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Y Athletes Win Five Trophies In Highland Games at Fergus

Pumpkin Seeds Sent To 92 in Ontario

Novel attraction at Acton fall fair this year will be the Junior pumpkin growing contest, which will conclude with the naming of a pumpkin growing champion for Ontario. Entries have indicated that the title will really be representative too, since fair secretary Mrs. Irene Swackhamer sent out 92 packages of pumpkin seed to all parts of the province. Some went east as far as Leeds county, north to North Bay, east to Kincardine and near Sarnia. Of course, there were many local requests for seed as well.

Donor Response May Reach 700

Legion officials in charge of Acton's August 30 blood donor clinic added up canvass results this week and where a high of 350 donors had been initially hoped for, found the final total will be nearly double that figure. Response has been so heavy that extra time has been added to the clinic's open hours next Thursday. A notice elsewhere in this issue gives details of the new hours. Monday night canvass captains totalled nearly 625 volunteers who have signed up to donate blood at the first big clinic here since the end of World War I. Canvass results have yet to be completed for rural areas adjacent to Acton. When this is done it is expected the grand total will be close to 700. It was pointed out that if there are any who wish to donate blood and were not contacted, an appointment for the August 30 clinic may be made by calling E. E. Barr at 160, Gord McCutcheon at 103 or Vic Patrick at 548 W.

Freak of the Week

Believe it or not. The proof is in the Free Press window. A tomato is growing on a potato plant! The freak was discovered in the garden of Mrs. Walker on Agnes St. A green tomato, still tiny, was spotted amidst the wealth of potato leaves on the plant.

To Erect Concrete Light Standards on Elgin St.

Barn, Nine Tons Hay Is Destroyed

Fire between eight and nine o'clock last night ravaged a large barn on the 100-acre market garden farm of Charles Greig a mile south-west of Stewartown on the No. 15 sideroad.

Last in the barn was a crop sweeper, a small garden-type tractor and nine tons of hay which had been in the barn since last summer. Mr. Greig could not place any estimate on the damage. The cause of the fire is yet unknown as combustion was raised due to the length of time the hay had been in the barn, there is no electricity in the building and the only person near at the time of the outbreak was a hired man.

The owner was not pleased with the efforts of the Georgetown firemen, who he blamed for driving his own truck off the highway leading into the farm and through a field of carrots. "They did more damage to it (the carrots) than to the barn," he said.

Boy Scout Training Aids Badly Cut Lad

Boy Scout training proved its value at Rockwood, when four scouts from Toronto came to the aid of an eight-year-old boy who had cut his foot. Douglas Robbins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Robbins of Rockwood, and his sister Elaine, were playing in a cave when the boy received a severe cut to his foot.

James West, a Boy Scout from Toronto, who led the short camping trip, took over the lad. The boy administered first aid and carried the lad home. The scouts went with the boy to the hospital at Guelph, another minded the camp and another stayed with the other Robbins children. Mr. Robbins, a guard at the reformatory, was at work.

There was high praise for the action of the scouts.

Oats Tops Grower

Wes Masales has oats taller than he is! He measured himself by one stalk to discover the grain topped him by one inch, standing five feet, eight inches high. Frequent rains this season contributed to the outstanding crop.

Before a crowd of more than 7,000, Acton Track Club entrants carried off five trophies at the Fergus Highland Games on Saturday. Intermittent rain failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the spectators and only, briefly delayed the program.

Competing against top-ranking athletes, Acton young men's results were outstandingly good.

Setting the record for the 100 yard dash in three age groups, Frank Cooper placed second in the juvenile race at 10.7 seconds. Although he and the first place winner, Gordon Dodd of the Hamilton Track Club, were timed the same, Dodd crossed the tape first. There were about 10 entrants. British Empire champion Stan Raika of the Toronto police force placed first in the shot putt — not surprisingly. However, second in the field of about eight was Wayne Arbie of Acton, who put his shot about 35 feet. Stan Egerton of the Toronto Olympic Club was third.

Wayne Arbie was beaten by no one, not even an Olympic star, in the 100 yard junior dash. He was first with a time of 10.9 seconds. Two men from the Toronto Olympic Club, Ron Miller and Stan Egerton, took first and second place in the pole vault. Miller, a British Empire champion, leapt 12 feet, nine inches. The two had expensive Swedish steel poles for the competition. With a borrowed pole, Jim Denny of Acton took third place.

About 100 competed in the midge 100 yard dash when Frank Mariscaw was awarded third place. Ahead of him came Bob Sisler of Hamilton Olympic Club and Metro Kozak of Richmond Hill Track Club.

Also entered in events from Acton were Wayne Wilson, Don Price and Peter Gibbons. Running in the open mile were Delmar Watson, Ed Molody and Ed Barr of the Acton club. Bruce Andrews, who is with the Guelph Legion Track Club, placed sixth in this open mile race.

Bob Brayshaw who went with his runners at Fergus, was pressed into service unexpectedly and assisted the officials.

Y's Men Harry Arbie and Charlie Leatherland supplied the transportation for the young men.

Considerable justifiable pride is felt in the splendid records set by the young athletes from town. The Highland Games attract top competitors each year, making Acton's high standing especially commendable.

Follow-through on a five-year-old agreement between Beardmore and Co. Ltd. and the P.U.C. this summer will mean a new look for Elgin St. from Church to Agnes St., according to a settlement made at last week's regular Utilities session.

The new look will see new hydro lines for this section of Elgin St. which leads into the Beardmore plant. Existing lampposts, with underground cable, will be erected and hydro supply wiring will be changed to feed houses in the area from the rear of the lots.

R. R. Parker discussed the work for the company at the meeting. It was agreed that the hydro department will begin its share of the work as soon as possible.

After discussion, a motion was passed that the Commission accept the Beardmore and Co. offer regarding change of wiring and lights on Elgin St. whereby the company will make the complete installation of underground wiring and poles and fixtures and the P.U.C. will make the necessary hook-up, plus changing of poles to back yards.

Some time was spent discussing extension of sewer and water laterals on Queen St. to the fronting lots on the Wool Combing subdivision, recently revived for limited development at a Planning Board meeting. Members weighed the economic merits of tapping across the road to the mains from each of 13 fronting lots or running another main down the south side of the street.

A firm decision was made but members agreed to start work on the project as soon as schedules will permit.

Hydro superintendent D. Mason discussed the power requirements for a pump motor on a projected lift station at Lakeview. Some difference of opinion was recorded on this matter and it was laid over for later consideration.

The superintendent also passed on an inquiry regarding wiring for the proposed new public school. This is to be referred to the contractor.

Lay Underground Cable. Wiring changes and underground cable installation for the new, Martin Street bridge is progressing. Superintendent Mason reported, and also noted there are now 37 standards erected in the last completed section of Glenlea.

The Commission agreed to allow use of its post-hole digger to P.U.C. and town employees to dig in these spare time, some 60 to 80 fence post holes for the Public School Board at the new property next the high school.

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NEW VIEW of Mill St. seen from squirrel's lookout on one of four fallen maples opposite the Free Press. For pictures and story on former felled Mill St. trees see Page Nine, also Page Three.

Boys' Day Camp Tours Airfield Has Field Day

Boys' day camp at the Y.M.C.A. has kept three teams busy with a variety of activities. Jeff Fryer headed the Huron Indians' team, Bill Churchill the Mohawks and John Hoare the Apaches.

Last week they toured the Trans-Canada Airlines airport at Malton one afternoon. They were into the hangars and planes.

A field day was held at the high school, with the Mohawks sweeping the meet. Results follow:

50 yards for boys under nine. Bob Groenboer, Dave Sprston, Bernie Frueler.

50 yards for boys under 10. Neil Franklin, Don Harris, Eddy Hubble, 75 yards for boys under 11. Fred Dawkins, Paul Bennett, Andrew Tarrant.

100 yard dash for boys. Bill Churchill, Jeff Fryer, Bill Stuckey. 200 yard dash for boys under 12. Fred Dawkins, Bill Stuckey, Peter Wolfe.

440 yard run for boys over 11. Bill Churchill, Pat Churchill, Jeff Fryer.

In the field events, Fred Dawkins won the junior broad jump with a leap of nine feet, six inches, and Bill Churchill won the senior jump sailing through the air 12 feet, six inches.

Bill Churchill also took the senior broad jump with a top mark of four feet, while Fred Dawkins matched this feat by winning the junior high jump with a leap of three feet, one inch.

The boys have also had crafts sessions and seen movies. One day the boys spent the day in the wood at the farm of Wes Wolfe.

Easter Lily Blooms Again in Mid-Summer

An Easter lily in August! That's what Mrs. James Hepburn of Ransom St. had in her garden last week-end. The bloom was so unusual Mrs. Hepburn lent her potting plant to the Free Press, where it was in the window for several days.

Horticulturalists advise amateur gardeners to cut off spent blooming stalks after the Easter lilies are over. They won't bloom again, they declare.

But Mrs. Hepburn has found them wrong. Her lily bloomed last Easter and in May she put the pot out in the garden. The original stalk which bloomed at Easter is the one which has a beautiful white lily on it again now. The flower is healthy and strong — just sprang up on the season. And who said this cool summer?

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Would More Than Double Water Supply and Storage

Customs Figures Here Are Up 500 Per Cent

Customs collection figures for the port of Acton have shown a 500 per cent increase over the last 20 years. Customs Collector Billy Middleton says the figures may be taken as a true picture of business conditions here. Although 1956 figures have not yet been filed, they will show a substantial increase over last year's \$263,253 total, he says. In 1934, when Mr. Middleton became the customs agent here, the total was \$56,000.

The main portion of the total is accounted for by the town's leading industries.

Guelph Bowlers Certain to Win Beardmore Prize

Last Wednesday, August 15, matches in the Intercounty Lawn Bowling League saw Guelph defeat Acton by a score of 92-79.

This gives a clear margin to Guelph for the Beardmore Trophy, even if they should lose the last game this week to Georgetown. This is the final week of the series in a 12 game contest between four clubs, Acton, Rockwood, Georgetown and Guelph. It has caused a lot of friendship and interest to all concerned, and proved very successful.

The Acton and Rockwood match this week will decide which of those teams is runner-up for second spot.

Guelph's winning skips were Pete Kefalas, Art Hall and Bob Samuel. Skips of the two games won by Acton were Jim Fleming and A. White.

League Standing

	P	W	L	Pts.
Guelph	11	7	4	1012 942 16
Rockwood	11	7	4	999 926 14
Acton	11	6	5	958 948 12
Georgetown	11	2	9	838 1038 4

Georgetown caused an upset last week to Rockwood by defeating them by a score of 87-82. It was a hard fought game, when the score sheet had Georgetown ahead by five points.

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

Milton Wins Two Over Acton Nine

Intermediate playdown baseball over the week-end saw Milton and Acton tangle twice with Milton taking as many wins. Saturday in Milton the host team squeaked past for a 7-6 victory while in Acton Monday night the visitors sewed up the contest 7-1.

Saturday's game had Acton bats booming strongly right up to the seventh as they rode into the last inning on a 6-4 lead. However, Milton countered with three runs for a hat-trick in this ball game.

Winning pitcher was Gervais who took over from Kennedy in the fifth. Losing pitcher was Robinson who relieved Scott in the sixth.

Monday evening in Acton it was Milton all the way, with five runs batted in in the first three innings while Acton didn't manage a run until the seventh inning.

Losing pitcher was Cunningham, who was relieved by Scott in the fourth. Gervais the winning hurler, went the stretch for Milton.

The two games are the first in a best-of-seven series in the O.B.A. intermediate "B" playdowns.

Seek Paving Bids

Tenders to pave Acton's streets are advertised this week and are to be opened at the first council session in September.

Council, with Ontario Municipal Board approval on the work, has noted on the tender form that work is to start immediately. This would indicate that paving will likely start before September 15. Engineer K. Hyde, of R. V. Anderson Associates, told council Tuesday night that heavy bidding is expected on the work here.

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Highlights of Water Report

Acton's water works reports, presented to Council Tuesday night, contained some noteworthy figures and comparisons on the town's present situation and what the next few years may bring. A few of the highlights:

At the end of World War II the town increased in population (1,960 to 3,030) by approximately 50 per cent, over the next five years. Then stayed static for five years. Population rose nearly 400 in the past year and is likely to reach 4,000 by next summer. It is not unreasonable to assume that in the next five years the Acton population could reach 6,000.

In 1955 average daily consumption of water was 161,000 gallons. Maximum during this period was 241,500 gallons. A population of 4,000 requires average daily consumption of 220,000 and maximum daily consumption of 330,000 gallons.

Recommended fire flow on the distribution system should be capable of supplying 200 gallons per minute and have a storage capacity of 550,000 gallons for emergency use. These figures are considered adequate for a population of 3,500.

At present Acton's total daily flow is 360,000 gallons maximum. Its maximum storage capacity is 212,500 gallons.

Work estimated at about \$45,000 was recommended in changing certain water lines and addition of cross-connecting mains to improve flow conditions in this distribution system. Elimination of dead-end mains was also recommended.

"With the completion of the Glenlea and Lakeview Heights subdivisions some time in 1957 the town's water supply will be taxed to its limit and in the event that the town was called upon to supply a sizeable quantity of water to a new industry it would be unable to do so."

County to Start Million Dollar Halton Road Rebuilding Program

A multi-million dollar, long-range road rebuilding program has been launched in Halton County, it was announced by R. F. Smith, county engineer, yesterday.

Mr. Smith said in compliance with Department of Highway regulations, county roads will gradually be paved. He said that 10 miles of resurfacing was under way in various parts of the county now at a cost of \$120,000. Eight miles of roads are being rebuilt at a cost of \$60,000.

A total of \$23,000 is being spent this year on the installation of bridges and culverts, and \$25,000 on light surface paving.

He added that eventually the entire 145-mile Halton County road system would be paved.

"We are spending \$500,000 on roads this year, and expect to spend more in 1957," he said.

Mr. Smith pointed out that the county receives a 50 per cent road subsidy from the provincial government.

"It is their idea that all roads be paved," he said. "They want to cut out maintenance costs."

Rotary Club Queen Now in New York City

Pretty young Jean Manes, the Rotary club's Queen for a Week, is in New York city. With luggage and clothes she won as prizes in the Pennant Day contest, Miss Manes is the guest of the club as she tours the largest city on the continent.

With her friend, Dot Dawkins, as her companion, Miss Manes left Sunday. They are staying at the Barbizon Plaza hotel in central New York—handy to shops, the best restaurants, theatres and all the glitter of the metropolitan centre.

Her tour included a boat trip around Manhattan Island, a trip to the statue of Liberty, dinner at the Copacabana night club, a bus tour of the city and other highlights.

Mrs. Sid Eisen helped the young Queen to pick out a dress from Eison's store as part of her prizes. Gord McCutcheon provided a light-weight suitcase for the trip. Bert Hinton gave a hat and white gloves to the girl, while Mildred Bell picked out a full, embroidered petticoat and a bra from her store. Brada's shoe store gave her a pair of shoes to match her outfit. Ledger's I.G.A. gave her some travelling items and stockings.

Former Missionary Is Guest Minister

Dr. G. S. Bell of Rockwood, a former missionary in China, was the guest minister at Acton United church last Sunday.

Frank Bean has been organized the past two Sundays.

Council Moves To Option Land And Start to Drill

A search to increase Acton's usable water flow by at least 350 gallons per minute began Tuesday night at a special session of Council when action was taken to option property on the Fourth Line where it was pinpointed in a report by R. V. Anderson Associates that a large volume of water can be reached by drilling.

The report was presented along with pre-drilling analyses by a large water supply firm and stressed the Fourth Line site, about four miles north-east of here, as a highly probable source of additional water supply for the town. A second site investigated, less than a mile south of Acton has a flow of spring water but this did not figure in the report or in council's discussion as the more likely source.

"This search for more water has been knocked around for four years," Mayor E. Tyler said, "it's time we went after it and finished the job."

More Water Seen Certain. If Council carries the reports' recommendations to their conclusion, it's almost certain water supply and storage capacity will be substantially increased.

The report, prepared under supervision of engineer K. Hyde, recommended that International Water Supply Ltd. be engaged. For around \$25,000, it stated, this firm will guarantee a well to produce 350 gallons per minute.

(At present Acton's usable supply is about 250 gallons per minute and full storage capacity at the pump-house is 212,500 gallons.)

However, to carry the program to its completion will require more than \$25,000. The reported estimates another \$175,000 would be needed to construct well-house and equipment, install supply pipe and lay 10,000 feet of 12-inch gravity line from the site, and build a million gallon reservoir.

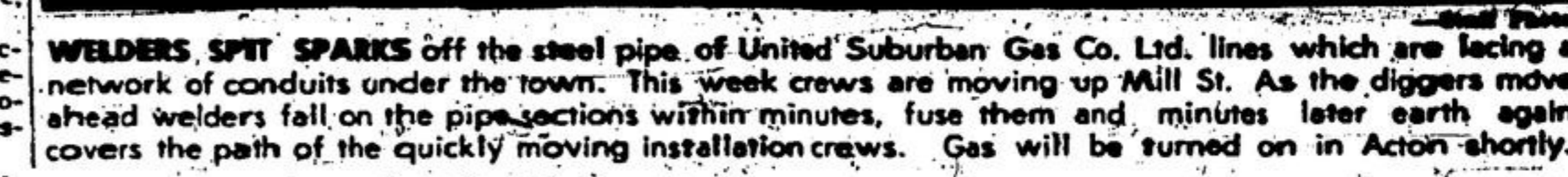
Reviewers' Salient Points. To develop the second site — the spring source, would run into an estimated cost of \$167,000 the report suggests.

Engineer Hyde reviewed the salient points of the report, before council. He reviewed present flow, anticipated needs and the potential of the two sites investigated. He intimated council should tread lightly and make a thorough investigation of both sites. However, he also noted several economic possibilities make the Fourth Line site more favorable.

The town, which by summer of 1957 may have a population of 4,000, should aim for a minimum of 350 additional gallons per minute flow. While present flow is adequate to supply current population, Mr. Hyde noted in the report, reserve for fire-fighting is not up to par and would be inadequate by next year if the rising population trend continues.

Council, although formal commitment was made, indicated the services of International Water Supply should be sought immediately and opened discussion on optioning necessary property.

Earlier, it was learned the water supply firm would make a charge of \$3,000 for test drilling. Council was anxious to start as soon as possible and authorized the Mayor and clerk to contact the land owner of this Fourth Line property to start a transaction of option for test drilling.



WELDERS SPIT SPARKS off the steel pipe of United Suburban Gas Co. Ltd. lines which are laying a network of conduits under the town. This week crews are moving up Mill St. As the diggers move ahead welders fall on the pipe sections within minutes, fuse them and minutes later earth again covers the path of the quickly moving installation crews. Gas will be turned on in Acton shortly.