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Power Lines Down Here As Storm Lashes Area

Rain poured down in sheets, branches were ripped from trees and flung onto suddenly soaked lawns and roadways; high voltage flames flashed at hydro poles and wires fell to the ground during the severe storm that burst suddenly over the entire district Sunday about 8 p.m. Ominous thunder and black clouds warned of the approaching down-pour but the high winds caused more damage than the lightning.

In Acton, most disrupting result of the storm was the snapping of a primary power line on Church St. As a result of this, hydro power was off in the east section of the town for as long as five and a half hours. Other sections suffered no interruption of service.

Hydro crews in raincoats worked to repair the damage.

Lightning struck the transformer at the town hall putting the fire

siren out of commission and damaging the lighting system there. The siren was repaired and tested Monday morning.

Cars driving through the hurricane-like storm were rocked by the wind and most stopped temporarily. Balls of fire were seen by many as the electricity failed. As one line blew out, street lights flashed suddenly on before sputtering out.

Fallen limbs caused little damage in this district. Farther south in the county, trees fell across roads and even onto homes. Some orchards suffered heavy losses.

An Orton woman, Mrs. George Watson, was with relatives at Erin park seeking refuge in a car when a tree toppled across the vehicle. Moments after the group scrambled out, a second tree crashed down on top of the first. Luckily, no one was injured.

No Objectors at Hearing

Town's Street Paving Program Approved by Municipal Board

Hearing Lasts Just 15 Minutes

Construction of paved streets in Acton was given the official nod of approval this morning in a 15-minute hearing by the Ontario Municipal Board. The work estimated at about \$100,000 of which the town will bear half, is expected to begin as soon as engineering preparations are complete and tenders let.

S. P. Leatherland represented the town in the hearing which saw no objectors to the proposed work. He called only two witnesses, clerk J. McCreachie and engineer Frank Patterson, who briefly answered questions on the cost, economic feasibility and duration of the work.

Chairman C. W. Yates, Q.C., observed that many Ontario towns are finding it economical to pave streets rather than continually bear high maintenance costs on oiled roads.

Mr. Yates, accompanied by D. Jamieson, said the Board would grant approval.

Earlier it was testified that the Department of Highways had given verbal approval to paying 50 per cent of the cost.

The paving, to be a two-and-a-half inch hot mix asphalt, is planned to be done on all local streets except new, unsettled roads in Glenlea and Lakeview subdivisions.



SLOWER BUILDING PACE is reported for the first half of the year as activity in the town's two big residential subdivisions begins to level off. Glenlea, lower photo, is built up far to the rear of the 192-lot area. This view of Glenlea, toward the highway, is

from a few hundred feet of the dump. In the top photo, taken from No. 7 Highway, building at Lakeview reaches back into the southwest corner around Fairy Lake. Thirty-four homes are under construction in this area of the big Lakeview subdivision.

Fairy Lake Drowning Accidental Jury Urges Bridge Inspection

A verdict of accidental death by drowning was returned by a coroner's jury in Milton last week when facts were examined in the death of an eight-year-old Toronto girl at the Breezes, on Fairy Lake, last month.

The drowning occurred at a Toronto church picnic when a pontoon bridge tipped over and spilled about 35 people into the water which was about six feet deep at this point. The body of Dorothy Snider apparently wedged under the bridge was not found until about 15 minutes after the mishap.

In returning the accidental drowning verdict, the jury also recommended that all floating bridges be examined for safety annually by a qualified engineer.

Damage to Two Cars In Mill St. Accident

A minor accident was investigated by local police on Mill St. Tuesday, shortly after noon.

A car driven by Pietro Morandi, Milled, collided with the rear of another car driven by George Hargrave of Acton. The Hargrave car, caused about \$75 damage, was parked at the time. Police estimated damage to the Morandi car at \$175.

Roxy Declares Champion Mutts

Acton's champion dogs were judged by eager audience applause at the Roxy theatre Mutt Show last Saturday afternoon. A dog food company and Ledger's I.G.A. co-sponsored the event with the theatre. Rubber dog bones and ice cream bars were given away during the program.

Lauree, brought to the show by Richard Steele, won the honors as the largest dog while Smokey, led by Carol Goodwin, was the smallest. Ten-year-old Trixie, who came with Victor Roach, was the oldest while seven-week-old Sparkie, owned by Robert Lawrie, was the youngest. Joe Marie Marchmont, brought the hairiest dog, Tinker. Charlie Surler showed Skip, who proved to be the trickiest of the bunch.

—The weed cutter is again at work in Fairy Lake.

Jack Walker Wins \$50 in Club Draw

Jack Walker was present in the Roxy Theatre Friday evening when his name was announced as the winner of the \$50 in the tennis club draw. He had bought his ticket, No. 869, for four cents.

Five winners of \$10 were: W. P. Williams, No. 859; Mrs. W. Coles, No. 876 (also a four cent ticket); Sid Fields, No. 782; Larry Tailfer, R.R. 1, No. 1992 and Barbara Smith, No. 577.

The pre-holiday draw was a fundraising project for the Tennis Club. Although the group has a good membership, no team was entered in league competition this year.

Slowdown in Subdivisions

Building Rate Drops Sharply Here

Jack Walker Wins \$50 in Club Draw

After a record year of building—over a million and three-quarters dollars worth in 1955 Acton's current construction year is dropping to a far lower level, according to figures on local building for the first six months of 1956.

Only \$59,500 in new construction is reported for the first half of '56, compared to \$673,000 for the same period in 1955.

Slower building pace in the town's two sprawling subdivisions accounts largely for the drop. Two-thirds of the 192-lot Glenlea subdivision is built up and new homeowners resident. There are 120 completed houses in the east-end subdivision, 102 of them occupied and only 13 of the vacant 18 unsold.

There are no new blocks of homes under construction in Glenlea.

In the 240-lot Lakeview subdivision at Acton's western edge, 28 houses are completed and of these only three unoccupied. Another block of 34 houses is under construction in the south-west corner of the survey, skirting Fairy Lake.

Local real estate agents reported difficulty in obtaining C.M.H.C. loans as partly responsible for the brake on building activity here.

Last year's all-time record for local building was reached when an estimated \$1,755,100 in new building was reported for the 12-month period. Biggest part of this total was due to the residential growth.

In January of this year permits issued amounted to \$3,500. February's permits totaled \$3,000 while March was a void. In April \$14,000 in building was recorded and May followed with \$6,250. Last month made the best showing with \$26,750. Of this latter figure, \$18,000 was estimated for the projected Fina service station at Churchill Rd. and No. 7 Highway, the only non-residential permit applied for.

—Staff Photo

from a few hundred feet of the dump. In the top photo, taken from No. 7 Highway, building at Lakeview reaches back into the southwest corner around Fairy Lake. Thirty-four homes are under construction in this area of the big Lakeview subdivision.

Free Press 'Extra'

Pictures Appear in Late Edition One Hour After Being Taken

Last week's issue of the Free Press had an "Extra", a special edition printed Thursday evening. However, it wasn't circulated generally and there were only 25 copies which weren't for sale.

The special edition was used to demonstrate the speed and versatility of the Scan-a-Graver, the photo-electric engraving machine which was installed in the newspaper's plant a few weeks ago so that all photos, from camera to newspaper, could be processed for publication here.

Pictures taken at a gathering of local business people about 9 p.m. in the evening were developed, printed, engraved and reproduced in the special edition of the Free Press, which was distributed at the staff meeting less than an hour later.

The meeting was sponsored in St. Alban's parish hall by this newspaper to acquaint representatives of local and district retail and industrial establishments with the utility and range of the Scan-a-Graver.

Experts from the Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corporation explained the machine and answered questions from the audience of about 35 people. G. A. Dills, editor of the Free Press, briefly introduced the evening's program which also included a slide presentation depicting the promotional potentialities of the photo-electric engraver.

After lunch was served, many from the audience gathered in the Free Press office to see the Scan-a-Graver in operation.

Puppy Takes Three Firsts at Dog Show

Keele's Bodo, a German Shepherd owned by Fred Pfeiffer of Acton, won three first awards at the dog show in Burlington last Saturday. The dog placed first in the senior puppy class, best of Canadian breed puppy in breed and the walking class.

Acton Second In Inter-County Bowling League

Wednesday, June 27, Acton entertained Georgetown in the Inter-county Bowling League series. The Acton trundlers had their off night which gave the opposing team the prize. Total score for the five sets of mixed doubles was Acton 51 points, Georgetown 65 points.

In the other game against Guelph at Rockwood the Guelph team got revenge by defeating the trundlers of that village 57-95-72. However, Rockwood still leads the league with three wins for six points having lost but one game. Guelph won two and lost two, while Acton still stays in second position having won two and lost two but has a higher percentage of points. Georgetown is at the bottom. Total scores are to count at the end of the schedule for the awarding of the Beardmore Trophy.

League Standing			
	P	W	L
Rockwood	4	3	1
Acton	4	2	2
Guelph	4	2	2
Georgetown	4	1	3

Conservatory of Music examination results were announced this week in Guelph. Several Acton piano pupils tried; their results follow.

Grade four theory, first class honors, Delmar Watson; grade three theory, pass, Helen Landsborough; grade two theory, first class honors, Ella Jany.

Grade nine piano, pass, Helen Landsborough; grade seven piano, pass, Margaret Armstrong. Joe Jany, Elizabeth Jany; grade four piano, Robert Armstrong, Lesley A. Duby; grade two piano, first class honors, Mary Kobylka, honors, Karin Heller, Steven Wolfe; pass, Barbara Symon and Paul Wolfe.

Acton Runner Places First in Marathon

Bruce Andrews won the mile and a half midget race when members of the Guelph Legion track club met some of Canada's top competition at the ninth annual Blue Water marathon at Wiarton on Dominion Day.

He headed the starters, all under 16, and finished in eight minutes and five seconds, to win a fishing rod.

P. S. Exam Results

Complete results of the year-end promotions for all grade pupils in Acton Public School are printed in this issue of the Free Press. The entire list will be found on Page Seven.

Week-long Vacation School To be Held at Three Churches

Despite difficulty in arranging sites, the Daily Vacation Bible School will open for enrolment on Monday. All children, with Sunday School affiliation or not, are welcome to the classes being held from Monday, July 9 until Friday, July 13. Hours are 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Rev. Gordon Adams, the president of the Ministerial Association, is superintendent.

Mrs. Evan Jones will be in charge of the pre-school children. Working with the kindergarten group will be Miss Arlene Gordon, Mrs. Buckner and Mrs. Heycamp. Leaders of the primary group will be Mrs. L. Simpson, Mrs. Ken Allen, Mrs. Lulken, Mrs. Lillian Adams, Elizabeth Jany. Youngsters of the junior group from grade four to six, will be under the direction of Mrs. Costerus, Rev. Groenbecker, Rev. Adams, Mrs. Wilma Chapman, Miss Helen Landsborough and Miss Helen Buckner. Others will assist.

Pre-schoolers, kindergarten and grade one are meeting in the Anglican parish hall; grades two and three in the Presbyterian church and grades four to six in the United church. Games, crafts, stories and songs will be regular features. A

daily offering will be taken. Special books and supplies have been arranged.

A closing program is being held for the final evening.

Those who are planning this Vacation School believe that the only satisfactory way of building up a strong and virile nation is to begin with the children, and in no sphere of life is this more important than in character training.

They point out that every parent wishes his children to grow up to be honored and respected members of the community, but not every parent realizes the importance of character training during the formative years.

The rush of a normal day, the shift system, absence of parents from home, clubs and television all have a serious effect on the amount of time the members of the family have for the nurture of character in the home.

The volunteer teachers are assisting in the home, school and church in training Acton's youngsters.

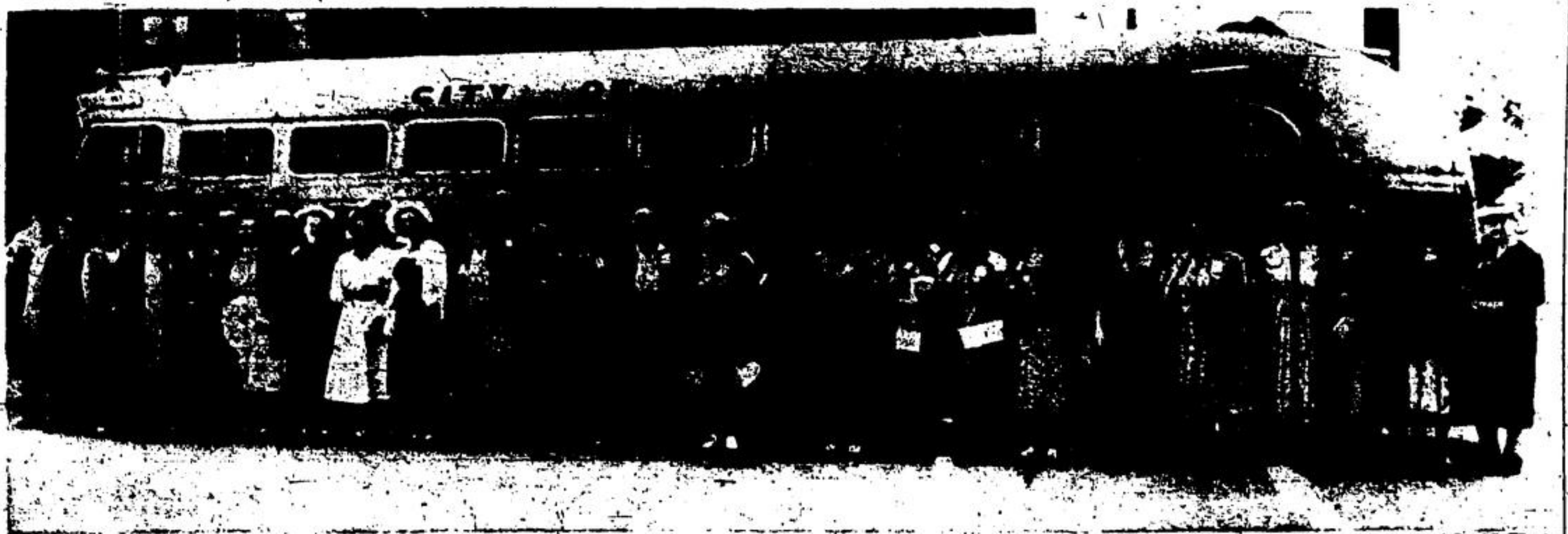
—We aren't envying friends holidaying up north so far this July. Temperatures in Muskoka have been dropping to 40 and below

Tour Two Factories On Annual Bus Trip

A visit with Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Currey was a highlight of the annual bus trip taken this year by the ladies of Acton United Church. The former minister here and his wife joined the group for a picnic luncheon in Springbank Park, London.

They toured the McCormick biscuit factory where candy and cookie making were in progress. Each visitor was given a box of chocolate and a souvenir booklet. At the Kellogg factory each lady sampled the different products and received a souvenir box.

After shopping, a lovely supper in the United Church was served. A visit to the parsonage followed. A pleasant drive via Woodstock concluded the trip.



UNITED CHURCH W.A. enjoyed a bus trip to London last week. The group visited with Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Currey, formerly of Acton, also toured two cereal and biscuit plants in the city and

had lunch in the park at London's western edge. The tour was one of many bus jaunts enjoyed by local and district groups recently. The United Church group returned home by Woodstock.