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Need Only 45 Minutes

Hear Acton And Milton Gas Franchises

Only 45 minutes were needed by the Ontario Fuel Board last Friday to hear presentation of two gas franchise agreements, one for Acton and one for Milton, from the Halton Natural Gas Co. The board ruled against hearing these terms and conditions last August when it was found, in Georgetown, that public notice requirements had not been fully carried out.

At the August hearing a four-hour affair, Georgetown's by-law agreement was heard in full. Vice-chairman T. H. Simpson, who chaired the hearings held in Acton last week, said the board has approved the by-law submitted for Georgetown, subject to some minor alterations.

At last week's meeting, held Friday in the Acton Council chamber, legal representative for the Halton Natural Gas Co., D. A. S. Brooks, tabled the notice formalities for the Acton by-law, also asked for a waiver of the public vote clause. Acton Council, he indicated, was leaving this matter to the discretion of the Fuel Board.

Solicitor John Evans for the United Suburban Gas Co. Ltd., briefly questioned a matter of form. He wondered why so many of the terms and conditions for the Halton Natural Gas application were included in the agreement form instead of the by-law.

Vice-chairman Simpson said the company was at liberty to present these terms either way.

Before seating himself, Mr. Evans announced that the United Suburban Co. is now making application to Acton and Georgetown for a franchise agreement.

Mr. Brooks injected that at the August hearing his competitors had inferred they were interested only in Milton. It seems they have changed their minds he said.

James Ruddick, Acton secretary-treasurer for the Anthony Gas and Oil Explorations Ltd., said that the Halton Gas Co. had got the jump on his company in Georgetown and Milton, but that they intended to make application in those towns and had now a by-law before Acton.

Mr. Evans rose again, this time to urge consideration on the public vote question. Mr. Simpson said

the board would reserve the application on the vote question and added, "nobody seems interested enough to oppose it," referring to the request for the waiver of vote by the applicant.

Turning to the Milton agreement form, Mr. Brooks continued and tabled the formal notices. He said the by-law was the same as previously held but the application was new.

The Halton Natural Gas solicitor read a motion from Milton council asking the fuel board to declare a vote of the electors not necessary. The motion also stipulated that should the Halton Natural Gas Co. get the franchise, they would agree to buy gas from the Anthony Gas

and Oil Explorations firm. During the Milton presentation, Mr. Evans made a brief observation on a clause in the agreement which deals with assignment of shares held by the Halton Natural Gas Co. He was answered by Mr. Brooks.

This concluded the short hearings. With the exception of Mr. T. Seynuck and Mr. Ruddick for the Acton gas company, clerk J. McGeachie for Acton, and the two solicitors, no other speakers were heard. Milton was not represented during the hearings and Mr. McGeachie only verified that Acton council was willing to have the board rule on the public vote question.

Night School Applications Down Three Classes Close, Some Open

Discussion of several hours followed the totalling of registrations in night school classes when the committee met Monday evening. Due to lack of registration certain classes were cancelled and others combined. It was decided that applications to attend would still be accepted in five classes.

The total number of registrations received was 112; last year over 140 attended night school. There must be a minimum of 100 to hold a school. Of the 112 enrolling, some were eliminated since the courses they wished were not available. (Both first and second choices were taken into consideration). The committee expressed the hope that would enrol again in one of the classes which is being made available.

Already full are the classes in millinery, aluminum tray etching, oil painting, ceramics and leather carving.

Cancelled due to insufficient enrollment were shop-work, English and Typewriting. There should be at least 12 or 15 in a class. The committee decided, after lengthy discussion, to offer again the courses in upholstering, leather embossing, elementary, children's and advanced sewing. Applications will be sent in until next Monday for these courses. A further meeting will then be held to decide if the classes will be held or cancelled. The sewing classes can be combined if absolutely necessary.

To secure teachers, it is necessary to hold the oil painting and millinery classes on Monday evenings, while all the other courses are on Tuesdays.

Hit-Run Driver In M.P.'s Car

A car registered in the name of Halton M.P. Sybil Bennett and driven by "a man wearing a hearing aid," later identified as LeRoy Dale, knocked down a 14-year-old bicyclist on Highway Seven Friday night and kept going, police said.

Injured was Max Harris, of 42 Ontario St., Georgetown, who was thrown to the ground as he walked with his bike along the soft shoulder of the road. He was facing traffic.

Harris suffered a bruised hip, cut hands and bumps on the head. Relatives said Miss Bennett was out of town for three weeks.

Roy A. Hylken, of O'Connor Dr., Toronto, told police he was 50 feet behind the hit-run car when it struck Harris and saw the accident.

Lineman Gets Burns and Shock

An Acton hydro employee was injured at the park Monday morning when he came in contact with a pole bracket, made "live" through a short circuit from a 4000 volt line.

Kerwin McPhail suffered burns to both hands and shock when he grasped the electrified bracket. Work was being done on this pole to repair a damaged disconnect.

He was taken to hospital for treatment and observation, but was allowed to return home Tuesday.

Thanksgiving Day

Monday next is Thanksgiving Day and this office will be closed all that day.

Correspondents and those with other news reports are asked to have their copy sent in as early as possible in order to compensate for the shorter week. The office will be closed from Saturday noon until Tuesday morning.

TB Association Hires Worker To Visit Homes

An even fuller program in Halton county was foreseen at the first fall meeting of the Halton County Tuberculosis and Health Association in Milton on September 26. There were directors from Acton, R. F. Bean, Campbellville, E. C. Foster, Georgetown, K. R. McDonald, Milton, Mrs. M. S. Pettit, G. C. Gowland, B. MacNab, Oakville, Mrs. M. E. Lunan, H. C. Morris, W. R. Green and from the Women's Institute, Mrs. G. Somerville. The county medical officer, Dr. A. F. Bull and Mrs. R. R. Parker attended.

The vigorous meeting was chaired by R. F. Bean of Acton and every indication was given from the meeting of a stepped up program in all areas in which the association participates against tuberculosis in Halton.

The association has engaged the services of Mrs. R. R. Parker of Acton, a graduate in Social Service with experience in the United States and Canada. Mrs. Parker will visit the patients and the homes of patients in order that the association may assist where possible.

The Halton association is the first tuberculosis association in Canada to have a social service worker. It is intended that every corner of the county will be made aware through representatives of the association of the continuing fight against tuberculosis.

Three Companies Vie for Service Rights To Natural Gas Supply System in Acton



LOOKING AT AN EARLY RECORD book of Ebenezer United church, Nassagaweya township, are Rev. George Boyle, B.A., B.D., on the right, and W. Slinn, who has the charge of Ebenezer, Eden Mills and Arkell churches. Mr. Slinn turned over to the Victoria University archivist three record books of early history of Ebenezer and that area. Rev. Boyle spoke at the Ebenezer United church anniversary.

Ebenezer Has 133rd Anniversary Old Records Presented Archivist

Ebenezer United Church in Nassagaweya Township celebrated its 133rd anniversary on September 25. The Rev. George Boyle, B.A., B.D., archivist-historian of Victoria University, Toronto, preached at both the morning and evening services.

W. Slinn, who has the charge of Ebenezer church and also Eden Mills and Arkell, invited Dr. Boyle to come to Ebenezer when they met in Sudbury last June at the Hamilton conference.

Mr. Slinn has turned over to Dr. Boyle three valuable record books belonging to Ebenezer Church for safe keeping. They show the beginning of Methodism in upper Nassagaweya when Ebenezer was known as the "Canadian Wesleyan Methodist New Connexion Church." Dr. Boyle expressed the hope that any person having old diaries or papers connected with the early Methodist Church would send them to him in Toronto where they may be studied by those interested in compiling history. Mr. Slinn would take charge of any such papers and see that they reached the archives safely.

Car Flips Over Four Are Unhurt

Four occupants of a car travelling south on No. 25 Highway last Friday evening escaped injury when their vehicle flipped over into a ditch after being forced off the road.

The car, owned and driven by A. Schubert, was turned out to pass two other vehicles. At the same time the second car in line pulled out in front to pass the first car, forcing the Acton car off the road.

One of the passengers, H. Schubert, also of Acton, was thrown out and landed under the car. He was uninjured when the vehicle was lifted from him. Mr. Schubert's wife and young daughter were the other passengers. Police estimated damage to the car at about \$800.

Opening Day Draws At Holland Shop

When Acton's first import store, The Holland Shop, opened on Saturday there were many customers interested in examining the stock of Dutch and Canadian goods. E. Huisman is the proprietor of the store and the clerk is his daughter, Miss Agnes Huisman.

Names were entered for two draws on the first day. Winner of the large tapestry was Mrs. Pearl Varey while six year-old Andrew Bauman won a damask table cloth.

Acton High Athletes Take Three Championships at Area Field Meet

Although the Milton High crowd won the inter-school field day held in Milton last Wednesday afternoon, Acton came out with some winners too. Ruth Landsborough, who won the junior girls' championship at the Acton field day, took the junior championship again at the inter-school meet. Also, Frank Cooper walked off with the intermediate boys' championship and Bill Skilling tied with Phoenix of Erin for senior champ.

These were the champions: girls: bantam, L. Nodwell; E. junior, R. Landsborough; A. intermediate, Betty Anderson; M. senior, L. Dar-

Council Reads Franchise By-Law For United Suburban Gas Co. Ltd.

Acton Council Monday night voted for two readings to a by-law giving the United Suburban Gas Co. Ltd. a foot in the gas franchise door here with two other companies after members heard lengthy testimonials of the Hamilton company's worth from its own representatives.

September Building Dips But October's Figures Seen High

September saw an unusual dip—unusual for 1955's spiralling residential growth—in total construction figures. During the past month only \$16,000 in building was recorded by inspector O. Lamb. This is in contrast to August's \$480,000 figure.

However, October will see construction soar again when the Lakeview subdivisions are slated to take out another block of house permits.

September's total brings the 1955 building value to a grand total of \$1,113,150. By the end of the year, an all-time high will be recorded for Acton's growth.

Erin Twp. Native Dies in Accident

Many friends here learned with sorrow that Mrs. Ernest Dawson had been fatally injured in a motor car accident on Monday night.

Mrs. Dawson was the former Mrs. Audrey McArthur, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McArthur of Erin township.

Details of the accident have not been secured here yet. Mrs. Dawson was alone in the car at the time going from her home near Oil Springs to attend to her duties as a telephone operator.

Besides her husband, family and parents, she is survived by one brother, LeRoy of Erin township.

Charter Buses To Billy Graham

The Billy Graham crusade was a magnificent sight for about 75 from Acton who journeyed to the Coliseum in Toronto by chartered bus and seven private cars on Tuesday evening. Another bus has been arranged for next Sunday and special Toronto for the services continues in the district.

In the Coliseum were over 1,000 people from Buffalo alone and there were many from out of the city.

The singing of hymns and special music was a feature of the service. Mr. Beverley Shea was soloist. Among the members of the huge choir was Mrs. Somerville, sister of Mrs. Hassard of Acton.

The visitors were much impressed with Billy Graham himself. Several have been down to other services.

Music Is Effective In Mental Hospitals Local Group Is Told

A doctor wanting to note a mental patient's progress will often watch the patient's dancing or rhythmic movement class. Mrs. Robert Buckner held the members of the Music Study group at their meeting last week. She worked in a mental hospital and found that music, rhythmic and interpretive actions all helped the patients there.

Mrs. Buckner amusingly described the rhythm band that she formed among the patients and how they progressed to even playing Bach! Different kinds of music attracted different patients, she discovered. The emotions of some would be completely and suddenly released when one-particular tune was heard.

The members continued the subject informally after Mrs. Buckner concluded, as she passed around articles and pictures.

The business part of the program was followed by the study of the evening when Schubert's Unfinished Symphony was the topic.

C.G.I.T. Girls Enjoy Wiener Roast, Game

The C.G.I.T. of Knox church met at Ella Jany's home for a wiener roast. They played a game of Singing Syllables. During the business part of the meeting, Mrs. Davidson told that Miss Rowe would be at the next meeting. The meeting closed with Taps.

Now there are three companies who will make their bid for Fuel Board approval to gas rights in Acton. The other two are the local Anthony Gas and Oil Explorations Ltd. and the Halton Natural Gas Co. The latter company is the only one thus far to get its by-law before the Fuel Board.

At a meeting two weeks ago after from the United Suburban Gas Co., a subsidiary of the Union Gas Co. of Canada, got a cool reception. At that time members, who expressed partially to continued dealings with the Halton Natural Gas Co., which is reportedly looked on with favor in Milton and Georgetown, asked the clerk to reply that Acton was "not interested" in hearing from the United Suburban Gas Co.

Assured Supply Source The United Suburban Gas Co. came anyway, four men strong. Their solicitor, J. Evans, submitted the agreement form and delivered an extensive approbation of his company. He told of the long history, financial responsibility, wide area of service and "highest public relations" enjoyed by his company in municipalities where it is established. He was also emphatic that it had a reliable source of gas supply.

Mr. Evans revealed that the United Suburban Gas Co. is prepared to buy natural gas supplies from the local Anthony Gas and Oil Explorations Ltd.

To a question from Mayor Tyler, the lawyer replied it was likely gas could be served economically to the area if a franchise was approved for all three towns. Certainly, he suggested the company would have to get the franchise for at least two of the towns in order to provide service.

Withdraw Hours Petition T. P. Pinckard, who introduced himself as general manager of the company, also extolled his firm in a lengthy speech. He suggested the reason United Suburban had not petitioned for a franchise before in Acton was that there was not definite assurance a gas supply could be made available. This supply is now "practically assured," he concluded, with the Consumers' Gas Company.

At the outset of the meeting J. Guy and R. F. Bean comprised the first delegation to be heard in Monday's five-hour session.

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, they requested the petition held by council for a classified new hours by-law be withdrawn. All the signers, except one, had endorsed a document requesting this petition be thrown over to council who indicated they would comply with the request.

Won't "Do the Job" The Chamber president explained a survey was going to be conducted among the merchants to provide a more stable basis on which to present a new store hours by-law. He asked if council would be receptive to a "blanket petition" (one presented on a straight retail majority basis) instead of a "classification petition" which apparently "will not do the job" desired.

Mayor Tyler offered that if the Chamber brought back a "just" survey of opinion, council would consider it accordingly.

V. Peycha and C. Peycha requested a transfer of taxi license and tobacco license. The license has been held by John Palmer of Reliable Taxi. This was granted, conditional on necessary insurance policies being presented at the clerk's office.

Question N.H.U.B. Authority W. J. Coon, with C. Coak, appeared as Acton's representatives on the North Halton High School District Board at invitation of council. Regarding a motion that county council set up a consultative committee to present facts and figures on attendance, costs, etc., Mr. Coon said he would regret council taking any action which might tend to break up the N.H.H.S.D.B.

Reeve Hargrave pointed out the function of such a committee would not be to make recommendations about retaining or disbanding the Board, only to present figures which might be useful. "It would only be a fact-finding investigation," he said.

It was mentioned the motion came from the North Halton Urban Board. A question was raised if the N.H.U.B. had the authority to make such a request to the councils of Acton, Georgetown and Milton for a consultative committee.

It was noted Nassagaweya and Esquimaux also members of the

HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONS at the inter-school field meet held at Milton Wednesday afternoon of last week. Front row, left to right, L. Nodwell, bantam, Erin; Ruth Landsborough, junior, Acton; Betty Anderson, intermediate, Milton; L. Darou, senior, Georgetown. Back row, Jim Kerr, bantam, Milton; N. Lockhurst, junior, Georgetown; Frank Cooper, intermediate, Acton; and D. Phoenix, Erin, who tied with Bill Skilling of Acton for the senior championship. Betty Anderson holds the cup which Milton won for obtaining the most points.

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