P.U.C. Taps Reserve Well, Water Consumption Soars in Heat Wave

Ontario's record heat wave very real to local Public Utilities Meet on Train steps last week to augment the town's water supply by tapping After 27 Years into the main at Warren Grove the 50-gallon-per-minute flow from a well drilled there last fall.

and showing no sign of faltering ton, was on his way from Vancouin the dry weather, he said,

The chairman pointed out that responsible for the utilization of the Family Party auxiliary well. Over six and a half million gallons were used in June, he said, and added that consumption is rising every month.

Grove well into use, installation of a pump and motor at the well site grandchildren will be present when and laying of a copper line to the Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hinton celebrate was found necessary.

At a short-notice meeting with members of Council, the Commission discussed purchase of a pump, of a type and capacity sufficient to raise the water from the well to the main, from a Fefgus manufacturer. Contact with the company was made at this meeting and advice sought on the type of pumpneeded, to be operated by three-

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Accident Kills Ray Parkhouse

in the Bank of Nova Scotia who brations Norman, who has been left last May, was killed in a mot- living in Regina, is moving to Toor accident on Saturday.

is in Plattsville, and Douglas Fore- known merchants. Their daughter, man, 21, of Bright, were killed Edna, Mrs. C. O. Burn, lives in Towhen a car crashed into the rear ronto. of a truck, 20 miles north-west of Brantford: A third occupant of the their family in extending congratucar, David Shearer, 18, of Bright, was taken to the hospital in Woodstock and repogted in fair condit-

were in the front seat of Foreman's After Two. Losses

No 97 highway. Mr. Parkhouse, who boarded in ly with less success: ed the staff of the bank here on team lost to Eden Mills by a decist damage. Cause of this fire was also. The fire, fought for some two October 11, 1954 On May 24, 1955, ive 15-3. They lost again to Rock- unknownhe was transferred to Toronto and wood on Thursday. Yonge branch of the bank

hadn't seen each other for 27 years met in the parlor car of a train re-Chairman F. Oakes stressed there cently. Jim McGeachie, who lives was no need for alarm. The town's in Toronto now, was leaving Chitwo springs, main source of water cago when he encountered Joe Mcsupply for Acton's householders Cann on the train. Mr. McCann, the and industries, are holding up well son of a coal yard operator in Ac-

On Anniversary In order to bring the Warren For H. Hinton's

Their four children and seven water main, on MacDonald Blvd their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday. Two sons are coming from as far as New York and Regina.

Mr and Mrs: Hinton, who live on Lake Ave., were married in Kingsland Congregational church in London, England, on August 7, 1905. Mrs. Hinton, the former Lillian May Todd, was born in Uxbridge and Mr. Hinton was born in London. She is ! now 72 years old; her husband, 80.

They came from England in 1911. 1939. They returned to Acton in 1948. Mr. Hinton also worked in Exceptional Property and Control of the Control o Georgetown and Montreal. He is active in Oddfellows and the Masonic Lodge.

learn that Ray Parkhouse, a teller York is expected home for the celeronto this week and will be here on Mr. Parkhouse, 20, whose home Sunday. Bert is one of Acton's well

Their many Acton friends join lations to Mr. and Mrs. Hinton.

ladies downed Carlisle 17-9.



- Staff Photo GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hinton will be to settle in Toronto for 13 years, marked this Sunday when children, grandchildren and friends will They came to Acton in 1924, and gather to honor the celebrants at their home on Lake Ave. Mr. and moved from here to Streetsville in Mrs. Hinton have four children, seven grandchildren.

a watchmaker by trade. He has been Two Pasture Grass Fires Cause Acton friends were shocked to children. Henry William of New Hectic Time for Acton Brigade

dry conditions which intensified Mutual Aid emergency. three out of four blazes attended! The first call from the farm of to validify this talk.

Acton Defeats Carlisle firefighters soon brought the burn- sagaweya ing area under control.

Schantz, RR, 1, Plattsville slowed defeated Carlisle in an exhibition the Glenlea subdivision near con- hour, then left for the Coulter fire and additions on Mill Street before H. R. Force was struck by lightning, the likely needs of the whole Actondown due to engine trouble. The match as part of the Minor Sports struction equipment owned by which was burning more seriously the month is over. truck was partly off the road on Day events on Civic-Holiday, en Mansell Nellis, Prompt, action by a short distance away. Shortly af-1 countered two other teams recent- the Acton firemen cut off danger ter they arrived at the second to a hearby tank of gasoline and pasture-grassfire, the Georgetown town with Miss Emma Cole, join- Wednesday of . Est week the saved considerable equipment from brigade came in to give assistance.

township farms caused alarms of consumed nearly 50 acres

Acton firemen had a busy long the Acton brigade and also brought week-end, thanks mostly to tinder- the Georgetown brigade in under Highway-Seventh Line intersection.

by the local brigade. Only one fire Andrew Laing, near the Town Line minutes, two fires on Nassagaweya reached or deals closed, interested unknown cause had caught the fire. About 15 minutes after the subdivision and on the other side by Buck Hamilton, then leaped to through from the farm of Roy commercial development.

hours by brigade members and Tuesday afternoon, within 15 teams of farmers, was prevented had been working at the Bloor and On Monday in the park the least minutes, two fires on Nassagaweya from spreading to buildings but

Council Juggles Gas Franchise Rights Between Rival Bidders

Growth Steady As Commercial Building Blooms

the biggest construction year in

being constructed by Ted Tyler Jr. the station is expected to open late: this month. The large rear portion of the structure will be rented to Tyler Transport as a truck garage

Further east, on No. 7 Highway at the Fifth Line, a new service station is being built by Ross Batlentine, who already owns a local service station and garage building operated by Anthony-Little Motors, Construction is well under way at this new station.

Still further east on No. 7 Highway, off near the Sixth Line and No. 20 Sideroad, it is reported Esquesing council has granted permission to Jim Woods, Huntsville, to erect a drive-in theatre. The site is on lands owned by R. Mitchell. No construction has been re-

Where fact is lacking, rumor ha been plenty in the case of an unknown group who are said to be interested in putting a large supermarket on land near the No. There has been nothing reported

Although no terms have been

burn into a cedar hedge. Local Coulter near the First Line of Nas- In downtown Acton, work pro- The television aerial at Mayfair mated the Acton company could be gresses on a new butcher shop restaurant was also struck by light- ready to distribute gas within a Acton firemen, aided by farmers, which is expected to open up ning.

Acton Council ducked out from under the onus of deciding who gets a natural gas tranchise here Tuesday night in a manoeuver that gives both the Anthony Gas & Oil Explorations Company and the Halton Natural Gas Company room to apply for and battle out supply rights before

While Mrs. Harold Townsley was sitting in the living-room of her Cameron St. home today at noon, a bolt of lightning struck the building, sizzled along wires and caused a fire in her-television set A neighbor, Charlie Waterhouse, came to her assistance and put out

ro lines, caused the wiring in the burg and Guelph pipe companies. fuse box to be welded solid "as if you'd put a torch to it."

Glenlea House Hit By Lightning wells in this area is capable of supplying more than the total supply

overhead caused damage in Acton municipalities now using natural on Wednesday of last week. An Erin gas, district farmer was killed by lightn-

ing during the same storm. tion in the new Glenlea subdivision town to any system if gas was not was severely damaged when it was available. He assured council his struck by lightning. Fred Laing, company did have gas, and the town driving a bulldozer nearby, narrow- would not be involved in any risk. ly escaped shock by the bolt. The It-was pointed out the Fuel Board

bolt struck the house. continued through the walls to the fied of the security of its own postfoundation, knocking the mortar out tion. dry grass around the house owned truck left town, a call came of the Third Line with a view to short and violent storm. No flood- sentative of the rival company.

ing was reported.

Monday afternoon, a pile of oil fought the Laing fire to near con- shortly. It is learned there may be The evening before, in Muskoka, He considered the company had car when a truck driven by Nile The ladies' softball team, which drums and oily rags took fire in trol for about three-quarters of an news of other business changes the summer-home of Mr. and Mrs. enough gas on tap now to supply

Rather than give the franchise to

Lightning Bolt Causes one or the other rival companies in this area. Councillors here gave two TV Fire at Noon Today readings to by-laws which arms both with legal status to make a case before the Fuel Board. Council hopes the government board will then lead the way to which one gains the sole supply rights.

Tony Seynuck and J. Ruddick, officers of Anthony Gas and Oil Exploration Ltd., made a formal request to council for a franchise. They indicated that arrangements The bolt, which may have fol- had been made for a distribution lowed the television wiring or hyd- system in co-operation with Tillson-

When available supply was questioned by Councillor C. Lindsay, Lightning struck the same local- Mr. Ruddick answered that volume ity during the last thunderstorm was the important factor, not the number of wells. He referred to a comparison table recently published by the company which tended to show that the present volume of only one of the company's four plying more than the total supply A-severe electrical storm directly consumed by different Ontario

No Risk to Town

Mr. Seynuck reminded members One of the houses under construct the company didn't want to tie the rain had not yet begun when the would not grant a certificate to proceed with a system to any gas com-It hit the roof of the house and pany until the municipalty is satis-

from between the newly-laid bricks Mr. Ruddick continued, and askand smashing windows. Fortunate-jed the town for a fair appraisal of Friday, an alarm was rung in weya, brought the Acton brigade parties have been reported looking ly, no one was in the house at the the local company's worth and sitfrom Eden Mills where a fire of speeding to fight a pasture-grass at land in front of the Glenlea time. Damage was estimated at \$300, justion. He made a reference to the Rain poured down during the questionable history of one repre-

Replying to a question, he estiyear after a franchise was granted. with only slight damage resulting. | Milton-Georgetown area in a first year's usage of gas.

He stressed: "There's lots of gas in this area."

Claims Misunderstanding

Tony Seynuck, at mention of the Halton Natural Gas Company which at last council meeting had unsuccessfully tried to get a by-law reading on a franchise for Acton, said Milton and Gebrgetown were now giving readings to a franchise by-

law in favor of his company. Mr. Ruddick explained there had been some misunderstanding in Georgetown, where it was thought one of the Halton Natural Gas representatives was connected with the Anthony Gas & Oil Explora-

The secretary-treasurer also said Esquesing township council was prepared to grant a franchise to his

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Concrete Poured **Erect Partitions**

Good progress is being made at the new addition at Acton high school with three full classrooms, a nurse's room and a storage room, The section is roofed and the hall-Staff Photo way joined to the former building

completed the carpenters are foilowing up enclosing walls and ceil-. 3 1 ings It is expected that plastering of the walls will be started next week and that window frames will be installed then The terrazo floors in the hall can then be laid. Work is being rushed so that rooms in the new section will be ready for the opening of school in September.

In the meantime, new desks and chairs for the library classrooms and the necessary teachers' desks have been delivered at the school ready for reporning Provision has been made on the new section for any additions to classrooms that may be necessary for heating, etc.

Ihree fingers Left After Farm Accident

Seven fingers were either wholly or partially lost by Mrs Norman accident at her farm home on Wednesday of last week. A load of

After treatment and many stitches only three full fingers, including one thumb, were left Mrz.

A Resounding Success

Minor Sports Day Parades Gay Array of Games. Play

ing with a dance on the tennis route courts in the evening.

described early on the holiday morn- holiday entertainment. "Of course, ed Harold Townsley, Sonny Towns- Sports projects ing, filled with cars and people the swimming beach was popular ley, Paul Lawson, Bob Heatley, Bill when the gay Calithumpian parade There were games of chance and Skilling, Scotty McCristall, Ross were held in front of the grandstarted its march from the station to pany rides. The Blue Valley Rinch Morton, Spike Scott, Bob Bruce, stand. Winners were as follows. the park. The fire truck headed the boys entertained with music and Wayne Arbie, Bob Tyler, Sam Sny- Boys eight and nine, Carmen parade followed by the decorated songs. The refreshment booth was der and John Cunningham. Legion float with some of the boys very busy. of the Minor Sports teams aboard. George Hollinger and Edwin Wat- Gord James and Bill Quinnell. M.ke Coxe's float. The Old and the son at the microphone announced The Intermediates start their Brian McCristall; girls 10 and 11, New" in the plumbing business, the scheduled events which began play-offs next Wednesday with Mil- Pauline Marks, Caroline Cook; boys caused much merriment. Cars, with the eld-timers versus the 1955 ton. trucks and cars with streamers and Intermediates in a four-inning ball. Judging of costumes and floats Churchill: girls 12 and 13. Ruth-

to the park on Civic Holiday. A ball teams and some of the ladies' Don Ryder, Lorne Masters, Eli Mas- child and tricycle, Beverly Brunelle, Calithumpian parade in the morn- softball team also marched or rode, ters. Bobby Anderson, Bus Morton, Lynne Masters; best float, Mike ing was followed by a full program in the parade. The old fire truck Norm Morton, Jack Stewart, John- Coxe; best original costume, Ruth of races, games, and sports, conclud- provided more laughter along the ny Goy, Dude Lindsay, Bill Water- Landsborough as Marilyn Bell of

In the park, over 500 roamed the Ken Alien and Doug Guthrie. The main streets of the town, area which offered various means of. The Intermediate line-up includ- turned their cash prizes for Minor.

A resounding success that will outfits. Ponies and music were catching and Mayor Ed Tyler at bat. Winners in the various classes were: I definitely be repeated-on an even featured with the Blue Valley He sent a low drive to second base girl and doll buggy. Gwen Bean; bigger scale, according to officials- Ranch float. The decorated bicycles, to start the game, and the regular person and bicycle, Craig Bellamy; was the first annual Minor Sports tricycles, doll buggies and comic linesups took over. Day which attracted well over 500 characters followed. The boys' Playing for the old-timers were ed as Davy Crockett, with a donkey;

house, Bob Footist, Hector Lambert, 1855.

best comic. Herb Cook, who dress-

Herb Cook and Mike Coxe re-With prizes for everyone, races

Woodburn, Peter Taylor; girls eight Umpires were Mike Bennett, and nine, Diane Shultis, Carol Stanley; boys 10 and 11. Ronald Hurren,

> Exhibition Games in their bright new sweaters, played two exhibition games, for the crowd ' In a close encounter, the Muckers edged the Jets 8 to 7 Hot

The play-offs begin tonight Thursday, with the Muckers facing the Welf Hounds and the Hot Shots playing the Jets The Acton Ladies' Softball team.

wearing their smart green and grown its present telephone rate in value as the number of telewhite outfits, took to the field to group, increases will go into ef- phones increases. The company play Carlisle With many Acton fect on September 1 1955 to bring required to report to the Board. rooters, the ladies took a clear win rates into line with those charged twice yearly, the status of ex-

Dancing in Evening

by R Tournour of Acton and Can. 15 cents higher. Brampton.

. - Statt Photo a local group, with Rudolph Spiel- five per cent beyond the maximum board. This will be September 1 between a pulley and a rope Ezio Marzo and Steve Blackwell it is assigned.

The events of the Sports Day Telephone rates for Acton are -Lloyd Minshall from Oakville were directed by Herb Woods, and governed by the number of tele- and Mr. Luntz from Wood River, used for Minor Sports activities.

12 and 13. Dale Woodburn, Bill CALITHUMPIAN PARADE which preceded Monday's Minor Sports The heating, plumbing and electriplacards and balloons preceded the game. The game began with Ed was, handled by Ernie Barr. Mel, Landsborough, Betty Allonby; boys, program of games, races and other sports events is shown in this cal connections in the floor are finroof-top view as the colorful line of floats, musicians and bedecked marchers wends its way down Mill Street. In the foreground is the Partitions are erected and im-The Minor Sports boys' ball teams section of decorated bicycles, tricycles and buggies, pulled or push- mediately the piping and wiring are ed by children. The parade ended up in the park.

Welf Hounds 8 to 1. Telephone Rate Increases To Come Into Effect For Acton In September

None of the winners of the draw. The increases "are, relatively group. were present when their tickets small For example, the minthly. The Acton area has expanded

group was authorized by the Board cailing area as of June 30, 1955

tablished by the Board on the meeting in Acton on Tuesday.

Because the Acton area has out- principle that the service increaseover the visitors, with a score of 17 in other centres of similar size, changes whose total, telephones C'S Keith, Bell Telephone man- have increased more than five per hager for Acton, said this week, cent, beyond the limits of their

were selected at about 430 p.m. The charge for two-party residence steadily in recent years, and it radio was won by Roy T. W. Allen service will be only 10 cents high- progress has been accompanied by of Georgetown, Marks' \$5 youcher er and individual residence service a parallel growth in the number of telephones Acton residents now rolls' \$5 voucher by Mary Ezard of The move into a higher rate have 1.113 telephones in their local

The full day continued into the of Transport Commissioners for To simplify the adjustment of Armstrong of R.R. 1. Acton, in an cooler evening with the dance at the Canada, acting on the company's customers' accounts, the new rates frennis court, when the sale of re- report of April 30s that the num- will become effective on the first freshments and games of chance ber of telephones in Acton's call- normal billing date following the grain was being backed up when continued. Music was provided by ing area had increased more than 30 days' notice required by the Mrs Armstrong caught her fingers



OLDTIMERS' BASEBALL TEAM, lined up against Acon's current intermediate squad, provided a four vogel. Stu Elliott, Johnny Black, limits of the rate group to which 1955. inning game during the Minor Sports day program that had its moments of amusement as well as excitement. Shown here front, left to right, are: Hec Lambert, Lorne Masters, Percy Woods, Don Ryder, Gib Jordon; middle, Harry Holmes, Norm Morton, Bus Morton, Bob Anderson; rear, Eli Masters, Doug Herb Cook. All profits are to be phones in the calling area, as es- Illinois, attended the Rotary club Guelph General hospital after the Guthrie, John Goy, Bill Waterhouse, Bob Footitt, Dude Lindsay, Jack Stewart.