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To Debenture \$35,000 for P.U.C. Extension, Rehabilitation Program

Acton P.U.C. proposed debenture issue to cover costs of hydro system, extensions and rehabilitation was given the first green light of approval last week when H.E.P.C. regional representatives met with members at a special meeting. However, the debenture will be for only \$35,000, not \$50,000 as the local Commission first planned.

Whatever expense in the program goes above \$35,000 will have to come out of surplus—which the Commission here still claims non-existent, despite H.E.P.C. officials' insistence there is, or will be, a cash balance sufficient to finance the remainder.

C. Cliff and J. Farrow, from the Hamilton office of the H.E.P.C., suggested the cost spread of the program be viewed on a two-year basis.

It was agreed the entire cost for the hydro services to the 200-lot Lakeview subdivision would not likely fall on the Commission this year. This tends to decrease, in part, the difference between the P.U.C.'s estimate of \$50,000 needed and the H.E.P.C. counter of \$25,000 allowable.

It was also suggested that another debenture issue in 1955 could be considered to care for capital expenditures not covered by the \$35,000 issue this year.

The motion read: "In accordance with the Power Commission Act, Chapter 281, I.S.O. 1950, Section III, approval be requested from the H.E.P.C. of Ontario for an expenditure of \$50,000, as follows: Glenlea, \$10,700; Lakeview, \$16,150; Braida, \$1,511; General, \$2,150; Distribution system transformers, \$12,300; Meters, \$2,000; Street lighting, \$1,100; Truck, \$1,500; Annexation, \$2,500; A total of \$50,000. The expenditures are to be financed from available funds and the proceeds of a \$35,000 debenture issue."

Earlier in the meeting E. Masales, with C. Roganwald, appeared to discuss the technical and economic considerations involved in a proposed switch to three-phase power at Masales Dairy. After discussion, it was suggested the customer in this case own a transformer bank of their own.

Re-Paving Continues On No. 7 to the East

Road resurfacing crews have moved through and east of town this week as spot repaving of No. 7 highway between Rockwood and Brampton continues.

Some 10,000 tons of new material will be laid in this stretch to smooth out rough and heaved areas on the much-travelled highway. The work is being done by Beamish Construction Co.

Lodge Members At Centennial

Members of the Walker Lodge joined Masons from all parts of Canada, the United States and abroad at the centennial observance of the Grand Lodge of Canada Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in Toronto. High ranking members of the order, some from the British Isles and Australia were among the thousands who attended the religious service at the C.N.E. grandstand Sunday afternoon.

Sessions of the Grand Lodge took place at the Coliseum; there were special services, lunches and banquets.

Those attending on Monday from Walker Lodge were George Wingate, J. A. Leslie, F. McIntosh, C. Darby, A. C. Patterson, R. H. Elliott and J. B. Watkins. They were present at the banquet in the Automobile Building at the C.N.E. grounds—the largest banquet ever held in Canada with 3,300 Masons served at the same time. The speaker was Judge Meyer of the Grand Lodge in California.

Report Drill Progress At Well Near Guelph

Progress on a sixth natural gas venture by Anthony Gas and Oil Explorations Ltd. of Acton was announced this week following the company's inauguration in the Guelph area last week of a new well.

According to a company official, drilling depth has reached 418 feet. Geophysical tests have shown strong indications of gas pockets in the area where drilling is taking place.

Anglicans Top Church League

Anglicans were declared champions of the church league and presented with their trophy by Sid Eisen last Thursday evening. The series was tied between the Anglicans and Presbyterians preceding the final encounter. Score was 31 to 29. Frank Bean and Bob Marshall were officials.

All the teams in the church league gathered at the public school for the winner roast, a treat of the Y's Men's club. The young players enjoyed soft drinks and wieners around a fire.

The church league was a new venture this year and proved very popular. There were four teams, the champion Anglicans, the Presbyterians, United and Baptist.

Parish Picnic At The Breezes

Popular features of every picnic were enjoyed by families of St. Joseph's parish at the Breezes on Sunday afternoon. The picnic was under the direction of the ladies of the Catholic Women's League.

Races and specialty contests preceded the picnic supper. There was a ball game afterwards, with Brian McCristall's team proving victorious over Paul Bennett's line-up.

Winners of races were: Boys, 5 and under, Michael Marchant, Michael Marcoux; girls, Joe Marie Marchant, Janet Braida. Boys, 6 to 8, Gregory G. Gibbons, Philip Marzoc; girls, Leona Marks, Ann Bennett.

Boys, 9 to 12, Brian McCristall, Michael Bennett; girls, Pauline Marks, Laurie Bennett.

Boys, 13 to 16, Frank Mariscak; girls, Kay Porty, Pat Cole.

Wheelbarrow race, Frank Mariscak, Michael Bennett; Brian McCristall and Paul Bennett.

Kicking the shoe, Pat Cole, Mary Kay Gibbons.

Thread and needle, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Marchant.

Open race, Ilio Marzio.

Club Considers Improving Park

Investigating possibilities of improving Acton Park, members of Acton Rotary Club adjourned there after their supper meeting to look over the present facilities. Constant use of the park by hundreds of people from Acton and out-of-town warrants devoting time and money to making it even better, if further work is found necessary, the club felt. Such a project would be undertaken under the Community Service section of the group's work.

The overgrown point at the end of the park, jutting out into the lake, was particularly noted. This might be particularly attractive, Rotarians thought.

Several members of the club were appointed a committee to investigate all aspects of the question.

Building Past Half Million Mark Predict Record Year for Acton

Closed Next Week

There will be no issue of the Free Press next week. The office and plant will close tomorrow (Friday) at 5 p.m. for annual vacation, and will remain closed until Tuesday morning, August 2.

News copy sent through the mails next week or dropped in the door copy slot will appear in the issue of August 4. Correspondents are urged to send next week's copy as usual, rather than wait until the next publication week which, due to holiday, is a short work week. Local items of news next week may be dropped in the door copy slot.

Bathing in Vogue As Heat Lets Up A Little But Stays

Rain is still conspicuous by its absence, but at least the sizzling heat of last week has simmered down to a more bearable warmth.

Temperatures in the first part of July, ranging as high as 100 degrees in this part of the province, have dipped to a less-exhausting area of 80 degrees in the past few days. Although it's holiday weather par excellence, farmers and gardeners are becoming increasingly worried by the lack of rain.

There have been only two short thunder showers in the past three weeks in this district.

Lawns in Acton, despite repeated hoseings, are for the most part dried out and singed. In the grain fields crops are growing tender dry. One hay field near Acton took fire this week.

In an effort to beat the heat, still considered a "wave" until substantial rainfall washes and cools the air down, more and more from this area are making use of the bathing area at Acton Park. Every afternoon the junior wading pool is filled with squealing, splashing youngsters. On the other side, Fairy Lake's popular swimming hole is a busy retreat from the sun's burning rays.

Near here, at Limehouse, a private swimming pool is reported to be a land-office business. A second swimming resort was reported opened near Limehouse last week.

Highlights of Y Day Camp Week Hunt for Kisses, Hidden Settlers

A talent show, ball games, industrial tours and Indian Day have highlighted the Y. M. C. A. Day Camp's activities during the past week. The boys are divided into tribes and are competing for points on that basis.

Wednesday morning of last week the boys toured the Ford plant, and on Friday afternoon they toured the Acton Free Press plant. Thursday afternoon's program of movies included one on how an airplane flies and a trip by camera down the Thousand Islands and to the Rideau Canal.

A scavenger hunt sent the boys hunting all over town for a list of articles which included a picture of Marilyn Bell, an autograph of a blond, and a kiss mark. Some hunted for a long time for a picture of the Queen before realizing it could be found on a stamp of a penny. Another puzzler: an issue of a newspaper of June 31. Just try finding one.

On Friday morning the boys were both performers, judges and audience at a Talent Show. There were 14 entries in the show, emceed by Bob Brayshaw. Bill Henry took top place with reading from the Bible. For second place, Peter Barr sang "Whatever Lola Wants, Paul Wolfe came third with a piano solo.

After seeing a movie of the Calgary Stampede on Monday morning, the boys toured Baxter Laboratories in the afternoon.

Tuesday was Indian Day, when the lads made themselves head-dresses and ceremonial masks. Each tribe designed and performed a war dance.

In the afternoon they played settlers and Indians, when the Indians hid two unfortunate pioneers. Object was for the other settlers to find the kidnapped ones and supply them with food—special slips of paper—without being caught. The Indians, who hid their victims at the back of the school grounds, were fooled once when they themselves handed the captive settlers an apple, only to learn it was hollowed out and concealed one of the winning pieces of paper.

The Hurons are ahead in the softball games which continued Wednesday morning. In the afternoon the boys toured a Guelph plant and the Y.M.C.A. there. After softball in the morning today, the boys see movies this afternoon on safe driving and prospecting for petroleum.

Hurt When Thrown From Motorcycle

Thrown from his motorcycle when the kickstand fell as he was driving along No. 7 highway at Crewson's Corners, David Holmes of Church St. was severely cut about the face. The accident occurred about midnight on Saturday night.

Mr. Holmes was thrown into the ditch. Stitches were required to close the cuts.

Flames in Hay Field Soon Under Control

Acton firemen answered a call from the farm of J. McEachern, on the Esquering - Nassagaweya line, on Tuesday afternoon when fire broke out in a hay field.

By the time the brigade arrived the blaze had been brought under control before extensive damage to the field or nearby crops had been done. Cause of the fire was not reported.

First Class Honors For Three Pianists

Pupils of Miss Denise Coles were successful in passing Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto examinations, held recently in Guelph. Three young pianists all received first class honors.

David Howden and Lillian Philips both took first class honors in grade one piano and Brenda Cripps received first class honors in grade two.

Declines Snap Decision

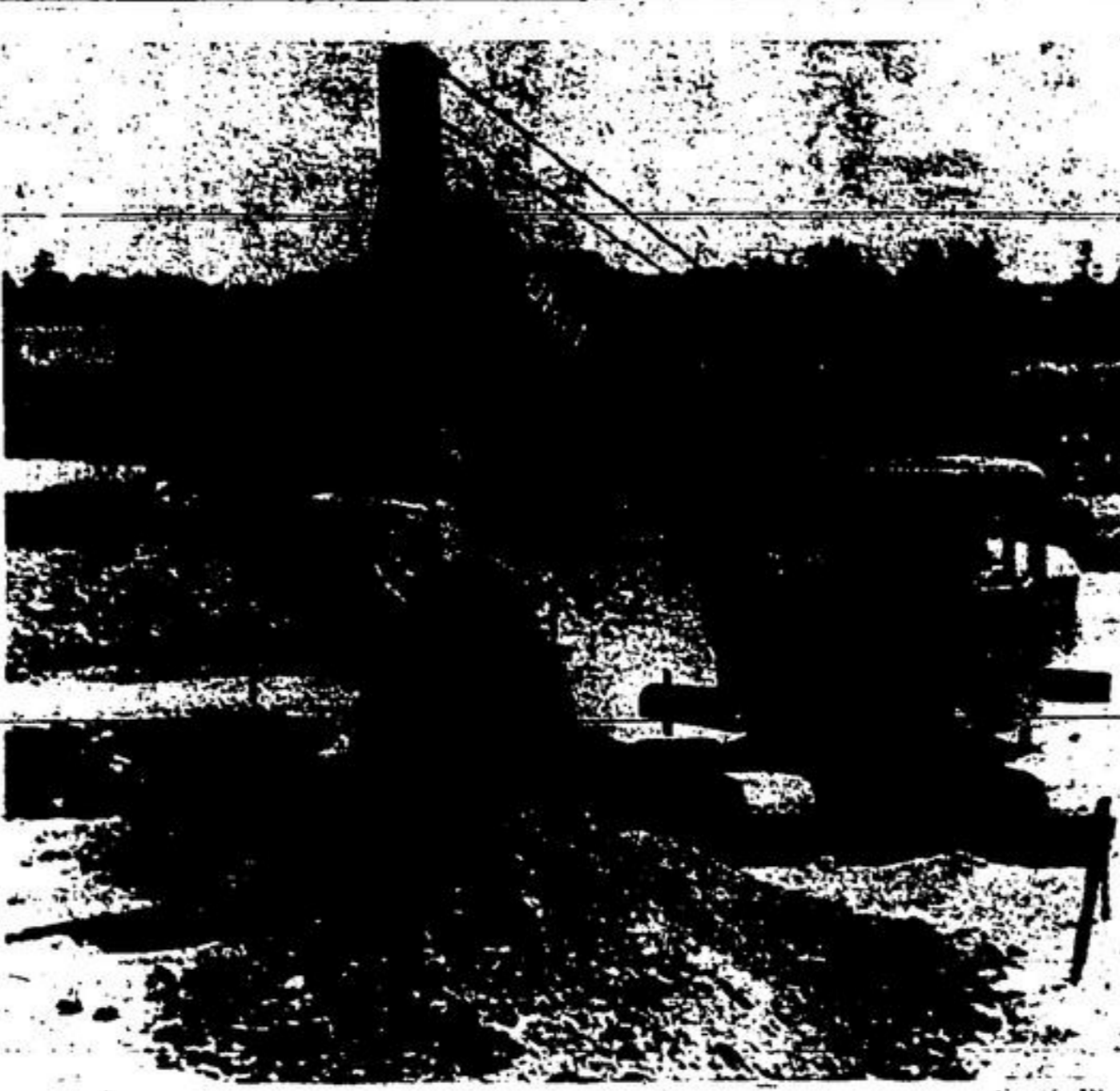
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BUILDING IN ACTON is hitting an all-time high this year as construction passes the half million mark for the first six months of 1955. Four residential subdivisions will likely make the year a record, well over the million dollar mark. Here work steams ahead at the 240-lot Lakeview Heights development where shovels gouge out foundations. Houses go up almost daily at 200-lot Glenlea.

Fruit and Bread Trucks in Grief

Police in and near Acton this week reported two traffic mishaps, one featuring a "run-away" truck and the other involving a spilled fruit truck.

Watermelon and other fruits were tossed over No. 7 highway and the ditch when a truck went out of control on Saturday a half-mile south of Acton. The truck, from a camp for new Canadians, was travelling east when it went out of control, hit the south shoulder of the road and rolled into the north ditch.

The vehicle was loaded with fresh fruit and groceries. Driver was Wayne Kuschmely. Damage estimate was between \$400 and \$500.

Acton police reported a run-away bread truck on Main St. Tuesday afternoon.

The delivery truck was parked by its driver, Albert Seabrook of Eden Mills, while he was making a call. Reportedly not fully secured, the truck rolled down the road and pushed through a fence at the home of Earl Van Norman. As well as the fence, damage was caused to some lawn chairs.

Miss Jean Rowe Public Health Nurse

Miss Jean Rowe of Fergus is the public health nurse who will be working in this district, following Miss Marg Langtree. She was in town this week. Her work is under the direction of the Halton County Health Unit.

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Select Caretaker Contract Repairs

Nineteen applications were received for the position of caretaker of Georgetown high school, and G. R. Bain of Georgetown was chosen for the position at a salary of \$2500 per year.

Contract for painting and repairs to the window sash was awarded to Gordon Farlow of Milton at a price of \$402. These repairs and outside painting are to the old section of the building. Five tenders were received for the work ranging in price to the successful low bid to over \$1100.

A special meeting of the committee concerned on the District Board made these decisions at a meeting held in Georgetown last week at which chairman W. Cooen presided.

Council Pressed for Gas Franchise from Two Sides

Mr. Brooks rose and, referring to a prepared brief on the Company's proposal which was passed to every member, outlined the directorate personnel. He replied the Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto, would be the chief suppliers and added it was proposed to have a schedule of rates lower than those charged by Consumers' Gas.

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After further brief discussion, the representatives left. No additional attention was given the proposal at Monday night's meeting.

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Town's Spreading Progress Evident in Building Figures

1955 looks like a record year for Acton! With four residential developments scheduled to rise this year, town officials can find no year where construction has been as active and building values as high. This week revealed concrete evidence of Acton's spreading progress:

Local Sports Day To See Big Array Of Games, Play

Come civic holiday, August 1, the Acton Legion Minor League's plans for an action-packed sports day will blossom out in colorful and noisy style as an old-fashioned calisthenic parade leads off the day's events.

According to Minor League officials, a bustling program is under draft. It'll include games, races, rides and contests. There's a pile of prizes for winners of events, as well as a lucky draw for more prizes.

Prizes will be handed out hand over fist for entrants in the calisthenic parade. Included are kudos for: best dressed girl and bug; best original costume; best dressed boy and tricycle; best comic; best sportsman; best dressed person and bicycle and, of course, best decorated float.

A feature of the day will be a ball contest between the current inter-mediate and the "old timers." Rumor has it the action should be uproarious in this fixture.

A dance is planned for the evening to wind up the day's array of sports activity.

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NEW SPORTERS for youthful participants in minor league baseball were sported for the first time last week when players on the four teams received identifying T-shirts from the Acton Legion. Shown are the four team captains, left to right, front, Barry Kirkness, Hoshots; Stuart McDonald, Wolf Hounds; rear, Ted Nightingale, Jets; Jim Lindsay, Muckers.

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