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## A Stouter Creek from School to Lake



A WIDER CREEK TRENCH is now completed for the waters flowing through Acton's mid-section into Fairy Lake. Work was recently completed to widen to about 10 feet the creek from the school bridge to the lake. Depth has also been increased where needed to about three feet. The top photo section looks from the No. 7 highway bridge to the school bridge where a silt basin has been gouged out. The lower photo views the enlarged creek from near the mouth at the lake up to the highway.

## Clear School In 59 Seconds

The public school was cleared in 59 seconds Wednesday morning when Acton firemen staged a surprise drill during Fire Prevention Week. Children were out of their classrooms in the old high school, old public school and the new wing in remarkably good time, according to Chief Sam Tennant.

The firemen inspected the school and found fire fighting equipment of the newest type and everything in good condition.

They also assisted in fire drill at Lorne school yesterday. Tomorrow firemen will be tugging the schools of Erin, Nassagaweya and Trafalgar townships in this district.

## Late Berries

Raspberries in October! Mrs. Roach, Church St., picked a bowl full of luscious, big berries this week and will keep right on picking until frost, judging by the blossoms on her canes. She has been enjoying the berries right through summer and fall.

## Population Now 3,157

# Assessment Up \$214,755

Taxation in 1956 will be based on a total assessment of \$3,201,698.90, an increase of \$214,755.90 over the figure of \$2,986,944 which provided the basis for this year's taxation. The 1955 total of land, building and business assessment values was released this week and represents Assessor O. Lamb's computations to the end of September.

## Convert Room to Much-Needed Additional Class of Grade Three

The urgent need for another grade three classroom was stressed when the public school board met last week. The board decided to use the art room and directed that blackboards be installed. Miss Daisy Folster, who retired last year, was re-engaged to teach the class.

G. W. McKenzie, the principal, reported that about 400 teachers were expected to attend the teachers' convention in Acton on October 28.

The board ruled that a fee of \$20 would embrace rental of the auditorium, kitchen and washrooms only and if other facilities were required for other than school activities, an additional fee would be charged. Staff room and all classrooms were to be locked each night. Edwin Watson was engaged to tune the piano.

## Lake Ontario Swim Is Y Gym Contest

A Lake Ontario swim contest is all set for the boys of the Junior gym class at the Y.M.C.A. A large map of Lake Ontario is all ready on the bulletin board for the mass plunge on Monday when all the teams will start the year-long competition or swim. Points will be awarded for equipment and activities to indicate the mileage on the map that the teams have covered. Naturally, the swim gets tougher farther along. There will be prizes for the first team to land on the other side of the lake in theory.

## Killed Thursday In Truck Crash

Keith Avery of Waterdown, who narrowly escaped death at the Rockwood level crossing last month, was killed when his truck crashed into a tree on the Hamilton-Guelph highway last Thursday. His milk truck went out of control about a mile south of the Ontario Agricultural College property.

Mr. Avery was the driver of the truck that was struck by a C.N.R. train at the level crossing at Rockwood on September 21. At that time he escaped injury although his truck was badly damaged.

## Delegates Attend Midland Convention

Acton delegates attended the Young Peoples' convention of the Synodical of Toronto and Kingston at Knox Presbyterian church, Midland, on the Thanksgiving week-end. Attending were Joe Janz, Doug Bennie and Jim Greer.

They left Friday evening and the sessions concluded Monday afternoon.

## Track, Field Club Officially Registered

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## Wails Through Nursery School

One child cried and children screamed the entire morning long at the Nursery school at the Y.M.C.A. was off to a good start Wednesday despite it! Altogether 38 preschoolers, wide-eyed and eager, enrolled in the school.

The teachers this year are Mrs. Lillian Woods, Mrs. Janet Rogers, Mrs. Gwen Price, Mrs. Nan Hurst, Mrs. Marg Phelan, Mrs. Kay Graham, and Mrs. Olive Cairns. The classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Mothers brought their youngsters for their first day of nursery school yesterday. Not all were delighted at the beginning but most soon joined happily in the games and songs. Only one child was still unconsoling when the first day concluded.

## Eight Convictions, One Dismissal One Remand, in Long Court Here

In one of the longest dockets to be heard here in recent months, Magistrate's court Wednesday ruled conviction on eight charges, dismissal on one charge, remand on two charges and one necessary suspension of a driver's license. One of the three men had another charge of keeping liquor in an unlawful place dismissed. He told the court his truck, where local police found a bottle of wine, was his place of residence since he recently sold his apartment. He slept in the truck the night he was caught.

A minor from this district, charged here with unlawful possession of liquor, was fined \$100 and costs. The mother of the boy asked the court if he might be put on probation and bound to good conduct instead of the fine. She blamed her companions for the trouble he was in.

The 18-year-old youth said he would rather take the fine and added that since he did not have the money he would take the jail sentence. His mother offered to pay the fine. She was told that since the boy was over 16, the court could not bind him to good conduct, in lieu of the fine, when he did not wish probation.

An Acton man pleaded guilty to four charges of cashing Family Allowance cheques to which he was not entitled. The regional director for Family Allowances appeared to testify for counsel for the Crown, K. Y. Dick, who emphasized the seriousness of this charge since the cashed cheques put taxpayers' money to use for which it was not intended and also deprived some child of the benefits of the allowance.

The court agreed with the crown's contention. Fines of \$50 and costs on each charge were imposed.

## Population Figure May Rise Another 100 in the Next Month

population figure may rise another 100 in the next month, with new residents moving in daily at Glenlea and habitation of many new homes in the Lakeview subdivision expected this fall.

However, the 3,157 figure is the one which will be used in arriving at the 1956 mill rate.

Just what that mill rate might be, municipal officials declined this week to hazard any estimate.

Breakdown of the \$3,201,698.90 assessment total is as follows: land, \$446,189.90, compared to \$353,844.67 in 1954; buildings, \$2,331,634, compared to \$2,215,570 last year; business, \$423,875, compared to \$417,530 in 1954. The figures used for comparison from last year's roll include the supplemental assessment.

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# County Council to Set Up Consultative Committee to Study Three H.S. Areas

## Commission Rules on Inch Conduit For Service in New Buildings Here

Subdividers, electricians and private builders were given advance notice last week that after October 15 the local Public Utilities Commission will frown on use of anything less than one-inch service conduit in new buildings here.

Hydro superintendent D. Mason told Commission members at last week's meeting that few municipalities allow use of service line under an inch. At present, many of the new homes in local subdivisions are being serviced with three-quarter inch conduit.

After brief discussion members passed a motion ruling against use of any conduit under one-inch diameter on all service installations in Acton. The deadline is this Saturday and a notice is to go to subdividers to this effect.

At the beginning of the meeting the Commission discussed with a

## Classes Double Despite Increase

Although Y Secretary Bob Brayshaw has organized twice as many classes at the Y this year so that enrolment in each one will be smaller, he finds now that some have doubled in size from last year and he is busier than ever with activities.

There are 33 classes in operation—18 for boys and girls and 15 for adults.

The woodworking class has grown so large it has been divided into two with 12 on a waiting list hoping for an additional instructor. The Friday class has been limited to boys under 11 who registered at the first of the year.

A new bowling and wrestling club has been formed with Mr. Guelph instructing. The members meet three times a week after school.

Matches with Brampton, Kitchener and Guelph are being planned for the children's badminton teams. The Y's basketball team is entering in the Guelph city league with games scheduled for every Tuesday and Thursday.

Six young men are meeting three nights a week as the Body Builders club. Specializing in weight lifting, they hope to enter competitions later.

## Wants to Take Pictures

A letter from United Steel Corporation, original suppliers of much equipment at the disposal plant, asked permission to take pictures of their equipment at the plant.

Another letter, from the Department of Health, commented on the present constituency of processed sewage at the local plant.

It was noted that the Warren Grove sewers are to be flushed this fall. A list of nine defective fire hydrants, submitted by the Fire Department, was turned over to the waterworks superintendent.

The commission agreed to purchase a portable sump pump for general use.

Superintendent Mason raised a discussion on the installation of poles, to be made by the Bell Telephone Co. at the Lakeview subdivision, as the work affects the hydro department. Pole installation at Glenlea was also briefly discussed.

## Describes Accident

The accident last week which killed an employee, K. McPhail, was described to the Commission by the superintendent.

Waterworks superintendent J. Lambert reported the permanent pump has been installed at the Warren Grove well also noted a manhole is to be built around the mechanism.

The waterworks superintendent also reported plans to lengthen the

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Glenlea resident objections raised when a pole and guy wire was necessarily installed on his property. The guy wire, stretching into his back yard, was the main point of contention.

After gradually reconciling points of view, agreement was reached by both parties on what had been proposed. The resident also agreed to permit servicing the pole over his property at any time the Commission found necessary.

Secretary J. McGeachie read a reply from Glenlea subdividers Thomas and Thomas about Commission objections to unauthorized use of metered water. It was also noted at this point that the other Glenlea builders, Bradley and Houghton, had connected to a hydrant without permission. The waterworks superintendent was asked to check into this.

## \$300 Trampoline Project for Gra-Y

The Royal Star Gra-Y club are hoping to buy a \$300 trampoline for the Y.M.C.A. A group of young boys are beginning their project of raising enough money for the equipment by selling plastic book covers for school books.

They are also planning a bus trip to Kitchener to tour the Beatles' Chuckles plant there.

After considerable discussion County Council, by a close vote, approved a resolution sponsored by Reeves Stanley Allen, Georgetown, and Dr. C. A. Martin, Milton, to have a fact finding committee set up to review the possibility of establishing three high school area boards to take the place of the North Halton High School Area. Appointees to the fact finding committee are to be named at the November meeting.

## Regional Conference Of Y's Men's Clubs

Delegates from Acton attended the regional conference of the International Y's Men's clubs held in Sudbury on the Thanksgiving week-end. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Garnet McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Mansell Nellis and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rogivaldson.

Guests of the Sudbury club, they stayed in a hotel and attended sessions and banquets in the recently-enlarged Sudbury Y.M.C.A.

As district governor, Mr. McKenzie attended a district governors' meeting with the International vice-president, Ed Miller of New Jersey and regional director Will Roberts.

There was a special program for the ladies.

## Night School Teachers Hired By Committee

Further applications received during the week by the night school committee made the holding of certain classes final and the cancelling of others definite. The committee met Tuesday evening in the high school, making further arrangements for this year's night school classes.

The leather embossing class was cancelled due to insufficient enrolment. It was decided that the three sewing classes—elementary, advanced and children's—would have to be divided into two classes. The upholstering class will be held and a few more can still be accommodated there. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Diebel, upholsterers of Guelph, have been secured as teachers for this course.

Miss Dorothy Stone of Georgetown district, who has taught in Acton before, has been engaged as oil painting teacher for this year. Mrs. Webster and Mrs. Brown of Guelph will again this year be instructing in sewing. Tables, irons and machines are being arranged for.

Mrs. Frank Black of Georgetown is the teacher of the very crowded millinery class and Mrs. R. Wyatt of Georgetown will instruct in the popular ceramics course.

George Bowman of Acton has the class in leather carving. Mrs. Leiland of this district returns to teach aluminum tray etching.

Oil painting and millinery classes will be held on Monday evenings and all the other courses on Tuesday evenings. It was decided letters would be sent to everyone who enrolled pointing out the date of the first class. Registration takes place on Monday, October 31 and Tuesday, November 1. A few may still enrol in upholstering or sewing. All the other classes have reached or are over the required numbers.

## Consider Manor Addition

Members refused to endorse a resolution sponsored by Middlesex county who sought to have the federal government make income returns of farmers, individual businesses or individuals made final and complete after six months. Local members felt six months too short but suggested an 18-month limit.

Fees for county hunting licences were approved at \$5.00 for non-residents and \$1.00 for county residents. The licence covers rabbits, pheasant and fox.

Estimated cost for building a staff house to provide 14 additional beds at Halton Centennial Manor is set at \$100,000. Members approved the Board of Governor's plans and are now seeking the approval of the Provincial Department of Welfare to proceed with the plans. The provincial share of the cost is 50 per cent, it was explained. Reeve Martin explained that the staff now residing in the present building would be transferred to the new building. This would provide the additional room in the building for 14 persons.

## Student From Ceylon First Speaker At So-Ed Club Weekly Sessions

A student at the Ontario Agricultural College from Ceylon, Jay Arcelean, told about his country at the first So-Ed club meeting in the Y.M.C.A. last Thursday evening. An interested group of members of the new club heard Mr. Arcelean discuss the present day trends, economics, castes, languages, education and main exports of his homeland. He explained that the history of Ceylon dated back to 300 B.C. Each change of government brought change within the country.

He told how rubber trees were killed by over-production during the war, disrupting the whole economy of the country. Rice is the main food, he said.

An animated question period followed. Bruce Shoemaker expressed the thanks of the So-Ed club.

Two craft sessions followed. Clarence Rogivaldson took one group on photography, with focus and exposure his topics. He showed colored slides to illustrate his points.

Phil Coddick had charge of the Do-It-Yourself group when projects included attaching plugs to cords and resetting glass panes in window frames.

Millie's Night followed when as much as \$50,000 was lost in one horse race. Coffee and sandwiches were served to conclude the evening.

This week's main speaker at the So-Ed is Jack Lancker who will speak on television.

## 46th Anniversary Surprise Gathering

Honored on their 46th wedding anniversary at a surprise family gathering were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griffen. A Thanksgiving dinner was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson to mark the occasion.

Those attending were Mrs. J. O. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Martin of Vineland; Mr. and Mrs. Howard MacArthur, Miss Mabel Feavory, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griffen, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griffen, Mrs. Herb Keeler, all of Erin; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson of Acton, Mrs. Tom Birney and Mr. Neil Birney of Sudbury called at the same home.

Mrs. and Mrs. Griffen received many lovely gifts.

## India Year's Study For Mission Band

The Baptist church Mission Band began its fall activities last Friday evening. Mrs. Kay Costerus is the leader with Mrs. Bulmer assisting her. Mrs. Wally Gordon is leading the Baby Band.

The study book this year is the Fig Tree Village, on India. Meetings are held every other Friday in the church.