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A Reminder

Subscribers, advertisers and correspondents are reminded that there will be no issue of the Free Press on Thursday, July 28, when office and plant will be closed for annual holidays.

The Free Press office will close Friday, July 22, and will remain closed until Tuesday, August 2. News copy arriving during that week will appear in the issue of August 4.

Several Hurt In Six Accidents At Farm Home

Accidents on farms and in town resulted in hospitalization for several this past week.

A bale of hay fell on J. C. Krandenok of R.R. 4, Acton, when he was helping at the farm of George Wallace of R.R. 4, Rockwood. He was badly shaken up in the accident which occurred Saturday morning and was taken to Guelph General hospital. No bones were broken. He is a tannery employee.

A pig charged young Bruce Brigid of R.R. 3, Georgetown, and he was taken to Milton Private hospital for X-rays to determine his injuries. Not in serious condition, he returned home later. The incident occurred Sunday.

Monday afternoon Ralph Tripp of Church St. fell off a ladder and suffered a dislocated right elbow.

L. Duffield had the misfortune to have a large splinter of redwood driven into his forearm while working on a high speed saw at the plant of Ajax Engineers. The injury required eight stitches to close the wound after the splinter had been removed and the accident has incapacitated the workman the past week.

Little Gail Fryer, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Fryer, broke her left leg on Friday, and was treated in Guelph General hospital. Another youngster with a broken limb is Debbie Jordan, who broke her arm while playing the week before. She was taken to the Sick Children's hospital.

Don Lindsay sprained his thumb playing with the Legion Minor sports team last Thursday. All accidents such as this are covered by insurance.

Local Gas Group Starts Sixth Well In Guelph Area

A crowd of between 75 and 100 people gathered atop a hill outside Guelph Wednesday evening to join in the opening ceremonies for a new natural gas venture by Anthony Gas and Oil Explorations Co. of Acton.

The local company, which has four wells producing gas and a fifth expected to be completed in the district, has started a sixth well a mile and a half east of Guelph on No. 7 Highway, where it is believed natural gas deposits will be found.

Guelph's Mayor Worton congratulated the efforts of Tom Sebnick, president of the company, in finding gas in the Acton area and was optimistic for the future industrial and domestic benefits to the Guelph district should large pockets of gas be found there.

The crowd was given a history of the company's successes to date, told of the importance of natural gas today and urged to support the efforts of the Acton company. Other speakers, including James Bুদ্ধick, Acton secretary-treasurer of the company, Stan Hill, M.P.P. for Halton, and Acton Reeve R. J. Hargrave, spoke briefly.

The site of the new well, which was set up Tuesday, is on property leased from A. Koens. It is on a hill familiar to many in this district as the former fox pens farm.

Members Exasperated

HEPC Slashes P. U. C. Program Proposal

Exasperation over the H.E.P.C.'s appraisal of the local Public Utilities Commission's financial position was displayed last week by members who were given notice that estimates made up here for cost of their rehabilitation and extension program had been slashed and the debenture proposal cut by more than half.

The local Commission, which had proposed a program of work that included line and transformer rehabilitation and extension to new subdivisions and annexed areas at a cost of over \$50,000, was informed by the Hamilton office of the H.E.P.C. that this was too much.

P.U.C. members were more vexed, however, when the letter offered out only \$25,000 would not be debentured. It inferred there was another \$25,000 available to the Acton Commission within its own coffers.

"Well, it's money money then," Chairman F. Oakes observed. "I'd like to know where it is," Secretary J. McGeachie wondered.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Coles, Church St., will be marked next Sunday. Saturday there is planned a family gathering to honor the highly-respected Acton couple. The celebrants are shown here in the garden of their home.

Well-Known, Well-Liked Pair To Observe 50th Anniversary

On Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Coles will mark their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a family gathering at the home of their grandson, Hartley Coles, Victoria Avenue. For nearly all of the half century, Mr. and Mrs. Coles have been residents of Acton. In May, 1904, Mr. Coles came to Acton from his home in England. A year later his bride, Miss Alice Stigant, came to Canada and they were married in Toronto and came to Acton to make their home. With the exception of the war years, Acton has been their home continuously.

Mr. Coles is a veteran of the South African War and World War I and for many years has been a member of the Lorne Scouts Regiment. The couple have taken a keen and active interest in the community. It was under Mr. Coles that the first Acton Scouts were organized and had their bugle band. In church and community, this couple have given unsparingly of their life and effort for the betterment of Acton. They are members of Acton Baptist church.

We doubt if any Acton couple are better known or have more friends in Acton than the Coles' and all of them join in hearty congratulations on their golden wedding anniversary and wish for them many more years of happiness together in Acton.

Their family are all expected to be present at the gathering on Saturday in their honor. Ernest Coles of Brampton, Miss Jessie Coles at home, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Mr. Coles is Clerk of the Fourth Division Court at Acton.

Youngest Member 65 Family All Living

Rather unique was the family reunion recently of Mr. and Mrs. William Hindley in the fact that all the members of the family of eight are all living and all but one of them was able to be present at the gathering. The absentee was Ernest, who is in Vancouver, B.C. The youngest member of the family is now 65 years old. The reunion was held at the farm home of Mr. Earl Hindley at Oustie.

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Uncomplimentary remarks about the H.E.P.C.'s unrealistic knowledge of Acton hydro's finances stirred more discontent from members about the directive from Hamilton.

"Well, let's have them up here and show us where that \$25,000 is," Mayor Tyler said.

Secretary McGeachie said there were supposed to be representatives from Hamilton at this meeting. He was asked to contact the office again and arrange for a meeting to have the whole matter reviewed.

Another letter from the H.E.P.C. on a different matter, got a different reception. With little comment, members agreed to go along with the recommended rate increases in cost of street lighting to the town. In recent years the town has had to make up a deficit on street lighting costs of from \$500 to \$700. The new schedule would eliminate the deficit and provide for an estimated surplus of 10 per cent.

Members passed a resolution accepting the new street lighting cost schedule.

Summertime weather has had an uncomfortable effect on ventilation and working conditions in the P.U.C. office, the Secretary indicated, and asked the Commission to purchase a combination aluminum door. This request is to be followed up. The Secretary also reported that additional office help had been hired. Miss Beth Ritchie was now employed in the office at \$22 per week.

The need for more personnel in the P.U.C.'s hydro department was discussed at length. Recent overtime work, in order to complete meter reading, and additional work in connection with new subdivisions were, cited as chief reasons another man should be added to this department.

It was agreed to advertise for a young man for the hydro department.

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Urban Board Sees Area Big and Rich As H. S. District Board Future Pondered

Crystal Ball Has A Grand Glow

Shape of things to come for Acton, Milton and Georgetown was envisioned as big and prosperous Tuesday night when members of the North Halton Urban Board pondered Halton's future growth, but at the same time cast worried looks at the immediate future of the District High School Board.

Georgetown's Mayor Jack Armstrong, who described himself as the world's biggest optimist, stood in the middle of a discussion on the possible unwieldy size of the High School District Board to foretell Halton's progress. He said he was convinced that in 20 years there won't be a township operating as such in the county, industrial growth will have so filled out its boundaries.

Considering all the favorable aspects of situation and services, the Georgetown mayor guessed that Halton County would be in an area which would even succeed the suburbs of the world's largest industrial basin.

Earlier in the talks on the future of the High School District Board, Milton councillor C. Wilson defended the proposed sale of Milton High School building to the public. He argued that Milton would have to build a new high school in a few years anyway, so it was better to get rid of the building when a public school is needed now.

It was reported Acton had no school at present, a resolution which was unfavorable to the sale. Mayor Armstrong remarked there was thought of making the same kind of school building switch in Georgetown so they had filed the Esquimaux resolution. Georgetown through economic reasons, had been forced into the North Halton High School District Board, he asked, "How long is the District Board going to last?"

No Favor in Georgetown

He maintained that to the average Georgetown citizen, the resolution much favor for the N.H.S.D.B. which had passed new equipment for the Milton school, built a whole new unit in Acton but just tacked on a wing to the old Georgetown school.

Narrow Escape In Bad Accident

Charles Oakes of R.R. 4, Rockwood, narrowly escaped death Monday when the vehicle he was driving became involved in an accident on the 6th line of Erasmosa at No. 29 sideroad. The Oakes car had just entered the intersection when it was struck on the right side by a truck driven by William McCann, R.R. 4, Rockwood.

The side of the Oakes car was rammed in so that the car, at its narrowest point, was only three feet wide. The force of the collision shot the front seat onto the road through the driver's door. The car was a total loss. Damages to the truck total \$250.

Mr. Oakes was rushed to Guelph General hospital where he was treated for six fractured ribs and a cut eye, a fractured nose and multiple lacerations to the face and head. Dr. John Scott was the attending physician. A passenger in the truck and brother of the driver, Joseph McCann, also received emergency treatment for a gash on the forehead received when the impact of the collision threw him against the centre post of the windshield.

Review Whole Future

After further discussion, Mayor Armstrong reaffirmed that there was more at stake here than the switch of a school building. He called for a well-attended meeting to review the whole future of the high school district. The suggestion was made that it might be better to reform into three separate high school districts to conform with one of the three towns with portions of the townships directed to each.

Discussion ultimately came to an end but no concrete recommendation for action was made.

Future action as to present development considerations as far as subdivisions are concerned also came into the Urban Board's range of talks. It was noted that while Acton and Milton are requiring frontages of 60 feet for residences in new areas, Georgetown was calling for 50 foot width lots. Set backs and total square footage were also discussed.

Increase and Freeze

Milton representatives reported an increase by \$100 on building permits, while Acton members revealed a freeze on subdivisions had been placed until the land use map is prepared.

A problem which could be common to all three municipalities—servicing an industry outside the limits of the town—got some attention. Acton and Georgetown representatives were especially concerned with the way such a situation could act as a liability.

At the outset of the meeting held in Georgetown, members ratified the appointment of Frank Pallen as engineer for Milton and Acton. Now a resident of Toronto, he will begin August 1.

It was later noted there will need to be a breakdown of some \$1300 in engineering equipment in Acton so credit can be allowed Georgetown which now employs its own engineer. This is to be taken up further.

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Passer-By Spots Blaze In Truck

When Mrs. Ted Moyle noticed a fire in the back of a bread truck at 145 Tuesday afternoon, she dashed into Lovell's Meat Market to turn in the fire alarm.

The driver of the truck, who was flaming eastward into the street and firemen extinguished the blaze promptly there.

Rockwood Area Youth Drowns In Pond At Resort

Funeral service was held yesterday for a Rockwood area youth, Robert F. Adsett, who drowned Sunday afternoon in a pond at Beaver Lodge, 15 miles north of here.

The victim, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Adsett of R.R. 4, Rockwood, was swimming with three friends, his cousin William Adsett, 20, Robert Gray, 14, and his sister Majory, 16, at the time of the accident.

It is believed the 20-year-old suffered a cramp and sank before his companions could aid him. Other bathers at the private resort tried to recover the youth, who was not a strong swimmer, but were hampered by mud stirred from the bottom of the bathing pond.

Firemen from Erin and police were called to the scene but it was nearly two hours before the body was recovered. Artificial respiration was applied for two hours but the victim did not revive.

An Acton family, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Essen and their two children, were spending the afternoon at the lodge when the accident occurred.

The lodge, opened about two years ago, is a popular leisure spot with many families in this area. Flower bearers were Rev. Alexander, Bob Bailey, Don Rowan, Floyd Talbot.

Beside his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adsett, the deceased is survived by one sister (Oliver) Mc-Gordon Cox.

50 From Acton At Plant Picnic

About 50 from Acton joined about 150 from Weston at the annual A. P. Green plant picnic last Saturday afternoon in Erin park. Upset of the day was when the engineering department from Weston took the horse shoe pitching trophy from Acton, last year's winners. Prize were given to Jack Ayles and Art Ford of the winning team last year.

Other special events of the day included a treasure hunt for all the children, bingo, pony rides, races and swimming. Novel contests included eating watermelon, a powder puff relay and a new game called Ento by the ladies with spirit and enthusiasm a heaving sponges dipped in flour at their husbands' heads!

John Corby, the advertising manager, emceed the picnic, with assistance from Ian Standing, and George Barbeau.

Tables were set in the hall as everyone enjoyed the refreshments provided. Two of the men from the Acton plant, Garnet Rose and John Graham, contributed musical selections.

Indians to Industries, Day Camp Offers 53 Boys Holiday Program

Field day, movies, ball games, Indian Day, industrial tours—and many other special items. This program of regular favorites and novel surprises has attracted 53 enthusiastic lads to register for the boys' day camp, operating at the Y this week and next.

Y secretary Bob Brayshaw and Mrs. Brayshaw are in charge of the spirited lads' both mornings and afternoons during the two week period and have a busy schedule planned.

Monday morning saw registration at the Y followed by a program of movies. Softball games at the public school in the afternoon followed.

As well as games, there was special instruction in artificial respiration—the Schaeffer method on Tuesday morning.

Wednesday morning, there were softball games and in the afternoon the boys piled into cars for a tour through the Ford plant in Trafalgar township. After movies and games this morning, the boys were looking forward to a "V.M.C. A. Special" this afternoon.

Sunday Is Busy For Provincials In This District

Police this week reported several accidents over the week-end in this district.

Sunday was a busy day for district Provincial Police. A car driven by Ronald Atkins had a blow-out and sideswiped the vehicle driven by David Moore of Georgetown, causing \$600 damage. Another blow-out caused Ronald Mason to lose control of his car and it went into a field owned by Clarence Anderson on the town line near Terra Cotta. Damage was estimated at \$150.

Dr. A. McIntosh of Georgetown treated Doreen Austin of Oakville for numerous cuts on the right leg after an accident on the fourth line. Esquimaux, Miss Austin was a passenger in the car of Laszlo Rega, which skidded in the loose gravel and hit a tree, causing \$200 damage to the car.

Damage was estimated at \$400 when Gabriel Pascal hit one of the many potholes in the seventh line near Ash Grove, broke a tie-rod end in the steering, ran off the road and marked a fence owned by Frank Wilson.

Abuse of Park Creates Danger

Some thoughtless and irresponsible persons have been making facilities at Acton park dangerous to those who would enjoy them. Broken bottles have been thrown in the junior swimming pool and also in the bathing section at Fairy Lake.

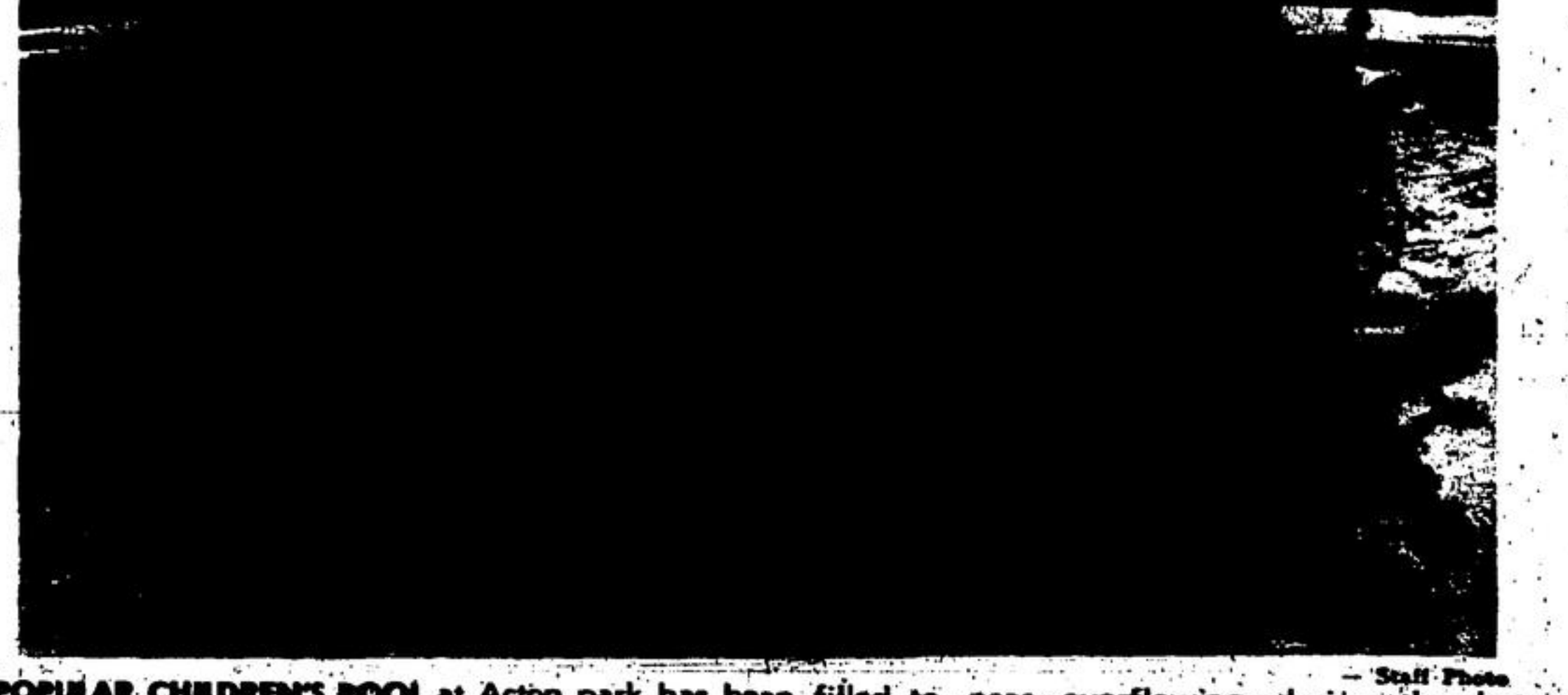
This week sulphur was thrown in the swimming pool. When these acts are committed the pool has to be drained and cleaned out before it can be used again. It is filled with water from the municipal supply. With present high summer consumption of water these actions may put the use of the pool out of service for indefinite periods.

The broken bottles in Fairy Lake are something which are a very grave hazard to all who use the park. Police are checking into these abuses. They would like the help of all decent citizens in stopping this vandalism. For your own sake and that of your children every citizen is asked to assist in this cleanup of abuses. It's your park, your facilities. There are no charges for its use. If you want to keep them, the abuses must be stopped.

In Glen Williams, Donald Perkins of Acton ran into and broke a hydro pole, causing \$200 damage.

On Tuesday morning, an accident occurred at the Peel and Halton County Line, Norval, when a car driven by Roy Laidlaw of Norval stopped to pick up a passenger. David Thomson of Stratford ran into the rear of Laidlaw's car and caused \$150 damage.

New desks and chairs for the library classroom at the high school and furniture for the new classrooms still under construction have been arranged.



POPULAR CHILDREN'S POOL at Acton park has been filled to near overflowing during the hot weather days since school closed. Up to 75 children have been using the pool every day during open hours. In the background is F. Hunter, who supervises and maintains the pool. Last week it was officially turned over to the town by the committee in charge of building the pool.