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Start Gas Lines

Installation of natural gas mains in Acton started yesterday on Churchill Road.

Crews working for the United Suburban Gas Company Ltd. laid nearly half a mile of pipe from the town boundary line to the highway in one day. Work will continue this week in the eastern section of town. A company spokesman said gas will be piped here in the very near future.

Meanwhile, work continues on the trunk feeder line which divides below Linchouse from the Millbrook-Georgetown line. This line will connect at Churchill Road, just south of Glenlea.

Acton Y Athletes Win Track Firsts At O.A.C. Meet

Last night at the Ontario Agricultural College Track in Guelph the Acton Y.M.C.A. track club placed fourth in the third annual Junior Olympiad sponsored by the Five Counties Track Association.

Acton athletes placed as follows: Junior 220 yard relay, Acton team of Peter Gibbons, Don Price, Keith Mattocks, and Wayne Wilson placed fifth; Ruth Landsborough and Ann Daintith placed second and third in the junior girls' 75 yard dash and the girls' relay team of Lynda Lovell, Valerie Vavry, Margaret Sunter and Marilyn Young won the junior girls' 220 yard relay. In the same race the Acton team of Ann Daintith, Carol Bradley, Diane Ewing, and Ruth Landsborough placed second but were disqualified for breaking lane at the last turn.

In intermediate competition, Ed Molody placed fourth in the shot put and fifth in the broad jump.

Frank Cooper and Wayne Arbie placed first and third respectively in the senior 100 yard dash and second and first respectively in the 220 yard dash. Maurice Van Hemmen won the 440 yard dash with a very fast pace which none of the other runners in the race could keep. Maurice also placed third in the broad jump. Wayne Arbie placed fifth in the broad jump and Frank Cooper took fifth place in the discus throw.

Acton's senior relay team of Frank Cooper, Ed Molody, Maurice Van Hemmen and Wayne Arbie won the senior 380 yard relay in the last event of the evening.

The next meet for the Acton club will be August 4 when they will take to the track in the Glenora Highland Games in Maxwell. This will be the first of six meets which the team will enter during the first 15 days of August. These six meets will include the Eastern Canadian track championships and the Niagara Falls police games as well as the Toronto Lions Club junior meet, the fourth Junior Olympiad, and the Fergus Highland Games.

Lawn Bowlers Defeat Georgetown 90 to 85

Last Wednesday evening, July 18, Acton lawn bowling team travelled to Georgetown, to play in the inter-county league. The greens were in fine shape and everybody enjoyed their games.

Acton, W. Woodburn, H. Rogers, 20; Georgetown, W. H. Kentner, Mrs. G. Woods, 22.

Acton, A. White, Mrs. V. Ingles, 15; Georgetown, B. McDonald, Mrs. E. McGibbon, 17.

Acton, W. Near, Mrs. M. Bell, 11; Georgetown, G. Woods, Mrs. A. Lindsay, 23.

Acton, B. Veldhuis, Mrs. O. Cairns, 19; Georgetown, I. Richardson, Miss E. Leslie, 10.

Acton, J. Fleming, Miss B. Woods, 25; Georgetown, A. Kentner, Mrs. B. Leslie, 13.

Total—Acton 90, Georgetown 85.

In the inter-county game between Guelph and Rockwood, both teams had a hard time. Guelph came out on top with scores of 93 to 80.

	P	W	L	Tot.	Pts.	Pos.
Guelph	7	5	2	620	624	10
Rockwood	7	4	3	634	609	9
Acton	7	4	3	620	587	5
Georgetown	7	1	6	526	637	2

This week's schedule, Guelph at Acton, Georgetown at Rockwood.

Tried Break-in End Up in Jail

Two Acton youths who tried to break into a downtown food market early Sunday morning are in jail today awaiting sentence after being convicted on charges of attempted breaking and entering.

Gerald Rogers, 21, and Harold Oskey, 25, both of Acton, were arrested at the rear of Ledger's I.G.A. early Sunday morning working on a window. The witness called the police and arrests were later made by Constable M. Harness and R. Mowbray.

A pane of glass had been broken and part of a wire window guard cut away.

The pair appeared in court here Tuesday morning and following conviction were remanded a week in custody by Magistrate Langdon.



SUMMER'S SUN SHINES on this week as some of the season's best weather to date has brought mild, sunny days after many more days of rain. At Acton's much-used park both the wading pool and the lake swimming area are activated with the splashing and squealing of young Actonians. Rosealee Higgins, left, and Jean Lidkea take time out of the water to enjoy a chew of gum and tan awhile.

County Accepts 92 Acre Coulson Farm Plan 10 Year Reforestation Program

Halton county council in regular session Tuesday afternoon accepted the 92 acres of farm land in Esqueving township, bequeathed to the county by the late John Coulson of Hornby. Members endorsed the recommendation of the agricultural and reforestation committee which was requested to study the terms of the will at the last meeting of council.

While some members believed the matter of acceptance should be postponed until more information is forthcoming, others felt the county should accept the land without further delay. It was pointed out the farm contained some eight or ten acres of wooded land; the township would then have to embark on a reforestation program of the property as outlined in the will. Members felt the program would take ten years to complete.

Requests for more office space were made by the Halton Health Unit board and the Halton Child-

ren's Aid Society. The Children's Aid Society communication stated it was costing \$135 a month for rent, heat, light and caretaking and they were cramped for space. The matter was turned over to the building committee for consideration, after members suggested there could be space provided in the old Registry office when it is vacated.

Deputy Reeve Fred Atkinson, Burlington, urged a new building to house both organizations while Reeve Service favored using the Registry office. Reeve Robert Marshall thought the Registry office would provide a permanent council room and family court. It is expected a report from the committee will be forthcoming in the next month or two.

Council also approved a recommendation of the building committee to engage T. Allan Sage, architect, to draw plans and specifications for a new kitchen to adjoin the jail.

A request for a \$1,000 grant to assist the Lowville Park committee to install toilet facilities was approved by members. Roy Coulter, secretary of the board, was spokesman of the delegation consisting of Lloyd Crawford and William Hume. Mr. Coulter said he thought this was the first request made to the county and as the work had been completed, the grant would be of great assistance.

Reeve Harold Adkins, Nelson, said his township endorsed the request, after Mr. Coulter said the park was used by a great many organizations in the county, as well as some from Hamilton and Burlington.

Reeve Robert Shannon, Burlington, said as other municipalities in Halton had provided park facilities at their own expense, Nelson should bear a larger portion of the cost.

Deputy Reeve Fred Walker humorously injected that Burlington would not have to worry about parks after September when Nelson would be taking them over.

Reeve J. Hargrave, Acton, reminded members they had given the park board assistance in 1952 when they installed the water system.

Insurance: Road Report
Robert Cumberland, Oakville, presented a report on the insurance coverage of county buildings and equipment. The report was tabled for the consideration of the finance committee.

Reeve Marshall, in presenting the road report, said some \$81,000 was being spent this year on asphalt treatment of 10 miles of county roads. Seventeen miles of roads were being treated with a double treatment of oil and chips as well.

"The Department approved our plans and program for permanent type roads," he said. "Maintenance costs are getting too high, and the

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Safe Driving Stressed

Nine Acton People Hurt In Three Auto Accidents

Injuries and property losses spoiled the week-end for three Acton families as three separate accidents underscored the growing hazards facing drivers in this community, as in all the provinces' communities, who take to the highways during the holiday season.

Warnings by the Ontario Department of Highways and the O.P.P. for extra caution and safety sense were endorsed this week by Mayor E. Tyler and police chief R. Mason here.

These warnings follow week-end crashes that caused injury to nine local people; Friday evening James

Forty was taken to Hamilton hospital following a crash north of Milton; Sunday morning four members of the Gordon family were hurt when their car was smashed near Port Colborne; Monday Tom Kennedy, his wife and two children were riding in a car which collided with another in Nassagaweya.

Special Care Demanded
"Highway travel these week-ends demands special care," Mayor Tyler commented after council was informed Tuesday night of the Ontario Safety Bureau's campaign to stress driving care. "To violate safety rules is to invite disaster".

he added, "and this will be especially true during the civic holiday week-end."

Common sense conduct — car in good condition, allowance for delays, avoidance of fatigue while driving and adherence to the speed limits — was stressed in the Safety Bureau release and endorsed by the Mayor.

Police chief Mason, noting that last month alone saw 74 deaths and 884 injuries on the highways of O.P.P. District 3, which includes Halton, urged drivers to take no chances and where possible to keep off the heavily travelled routes on the week-ends. Last year, on Civic holiday week-end, 23 people died in automobile fatalities. This year, the Chief added, there are even more cars on the road.

Progress Stopped at Georgetown High School as Tenders Refused

Tenders were opened Monday night for the new eight room addition at Georgetown high school and were so completely out of line with the amount of money available for the purpose that they were discarded. The District High School Board moved to hold the whole matter in abeyance for the present time.

The representatives of the architects, John B. Parkin Associates, were present and were instructed to return the bid bonds or certified checks which accompanied the bid. The total amount available to the Board for purchase of land, building, fees and equipment is \$175,000 which has been approved by the five municipalities concerned. Some \$15,000 has already been spent for additional land at the site.

Of this amount the Department has agreed to share an expenditure of \$100,000. The secretary reported approval had been received on this amount.

Engage Acton Teachers
The North Halton Board gave approval of engagements of two teachers at Acton school. Mrs. Alex Orr has been engaged at a salary of \$4,200 and Mrs. W. Williams a specialist in commercial will receive \$4,300 for the next term.

Supplemental accounts for June amounted to \$901.14 and July account. This latter amount includes general building accounts which will be reimbursable when debentures are sold.

Applications for students to attend technical schools elsewhere were received. The secretary reported that only grade eight public school students at Milton would be taking shop and home economics there this year. In Acton the public school board has made arrangements to teach the shop course in the public school.

The July meeting of the North Halton High School Board was held in St. Joseph's on Monday night. Trustees present were: Forgrave, Goodlet, Anderson, Coon, Dills, Coles and Brown and chairman Ross Carbert presided.

Fete Acton Couple In Park Before Trip

A reunion of the immediate family and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gibbons was held in the Park, Sunday afternoon, prior to their trip to England. A happy time was had by the adults and 11 grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons are leaving Acton shortly for a two-month trip to the old country, the first in 32 years. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Neil McNabb and family, Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gibbons and family, Milton and Mrs. High Graham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Colin McCall and family, Mrs. Thea Papillon and grandchildren all from town and Mr. Jim Gibbons from Penetang.

No Newspaper

This paper will skip one issue next Thursday when the entire staff will take a week's vacation. Business will resume on Tuesday morning, August 7 after Civic Holiday.

Since writers and printers will have a very short week, correspondents and advertisers are asked to send in their copy as soon as possible — even during the week the office is closed — for the issue of Thursday, August 3.

St. Joseph's Picnic Held Sunday in Park

All the usual features of a successful picnic were in evidence when St. Joseph's parish picnic was held Sunday in the park. There were races, baseball games and, of course, picnic lunches.

Ice cream and prizes were handed out to the many youngsters. The event was under the auspices of the Catholic Women's League.

A Hefty Hiest

If the light-fingered artist was a lone worker in this case, he must have had heavy muscles.

District provincial police reported this week that a 1300-pound stretch of railroad was stolen recently from a stock pile of spare rails at the First Line of Esqueving, near here.

There will not be an open season for deer in Halton this fall.

First Clinic for Blood Donors Since War to be Held in August

For the first time since the war, Acton citizens will be able to donate to the Red Cross something that is worth more to them than money—blood. Sponsored by the Acton Legion and the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, a blood donor clinic will be held in the Legion on Thursday, August 30.

At a meeting with Miss Hays of the Red Cross, executive members were recently chosen. Billy Middleton heads the committee with Ernie Barr in charge of the house-to-house canvass, Vic Patrick in charge of reception, and Mrs. Elsie Johnston in charge of refreshments.

The mobile clinic will bring the equipment—even the beds. The local branch of the Legion will supply nurses' aides, coffee and perhaps doughnuts, and the blood donors.

The Hamilton division of the Red Cross, under whose jurisdiction the clinic falls, supplies blood to Hamilton, Oakville, Brampton, Milton and Guelph hospitals as

Acton People Suffer

Two of the three accidents last week-end involving Acton people occurred on the highways.

The Forty accident was on No. 25 Highway where the driver, according to police, attempted to pass another car, lost control and crashed into a tree. Fractured ribs, shock and a crushed chest were suffered by James Forty and his car was caused over \$1,000 damage. District O.P.P. investigated.

Morris Gordon, his two brothers Harry and Albert and his son, Allan, were holiday-bound for Fredrickton, N.B. Sunday when their car was in collision with another vehicle coming off a sideroad. Owner and driver of the car was Allan Gordon.

Under the impact all were thrown out of the smashed car. Morris and Albert Gordon were taken to hospital in Toronto for treatment of more serious injuries while the other two members of the well-known Acton family were treated at the scene.

Two Youngsters Hurt

Tom Kennedy, who lives out of town but works here in a local butcher shop, was travelling south on the Fifth Line of Nassagaweya with his wife and two young children when his car collided with another driven by two Campbellville youths, Lavorne Blacklock and Leroy Wood.

Mr. Kennedy suffered cuts, bruising to the head and serious back abrasions while his wife suffered a bruised knee and arm cuts. Wendy, 2, and their three-year-old son suffered head abrasions. Bruises and shock were suffered by the occupants of the second car. District O.P.P. officer Howard Gunn estimated the total damage at over \$2,000.

The injured in this accident were treated at a nearby farm home.

Air Conditioning Units To Need Inspection Here

Standard regulations to govern the installation and inspection of air conditioning units in Acton were put into effect last week at a regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission.

The regulations apply to motor units and wiring powering the air conditioners. The conditions of service were recommended by the Association of Municipal Electrical Utilities standards committee for general adoption by member municipalities.

In adopting the regulations for enforcement through the H.E.P.C. inspection station, the P.U.C. here re-affirmed its attitude about the status of air conditioners already installed in town.

Later, members decided an air conditioner might be an improvement for the P.U.C. office and agreed to have one installed on approval—Cost, it was noted, is about \$350 to \$400.

Question and Complaint

Considerable discussion was raised when a Commissioner member questioned the need for additional help charged from time to time to the waterworks department. It was also complained by another Commissioner that time sheets and invoice duplicates are apparently not submitted regularly from this department.

Out of this two motions were passed. One stipulated that weekly pay cheques to the departments will be held up each week until time sheets are in. Pays are figured up to Wednesday at five p.m. and time sheets, the motion added, must be in the office by each Thursday noon, including all time sheets for salaried employees.

The other motion required superintendents to turn in daily duplicate invoices on all purchases made.

It was reported at the outset of the meeting that members had agreed at a special session to run a six-inch water main into the old Beverley property which has a plan for a private subdivision.

E. M. Schroeder was credited a

total of \$6. in consumer deposit on his account.

By a recommendation from Council the Commission agreed to supply free for the balance of the summer the water used in the park wading pool.

Five complimentary tickets were received from the Ontario Municipal Electrical Association to a luncheon in Toronto August 15 commemorating the golden jubilee of hydro. The Commission agreed to buy three more tickets for this event.

Commissioner J. J. Stewart reported no used trucks are presently available following a suggestion

Council Vetoes Beyond Limits Offer

Acton's councillors Tuesday night turned down a proposition to move the dump out of town—in fact, right out of the county—and unanimously agreed to make the new dumping site within the limits, near the municipal disposal plant.

Convinced the proposition was too costly, members turned down an offer from A. VanGils to allow the town to use a gully on a farm owned by him on the Second Line in Erin Township, for dumping. Attached to the offer, however, was a list of obligations: the town to take out damage insurance; the town fence off the area; the town compact the land after each dumping; and the town pay \$300 a year.

"Nice proposition—for the owner," Councillor W. Cook commented.

Council quickly voiced its disapproval of the proposition and tabled a resolution of thanks to go to Mr. VanGils with his offer.

It was not stated when his refusal will start to fall on the new site. However, it was indicated at an earlier meeting that stricter regulations will be attached to this new

site to prevent unauthorized dumping.

Council briefly discussed possible purchase and use of a bulldozer to compact the new dumping area as it is used, but laid the idea over for later consideration.

At the outset of the meeting Mayor E. Tyler advised the P.U.C. had agreed to supply water for the wading pool for the balance of the summer.

A committee recommendation that existing taxi rates, controlled indirectly by by-law, be held here was endorsed by Council after brief explanation from Councillor Lindsay.

Site of Town's New Dump Is Confirmed Near Disposal Plant

The Third Line also figures in a complaint from Esqueving Township over washout damage on their section. This was passed on to the portion of the road from the town's road committee.

Council considered a request for a service extension to some Mill Street south lots. In consultation with A. Doby, members agreed to install these lines before paving starts but not until the main trunk work is completed at Lakeview.

Council also proclaimed Monday, August 6, civic holiday; filed another request from the Department of Labor for appointment of a local excavation inspector; noted the Highways auditor's report for 1955; acknowledged written permission from the Municipal Board for dispensation of a vote to issue \$50,000 debentures for road paving; received a \$600 estimate in rough road grading costs at Lakeview (being done by the subdividers).

A rather lengthy discussion was held over the fate of the section of Main Street north in Acton, which is also the county road link. It was pointed out the county had made no provision this year to

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pay for hardtopping of this section when the town's permanent paving program starts.

Deputy Reeve W. Wilson contended it would be unfair to rate-payers on this road if the section were not paved when the rest of the town is done.

At present, council learned, the road is getting a double treatment of oil from the county.

Several councillors viewed the situation as an "unfortunate circumstance," however Deputy-Reeve Wilson insisted some approach should be made to the county to take care of this strip. One member suggested a special county meeting might be called to consider the necessary appropriation for this road.

A motion was tabled and passed that the county be asked to depreciate the cost of the road. A letter is to accompany explaining the situation.

Deputy-Reeve Wilson asked to know specifically what Acton was doing to attract more industry.

Mayor Tyler explained again the measure of effort being spent each year by local officials without pub-

licity. Councillor G. Barbeau stressed the value of discretion in treating any contacts made.

Councillor E. Footitt urged some of the worst holes on town streets be improved until paving starts. He was told the road committee had viewed the roads Monday night and started action to fill holes where necessary.

Councillor Cook queried progress on culvert repairs, weed cutting on the Glenlea commercial site, and fence fixing near the Maria bridge. He also urged a stock taking procedure be adopted by the town, and called for investigation of poor drainage from the town's new road into Lakeview over the property of T. Brankiewicz.

Discussion arising out of this latter matter prompted authorization of a letter to the Lakeview contractor to erect a fence, as per a previous agreement, between the town's road and Mr. Brankiewicz' property.

Councillor Barbeau asked if fill might be put on rutted sections of the track in the park. Council decided to do drainage work at the western end of the park.

Ten Traffic Charges Bring Fines of \$62

Ten convictions on charges under the Highway Traffic Act brought fines totalling \$62 plus costs in magistrate's court here Tuesday morning.

An assault charge against a local man was dropped.