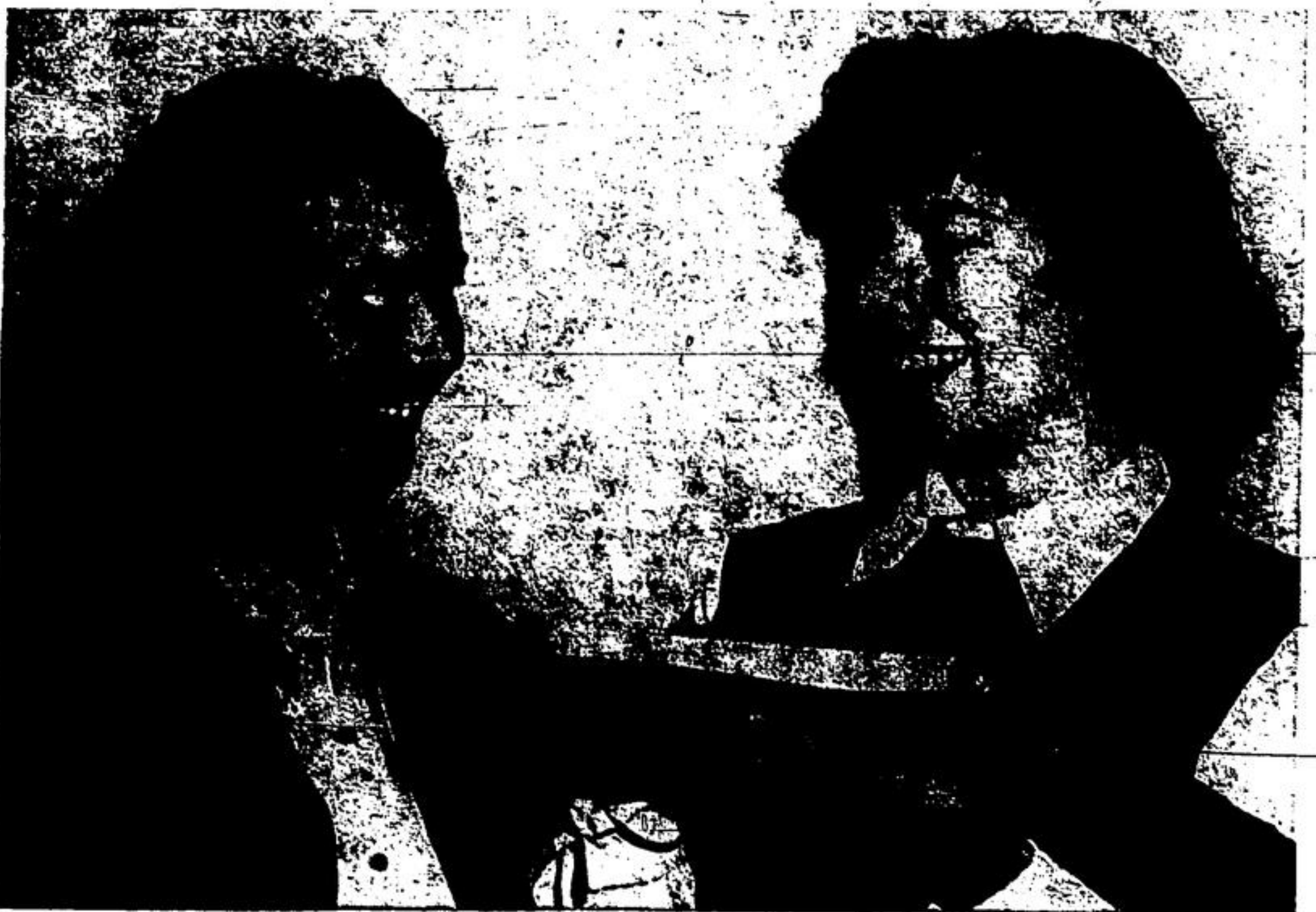


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CENSUS ENUMERATORS for Acton in Canada's first nation-wide quinquennial information hunt are Joan McKnight, left, and Eileen Wensley. Tomorrow is the official starting day for the job which is expected to take about a month locally. Mrs. McKnight and Mrs. Wensley will each do about half the town. F. L. Wright is supervisor over Acton, Milton, Georgetown and the two townships of Esquesing.

Ratepayers' Association

Complaints, Criticism Fill Last Session

Complaints and criticisms characterized Monday night's meeting of the Ratepayers' Association in the council chamber where about 30 members and visitors gathered for the final meeting of the season. A letter of reply from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation was read dealing with complaints made on the dangers of doors in some houses opening directly to cellar stair wells. Two accidents were cited as having happened in houses that had such doors. C.M.H.C. thanked the Association for drawing the condition to its attention and president H. Lowe reported some action may be forthcoming to rectify this structural danger.

Dealing with the town's "tax situation," President Lowe recited negotiations with C.M.H.C. over this matter and during his comments stressed that the town's policy of subdivision building, not accompanied by new industry, is "wrong." He said further that they had been assured by C.M.H.C. that should Acton's taxes rise again, the loans to local subdividers would be reviewed.

A "borderline case" was referred to as a "borderline case" in its tax rate, but with taxes in towns such as Milton, Georgetown and Brampton as high or nearly as high, C.M.H.C. could not in fairness cut off loans to builders here.

A woman in the audience asked a question concerning the schedule of tax deductions on C.M.H.C. insured homes. A man asked how the Ratepayers' Association proposed to rectify Acton's tax problem before council. He suggested a resolution but this was not framed.

Another woman asked how many taxpayers there were in Acton. Mr. Lowe said he thought about 1200. The same woman then asked how many were members of the Ratepayers' Association. Mr. Lowe replied about 200.

Back on the subject of Acton's assessment balance, Mr. Lowe asserted that council is "evading the issue of getting more industry."

"Something or someone is blocking industry coming here," he charged.

No Satisfactory Answer
Here a voice from the audience asked why Baxter Laboratories were leaving town.

Mr. Lowe replied the Association had never been able to find a satisfactory answer.

Another question from the group queried the Planning Board's authority in the extent that it allegedly must pass permission before a man can buy property from another.

Mr. Lowe suggested such restrictions were to promote orderly growth. "But whether it's being done wisely or not remains to be seen," he remarked.

Attention next turned to the P.U.C. Mr. Lowe reviewed the Ratepayers' Association's stand on the question of right of entry by meter readers into homes and declared the Commission was all wrong in its attitude. He suggested the whole truth hadn't been made known when the P.U.C. fell back on the Hydro Act to support its contention of right of access at all reasonable hours.

No More Trouble?
Reading from the Hydro Act, Mr. Lowe said right of access is stated to be the prerogative of Commission employees only, after reasonable notice and request for entry is made.

After reading this, the Association president said he trusted there'd be no more trouble over this matter, so the householder is in the right to call the police and have the meter reader ejected.

The "Brankiewicz case" was next. Mr. Lowe said this drawn-out case is becoming a regular feature in the local paper. He stated the whole trouble is the result of "rank bad planning." He went on to remind

his audience of Mr. Brankiewicz's recent offer to give free to the town his property's section of the road allowance. The case is still in discussion, he noted.

Angry and exasperated exclamations were fired around the room when question of the town dump came up. The audience, nearly all apparently from Glenlea, demanded immediate action to have the dump closed.

Mr. Lowe said council had made promises six or seven weeks ago but the dump was still being used and is an increasing hazard to health. "Things have a habit of being kicked around in Acton," he said.

It was reported a letter of com-

plaint is going to the county Health Unit. In the furor of voices that rose over the dump, one man was able to get across a resolution to be taken to next council meeting asking immediate closure of the area.

The secretary suggested a petition be also carried to the meeting. Another suggestion got energetic support that as many Glenlea residents as possible crowd the council chamber at the next meeting to force action on the dump. Still another idea got an enthusiastic reception: a telephone blitz on the mayor was proposed.

Faving a Good Idea
Turning to the proposed paving of Acton roads, Mr. Lowe opened seemed a good idea if cost didn't increase taxes. Councillor W. Cook, present at the meeting was asked to outline the paving discussions to date. This he did.

General discussion then took over and dealt briefly with speed limit signs for Glenlea; illegal connection of a sewer in a Church St. storm drain; availability of trees for subdivision residents; period of appeal on assessments.

The meeting closed with a chorus of complaints from the audience about trouble with their houses, difficulty in getting the builder to correct mistakes, and the problems in taking complaints through C.M.H.C.

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Splendid Response
For Red Shield Drive

Captain Fisher of the Salvation Army reports that returns from the current Red Shield appeal continue to come in steadily. The response from all sections of the community has so far been "splendid," he said.

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Not only will the graves of servicemen and ex-servicemen be decorated, but everyone is invited to bring flowers of any kind to place on the graves of relatives and friends. This year Pioneer cemetery will be visited as well as Fairview and St. Joseph's cemeteries.

Rev. L. E. Mason will be the guest speaker for the main part of the service at Fairview cemetery, or in the event of rain, in Acton United church.

Members of Acton organizations will march from the station to the cenotaph on Mill St. and from there to Fairview cemetery. Assembly time at the C.N.R. station is 2 p.m. and parade time, 2:15 p.m.

The parade is to be divided into three parts, each under a marshal with a band. Group one under Marshall Gordon Beatty comprises Acton Citizens' Band, Mayor and Council, Acton Fire Fighters Association, Acton Boy Scouts and the color party.

Group two under Marshall Dr. A. J. Buchanan with Guelph Pipe Band comprises Ladies' Auxiliary

and approved in these sections. At Monday night's meeting the Board accepted with regret the resignation of M. Holmes. A successor is to be named later.

Resignation was also tendered by secretary-treasurer J. McGeachie. Considering this resignation, members approved a resolution granting a bonus increase of \$150 on December 31 and a further bonus of \$75 on July 1, 1957, if the secretary continues until that latter date. Mr. McGeachie reserved his decision.

Parks Board Inaugural

Park Activity This Summer Likely Heaviest in Years, Schedule Shows

District High School Board Notes Land Purchase Details, Addition

A letter from Solicitor Ord regarding the purchase of additional property at Georgetown High School gave indication that negotiations were proceeding satisfactorily and in due course title to the lands would be completed.

Messrs. Burgoyne and Yeats of the staff of John B. Parlin Associates went into detail regarding the new addition at Georgetown. The Department had indicated that the plans presented met with approval and would likely receive authorization for grants up to \$160,000. The present plan called for a basement room for heating equipment and general utility space, as well as eight classrooms in a two-storey structure.

Materials such as windows, flooring, etc. were discussed at some length with the architects.

Accounts amounting to \$17,004.58 for the month were approved.

The secretary reported that two teachers for Acton school, one for Milton and two part-time teachers for Georgetown school had signed contracts. Two more teachers were required for Acton school and further advertisements were to be inserted to fill these vacancies.

Trustees Coles, Coon, Creighton, Dills, Anderson, Goodlet, Pickett, Kiely, Hall, Hood and Masterman were present and chairman R. Carbert presided. Trustee J. H. Creighton, who succeeded C. Cook from Acton, was introduced to the board.

Oil Stove Cause of Near Serious Fire
A serious fire was averted Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Fawcok, Main St. south, when flames caught between the oil stove pipe elbow and chimney of the small frame house.

Firemen answered the call and destroyed the fire. Wall paint was blistered near the stove.

Lawn Bowling Season Opens Last Saturday

Acton lawn bowling season was officially opened on Saturday, May 25, when a small group showed up to take a hand in the sport.

The group welcomes any bowlers of the past, as well as any newcomers who might be interested in joining the club. Bowling nights are primarily Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Acton Cubs Tie Fifth at Cubaree

Six Wolf Cubs brought honors to Acton last Saturday when they tied for fifth place in the Niagara District Cubaree held in Port Colborne. The boys competed against 23 other Cub Packs totalling 630 members, from Port Colborne, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, Fort Erie and other Niagara centres.

The Acton boys did not win big laurels in the final races but fought through elimination heats, semi-finals and the finals. Out of five events of the day, the local cubs finished third in the knotting relay final, first in the balancing and somersault semi-final and fourth in the skipping semi-final.

In other events, they were eliminated by very narrow margins. Total points for the Acton team were 14, tying with the Fifth Port Colborne and Eleventh Port Colborne cub packs for fifth place.

The winners of the day were: First Ridgeway, 33 points; 17th St. Catharines, 29 points; Fourth Fort Erie, 18 points.

Cubs who attended from Acton were Brian Barbeau, James Ironside, Richard Ironside, Gary Masales, Robert Foyers and Wayne Roszell.



GEORGE BARBEAU was named chairman of Acton's first Board of Parks Management last week.

Start Five-Year Census on Friday

Friday morning will see the start of Canada's first general quinquennial census. As in communities across the nation, doorbells will be ringing in Acton as enumerators begin their month-long job of asking questions.

Here the doorbells will be rung by Mrs. Joan McKnight and Mrs. Eileen Wensley. It's doubtful if their calls will last as long as the enumerators' stay in the last decennial census in 1951. This time form forms will have a maximum of only about 78 questions and ordinary household forms about half as many questions.

Census supervisor for the north, Halton communities of Acton, Milton, Georgetown and townships of Esquesing and Nassagaweya is F. L. Wright. A Padbury is commissioner for Halton.

Summertime will see Acton Park put to one of its heaviest seasons of use judging by the long schedule of recreational activities drawn up at last week's first meeting of the newly-created Board of Parks Management.

George Barbeau, named chairman of the new organization with Mike Cox as secretary-treasurer, presided at the initial meeting in the council chamber. Other members are Mrs. G. Fryer, C. Rognavaldson, R. R. Parker, A. Irwin and Mayor E. Tyler.

The board took hold of a busy agenda right at the outset of the meeting devoted almost entirely to scheduling use of the park.

Harold Townsley sought confirmation of dates for park use by Acton's intermediate baseball club. These dates were fixed at May 26, June 2, 13, 20, 27, 30, July 7, 14. Time for all games was set at 6:45 p.m.

No Charge for Swimmers
It was pointed out to Mr. Townsley that admissions charged at the gate for ball game spectators could not be asked of persons using the swimming area of Fairy Lake during ball game time.

The Legion Minor Sports Association was given permission to use the hardball and softball diamonds on Tuesday and Thursday nights from May 29 to September 8. The Association was also granted August 6 from 12:30 p.m. for Minor Sports Day, a project to raise funds for contrivance of the work of the Association.

Other dates confirmed for park use this summer for various organizations are June 9, 16, 23 and July 21, all Saturday dates.

The board endorsed a suggestion that each organization using the park be provided with a form showing schedule of park use in order to eliminate misunderstandings about dates. The board also issued a call for tenders for a booth concession at the park, to be operated with the exception of August 6 and the two fall fair days.

Regulation Signs
Copies of the Public Parks Act are made available to all members of the board as soon as possible.

In a move to enforce regulations, Parks Management members agreed to installation of 25 "No Parking" signs around the park, also signs stating penalties of fines up to \$20 or 30 days imprisonment for anyone convicted of misusing the park or its contents. Signs announcing a reward of \$25 for information about persons damaging the park are also to be erected.

Earlier in the meeting terms of membership on the board were drawn up. One-year members are G. Barbeau and C. Rognavaldson; two-year members are M. Cox and Mrs. G. Fryer; three-year members are R. R. Parker and Irwin.

Meetings are set for the fourth Monday of every month. Prior to the meeting, June 25, members were asked to inspect the park and note suggestions for improvement or correction of facilities.

Dancing School Recital Draws Large Audience

Just one season of training behind them, Acton Dancing School pupils presented a program which drew enthusiastic applause from a well-filled house Tuesday evening. The public school auditorium platform gave plenty of room for the dancers, from the tiniest ballerina — blond Heather Ann Dumarche — to the older girls with their twirling batons.

The teacher, Miss Lois Allen, of Brampton, danced twice. She had brought more experienced dancers from Brampton to take part in the show, which was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. W. A. Allen. Outstanding among these was her little sister, Margaret Allen, who did three Scottish dances, the Irish jig, acrobatic, and novelty dances.

Charming the audience were the smallest tots, who had dolls dressed to match their own short, stuffy petticoated frocks. Dancing to a lullaby were Heather Ann Dumarche, Heather McGeachie, Brenda Hollinger, Raeleen Hothorn and Carolynne Beatty.

Barbara and Bobby Skilling did two synchronized tap dances, dressed as Indians and Chinese.

Diane Shultis and Diane Swindlehurst appeared twice in smart outfits for rhythmic tap numbers.

A glimpse backstage was given with Carol Eisen as the ballet mistress, Sharon Bradley as the seamstress, Barbara and Bobby Skilling, Victoria Newton, Karen Heller, as the seamstress's children, and Christine Foyer, Dale Denny and Patsy Swindlehurst as ballerinas.

Two Dutch girls were Jill Morton and Patsy Swindlehurst. Sharon Bradley and Carol Eisen danced a ballet. Memories, while the finale of the program featured military baton twirling by Patsy Swindlehurst, Christine Foyer, Jill Morton and Victoria Newton, and flag drill.

The donated wardrobe for this year's Rotary Queen for a Week is on display in the window of Gordon's Hardware.



PEANUT QUEEN FINALISTS, the top ten narrowed by voting in the last week before Rotary's Peanut Day, are shown in these staff photos. In the above photo are, left to right, Wendy Mackenzie, Jean Manes, Jean Lidkea, Claire Lambert, Donna McMillan. In the lower photo are, left to right, Betty Bean, Margaret Nightingale, Joy Peal, Marilyn Rognavaldson, Anne DeForest. Winner will be announced Saturday night. Prizes include a New York trip and wardrobe. All girls are Acton high students.

