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Parents' Duty to Set Example For Children, Policeman States

The April and last meeting of the season of the Home and School Association was held on Monday evening with Cyril Taylor presiding. Many things were discussed during the business portion of the meeting, including the music festival, which is to take place very soon.

The chairman of the nomination committee read the slate of officers for the coming season. The new executive, elected by acclamation, is as follows: president, Lorne Masters; vice-president, Joe Hurst; secretary, Mrs. L. Duby; treasurer, Charles Landsborough; committee, Mrs. R. Buckner, Mrs. F. Heller, Mrs. J. Calder, Herman Freuler, George Hargrave and George Haggett. R. R. Parker officiated at their installation.

Sergeant John Gibson of No. 3 district of the Police at Durand was introduced as guest speaker, and spoke on good manners in both driving and walking. Safety on the highways being so closely connected with courtesy, he explained it is our duty to set a good example for our children. He also suggested a safety program for the school. Photographs of accidents were passed around for members and a very informative questions and answer period followed.

The Acton Chorales were also on the program and entertained with songs.

Miss Folster, Mrs. Allen and Miss Anderson's rooms all tied for the picture, each with 10 parents present. It was suggested that \$4 be added to the original \$2 this month so that each room would have the picture for a month and also \$2.

Coffee was served. There were 80 present.

Samaritans Aid Wounded Deer

A wounded wild animal found last week that Good Samaritans still exist.

Sometime last Thursday afternoon a young buck was struck on No. 7 highway just west of here and lying in the ditch. A short time later two Petrolia motorists bound for Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. John Rush, saw the floundering deer. They stopped and discovered its back was broken.

Turning around, Mr. and Mrs. Rush drove back into Acton, where they contacted PC John Hodgins, who later called Dr. F. G. Oakes. They drove back out to the crippled animal and put it out of its misery.

Traffic usage of district highways is being assessed as Department of Highways' traffic counters are noticed.

Springtime Survey

Snow Falling, Mud Appalling Building Booming, Lads Musing

One sure sign that the frost is out of the ground: yesterday's snowfall, hardly received with cheers, no sooner fell but it melted.

Whether that's a cheery aspect to this week's plum weather is doubtful, but at least winter-worn Actonians can find consolation in the thought that this week's dull, snowy days are the end, rather than the beginning, of another Canadian winter.

For new subdivision residents, spring is definitely here. Mud is everywhere, bogging down cars and spattering disinterested youngsters. The Free Press camera went to Glenlea this week—as a picture on this page evinces—and before its carrier got out, he got stuck once

First Tax Notices Are Rosier, Come Out on Pink Paper

Taxpayers in Acton were greeted through the mails during the past few days with a pink-colored notice calling for 1956's first installment of taxes.

And for just about everybody those taxes are some 12 per cent lower than last year, thanks to this year's nine-mill drop. The pink paper seems fitting in the face of that rosier condition.

From the town office more than 1200 notices went out. This is about 400 more than the number mailed last year. First installment is due May 1, while subsequent installments fall on July 15, August 15, October 15.

Lawn Bowling League Schedule Is Adopted

Following is the schedule of games for the Inter-county Lawn Bowling League: June 6, Acton vs. Georgetown, Milton vs. Guelph, Rockwood vs. Milton; June 13, Guelph vs. Rockwood, Acton vs. Guelph, Georgetown vs. Milton; June 20, Rockwood vs. Acton, Guelph vs. Milton, Georgetown vs. Rockwood; June 27, Acton vs. Rockwood, Georgetown vs. Guelph, Milton vs. Acton; July 4, Rockwood vs. Guelph, Milton vs. Georgetown, Guelph vs. Acton;

July 11, Georgetown vs. Acton, Milton vs. Rockwood, Guelph vs. Georgetown; July 18, Acton vs. Milton, Rockwood vs. Georgetown, Milton vs. Guelph; July 25, Rockwood vs. Milton, Guelph vs. Acton, Georgetown vs. Rockwood; August 1, Milton vs. Acton, Rockwood vs. Guelph, Acton vs. Georgetown, August 8, Georgetown vs. Milton, Acton vs. Rockwood, Guelph vs. Georgetown.

Winner receives the Beardmore trophy.

Fair Board Sponsors Social Event April 11

Sponsored by the fair board, a euchre and dance in Stewarttown hall on Wednesday evening, April 11, attracted a good crowd. Lunch was served during the evening of euchre and dancing to McEneaney's orchestra.

Euchre winners were Mrs. E. Davenport, Mrs. S. Matthews, Thomas Brownridge and W. Britton, as Brownridge and W. Britton, Mrs. Alex. Spear and Mrs. M. Nelis won the spot dance.



MORASS OF MUD at Glenlea is exceeded only by the heavier mud at Lakeview. Where no roadbeds exist adventurous motorists and rubber-booted pedestrians take their chances at getting through. One fellow who does get through, however, is the milkman shown here picking his way up a Glenlea road that is very much muddied.

An "Adventure in Citizenship" At Ottawa Ahead for Joy Peal

Joy Peal has been selected to participate in "An Adventure in Citizenship," sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ottawa. Again this time the Rotary Club of Ottawa will play host to nearly 200 young people, senior high school students, from every province of Canada. It is the club's annual project, "An Adventure in Citizenship," May 14 to 17.

The grade 12 student, who was a finalist in last year's Peanut Queen contest, will be 17 just after she returns from Ottawa. With good scholastic standing, she also takes part in extra-curricular activities.

The principal aim is to promote the best type of Canadian citizenship among senior high school students, all of whom will be voters, perhaps many of them leaders in the next half-century.

To provide a unique opportunity for young men and women to understand the workings of Canadian democracy and appreciate the Canadian way of life, a plan was devised to have selected students from all parts of Canada visit the national capital once a year and meet leaders in political life as well as others prominent in business and professions and the educational institutions of the Dominion.

The students who take part in "Adventure in Citizenship" are selected by Rotary clubs in all 13 provinces. The students are obligated, on their return home, to accept invitations from school and church groups, service clubs, etc., to speak of their experiences and observations.

Since the scheme was launched in 1951 a total of 288 young Canadians have visited Ottawa as guests of Rotary. This year will add another 184 to that number, bringing to nearly 1,000 the young people who have broadened their horizons.

Last year's representative from Acton was Joe Jany.

Vote on Monday

The Free Press urges Acton's eligible voters to cast a ballot Monday on the parks board of management question.

At the same time, this newspaper considers a fair study of what a parks board is and the extent of its work will stand electors in good stead before they go to the polls.

Elsewhere on this page is a brief outline of the reason for Monday's special vote and the aims of representatives of local organizations in working to create a board of management to operate Acton's existing and future park lands.

Garage Thieves Smash Window

First case of petty thievery in town since last winter's rash of break-ins was committed over the week-end at a local garage.

Early Sunday morning intruders broke open a rear window in S. McIsaac's Highway Garage. An attempt was made to pry open a corner safe, but when this failed, the thieves collected about \$225 worth of garage equipment and stock and left, apparently by a front entrance.

Police here believe at least two men were involved in the theft and in the past few days have been following several leads in efforts to identify the culprits.

Near 300 Motorists Here Safely-Checked

In the past week members of Acton's police force have safely-checked nearly 300 cars belonging to town motorists. Most of these checks were made following request of the car owners.

Drivers are still urged to contact the local OPP office for a voluntary safety check that will perhaps save them delay or inconvenience if their car is stopped by OPP highway patrol squads.

Acton's Affairs Aired

C. of C. Civic Night Draws Out Lively Local Queries

Scores of questions and answers on practically all phases of municipal affairs delivered last night's annual civic night, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Councilors, school trustees, P.U.C. and planning board members, as well as department heads, deftly handled general, pointed or contentious queries from an audience of about 40 men.

Chamber president John Goy saw the questions and answers as a valuable exercise in promoting understanding of civic affairs between elected officials and citizens. He said the Chamber is a logical agent to act between the municipal groups and the electors.

Questions from the floor started quickly and followed easily, after routine Chamber business was completed.

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Asked for the percentage division on this year's assessment increase, supplied by new residential building and by industry taken to the town by annexation, Clerk J. G. Coon stated that the approximate \$600,000 assessment was entirely due to residential expansion. Annexation properties were figured in last year's assessment increase.

Public school trustee C. Bradley answered that he knew of no time limit against school boards owning and holding property for future school use. He also stated that present school enrollment is about 970, that nearly 900 are expected in September and while facilities are now taxed, the board has plans to handle the fall increase. He hinted a planning start may be made on the new school building next fall to relieve crowding in that town.

Several questions were put by William Wilson to Mr. Coon and Mr. Bradley concerning the apparently difficult jump for a pupil between public school and high school. After some discussion here, Chairman Goy observed that a full answer could only be made by a professional educator.

No. 7 — Three Lanes?

Mayor Tyler took a questioner's view that there is no official notice that No. 7 Highway is to be widened, however there has been some information that it is to be made a three-lane highway in and out of Acton.

In the same connection, M. Nellis asked if the town had ever petitioned to have No. 7 Highway bypass the community. He urged the Chamber to consider action on this matter.

A query on town streets was answered by Mr. N. Brown, who questioned if oiling was the best method to maintain good roads. He said he intended to broach council on reverting to the oil and gravel type of road, but that it was cheaper and easier to maintain. Reeve J. Hargrave disagreed, pointing out council in the past had found calcium costlier and easier washed away.

The Chamber was asked if it had done anything to attract industry. Chairman Goy ticked off its co-operation with council, work at the Trade Fair booth last year, plans underway for an industrial booklet, sponsorship of the business edition last year and set up of a file of contacts.

Steps to Set Up Commission Secretary G. Barbeau outlined steps which would have to be taken to set up a manufacturing industrial commission and stressed the method recommended by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. Chairman Goy observed that industrial promotion may not get too far.

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Y's Men Gather Oct. 19 Thru' Nov. 8 In Owen Sound For Mass TB Survey

As district governor, G. W. McKenzie presided at the annual conference of district Y's Men held at Owen Sound Y.M.C.A. on the weekend. Acton club had 16 representatives there.

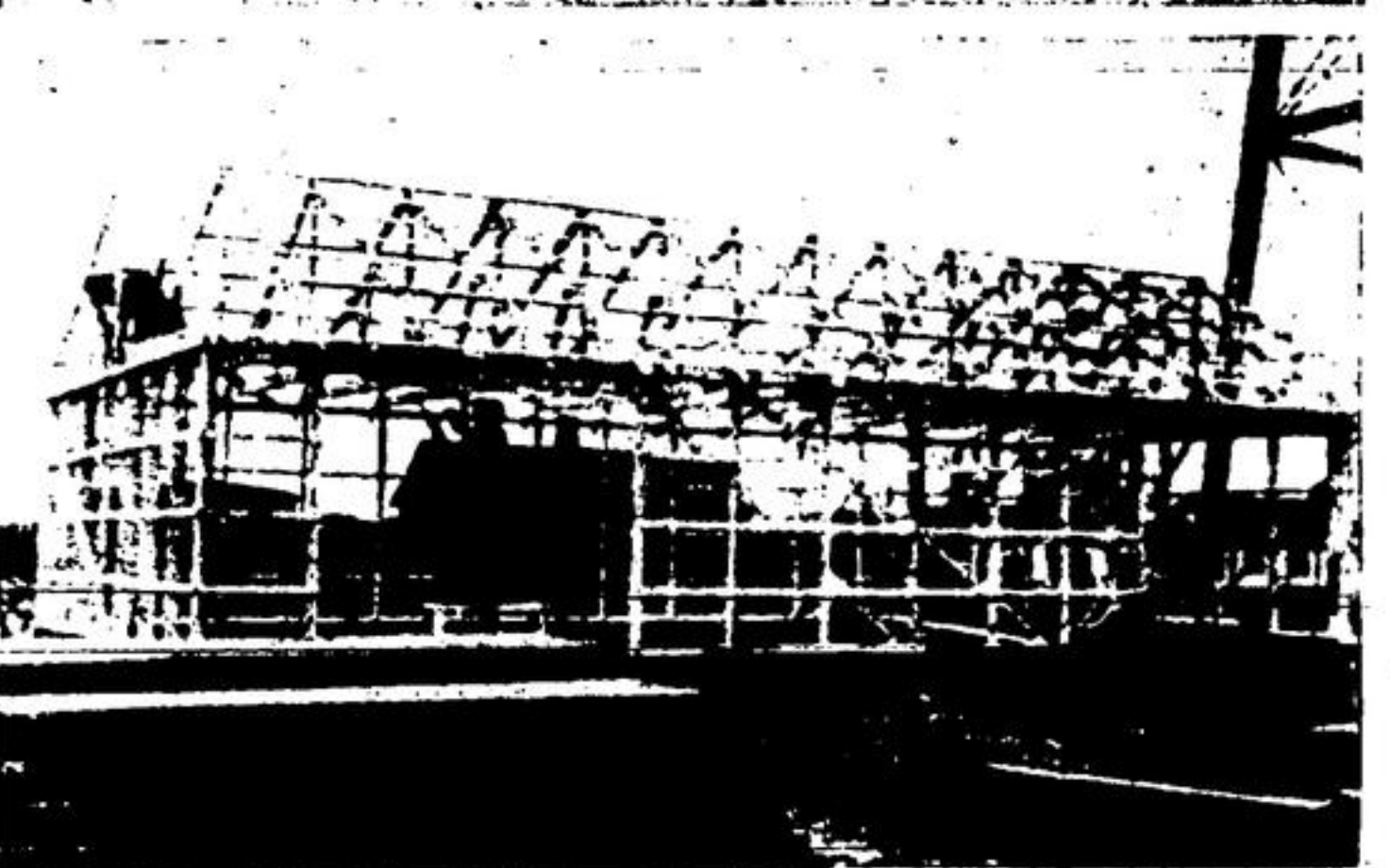
Included on the program were a banquet Saturday evening, early breakfast Sunday, worship service, leadership and club program forums, and the closing dinner. Mac Brooman the International Y's Men's president from Niagara Falls, spoke on international aspects of the group.

Attending from town were Harry Otterbein, Jack McGoachan, Elmer Smith, Bill Davey, Meb Blow, Earl Massey, G. W. McKenzie, Harry Arber, Mansell Nelis, Doug Manning, Bill Benson, Bob Brayshaw, Wes Wolfe, Edgar Ladkes, Charles Leatherland and Bruce Shoemaker.

Jackpot up to \$540 For Appreciation Day

A weekly attraction, the drawing of the name of the winner of the Appreciation Draw, will be especially exciting next week. Thousands of tickets are in the barrel and the total amount is \$540.

With a ten per cent coupon, Mrs. Alex Wilson took last week's prize of \$54. She also knew the name of the "merchant of the week" for a bonus of \$5.



NEW P.U.C. GARAGE near the town's water tower took shape this week. Waterworks and sewage department vehicles and equipment will be housed in the structure which was a skeleton (above) Tuesday but by Wednesday was closed in with metal sheathing.

"Nothing But the Truth" a Hit With Large Audiences Last Week

Enthusiastic and responsive audiences of over 300 each evening applauded the Acton Home and School Association's production of "Nothing but the Truth" last week.

The popular comedy was staged on Thursday and Friday evenings in the public school auditorium with a large advance sale.

The cast of 11, with an active hand-working back stage crew, presented an attractive and polished performance under the directorship of Mrs. Kay Francis.

The lead, part of a young man sworn to tell "Nothing but the Truth" for 24 hours, was convincingly played by Peter Dunham. His wife, Anne Dunham, aged by

make-up, played his older partner's aristocratic wife. William Wilson gave an assured performance as her husband.

Two young and pretty heroines, Isabelle Ritchie and Barbara Smith, wore demure gowns and picture hats, while their opposite two hip-swinging actresses were colorfully played by Grace Barratt and Bevel Newton.

In his big scene when he demands he be given back his money, the Bishop, cleverly acted by Cyril Taylor, temporarily stole the show. Rounding out the cast were Fred Gordon, Lorne Masters and Margaret Wilson.

The unobtrusive sets made excellent use of the large stage.

Joe Hurst, as committee chairman, welcomed the audiences. After the play, Mrs. Francis was presented with a bouquet.

An orchestra played light concert selections before the play and between acts under the direction of Charles Landsborough. Musicians included Rudolph Spivogel, Helen Landsborough, Marie Kerr, Archie Kerr, Robert Kerr, Ken Allen, Sheila Paul and Charles Landsborough.

Prompter was Pat Terry, stage manager Walter Cook, costume managers Adah Matthews and Fran Beatty; publicity director, Ella Jennings; stage hands, Morris Jeffries, Art Ryley, Tommy Davidson and Cary Ockenden; and stagehand Mrs. Dunham of the cast also did most of the make-up.

Thanks were expressed to the baby sitters whose co-operation made practices possible. Some of the props are to be kept for the school.

Two Tow-Trucks Tow Overturned Tanker

It took two tow-trucks to upright and haul away a milk tank truck when it rolled over in a field just south of Speyside on Friday, the 13th.

The truck, owned by Kriffer Milk Transport of Guelph and driven by Clarence Hanson, of Guelph, was proceeding south on No. 25 highway about three o'clock in the morning, when it failed to make a curve just below Speyside, crashed through the guard rails, plunged down a steep hill and rolled over.

Milk from the tank on the transport was spilled in the field.

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STAFF HOUSE at Halton Centennial Manor, just south of Milton, is now well underway. The foundation has been poured and work is continuing with the good weather. The new house, which will accommodate the Manor staff is situated just north of the Manor buildings, seen in the background at the right. Estimated cost of the new building is about \$115,000 which includes interior furnishings.

Why a Special Vote?

Efforts of a dozen Acton organizations to form a parks board of management will come to a head Monday when citizens are called to the polls in a special vote to endorse or refute the creation of a separate parks body.

The vote, which takes place at minimum cost to the town since returning officers and clerks have donated their time, takes place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Notices have been posted around town as well as advertised in this newspaper.

If a voters' mandate approves the board, it will have broader and better powers to control, develop and administer the town's park lands than the present parks committee as a wing of council. The board would not only be able to develop and more strictly

regulate Fairy Lake's public park, but will be the guiding agent over future park lands which may be developed on land dedicated to the municipality in residential subdivisions.

Seven Members on Board Membership of the board will include the mayor or his appointee, and six representative citizens appointed by council. Term of office is three years, on a rotation arrangement of two members for one year, two for two years and two for three years.

The board will be entitled to submit a requisition to council each year for funds to operate its responsibilities and enlarge its projects. Shape that these projects may take has already been hinted at by

Concentrate Projects in Parks Board

several local organizations that are concerned the most valuable potentialities of Acton's present park are not being developed. These same organizations are part of the list that in recent months has pushed creation of a parks board, and include the Legion, Y's Men, I.O.D.E. chapters, Agricultural Society, Women's Institute, Minor Sports Association, Firefighters' Association, Legion Auxiliary, Rotary Club, the Beardmore and Co. and the Chamber of Commerce.

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