

# Acton's Rapid Growth in 1955 Stood Out as Year's Highlight

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**Niagara-on-the-Lake, first in North America.**

Application for gas rights in Acton by Halton Natural Gas Co. has been heard by Board sets it over which high develops; building permits pass \$1,347,150 mark; P.U.C. studies Warren Grove reserve well pump cases.

**September:** Bank of Montreal plans new building on Mill St., \$40,000 structure to rise on lot occupied by Hilton's Dept. Store; school bells beckon 650 to public school, 300 to high school; Lorne Goots win again at ONS; heat wave finally lets up.

**New store hours by-law gets first reading in council but stalls there; PUC warn subdividers it is not bound by occupancy dates on its schedule of services installations; August water consumption reported over 6,000,000 gallon mark, another record.**

**Urban Board comes up with idea for consultative committee study on NPHSD; Free Press wins two top awards in all-Canada competition for weekly newspapers; gate receipts highest ever at annual Fall Fair here.**

**Urban Board gives town planner P. A. Deacon go-ahead to draft-up plans for proposed civic centre; store hours by-law progress comes to confused halt.**

**October:** Three companies now in race for natural gas franchise in Acton, as well as in Milton and Georgetown; council completes work on enlargement and improvement of school creek; county council rules to set up consultative committee on NPHSD; PUC orders inch conduit for all hydro service lines to new homes.

**Latest population figure reported as 3,157 and assessment for 1956 taxation reported \$3,301,698, an increase of \$214,755 over 1955; more classroom space said needed at public school; Micro Plastics Ltd. reported sold to Jack Kent Cooke; civic square idea unfolds around projected new municipal centre plans.**

**Urban Board hears of provincial plans to include area in a large industrial promotion zone; new civic centre to go to vote, on basis of \$200,000 expenditure; high school building and expansion; council gives conditional nod to John Gaffney Const. to build new Maria St. bridge at tender of \$65,907.**

**November:** Acton host to 390 Halton teachers for annual county convention; public school board requests survey of pre-school age children to facilitate planning for future additional space; weed cutter at work on Fairy Lake to clear water vegetation.

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**December:** Tyler acclaimed Mayor, Hargrave Reeve at nomination night where proposed civic centre and Maria St. bridge gets a going-over at the hands of the ratepayers; John Goy again president of local Chamber; court of revision hears 14 appeals.

**Yielders turn down civic centre 55-30, endorse band grant by-law 489-183, elect three new councillors; three from previous council; Esquimesing and Acton councils in accord on annexation compensation—\$6,000 plus assumption of school debt payments; hydro revenue for '55 up \$14,574, interim audit shows PUC.**

**Wm. Wilson defeats Ray Thompson in two-man contest for deputy-revee as only 26 per cent of voters go to month's second poll; county council passes consultative committee for ALL high school areas in the county; Halton Mutual Aid fire system reviewed at meeting in Acton; public hearing ordered on proposed new Maria St. bridge before construction starts.**

## CP Reviews International National News Thro' 1955

1955's outstanding news events, on the international scene and at a national level, are reviewed here in digest form by the Canadian Press. At the left are highlights of the Canadian news through the year, while in the right hand column are a selection of world dates in 1955.

**January—6th.** Eight dead in Sask. Govt. Airways crash at Buffalo Narrows; 15th, Ontario Hydro Chief Robert Saunders killed in plane crash; 26th, Federal parliament approves West Germany's entry to NATO.

**February—17th.** Ontario highways probe says former minister Doucett unaware of irregularities; 18th, B.C. supreme court dismisses Wismer's libel action against Maclean's magazine after published apology; 26th, seven persons rescued after four days on tundra near Churchill.

**March—6th.** TLC and CCLI adopt basic principles for merger; 17th, Montreal Forum riot sparked by suspension of Maurice Richard; 21st, Nicolet, Que., fire destroys 35 buildings, damage \$700,000.

**April—2nd.** Macdonald bridge opened between Halifax and Dartmouth; 5th, Federal budget reduces some sales taxes; 14th, Detroit beats Montreal in Stanley Cup final; 26th, former chief justice Sir Lyman Duff, 90, dies at Ottawa.

**May—2nd.** Automobile ferry John Cabot burns at Port Hawkesbury, N.S.; 2nd, cities of Montreal and Saskatchewan storm; 25th, Liberal government returned in P.E.I. general election.

**June—6th.** Air Vice-Marshal John Plant relieved as chief of ECAP technical services following "scrap the army" speech; 8th, Maj. Gen. H. D. Graham succeeds Lt. Gen. Simonds as army chief; 9th, Progressive Conservatives increase majority in Ontario election; 24th, Vancouver police chief Mulligan suspended pending probe; 29th, Social Credit government wins Alberta general election.

**July—11th.** Conservatives' filibuster in parliament ends with government agreeing to a three-year limit on emergency defence production powers; 14th, anti-French riots leave 63 dead in Morocco; 21st, Eisenhower at Geneva summit talks proposes exchange of military blueprints; 29th, U.S. plans to launch earth-girdling satellite by 1957; 31st, Marilyn Bell, 17, Toronto, swims English Channel.

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**February—1st.** Princess Margaret starts West Indies tour at Port of Spain; 5th, French Premier Mendès-France defeated in chamber of deputies; 8th, Bulganin replaces Malenkov as Russian premier; 23rd, Edgar Faure gets parliament approval as new French premier.

**March—6th.** Penticton Vs beat Baesia 5-0 to win world hockey title; 11th, Sir Alexander Fleming, penicillin discoverer, dies at London; 27th, French Senate approves remaining Germany within NATO; 30th, Marlon Brando, Grace Kelly, Oscar winners, at Hollywood.

**April—3rd.** Holy Week train wreck in Mexico, 300 killed; 6th, Eden succeeds Churchill as British prime minister; 12th, Salk anti-polio vaccine declared safe, effective; 18th, Einstein, 76, dies at Princeton, N.J.

**May—5th.** West Germany regains sovereignty, ending occupation; 25th, Viet Nam, 28th, Conservatives win bigger majority in British elections; 27, Kansas tornado kills 73 at Udall.

**June—2.** Ford Motors, UAW, at Detroit sign contract giving each benefits for laid-off workers; 11th, racing car smash kills 82 in crowd at Le Mans, France; 16th, revolt against Peron breaks out in Argentina; 22nd, Bulganin, Nehru, sign Russia-India non-aggression pact.

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## Ford Plant Layoffs To Permit Expansion

Plant changes at Oakville to permit expanded production will mean a lay-off in the Oakville plant and at Windsor, a Ford of Canada spokesman said Saturday.

Seven thousand at Windsor and 4,000 at Oakville are laid off from the close of business, December 23 until January 4. Most of these will lose approximately five working days, since the year-end holidays, Saturday and Sundays, are included.

The union advised its members today to apply for unemployment insurance benefits.

Charles McDonald, president of Local 200 in Windsor, said Windsor and Oakville employees have received lay-off notices in the mails.

Rhys M. Sale, Ford of Canada president announced last April at a stockholders' meeting in Windsor, that the company was contemplating an expansion of facilities. The Oakville changes form part of that program.

They will mean, for example, changing the plant's electrical system, changing and installation of machines during which time no production could continue. With final assembly closed down at Oakville, Windsor plants are not required to work.

**December Wedding In Brampton Church**

White chrysantheums decorated Brampton Presbyterian church for the marriage of Susie Leola Denny and Robert R. Avery on Saturday, December 17. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett W. Denny of R. R. 2, Brampton, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Avery of R. R. 3, Sarnia, Ont. They performed the double ring ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of Chantilly lace and nylon net over slipper satin. A coronet's headdress held her fingertip veil. She carried red roses and Stephanotis.

Mrs. Jessie Aldham and Mrs. Edith McMurdo, the bride's sisters, were her junior attendants. They wore identical ballerina length gowns of heavenly blue nylon lace and nylon net over satin. Mrs. Aldham carried yellow mums and Mrs. McMurdo pink.

Miss Beverly Aldham, the bride's niece, was flower girl, wearing a dress of ivory satin. She carried a nosegay of red roses.

Edward Avery was groomsmen; ushering were James W. Lang and Clarence S. Denny.

The Sunday school room was the setting for the reception which followed, when about 65 guests were present from Flint, Michigan, Sarnia, Streetsville, Brampton, Guelph, Norval, Erin and Acton. For the occasion, the bride's mother wore a black crepe dress with winter white accessories and a corsage of white carnations. The groom's mother chose a navy blue wool dress with a red hat. Her corsage was of yellow mums.

White mums were placed in the room for the reception. The bride's great-uncle, Mr. Smith Griffin, proposed the toast to the bride.

The couple left on a wedding trip to New York and the eastern States. For travelling, the bride wore a dress of blue orlon taffeta with black accessories and a grey-blue winter coat. A corsage of pink roses completed her ensemble. They are making their home in Brampton.

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## LOCAL NEWS

—Rotarians went bowling together Tuesday evening.

—Some of the back roads in town and in the district are very slippery.

—Merchants and business men had some novel advertising gifts this Christmas.

—Family gatherings were enjoyed all through the district on the long Christmas week-end.

—Many cars were stuck in the snow on the week-end, or skidding noticeably at corners.

—Youngsters on holiday from school are skating at the arena and on the pond this week.

—Scymour English has been transferred to the Malton branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia as accountant.

—A great many have been renewing their subscriptions to the Free Press before the slight price hike.

—About 170 boys are expected to take part in the town hockey league this season. Organization starts next week.

—The Junior Sunday School of the United Church enjoyed the theatre party at the Roxy on Tuesday afternoon.

—The snow-covered trees have been breathtakingly beautiful. A drive in the country on the week-end was a joy.

—Acton musicians were with the Larne Scots band when they visited Halton Centennial Manor on Tuesday of last week.

—The Roxy was filled on Monday when over 300 youngsters attended the Rotary-sponsored showing of the film, Hansel and Gretel, on Monday.

—After a bustling week, shop keepers and their staffs enjoyed a long week-end. Most stores were closed all day Tuesday as well as Boxing Day.

—Special Christmas assemblies were held at the public school on Wednesday and Thursday last week. Many of the classrooms had their own parties as well.

—High school pupils from four district high schools, Acton, Milton, Georgetown and Preston joined for a dance in the public school auditorium in Acton last week.

—Bert Dodds and V. Kein, Acton, were among the lucky winners of fowl at the Halton and Georgetown Poultry Association euchre in Georgetown. Mac Fountain won a euchre prize.

—Always interesting to see, the snow blowing operations last Thursday night didn't have much of an audience. Most of the town was asleep while trucks hauled the snow from the main streets.

## Benefit to All Hospitals

# To Seek County Half-Mill for Hospitals

The Board of Directors of the Milton District hospital held their monthly meeting in the offices of P. L. Robertson Mfg. Co. Ltd. Milton, Wednesday, Dec. 28. The possibility of imposing the services of a hospital consultant was mentioned but was adjourned for further discussion at a special meeting to be held on January 11, at which time the appointment of an architect would also be decided. A Finance Committee would also be formed in January.

The Hospital Board appointed John E. Hall, C.A., auditor for the hospital and hospital campaign without cost.

Archibald Service repeated a suggestion he had made at a previous Hospital Board meeting that the County Council should decide to put a half-mill rate on the assessment in 1966, splitting it between the

hospitals in the county, considerable benefit would be derived. The county would gain, he said, if we could get sufficient hospital facilities to avoid having to send patients, especially indigent ones, outside the county. A township is normally charged back for a portion of such services and this entails spending considerable money every month—money which goes out of the county and could be diverted to support hospitals in Halton county.

There was unanimous agreement with Mr. Service's views and further action was brought to a halt on another aspect of co-operation that could be effected within the county by hospitals.

Prince MacNab proposed and Archie Service seconded that the Milton District Hospital study further the co-ordination of hospitals within

the county and adjacent municipalities with a view of establishing an advisory board.

Mrs. Milton Brown mentioned that organizations were already asking how they could donate gifts of rooms and furniture to the hospital. It was agreed that all necessary information on such points would be given out at the earliest possible moment and that such gifts would be announced publicly as soon as made.

Mrs. Norris moved and Mrs. Oestler Service seconded that a campaign be started to raise money for the hospital.

Carl Martin for supplying a large sign to the hospital.

The campaign posters were already printed and other phases of publicity lined up for the opening of the fund drive in the new year, it was reported.

## Prisoners Enjoy Useful Hobbies

Kingston, Ont. (CP)—A 30-year-old landscape artist with no formal art training is one of about 250 prisoners engaging in hobby crafts at Kingston penitentiary.

An article in the prison paper says the men are permitted to spend up to \$50 a month on materials for their crafts, and may sell or give to the members of their family the products of their labor.

Hobby craft was introduced in 1950 as an activity calculated to ease the boredom of prisoners. In accord with the report of the Archambault commission on prison reform of some years earlier.

So far however, the article claims, no effort has been spent by the authorities to supply leadership and training essential if original Canadian designs are to be created.

The hobbyists concentrate on such items as lamps, ashtrays, wall-lets and other saleable items, and with the proceeds buy more material. One prisoner, a one-time embalmer, packing day creates his models from a mixture of newspaper shreds, flour and water.

Another prisoner, a former tailor, developed an urge to carve wood and work in wood inlay. He has made lamps, jewel boxes and inlay pictures and in three years has sold more than 200 pieces.

## Football Move To Big Business

Eastern Canada football, which turned pro on the playing fields just a few years ago, is showing signs now of "going pro" corporately as well. Control of this colorful \$1 million-plus sport-business appears to be switching from the dedicated and often able amateurs in the front offices to full-time paid administrators who can give the big business aspects of the game the attention they need.

Montreal Alouettes may be the only Big Four league team to make a profit this year, reports The Financial Post, and informed sources suggest that the Montreal team's corporate structure might be the cause. Alouettes are set up as a public corporation while the other three teams in the league, Toronto Argonauts, Ottawa Roughriders, and Hamilton Tiger-Cats are non-profit private organizations.

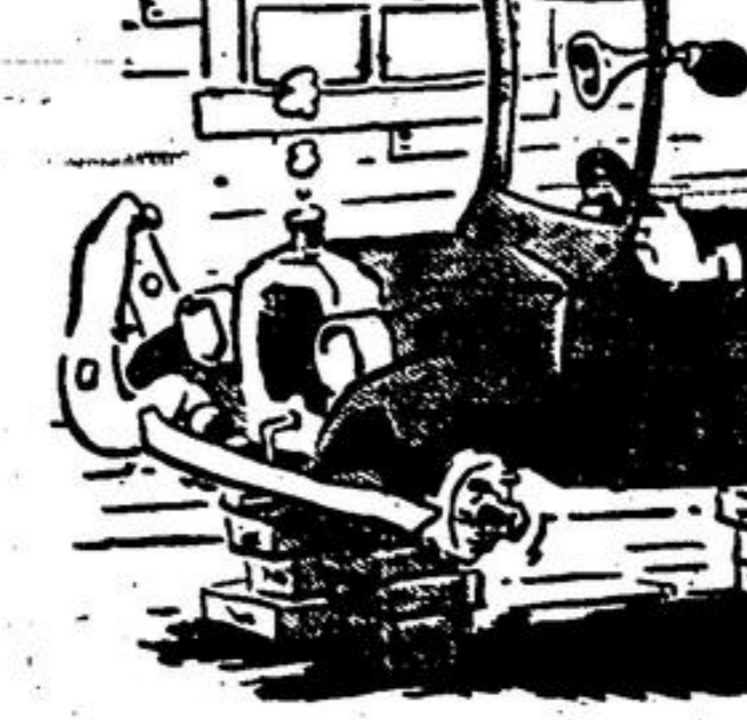
Look for some changes this winter. The Post says, if not in corporate structure at least in the appointment of full-time professional managers by the Toronto, Ottawa, and Hamilton clubs.

**CUT RATE**

Barber—Do you want a hair cut, sir?

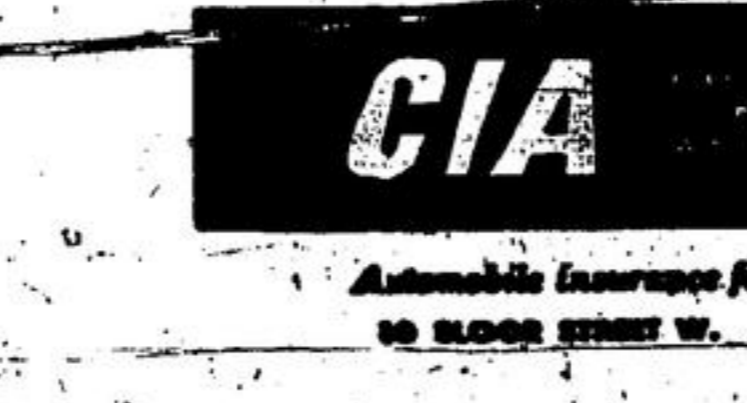
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