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## Council Holds Closed Session of Talks On Long-Discussed 'Brankiewicz Case'

### Faces Assault Charge After Erin Accident

Elwin Kentner, Acton, is scheduled to appear in magistrate's court, Guelph, next week on a charge of assault laid by Ontario Provincial Police following an incident near Erin May 12.

Donald Kalte, Milton, was involved in a minor accident following a dance in Erin. According to police, Kentner with others came upon the scene of the Kalte accident and an altercation followed.

The Milton man was severely hurt and was taken to Hamilton hospital.

Acton Council went in camera last week, closing off to the press and several citizens discussions on the year-and-a-half old "Brankiewicz case".

Council's latest attempt to end the serialized problems that have plagued members since the fall of 1954, brought together representatives of the Lakeview subdividers, legal counsel for Mr. Brankiewicz, members of his family and the occupants of a house which is so situated it prevents construction of a straight road past the Brankiewicz property and into Lakeview.

At a recent council meeting Mr. Brankiewicz's lawyer indicated his client would dedicate his property portion of the roadway if the town constructed the road straight.

Last Thursday's meeting was to further discuss this offer, as well as seek from subdividers an idea as to the extent of cost that would be borne by them in moving or buying the blocking house.

Public or Private  
Before the meeting started Mayor F. Tyler asked the parties involved if they wished the special meeting

private or public. Mr. and Mrs. L. Halliday, occupants of the house, said they understood the meeting was to be closed. Miss Brankiewicz and her father's lawyer indicated they were unconcerned. Mr. Elmore, for the Lakeview subdividers, said he preferred the meeting open.

A vote was called by Mayor Tyler. The motion carried unanimously the meeting be closed to all but parties concerned.

The Free Press reporter left the meeting, as did Frank Toth Sr., there as an interested citizen.

Also present was the president of the Ratepayers' Association, H. Hillier and the secretary, R. Hillier. These two men at first refused to leave, claiming the Association had a connection with Mr. Brankiewicz's case.

Mayor Tyler declared the connection was not involved in discussion to take place at the meeting and again asked them to leave. When they refused, he asked the clerk to call in a constable.

Before Clerk McGeachie was able to find a constable, Mr. Lowe and Mr. Hillier left.

### Sports Program Moves Outside

Spring program of the Y.M.C.A. moved to the public school grounds this week. All children, whether Y members or not, are welcome to participate in the scheduled instruction and competitions, when teachers are assisting secretary Bob Brayshaw in supervising the young boys and girls.

Tuesday saw the first of the month's activities, which is to include instruction in archery, badminton and deck tennis, and games of badminton and baseball.

Archery will be a novelty to many. One target has been supplemented by bundles of hay which will catch the expected near-misses.

Teams have been chosen for the softball league. There are five teams entered in the struggle.

Boys and girls will be willingly staying after school for the most pleasant reason ever, their Y sports program has moved out into the spring sunshine.

### Acton Nine Hit For Two Defeats

Acton's baseball crew suffered two losses in last week's play, one a home game Saturday against Waterloo when the locals went down 8-4 and the other on the Dundas diamond where the visitors blew an early lead to lose 12-8.

Thursday's action in Dundas saw Acton bat in six runs by the end of the third without their opponents scoring. Errors in the fourth drove in four for Dundas, who added three in the next and five in a sixth inning spree Cunningham pitched for Acton, relieved in the fifth by Morton.

Acton: Cunningham, Townsley, P. Lawson, Anderson, McCristall, Skilling, Skelding, Bruce, R. Tyler, Morton, Dundas: Bailey, McPhail, Liraley, Young, Cassidy, Bailey, Knox, Martin, Robinson, Smith.

Acton 933 000 2 8 7 5  
Dundas 003 435 0 12 6 5

Saturday evening here, Acton started strong, slamming over four runs in the first two innings, but that was as far as they got. H. Lawson went the stretch on the mound while Skilling swung in two runs for three at bat.

Acton—H. Lawson, Townsley, P. Lawson, Anderson, Skelding, Skilling, Morton, Bruce, McCristall, Waddell, Bailey, Martin, Wade, Sherrin, Beattie, Hughes, Rakish, Cukley, Medlands.

Waterdown 303 202 8 4 1  
Acton 130 000 4 6 5

## Interim Gas Rate Schedule Approved for Three Towns

A schedule of interim rates that consumers of domestic, commercial or industrial natural gas will pay the United Suburban Gas Co. was proposed and approved Tuesday night when Urban Board members met with Ontario Fuel Board chairman A. E. Crozier and officials of the Hamilton company.

The natural gas rate, identical to the schedule now in operation under this company in the Oakville-Trafalgar-Bronte area, will apply to the Acton-Milton-Georgetown area until at least October 1, 1956.

Chairman Crozier urged acceptance of this rate, compared as much lower than rates presently in effect in Brampton and Toronto, at this time. He stressed a public hearing as hardly warranted until the company gains a firmer picture of its markets and consumers and municipal officials in the three towns understand more fully extent of service and comparative rate structures.

Lay Lines in Georgetown  
At present, installation of gas lines is progressing in Georgetown and Milton. Work is expected to start this month in Acton.

In an explanatory preamble, Chairman Crozier explained the Fuel Board could fix an interim rate, despite municipal objections, to bind a year. Then a public hearing would be held.

General manager Pinckard spoke at length, describing the good relations which exist between his company and south Halton customers. He emphasized how United Suburban's manufactured gas rates in the past had been lower than those of Consumers' Gas, and how its present natural gas rates are still lower than Consumers' Gas.

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ing on rats would have to be held. However, he suggested, there is usually no call for this.

The Chairman further explained the company's rate base is composed of accountable invested assets, plus a maximum of seven per cent. Revenue allowances are included, but must regularly furnished the company with a profit and loss statement in the interests of customer protection.

United Suburban general manager T. P. Pinckard later declared his company was budgeting for on a 3.8 per cent revenue allowance in this rate schedule. He stated there was no doom for exploitation on this margin.

United Suburban lawyer John Evans passed out a summary rate schedule, also a comparative sheet for rates charged by Consumers' Gas. One item, domestic consumption of 5,000 cubic feet of gas per month for a residential appliance, compared a cost of \$7.07 under United Suburban rate schedule to \$10.53 under the Brampton schedule.

No Dispute in South  
The lawyer also stressed acceptance of these same natural gas rates in Oakville-Trafalgar-Bronte area without dispute and referred to the satisfaction their consumers there have toward rate structure. He added that even when the interim rate period is up, it is doubtful if the established rate would increase.

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WHEAT-TRAIN WRECKAGE AT MOFFAT is shown here following Tuesday afternoon's derailment of 11 cars in a 60-car freight movement of wheat from Goderich to Toronto. Tracks were torn, as at left, for nearly a mile. Three of the four cars ripped and up-ended

are shown right with wheat spilling out of the centre car. No one was hurt in the pile-up, heard all over the Moffat area. Work is still going on to clear the line of debris. These and other wreck photos were taken at the derailment scene by staff photographer.

### Derailed Twice in Two Days

Railway repair crews are still working today at Moffat to restore the C.P.R. line there after nearly a mile of ties and rail was ploughed up Tuesday when a 60-car wheat train derailed in the mid-section and spewed out grain from torn and folded cars.

This was the second derailment

### Car, Shunting Train In Mishap Last Night At Mill St. Crossing

Last night, shortly after 10 p.m., a local man narrowly escaped injury at the Mill St. level crossing in an accident involving a shunting freight and a car.

Sandy McLean was driving west on Mill St. approaching the crossing when it is believed he confused a trainman's signal to stop with a go-ahead signal. Mr. McLean's car was struck by the slow moving freight as it backed toward the station.

The right side of the car was dented, while the left front fender was crushed against the automatic signal post as the car was dragged back several yards.

Alone at the time, Mr. McLean was not injured. Constable John Hodgins investigated. The train proceeded about 11 p.m.

in as many days for this dog-luck freight.

Monday at West Moncton, north of Stratford, it was reported the wheat-laden train derailed a car and was held up for hours.

Shortly after 1 p.m. the next day, as the train steamed south a half-mile above Moffat station, a car near the middle section left the tracks, chewed the ties for hundreds of yards before crashing over the embankment and piling four other cars up around it.

Grain spurted from the ruptured steel sides, tracks were ripped from under two cars and hurled off as five cars jammed and smashed together off the track bed. Six other cars lurched off the tracks, bending the steel rail like clothes-hanger wire.

A small bridge, spanning the turn of a wide track-side creek under the rails, was nearly buried on one side as wheat streamed out in the water from the broken side of a car.

For all the property damage, no one was hurt.

Shortly after the accident, the front section of the train still on the tracks was disconnected and shunted off to Guelph Junction. By 2 p.m. while the crossing signal still flashed and angled incessantly at the Moffat sideroad, emergency telegraph lines were run around the wreckage. The hurdling cars snapped over poles and lines like toothpicks.

Within the next half hour, railway officials and city newspapermen began to arrive on the wreck scene.

An auxiliary train was ordered, then turned back when officials realized a larger unit from West Toronto would be needed to work the disruption back into order.

As evening came, scores of railway workers and officials arrived to work at the worst of the derailment, after the caboose and rear cars still on rails were pulled back by another auxiliary.

Those attempting to see the smashed cars at night were turned away by C.P.R. guard while wreckage was cleared by lights. Yesterday and today work continued at the line to restore the track and bed to serviceability.

Actual cause of the derailment is under investigation by C.P.R. officials.

### Happy Tears Crown Jean Manes Queen At Peanut Contest Climax

Tears of excitement in her eyes, 15-year-old Jean Manes became Acton Rotary club's second Queen for a Week Saturday. Before a crowd of 250 in the Roxy theatre, Jim Ledger announced the name of the winning girl as delighted applause broke out.

The attractive young teen-ager had a happy yet tearful smile for all the audience and a hug for her mother, seated in the theatre, after she was crowned by last year's Queen, Frances Oakes.

Bouquets of carnations were presented to the present Queen and her predecessor.

Miss Manes is winner of an all-expense-paid trip to New York for two, and a brand new wardrobe to take with her. She has asked her mother to go with her, but Mrs. Manes thinks not. So she will probably go with Dot Dawkins in August sometime. She has never been on a trip very far from home before and is thrilled by her new title and prizes.

The Roxy was electric with excitement Saturday, following a week of intensive selling and a day of anticipation. While the Peanut Float with its dancing men toured the streets, Rotarians continuously greeted thousands of votes for the contestants.

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By evening, suspense was at its peak. Jim Ledger, chairman of the Peanut Day committee of the Rotary Club, and Harold Kinread, the president, were on the platform as

cars still on rails were pulled back by another auxiliary.

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### Charges Laid in Theft of Copper

Court action is pending following the arrest last week of four Acton men in Guelph. The arrests were made on charges of breaking, entering and theft of a quantity of copper wire from a Georgetown place of business.

The four men, Clarence Shepherd, Ronald Shepherd, Fred Dunn and Thomas Oakley, were picked up after they had allegedly attempted to sell copper wire to a Guelph dealer.

Bail privileges were accorded to all four in connection with the arrests and charges.

## Planning Board Grants Petrofina Lot Approval for Service Station

Planning Board approval for Canadian Petrofina Ltd. to erect a service station on Acton's eastern limits was granted Monday night.

Three months ago this same approval was denied when the oil company failed to comply with lot and zone regulations. This week the regulations were met to members' satisfaction.

The lot, on the south-east corner of No. 7 Highway and Churchill Road, is 250 feet deep and 160 feet wide. Ten feet of this width is outside Acton limits. Many points last March which prevented the Planning Board's nod for the proposed station was the company's insistence it could reasonably and economically put the station back 150 feet from the highway.

At the time, Town Planner P. A. Deacon scoffed at these objections and urged the Board to stick to its commercial area regulations in this case.

Monday night the company agreed to build the front of its station not more than 100 feet forward of the rear lot line. This distance, in effect, will align the station with projected commercial development in front of the Glenlea residential area.

Secretary J. McGeachie accepted an offer by the Board to grant him a bonus increase of \$150 December 31 and a further increase of \$75 July 1, 1957. However, Mr. McGeachie stated he wished to be relieved of his Planning Board position by or as soon after July 1 next year as possible.

### Third Annual Ceremony

Decorations Day Draws Large Crowd  
Despite threat of rain, Acton citizens provided a large attendance at the third annual Decoration Day service Sunday afternoon when, following a parade past the cenotaph, flowers and wreaths were placed on the graves of St. Joseph's and Fairview cemeteries and at the memorial in Pioneer cemetery.

Led by three bands, the Guelph Pipe Band, Guelph Sea Cadets band and Acton Citizens' band, the parade comprised members of council, Acton Fire Fighters' Association, Boy Scouts, Ladies-Auxiliary of the Legion, the Duke of Devonshire and Lakeside, I.O.O.F. chapters, Women's Institute, Acton Legion members and Girl Guides. Parade, marshalled was Gordon Beatty, with Dr. A. J. Buchanan and

Vic Patrick leading the second and third sections of the parade.

At the cenotaph, the Legion charge was delivered by Vic Patrick. A wreath was placed by Jim Ingles and a prayer given by Rev. E. H. Jones. Bob Angell read the role of names of servicemen who died in combat, followed by the Last Post and Reveille, played by Charles Landborough.

At Fairview, a large audience was seated to the right of the platform holding local clergymen and councillors, while a larger audience sat in cars in front of the platform. Mayor E. Tyler welcomed the citizens to the service and briefly explained the purpose of Decoration Day.

Rev. R. Costerus gave the call to worship, followed by a hymn.

Abide With Me Scripture was read by Mr. Jones and Rev. K. J. Reid led in prayer.

Rev. L. E. Mason, Guelph, briefly addressed the gathering. Mr. Mason reviewed the Christian history of honoring the dead, its religious significance and essential meaning in honoring deceased family members or servicemen.

The speaker indicated that while respect to the dead is Christian impulse, the most enduring memorial for any Christian is his own life.

Legion members were detailed to place floral memorials on the graves of fallen comrades following the speaker's address. At the same time, many families planted or placed flowers at plots at Fairview or St. Joseph's cemeteries.



KISSES FOR THE QUEEN simultaneously buss the cheeks of 15-year-old Jean Manes who was voted Acton's "Queen for a Week," and awarded a new wardrobe with an all-expense paid trip to New York City. Rotarians Harold Kinread, left, and Jim Ledger, are adding their personal congratulations after announcing Jean the winner and presenting her and last year's queen, Frances Oakes, who crowned the new peanut regent, with bouquets. A large crowd in the Roxy saw the event Saturday.

### Suffers Minor Burns Over Fire on Stove

Slight damage was caused the kitchen at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rogwaldson yesterday afternoon when a pan of doughnuts took fire on the stove.

Mrs. Rogwaldson suffered minor burns on one hand when she attempted to control the fire. Acton firemen, who answered the call, treated Mrs. Rogwaldson after the small fire was put out. The home is about two miles south of here, on No. 25 Highway.

### 90 Kindergarten Pupils Enrolled

Already 90 tots have been registered for kindergarten at the public school next fall. Even more are expected by September.

Four classes may be needed next year to accommodate all the youngsters. There are three classes this year. Crowding in all classes being planned for, with eyes the auditorium to have classes next year.