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Paving Program Is Likely As By-Law Read First Time

Report Highways Dept. in Favor Of Work, May Grant 50 Per Cent

Paving this year of all town streets, except those in the three newest subdivisions, loomed into likelihood Tuesday night when Council gave first reading to a by-law for the work to go to the Ontario Municipal Board. This came after members learned the Department of Highways looked favorably on a complete program and was likely to bear 50 per cent of the cost.

Following a recent meeting with Highways department officials, it was reported a 50 per cent grant could be expected if hot mix were used for the paving. This puts a damper on Council's initial idea to use the cheaper, cold mix type of hardtopping.

A very rough estimate of \$100,000 to pave over six miles of local roads was mentioned. Acton would underwrite half of this figure and Council notes that on a year by year basis, the approximate \$6,000 per year payment is hardly more than the annual cost of road repairs and oiling.

"If we can get hardtop roads for at least two years no more than annual oiling expense, we'd be foolish to turn it down," Mayor E. Tyler said.

Wait in Subdivisions

Most councillors agreed with him. The by-law, read a first time, called for paving of practically all streets except those in the Glenlea, Lakeview and Braida subdivisions and the Third Line, or Churchill Road.

Subdivision residents would have to wait at least two years before there is sufficient base and settlement of roadbeds to take hardtopping. The Third Line, it was pointed out, may in the next few years have services installed and the road would have to be torn up at that time.

At the outset of the meeting a letter from the Lakeview subdivision residents stated the company wished no part of moving a house on the proposed straight roadway into the area. (This is one of the continuing headaches of the tenacious 'Brankiewicz case'.) The company enumerated the cost, "in the thousands," it has gone to over the 'Brankiewicz' case.

Reeve J. Hargrave said council was not concerned with Robert Hudson's expense but only with carrying out the town's part of the agreement. Several members recalled the subdivision had at one stage agreed to move the house but a written commitment was never made.

Would Dedicate Land

A motion was put to the table to have application made to the financial settlement. Had the motion passed, the long-hanging expropriation proceedings would enter court. But the motion was withdrawn.

Withdrawal came after G. W. McLean, Toronto solicitor representing Mr. Brankiewicz, rose to reveal his client is ready to dedicate to the town the street portion on his property if the road goes in straight line.

Council was slightly chary of the news and asked Mr. McLean for a written statement of Mr. Brankiewicz' latest change of mind. It was noted the problem of the immoveable house still remains to be settled with another property owner if the road is to go straight.

Council set a special meeting for next week to deal further with the long-lived problem.

Council heard briefly from two Mutual Life Insurance representatives of Georgetown, Rhoda Waters and A. M. Krol of Waterloo, who outlined a comprehensive health and accident plan which had been earlier explained to municipal employees. Town employees were reportedly in favor of adopting this joint plan.

Urge Speed on Work

Council listened to the two men, set the matter aside to deal with later in the meeting but never did get back to it.

Another letter from Robert Hudson Co. Ltd. urged more speed by the town on street and service work in Lakeview. Council spent little time on this. All members emphasized work was proceeding as quickly as conditions would allow.

A sheaf of by-laws, most of which have been dealt with before, were passed. These included a by-law establishing an easement near a group of Lakeview houses, a by-law authorizing the borrowing of some \$15,000 for the town's share of the new Maria St. bridge, another by-law for approval of the total cost of the bridge.

Council considered granting an easement reduction to a property owned by J. E. McMullen, contingent on gaining further information about use of this land.

Letter from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation called some of council's vexation over an action taken by C.M.H.C. recently when loans to builders here were stopped due to "the tax situation."

Will Resume Loans Here

The letter admitted that on further examination Acton taxes were not as high as was first understood. The letter went on to say that C.M.H.C. was prepared to re-

Meets Ahead For Track Club

In the two mile men's open road race at Watdown on Monday, seven boys from the Acton Y track club and four with the Acton Y.M.C.A. track club.

Bruce Andrews, running with Guelph, placed 14th, John Brown 29th and Bob Altonby 34th. Delmar Watson headed the Acton Y racers, crossing the line 18th. Others in the contest were Morris Van Hemmen, Ed Molody and Jim Malloy.

Older and more experienced racers were entered and the local youths' showing was considered very commendable.

There are at least 13 athletic clubs ahead for the Acton Y track club. First is the Toronto Highland Games being held in East York stadium in June. About 20 boys and girls from Acton Y are expected to compete in track and field events including shot put and dashes. There will also be Highland dancing and piping contests.

Then the group has 12 more invitations already to attend meets during the summer, including the Canadian National Exhibition. They hope to attend them all.

Moffat Couple Wed 50 Years

Natives of Eden Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their Moffat home Wednesday when friends and neighbors gathered to honor the couple.

They were married in Eden Mills, May 23, 1906, lived there for several years before moving to Arkell, then came to Moffat where they lived for over 30 years.

Both in good health, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have three children and three grandchildren. One daughter, Edna, lives in Guelph and a son, Albert, is at home. Another son, Bill of Walnut Springs, Texas, expects to be home later this month for his parents' golden anniversary.

Former Officer Here Injured in Collision

Constable Donald Cook, recently transferred from Acton to the Watdown detachment of the Provincial Police, was reported by a Hamilton newspaper to be injured in collision on the Queen Elizabeth Highway.

The accident occurred near Stony Creek Tuesday. The cruiser Constable Cook was driving was struck in the rear by another car driven by Lawrence Toole, 22, of Winona.

Constable Cook was treated for neck and back injuries and later released from hospital. The other driver was slightly injured.

Cars were halted along the highway east of Acton during holiday traffic for safety checks.



ACTON SCOUTS EAT OUT and enjoy it at the big Camporee over the week-end south of here. Scouts from Milton, Erin, Hillsburg and Georgetown joined in the camping outing at the Milton Scout camp site on No. 25 highway. Members of the Seagull patrol are, left to right, Bob Marshall, Stewart McDonald, Peter Lawson, Bob Parker, Keith Matlocks, Wayne Currie and Don Emerson. The Seagulls tied with one from Erin for first place in competitions and won a plaque.

About 30 Couples Enjoy Ladies' Night

About 60 members of Acton Y's Men's club, their wives and friends enjoyed the annual Ladies' Night Thursday evening of last week. The event was again held at Hilltop Lodge, Erin.

Dancing was enjoyed after dinner. Music was played by Elmer Smith, Gih Jordan, Russell Somerville and John Tocher.

Y's Men's activities include just one more project—the annual auction sale—before halting for the summer.

Bruce Andrews Sets New Record

Placing second behind Preston in their class at Play Day in Guelph last Thursday was the Acton high school team. About 30 competed, with Oscar Drayner and Mrs. Reed coaching.

Bruce Andrews set a new record for the mile race and came second in the 800 yard race.

Blair Hotchen won the ball throw; Jim Denny placed first in pole vault with Bill Oost second; Bill Oost came second in high jump; Frank Cooper won a dash; Delmar Watson came third in both the mile and 800 yard races; Delmar Watson came third in the 75 yard dash and third in the running broad.

The intermediate relay team of Blair Hotchen, Ruth Landsborough, Betty Altonby and Judy Abram placed second.

Highest Win

Highest cheque ever paid in an Appreciation Day draw was made out to Mrs. Herb Price last Saturday. With a 30 per cent coupon and the name of the merchant of the week, she won \$188 from the \$610 jackpot. Hers was the second name drawn.

Acton Area Has Three Accidents

Three week-end accidents outside Acton were reported by provincial police of the area detachment.

A car driven by Harold Lippert, Kitchener, crashed through guard rails and caused \$150 damage to the car when the driver felt ill Friday evening. The incident occurred on the steep hill on No. 7 highway at Norval.

Police estimated total damage at \$600 when two cars sideswiped the brow of a hill Saturday morning on the Sixth Line, Nassagaweya, about a mile south of Highway No. 7. The cars were driven by Ross Snow and E. Nellis, both of the Acton area.

Two cars driven by Paul Lawson, Acton, and James Dunn, Brookville, were involved in a \$600 collision Friday evening at the intersection of No. 7 Highway and the First Line. Equestrian Police said one car pulled off the First Line onto the highway and failed to stop.

Home, Sweet Home For Pike, Calfish

While completely equipped, business-like groups set out for the north fishing on the holiday week-end, those who stayed at home apparently fared better. Fishermen who drove off to those proverbial far-away fields up north came home empty-handed.

People with less time went over to the Forks of the Credit or to Everton and other district fishing spots—and they don't tell exactly where, especially to a newspaperman. But they did tell that fishing wasn't very good.

Eastwest of all was to walk over to Fairy Lake and dip in a line. And there were the fish: pike and catfish.

In most other localities water was too high-finesse to reach the shoals where the fish lie.

Hand C.V.C.A. A Bulky Report

Representatives from municipalities in the Credit Valley Conservancy Authority, Acton included, met in Brampton last night when A. H. Richardson, chief conservation engineer, presented the bulky, official report to the Authority on history, land, forestry, water, recreation and wild life in the watershed.

The report, first started in 1954, was prepared under the supervision of Mr. Richardson. It is a compilation of recommendations and plans, prepared not for immediate action, but intended as a pattern for years to come.

Mr. Richardson presented the report in the absence of the Minister of Planning and Development, the Hon. W. M. Nickle.

Last night's meeting also heard other addresses on conservation and saw a display of maps, charts and pictures contained in the report. Explanations were made by technical staff of the conservation branch of the Department.

Acton, which in Council's view has little to gain by compulsory membership in the Authority, is represented by R. R. Parker.

Novelty Gra-Y Club Aids World Service

Novelty Gra-Y club, a girls' Y.M.C.A. organization, is planning its parcel post sale and tea. They are raising \$10 for World Service.

Several will be attending a Gra-Y conference in Kitchener in June.

The girls meet every Wednesday. Patricia Smith is president, Helen Benton the vice-president and Anita Smith the secretary.

Milton Teams on Top

Halton Juniors Hold Annual Field Day

Saturday afternoon the Halton Junior Farmers, 200 strong, converged on Lowville Park to hold their annual field day. An afternoon full of fun and friendly competition in baseball, horseshoes, volleyball and tug-of-war ended at suppers with the Milton Juniors carrying off four of the five championships.

Final results in the horseshoes showed George Hume and Don Johnson of Milton winning with 22 points, Leonard Thompson and Jack Ferguson of Acton and Jamie Cunningham and Elmer Bird of Norval tied for second place with 17 points for each team, and Phil Shepherd and Bill Robinson of Palermo trailing with 14 points. Don Johnson and Jamie Cunningham will go to Guelph in June to compete in the area finals, representing the Halton Juniors.

Milton boys won the tug-of-war and although they didn't win their final game of baseball for the championship, they won the preliminary game against Norval 13-3. Playing on the Milton team were G. Gillies, J. Jarvis, K. Coulter, A. Jarvis, G. Harris, C. Mann, H. Evans, B. Bawden and L. Coulter.

Players on the winning Palermo Juniors team were K. Vivian, J. Pegg, J. Patterson, D. Vivian, L. Vivian, W. Price, J. Dillmar, G. Richardson and K. Murray. In an earlier game, they had defeated Acton Junior team by a score of 13-0. They beat Milton 7-1 for the championship. Players for Acton were D. McKenzie, J. Cunningham, G. Wheeler, F. Lawson, B. Somerville, R. Morton, B. Barber, L. Hensley, F. Thompson.

Fair Bd. Continues Plans for '56 Show

At a meeting last week of Acton Agricultural Society, plans continued for this year's fall fair, to be held September 14 and 15.

President Smith Griffin presided at the meeting. Prize lists were revised and judges suggested. A field crop entry for oats and a new feature for hay competition is being lined up. It was noted entrants for this competition could contact President Griffin, C. Aitken, M. McCullough, J. Marshall or E. Passmore.

Also discussed was a C.B.C. farm broadcast being arranged in conjunction with this year's fair.

Pastor Ray Costerus Receives Certificate

Pastor Ray Costerus of Acton Baptist church received his certificate in theology from McMaster University, Hamilton, last evening. He was one of eight men graduating at the divinity convocation. One girl from the leadership training school was also present.

An honorary degree was presented to Rev. Archie Gordon of Calgary. Mr. Costerus has completed a three year course. He will be ordained in Acton Baptist church June 7, when representatives of the 15 churches in the Guelph Association will assist. The past president of the convention, Sid Johnston of Toronto, will speak here on that occasion.

Mr. Chief Justice Kellock of the Supreme Court of Canada, chancellor of the university, presented Mr. Costerus with his certificate.

He has been studying at the university regularly since he came to Acton several years ago. Mrs. Costerus attended convocation yesterday.

Six to Compete At Big Cubaree

Representing Acton at a Cubaree in Port Colborne this Saturday, May 26, will be six Cubs from the local Packs.

A special invitation from the Niagara District was received by the local cubmaster over a month ago and since that time a number of cubs have been working Saturday mornings hoping to be a member of the representing team.

Competitions will include knotting, skipping, balancing, hopping and sprints, relays, as well as running races.

Cubs on the Acton team will be Sixers Brian Barbeau, Wayne Roszell, James Ironside, Robert Foyers, Second Sixer, Jamie Ironside and Cub Gary Masles.

The Cubaree, which will begin at 10:00 a.m. in Port Colborne, will have cub packs from numerous points in the Niagara district competing.

The local boys will be leaving Acton early Saturday morning, accompanied by their cubmaster and assistant.

Annual Red Shield Campaign Underway

The annual Red Shield campaign is underway in Acton this week. The campaign is part of a nationwide drive by the Salvation Army to raise funds for its varied and humane work.

Capt. C. G. Fisher, Guelph, in charge of the campaign in this district, noted that the objective here is \$1,000. A group of local businessmen is presently looking after the drive in Acton. Under canvas will start the residential campaign Friday.

Local campaign chairman is W. Benson. Treasurer for Acton donations is W. Woodburn.

Commission Has Routine Session On Business, Reports, New Work

General business, superintendent's reports and future discussion on service installations involved Public Utilities Commissioners in a routine meeting last week.

Early in the meeting it was reported the Bell Telephone Company had accepted responsibility for payment of a share in costs to replace a water line break near T. Brankiewicz's property.

The P.U.C. also noted Council's endorsement of a motion to provide remuneration to Commission members on the basis of 24 meetings per year.

Brief discussion was held on the recently completed garage by the pumping station. Some changes were noted and members agreed to

hold back payment of the account until all the work is completed to the satisfaction of the Commission. Notice of two A.M.E.U. dinner meetings prompted a talk on the regularity of out-of-town conventions and meetings in the utilities sphere.

Hydro superintendent D. Mason reported poles being installed in Glenlea and a discussion of positioning followed. All standards to complete the street lighting have yet to arrive, he noted. Some talk was also held on line installations at Lakeview.

The superintendent reported on line rebuilding work. He noted as well that some damage was recent.

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ACTON Y RUNNERS have been chalking up rising places in middle-distance events at recent track meets. Shown are left to right, rear, Morris Van Hemmen, Delmar Watson, Ed Molody; front, Jim Malloy, Frank Mariscak. At the Hamilton road race Malloy, Watson and Mariscak placed 16th, 22nd and 32nd in the big field. Monday at a Watdown men's open event, Delmar Watson placed 18th.