#### **Hot Debate**

# County Council Clamor On Assessment By-Law

It took an hour and a half of, at times, heated debate for County Council members to give three readings to the annual equalization of county assessment by-law at the regular session Tuesday afternoon. Reeve Robert Shannon spoke and argued the longest in an effort to

have the assessing program altered. He wanted higher assessment on properties held by speculators. In a question to the county assessor, Ford Rodgers, council learned that land assessed for \$28,000 had been sold for development for some \$70,000.

intentions alone," Warden Allen

stated while Reeve A. R. Service,

Nassagaweya, felt that if a change

for next year, and not be introduc-

ed on the day the by-law was pre-

sented on the recommendation of

the assessment committee. "They

law and it should be considered

there was a defeatist attitude in

council. Warden Allen heatedly in-

been a defeatist attitude by the

and you had every right to come

to the committee meeting with oth-

er councillors and you didn't show

Several members injected "Hear,

the Warden, but this attitude has

appeared in council at different

Ford Rodgers told council the

assessors in the county are taking

sessment under the Act. "It would

The new by-law showed the as-

.86438 per cent.; Burlington, \$14,-

Milton, \$5,296,492, 5.02119 per cent.;

cent.; Esquesing, \$5,005,586., 4.74540

1.84085 per cent.; Nelson, \$17,246.

705., 16.35025 per cent.; Trafalgar

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Blue Cross and Physicians'

at last week's and other meetings possible.

Services. The new plan, explained

by Mutual Life of Canada repres-

entatives, also contains loss of time

indemnity. This feature was re-

ported attractive to hourly-rated

Commission members agreed that

this type of employer - employee

ority of employees wished to do so

Pass Garage Account

Although the account of J. B

Mackenzie and Sons Ltd. for con-

Health and Accident Group Plan

\$31,370,685., 29,74009 per cent.

advantage of every increase in as

system at this time," he warned.

sessment in the county had reach-

council or the chair?

When Reeve Shannon charged

#### Merchants' Draws Give Away \$1,380

In its first six months, \$1,380.83 has been given away to shoppers in the Appreciation Day Saturday draws, figures totalled this week revealed. The draws started on spent considerable time on this by-

Mrs, George Robertson won \$20 and another \$5 for knowing the name of the Merchant of week, at the draw Saturday. The total is up to \$420 for next week.

#### 323 Pre-School Age Children -P.S. Board Told

Acton's Public School Board. which holds property in the eastern end of town for a projected second public school, learned at a regular meeting last week that there are now 323 pre-school-age children in town. Also revealed from a survey is that 93 children will start kindergarten primary classes next be unwise to disrupt the assessing September.

The trustees noted 683 pupils are now enrolled at the public school. Principal G. W. McKenzie ad- ed an all time high with \$105,482,vised the board of the Home and 387.00, an increase of 14 million School Association banquet for last year. The schedule approved by Grade VIII pupils this week, also council is as follows: Acton, \$3,994,reported the senior grade pupils 560. will pay on the county levy would make their annual trip to To- 3.99-456 per cent.; Bronte, \$1,966.600. ronto June 26.

Final exams are being written 939,445, 14,16292 per cent.; George June 15 to June 22, set by Inspector town, \$7,240,905, 6.86453 per cent. L. L. Skuce.

The property committee was ask- Oakville, \$16,480,074., 15.62347 pe ed to procure wire for a ball diamond at the school, also to arrange per cent.; Nassagaweya, \$1,941,785 for removal of a partition in the music room and transfer the home economics equipment to that room. A portable partition for auditorium was authorized and the industrial arts room is to be plastered

and whitewashed or water painted. The board approved purchase of a junior encyclopedia set, also authorized the purchase of crests instead of diplomas for pupils in recognition of high music marks.

Purchase of a new stoker feed

worm was sanctioned. The board indicated it was glad indicated last week they had little garage, amounting to \$1,275, was to comply with a request from the desire to change to a health and ordered paid, some .Commissioners school children parade on the an- ed before a meeting of all munic- fied with the original specificat-

nual fall fair day. Regular finance statement of council and the Commission. \$2819.22 was approved and payment At present, municipal employees chairman J. Stewart said. authorized. The secretary reported are protected under a combination \$49 received in non-resident fees, of also \$20 in auditorium rental.

#### Work Donated for Clay Ball Diamond

The grass ball diamond just inside the gates at the park is being replaced by a trim sand and clay there was no point of changing to diamond. Those who take an active interest in the Legion - sponsored | participating plan unless the maj-Minor Sports are donating their work to the recently-formed Parks Committee, and Mansell Nellis has donated equipment.

## Find Action Growth Town Dump Said a Health Hazard For Town Auditors

extra \$100.

To substantiate their request the

Total assessment in 1953 was \$2,424,485; in 1955 it was up 23 per cent., to \$2,986,944. In 1953 the town's debenture were considered, it should be done

wings stupidly against closed windows, flopping underfoot "My remarks were directed to swooping through the night like

trap for the June bugs. He

To his astonishment, the morning after his trap had been operating Worn Coin of 1861 hundreds - but thousands of bugs in the barrel He measured out a Mystifies Student few in a pint, and after quick calculations, estimated he had captured 7,000 of the large bugs that first night alone. The second night he guessed he had trapped 5,000 brown

By the end of the week, his full otal catch was 20,000 June bugs snared from one small area! He explains that anyone interested in protecting his crops or garden could easily rig up such a trap. Mr. Currie himself could scarcely beheve how effective it was.

Ratepayers Demand It Be Closed Acton's auditors Tuesday hight requested a raise in pay. Local growth, they wrote council, has so increased work in keeping touch of the town's financial conduct that the present annual \$650 isn't enough. They asked for an

auditors quoted some interesting figures on town growth in the past three years:

In 1953 Acton's gross expenditure was \$178,642; last year it was \$260,925, up 46 per cent. "We can't assess land on people's

> debt was \$866,450, last year it was \$966,650, up 12 per cent.

Public school expenditure in 1953 was \$70,066; in 1955 it was up. 39 per cent, to \$97,653.

#### June Bug Trap terrupted that there never had "Your remarks are uncalled for

Everybody knows the June bugs

But only A. E. Currie, who lives times over the years, Reeve Shan- on No. 24 highway, knows just how plentiful those pests are.

> Interested in protecting his ton, Milton, Georgetown and Erin-but the lads didn't steal the whole show as this feminine sextette fields, he rigged up an ingenious suggests. At front, Doris Allan, leader of Acton's B pack, and, right, Hilda Hill, leader of Milton's some water in a barrel and hooked large container.

pleted to satisfaction, property

Motions were passed to: reim-

burse D. Mason \$8 A.M.E.U. con-

vention expenses; credit D. A

Bundy with \$1.15 for discount

charged in error; write off the un-

paid account of Wm. Coleman of

A motion was also passed ratify-

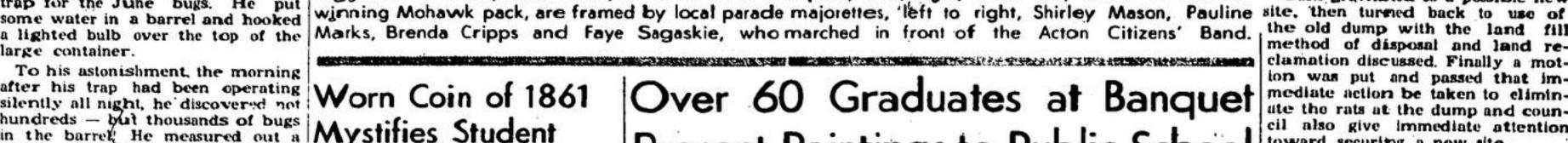
office staff, effective immediate-

ing recent salary increases to P.U.

ly and retroactive to the first of the

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# SATURDAY'S DISTRICT CUBAREE was mostly activated by young males—nearly 200 cubs from Ac-



A woung school pupil found queer old object the other day and took it to his teacher to find out what it was. But Mrs. Wyman Little didn't know any more about it than the youngster. Here's what is was: a dingy, worn

side. The other side, scuffed and bent, appears to read, Eden Mills C. P. CONG, 1861. Would it be an antique token for Kirkness were conveners. a railway? A quaint advertising

should know, and the Free Press is was said by Rev. Gordon Adams. P.U.C. Employees Frown on New hoping to hear from that someone. Via the paper, we'll pass on the teacher, led the sing song with

Salaried employees of the P.U.C. struction of the new waterworks window.

curious student.

## Acton Agricultural Society that accident group plan recently outlin- considered they were not too satis- DISMISS Charges ipal employees and later before ions. Work, however, has been com-

Two Traffic Act charges, care-Chairman F. Oakes reported a refacing job on the front of the less driving and impaired driving. Fountain pens were given by hydro shop is to be done as soon as were dismissed by Magistrate K. Mrs. Whitham of the Duke of Dev-Langdon Tuesday when Henry Pro- onshire chapter I.O.D.E. to the studteau, Hamilton, charged in con- ents who made the most progress. nection with a recent downtown They are Susan Wilson and Peter accident, appeared in court here.

> Proteau was driver of a which knocked down four-year-old the graduates, presented a set of John Seelen at the Mill-Main cor- pictures to the school. For the ner on May 6. The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seelen suffered concussion and was hospitalized for some time.

> Proteau was defended by counsel from Brantford. L. T. Pennell. Testimony for the crown was given and School. by investigating officer John Hodgins, Cpl. R. Mason and by a witness are: Jean Anderson, Pat Barr, Shirto the scene of the accident.

town, was convicted on a careless Brown, Joan Courtney, Brenda ruptured spleen. He died about 9 made them responsible for expropdriving charge and fined \$50 plus Cripps, Edith Francescato, Jeffrey p.m. costs, as well as his driving permit Fryer, Katherine Garrett, Dennis suspended for two months.

### Over 60 Graduates at Banquet Present Paintings to Public School

set for a banquet last night, when Bill Heeley, Carol Higgins, Robert the 60-odd members of the graduat- Hinton, John Hoare, Danny Holmes, light standards in Glenlea. This ing class were guests of the Home Gordon Hufnagel, Teresa Huisman, latter request was noted by Mayor and School Association. A delicious Mary Hunter, Florence Johanson, Tyler to be in the jurisdiction of cold meal of ham, scalloped pota- Katherine Kenny, Katherine Kirkoctagonal metal coin, blank on one toes, salads, cake and ice cream, ness, Peter Lawson, Keith Mainginger ale and coffee was served by prize, Keith Mattocks, Bob Marmembers of the sponsoring group, shall, Terry Masales, Faye McEach-Mrs. Bill Wilson and Mrs. Charles ern, Stuart McDonald, Evyonne

the annual event, and led the diners Well, somebody in Eden Mills in the toast to the Queen. Grace Miss Evelyn Goodwin, the music explanation to Mrs. Little and her Miss Cathy Laughlin at the piano.

Susan Wilson introduced the guest The piece is in the Free Press, speaker, Fred Rowan of Guelph. A former high school teacher at Alton, he is now in the insurance business and active in the Guelph Minor Sports. Andrew Williams thanked him for his interesting address, containing sound advice for the graduates' life in the future, and presented him with a set of cuff

Lawson. Katharine Kirkness, on behalf of school board, William Mattocks accepted the gift. Jean Johnston painted the two scenes, one of Fairy Lake from the far side of the lake, and the other of a clump of birches. Judy Halladay thanked the Home

Members of the graduating class ley Barratt, Michael Bennett, Hilda Gibbons, Carol Goodwin, Irene Gor-

The public school auditorium was, don, Fred Graham, Judy Halladay, McGladery, Barry McIsaac, Bonnie Peter Lawson was chairman for McMullen, Eddie McMullen, Jeffrey Morris, Gertrude Oost, Beverley Price, Ruth Puncheon, Harold Reid, Denise Ridley. Douglas-Ruddick, Merle Russell, Robina Sagaskie, Judy Sargent, Rosemary Skilling, Dave Smith, Ruth Spielvogel, Eddie Sterritt, Margaret Sunter, Bruce Timpson, John Tripp, Greta Van Hockelen, Barbara Ware, Ann Watkins, Andrew Williams, Susan Wilson, Wayne Wilson, Heather Withers and Arthur Woods.

A Kitchener man died in hospital

Tuesday night following an accident at Speyside. He was crushed when the air. a log fell on top of him during drawing operations at the farm of John Moore, just east of No. 25 Highway on the Speyside sideroad. Arthur Hill of Kitchener was working with Harold Townsend, R.R. 2 Tavistock, removing logs from the Moore bush when the accident occurred shortly after.7 p.m. Dr. W. Kenney of Acton was summoned and the critically injured man was taken to Guelph General Hospital by ambulance.

It is not yet known if a coroner's

afmed with a petition and reinforced by the company of two Health Unit inspectors, prodded Council Tuesday night to immediately clear up and close the town dump before rats and flies there overrun the nearby residential area.

Spearheading the citizens' campnign to close the dump, was Ratepayers' Association president H. Lowe who, when told the dump was not closed yet because it was not filled up, asked county Health Unit inspectors to read a report on conditions at and near the dump.

The report declared lack of markings and enclosing fences, the. burning which goes on and the presence of rats, as well breeding conditions for flies, were in need of attention. It recomnended the unused part of the dump be covered, parafin used to kill the rats, burning stopped, fences and signs put up.

The representative also stated his department would recommend a new site be obtained as soon as possible, in view of the proximity of Glenlea houses to the lands now taking refuse.

Could Dump for Bix Months Questions were fired back and forth among councillors, the ratepayers and the Health Unit representatives. It was stated at one point the dump would take refuse for another six months before it is fill-

"Why keep dumping, isn't the health and welfare of citizens more important?" deputy-reeve demanded.

Talk gravitated to a possible new the old dump with the land fill method of disposal and land reclamation discussed. Finally a motion was put and passed that immediate action be taken to climinate the rats at the dump and council also give immediate attention toward securing a new site.

Mr. Lowe later asked council to look into repairing the guard rail on the Church St. bridge and to investigate the placement of some the P.U.C.

#### The Closed Session

Earlier, minutes were read of a special meeting, closed to the public, on the durable Brankiewicz case.' At this meeting the contentious road entryway into Lakeview was reviewed again. Also discussed was a purchase proposal with the occupants of a house situated now so that a straight road entrance is prevented. Council talked outright purchase of this house with the residents and representatives of Robert Hudson Construction.

A motion was passed that the road be cut into the subdivision at a right angle from the highway and that the house be requested purchased by the Robert Hudson Construction Co. for \$9,000, the

price asked by the owners. No commitment was made by company representatives at this meeting nor did any answer reach council at Tuesday night's meeting about the subdivider's decision. This left the whole case still up in

Later, on this same matter, deputy-reeve Wilson charged that council was getting "kicked around" on the Brankiewicz case. He called for a motion that expropriation be completed, adding that the subdivider was continually putting off the issue, making no commitment or giving the town any satisfaction.

Ask Recorded Vote This raised an animated discussion. Extracts from a letter, sent by At the hospital, the logger was the subdivider, were read to point In another case, R. Gilks, George- Braam. Carole Bradley, Dorothy found to have a fractured pelvis and out Robert Hudson's legal position

riation costs dealing with Brankie-

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#### No Comment on Report

# Consultative Committee Urges H.S. District Remain

discussion adopted the report of the mittee should consider the advisa- outline boundaries and secure act- by the committee that the followconsultative committee on high bility of continuing the district, ual assessments for the suggested ing objections of Esquesing and school education in the county of (d) According to the evidence sub- districts." Halton) at the regular monthly mitted to the committee the North Arguments advanced in favor of District should not be overlooked. meeting Tuesday afternoon.

other alternatives, the committee present. period not exceeding two years. The decision was based on the

short time.

Halton County Council without necessary, a new consultative com- | was made at the present time to ! "On the other hand, it was felt

merad that the district be left as it to division and that such adjust- since the formation of the area. of division be reviewed within a due difficulty either at present or reement among five municipalities es, and similarly, if the pupils in

at a later date." see. (b) An equitable divison of the cent.

(c) As it is claimed that there costs (if any). An alternative divis- ment, with others under th immediate. If in the meantime a Milton and part of Esquesing and demands on the others without some very drastic changes make an

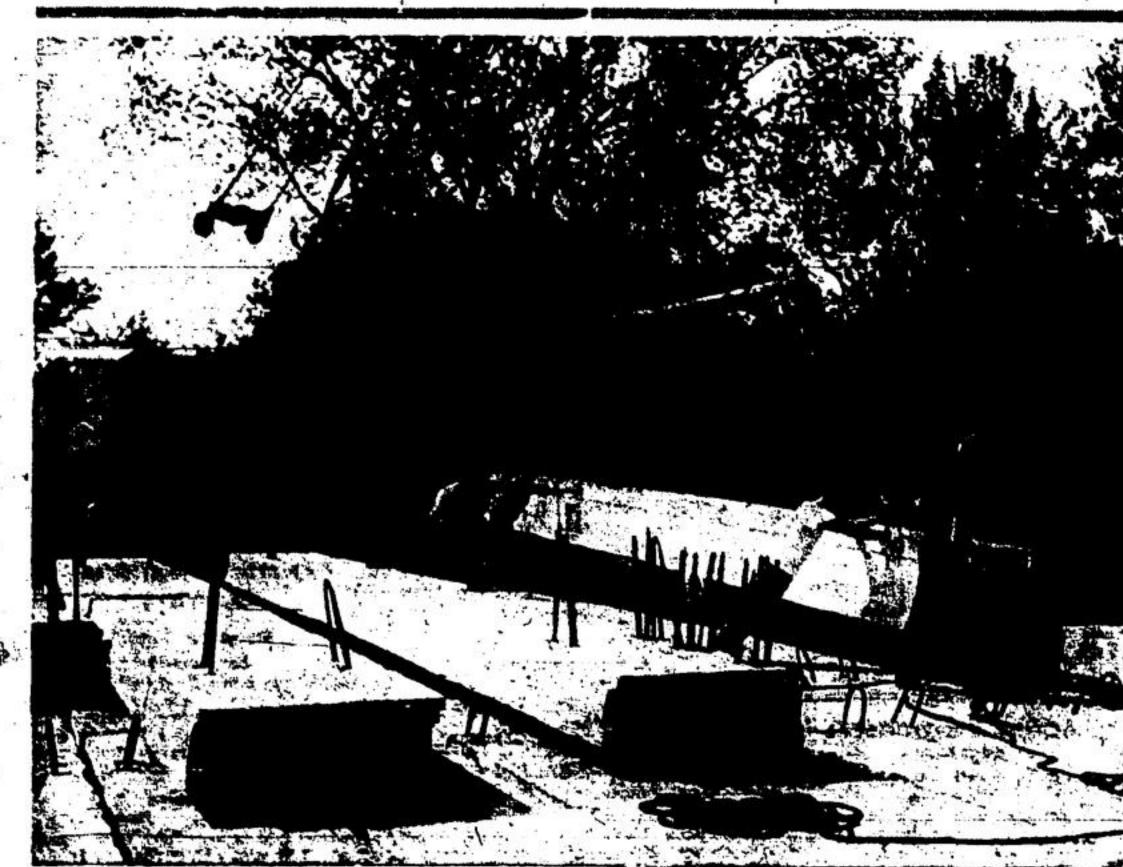
Halton District Board has worked division of the district: (a) Origin-The eight-page report concluded: well together in the past and will ally the North Halton District was just debenture indebtedness of the "After full consideration of the no doubt continue to do so for the formed chiefly to enable the estab- five participating municipalities on ishment of one central school-and fair and equitable basis, if the preconcluded that a division of the "In the meantime, the committee such a school was not and will not sent set-up were discontinued. (b) North Halton District was inevit- feels that it is their duty to point be established. (b) The increase in There would be a loss in grants able eventually, but premature at out that the adjustments of claims both total population and in school from the department if the pupils the present. They therefore recom- should not prove a serious obstacle enrolment (actual and potential) in home economics from the Acton is at present but that the problem ment can be affected without un- (-(c) The difficulty of securing ag- high school district for their class-

when capital expenditures are inglishop work from Georgetown had to Reviewing the histronics of the volved. (d) A smaller and more ef- go to school in another district for following considerations: (a) The establishment of high school areas ficient Board with seven or eight their classes. (c) The township extent and direction of growth in in the county, it was found also instead of 14, from only or at would have a minority representatthe North is hard to predict at this that North Halton received 15 per most three municipalities. (e) If ion on three different high school time and its effect on future educ- cent. grant, Oakville-Trafalgar 65 local residents have more direct boards and would be more or less ational needs equally hard to fore- per cent, and Burlington 60 per control over their school, the re- practically impotent on any of sulting greater interest and pride them. (d) Present accommodation. territory which might comprise "On the basis of the present grant may insure improved efficiency in together with the proposed efficiency each new district would at pres- scheme, if division was made, the instruction. (f) Such a separation to Georgetown will continue to be ent be difficult to make and might downs would receive only 50 per would eliminate certain rivalries adequate until there is a much prove unsatisfactory in a very cent. of the approval capital ex- whereby each school-is at present larger population. (e) In view of penditures and of transportation anxious to receive identical treat- these considerations Esquesing and expenditures before 1960 the need part of Esquesing: Acton and part municipality may by excessive or for the next five years, when it can for dividing the District is not of Esquesing, and Nassagaweya; unrestricted growth make recurring be reviewed unless in the mounties

Nassagaweya to division of the

(a) It would be difficult to ad-

school had to be sent to another earlier revision necessary."



LAST CONSTRUCTION STAGE for Acton's new Maria Street bridge attracted considerable spectator will be no need for further capital ion was suggested: Georgetown and ent board. (g) The fear that one that one that the Status Quo be maintained attention last week when huge concrete slabs, 39 of them\_weighing eight tons each, were swung into place on the top of poured supports. In this photo the last of the slabs are let down by a crane. Cement packing and an overcoat of macadam will finish the bridge, expected to be in use this month. major capital expenditure becomes Nassagaweya. No serious attempt compensating benefits.