the track with their drum major as they played a retreat, strathspey and reel and favorites such as Highland Laddie and the Road to the Isles.

The Sea Cadets band performed a drill on the ball diamond, with both the band and rifle corps participating.

Visiting bandsmen were served refreshments at a tent on the grounds. They and the many children who romped around the park, the parade was waiting for the arrival of the Kitchener players, someone drove up to say they had been in an accident of some sort at Rockwood. No more was learned of them all evening.

Busy at the gate, at the refreshment booth and playing with the Lorne Scots, Acton bandsmen did not play together. Their bandmaster, Mr. Perrott, was conducting the Lorne Scots.

First in the parade were the pipers who stopped to play several numbers outside Mrs. E. Ryder's home on Mill St. She came to the window to enjoy the music.

Acton Citizens' Band hopes to be hosts annually at such a tattoo. One was held last year in the rain. Charlie Mason was marshal for the bands.

He has done for us this year," he cited the leaders corps especially. In pointing out an intended drive for adult participation, he mentioned the adult lounge being prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary.

An increase of \$200 was voted to Mr. Brayshaw's salary.

Referring to the financial statement, treasurer W. Woodburn stressed the fact disbursements were well within the budget. He commended industrial donations totalling \$900. With total receipts of \$5,596.08 and total expenses of \$5,176.19, there is a balance on hand of \$419.89.

Jack Ridley, building chairman, explained "nothing too extensive" had been necessary during the year.

Mr. Brayshaw's expectations include marriage counselling, a S.O.E. a model railway club, more extended clubs for children and adults and expanded pilot programs. "This all looks good and sounds better, but the success of the Acton Y.M.C.A. 1955 is in the hands of its members working as a whole and depends on members working for a Christian personality in a Christian society," he reported.

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