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M. Z. Bennett Public School

Name School for Former Principal

Acton's proposed new public school likely to see a construction start shortly after tenders are opened September 25, will be known as the "M. Z. Bennett School." It was reported at a School Board meeting last week that Miss Bennett, former principal and long-time teacher here, had consented to use of her name for the new school.

A wide variety of other business was dealt with by trustees at their first regular meeting since the start of school.

By resolution the Board agreed the school lane, from Main St. to the cement apron of the school, be deeded to the town. It was asked that the name School Lane be retained. Clerk J. McGeachie was asked to arrange the survey and registration of the deed. From council two members, Councillors R. N. Brown and W. Cook appeared for discussion in connection with transfer of the lane.

Classes in Auditorium

Principal G. W. McKenzie reported 740 pupils registered, all classes occupied and kindergarten children taking lessons in the auditorium. In view of this, trustees ruled that the auditorium would be available for school purposes only during the ensuing school term.

The property committee is to arrange purchase of a bulletin board for Mrs. J. Black's room. It was suggested that new bicycle racks be made by the industrial arts class as a project.

The principal also reported that the teachers had offered to purchase new tables required for the industrial arts room from school funds which had been earmarked for a new duplicator. The Board accepted this offer and promised to procure the needed duplicator next year.

Approval was given to engage Miss E. Goodwin to assist the principal with office work one-half day each week. Also approved was a request for maps and the principal was authorized to order additional desks required.

Need Crossing Guards

Trustees T. Watson and C. Bradley were appointed a committee to pursue to conclusion the engagement of two school crossing guards to guide children across at No. 7 Highway at Glenlea and at a designated point near Main St. and the School Lane.

Appointed school attendance officer for the ensuing year was G. Spencer-Lee.

The board learned that a fence had been erected around the new school property, also that caretaker G. Mann was off duty due to sickness.

Payment was authorized of accounts totalling $4,638.32.

To Place School Traffic Guards At Strategic Corners for Safety

An ounce of prevention . . . that's what the public school board is taking by hiring two school crossing guards to direct youngsters to and from school. Additional population and increased traffic have added to the hazard of walking or bicycling to school. Not a serious accident, but cautiousness and foresight are behind a new safety program.

The two guards will be selected next week. To formalize their job of directing youngsters across the highways at peak school-traffic hours, new white guiding lines will be painted on Highway No. 7 opposite the school and at Meadowvale Road and Queen St. by Glenlea subdivision. It was also agreed at council meeting this week that the safety program would be vastly improved by the construction of a small bridge over the school creek on the west side of the highway, where there is no sidewalk. Work is to begin there very soon.

Cliff Bradley and Tom Watson, the school board members in charge of making the arrangements, have checked the number of youngsters crossing at each busy intersection, and even know the number of bicycles the guards will have to contend with. The guards, men or women, under the direction of police chief Ray Mason, will be stationed at the most strategic locations. Once youngsters have crossed the highway under the watchful eye of the new guards, the majority will have no other very congested road to cross unassisted.

The board is hoping for the cooperation of all parents in any rerouting of this junior pedestrian traffic.

The guards will wear white belts and gloves so they are clearly seen on dark days. They will have the authority to stop traffic while the youngsters cross safely.

THIRD INSPECTOR for Halton, Edward F. Jordan will work with R. F. Bornhold under L. L. Skuce, I.P.S. in the growing county. Mr. Jordan comes here from Ottawa.

On R. Warne Farm

Option Acre of Farm Land To Start Drilling for Water

A significant step in the town's organized efforts to add some 350 gallons per minute to Acton's water supply was taken this week when Council signed an option to purchase about an acre of land owned by Robert Warne, Fourth Line, where it is proposed to start drilling.

International Water Supply Ltd. is expected to start test drilling within days on this site, believed to be a likely source of water.

The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign an option for six months with Mr. and Mrs. Warne for approximately an acre of land at the juncture of the Fourth and Town lines. Price was set at $1,000. 10 per cent. payable on signing of the option and the balance in closing. The town also agreed to pay the necessary surveying fees, erect a fence and have documents prepared. In the motion as well was a clause which releases Mr. and Mrs. Warne from any action which may arise from neighbors being deprived of water for stock.

It was reported the old dump site has been covered and levelled over. Dumping at the new site has started and every dumping day the refuse is bulldozed under and fill levelled, members were told.

Open Days at Dump

Councillor W. Cook urged the sanitary land fill method of disposal be further investigated. Councillor E. Footitt asked when the dump was open to the public. He was told on garbage days, Monday and Thursdays, from 7 a.m. to 5 p. m. Mayor Tyler pointed out on other days the dump must be kept locked.

B. Henderson and F. Mellor appeared to complain of drainage trouble on their Queen St. properties. Mr. Henderson demanded council take action to rectify the trouble.

Discussion on this matter was sidetracked when Councillor Cook criticized that engineering advice had been sought from the town engineer but never presented. Engineer F. Pallesen said it was hard to satisfy everybody at all times and added he would like to see council set out its orders in written form in order to give various works proper attention.

Back to the drainage problem, the engineer recommended that either storm sewers be installed—a costly solution—or the north side of the road be built up.

Mayor Tyler reflected it was hard to provide proper drainage when people build houses in a hollow. However, the engineer was asked to view the area and make a recommendation.

Take Over School Lane

A report on the school board's agreement to have the town take over the school lane was started by Councillor R. N. Brown and finished by Councillor Cook.

It was noted the board also wishes council to instal culverts and sewers into the new school property as soon as possible. A motion was passed that the clerk make necessary arrangements for a survey of the school lane before it is officially taken over by the town as a public road.

Council was somewhat rankled when a motion from the P.U.C., that council look after enforcement of its own by-law governing house sewer lines and laterals, was read by the clerk. Council had previously asked the P.U.C. to enforce the by-law when it was found a Church Street double house is connected to the same lateral.

In its motion of reply, the P.U.C. said several residences in town were connected illegally to one lateral, some against the sewer inspector's orders.

Most members failed to understand why this had been allowed, or why council had not been notified at the time the breaches of the by-law were committed. Council insisted a request for names, dates and identity of the inspector at the time be forwarded to the P.U.C. before the matter is taken further.

Question of Responsibility

Regarding a claim by counsel for L. Veit that drainage problems at a property on the corner of Mill St. and Wallace St. are the town's fault, Clerk McGeachie said a letter had been forwarded declaring the town has not disclaimed responsibility when it recommended the eaves of the house be repaired before further action is taken.

Copies of letters from R. V. Anderson Associates to Rayner Construction Co. Ltd., successful bidders on the town paving job, were read before Council. These dealt with contract form. It was suggested the job would be underway next week.

Council heard a circular from the C.C.F. party dealing with that political party's views on municipal financing. Also read was a letter from the City of Windsor expressing some indignation over council's refusal to accept a relief payment to a former resident.

Need for a sign identifying the entrance to Pioneer Cemetery was discussed. However, before this is taken further, it was found the entry property boundaries should be definitely established.

A letter from Leslie and Beatrice Halliday claimed damages to their property during construction of the Lakeview entry road. Itemized were two lost cherry trees, removal of stakes, lawn soiled and damage to fencing. A cash settlement of $200 was sought.

Pass on to Builders

Council considered this expense would come under expropriation costs and would therefore be passed on to the Robert Hudson Construction Co., Lakeview builders.

The corrected by-law for construction of a $26,000 new fire hall was read. The town engineer is to draft plans for this proposed work and the by-law was forwarded to the Municipal Board.

Mayor Tyler noted there are some areas in Glenlea where weeds have yet to be cut. Here members discussed providing top soil to Glenlea homeowners in order that they may improve boulevards.

Engineer Pallesen reported the drainage problem at the Mill-Young St. curve largeley overcome, while Foreman A. Kirkness said work was progressing to alleviate drainage difficulties on Main St. above the school creek.

Councillor C. Lindsay, discussing selection of insurance and pension plans for town employees, suggested the employees should take the lead and select their own plans. Councillor Cook disagreed, added the town should put forward plans.

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Acton Bowlers Win New Trophy For Runners-Up in League Play

Saturday the most notable tournament of the first season of the Inter-County Lawn Bowling League ended with the biggest gathering of the year at the greens and clubhouse of Guelph Lawn Bowling Club. Two afternoon games of 12 ends were played having Georgetown, Acton and Rockwood mixed doubles, along with the host club in the jitney.

The women of the club served a roast beef dinner in the club house to over 60. (Favorable comments included the fact that the fee including the dinner, is two to three times as cheap as at most of the Ontario tournaments, as compared with coffee and doughnuts or sandwiches at other tournaments).

Harry Rogers, president of the Acton club, representing Beardmore and Co., handed the beautiful Beardmore trophy to George Perry of Rockwood, president of the league, who presented the trophy to the Guelph club, winners of the league. This trophy will be held for one year, to be up for competition next and each succeeding year. This applies as well to the trophy to the runners-up.

Representatives of the men's and women's sections of the clubs voiced great praise of the season's play, hospitality and friendship that was created in the forming of the league by Jim Fleming of Acton. Mr. Perry expressed high satisfaction respecting the league's first year including reference to this success as indicating possibility of expansion in 1957 to include additional clubs.

Surprise feature of the evening's wind-up proceedings, was the presentation from Mrs. Pat Mitchell and Ralph Bell, daughter and son of the late George Bell who was remembered as one of the most highly esteemed members of the Guelph club, of atrophy to the club to be known as the Bell Memorial Trophy for the runners-up of the league. President Harry Rogers expressed himself most appreciative in accepting the trophy for the Acton club from Mr. Bell.

Winners were presented with prizes for the afternoon games, which 50 per cent of the players received.

All the clubs responded with great praise to Mrs. Gladys Fenwick and Mrs. E. Farley for the exceptionally good dinner provided for the occasion.

Blue Springs Chapel Opened with Service

The Frank C. Irwin Memorial Chapel was opened at a special outdoor service at Blue Springs Scout Reserve on Saturday afternoon. The new chapel is shallow, as the congregation sits on a hillside sloping away from the sparkling water of the spring pond.

A large door opens on the specially constructed altar. There are small ante-rooms at either side. With natural finished siding, the new chapel fits perfectly into its outdoor setting.

W. H. J. Tisdale, provincial commissioner, spoke the words that officially opened the chapel. John B. Ridley, president of the provincial council, spoke to the group. A. H. Richardson, as chairman of the Blue Springs committee and honorary vice-president of the executive committee, also spoke during the service.

Several guests from Acton who have been associated with the work at Blue Springs were present.

C.N.E. Highlight Of Institute Trip

Wednesday, September 5, the annual outing of the Acton Women's Institute was enjoyed by 35 with some visitors from neighboring branches. The party gathered at the post office corner and, after having their photo taken by the Acton Free Press, they rolled along on No. 7 highway.

First stop was at the St. Lawrence Starch Co. at Port Credit, where they received a warm welcome and divided into small groups to tour the plant. When you purchase a package of corn starch, you never realize the many processes precede the completed product. Mrs. E. Smith joined the group here. On completing the tour, each one was given a gift product.

The party drove along the lakeshore highway to Mimico, where they enjoyed dinner at the Pickfair restaurant. From this point, they called next at the Swift Canadian plant at Keele and St. Clair where in one group, they were shown the various stages before the beef or pork is ready for sale. A few here received a pig's tail as a souvenir. Before leaving the group were entertained in the plant cafeteria.

Highlight of the day was the visit to the Exhibition, where each was a guest at the afternoon luncheon in the Women's Building. The evening was spent in various ways. Many attended the grandstand performance which was a delightful pageant throughout.

Rev. McKenzie Inducted as New Knox Minister

Members of the congregation of Knox church heard the charge to their new minister, Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, the charge to the congregation, and later met Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie Thursday evening of last week.

The service of induction in the church was followed by a reception in the church basement.

Rev. Fred Williamson, minister of St. Paul's church, Guelph, and moderator of the presbytery of Guelph, was in charge of the formal service in the church.

Rev. Walter McCleary of Elmira gave the sermon. Rev. Kenneth G. McMillan, interim moderator of St. Andrew's church, Guelph, narrated the steps leading to the call. Rev. Williamson directed the service of induction, which was followed by the extending of the right hand of fellowship by all the ministers participating. Dr. D. Gowdy of Galt gave the charge to the minister followed by Rev. W. Ross Adams of Fergus with the charge to the congregation. Rev. McKenzie pronounced the benediction.

Mr. McMillan introduced several speakers at the reception including Rev. E. Orsborn of Milton and Rev. A. Calder of Georgetown of the West Toronto presbytery, Rev. Gordon Adams on behalf of the Acton Ministerial Association, R. R. Parker, chairman of the board of managers, Mrs. McCutcheon, president of the Ladies' Aid and A. K. Mann. Mr. McKenzie spoke briefly, looking forward to his work here.

Members of the congregation met Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie and their oldest daughter, Joanne.

Members of the Ladies' Aid served refreshments.

Welcome Spring

Spring is here. At least one plant thinks so.

Mrs. Don Cripps has a forsythia bush blooming for all the world like May. She brought a twig in to the Free Press office. It's in the front window—in curious contrast to those leaves turning brown outside.

TV Crews to Shoot Pumpkins Friday Evening at Fall Fair

Acton fair is to be on television! A camera crew from the CBC Sunday program Country Calendar, with one of the commentators, former Actonian Johnny Moles, will be focussing the fair for typical shots on Friday evening during the arena show.

Particular object for the camera's roving eye will be the pumpkin growing contest, which will have been judged Friday afternoon. The winning pumpkins will be on display and the television producer wants shots of them for Country Calendar. They will likely appear on the show of Sunday, September 23.

Prof. T. O. Graham of the horticultural department of the O.A.C. will be judging the competition. The trophy to the champion pumpkin grower, donated by the Bank of Montreal, will be presented by the local manager, Bill Davey.

While television is new to this year's fair, even the familiar classes and displays and rides will be exciting this week-end. Entries are coming in steadily to fair secretary Mrs. Irene Swackhamer. Displays will be arranged in the hall and judged tomorrow, and will be ready for callers before the evening show starts. The variety show in the arena is expected again to draw a large crowd—especially since a television camera will be there, too.

An excellent midway is assured by contract. A dance is winding up the fair Saturday. Rotarians and Y's Men have again volunteered to help at the gates and firemen will be directing traffic.

Friday evening and all day Saturday will see Acton's friendliest gathering of the year underway

Wins $18.10

With a five per cent. coupon melting out the measure of her luck in last Saturday's Appreciation Day draw, Freda Lambert won $18.10. For the weekly $5 draw, Mrs. S. Norton's entry was drawn.

Next week's chest is up to $388.90.

Girl Guide Troop Finds New Leader

Girl Guides will be able to resume their activities in Acton this fall, as the Scout and Guide Mothers Association has found a leader. Mrs. Lenore Wright of Wilbur St. will be in charge of the blue-uniformed girls for their valuable program.

Brownies are still lacking a leader and anyone who would volunteer to answer the Association's call, in order that the group may be reformed, is asked to phone Mrs. Hugh Graham at 281m.

Y.M.C.A. Auxiliary Sets School Date

The first meeting of Acton YMCA Women's Auxiliary for this season was held at the YMCA Monday evening. Mrs. D. Rogers opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer. Mrs. Rogers was re-elected as president at the May meeting. The new secretary and treasurer gave the first reports.

Plans were made to get the YMCA Nursery school underway for this year. Registration date was set for October 10 at the YMCA. The teachers for this year will be Mrs. June Brayshaw, Mrs. Rosemary Cook, Mrs. Tillie McGladrey, Mrs. Janet Rogers, Mrs. Mae Gervais and Mrs. Olive Cairns.

It was decided that the YMCA women's bowling league would be held in the evening as many of the women worked. The league was formed two years ago.

The meeting closed with the benediction.

After the meeting, lunch was served by Mrs. Kay Graham, Mrs. Gwen Price, Mrs. Tillie McGladrey and Mrs. Ilene Wensley.

I.O.D.E. Chapter Votes Proceeds of Tag Day Go to Park Projects

The first fall meeting of the Duke of Devonshire chapter I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Mrs. R. M. McDonald, Willow St. The regent, Mrs J. Whitham, presided.

It was decided that the entire proceeds of the annual fall tag day would be given for improvements to Acton park.

Joe Jany was announced as the winner of the $100 bursary that the chapter gives annually for competition in grade 13.

The members heard the Empire and World Affairs convener, Mrs. Robert Buckner, give an up to the minute report on the world situation.

Following an interesting presentation of slides of their recent trip to British Columbia by Mr. and Mrs. Alf Long, lunch was served by the hostesses, Miss Ruby Clark, Mrs. Drysdale and Mrs. Spencer-Lee.

Hire Waterloo Man As Town Assistant

John Price of Waterloo was hired by council this week for the newly-created position of assistant to the clerk-treasurer.

Mr. Price, hired at a salary of $3,200 on recommendation of the finance committees of council and the P.U.C., started work here Wednesday.

Projects Discussed By Lakeside Chapter

A new member was welcomed when the Lakeside chapter, I.O.D.E. resumed its meetings for the season Tuesday evening in the Legion Hall.

Projects were discussed, and $12 was voted for records for the kindergarten. The regent, Mrs. J. Jocque, presided.

Small Car Burns Driver Rides On

A Burlington driver nearly had his vehicle burned out from under him Tuesday evening when the small sports car took fire on Queen St. and travelled nearly a quarter of a mile before the two occupants were aware of the blaze.

Constable John Hodgins spotted the blazing undercarriage as the car headed out No. 7 highway. He stopped the driver, Derrick How, and used the cruiser extinguisher to check the blaze until firemen arrived to put it out.

It is believed the fire was caused by a short circuited battery cable igniting brake fluid.

—Staff Photo

LAWN BOWLING TROPHY, presented to the Inter-County Lawn Bowling league this year by Beardmore and Co. Ltd., is held here by the president of the Acton club, Harry Rogers, left, and the secretary of the league, Jim Fleming. The trophy was won by Guelph and presented last Saturday when players from Acton, Rockwood, Georgetown and Guelph gathered to enjoy a season-end banquet.

Hydro Employees Apply For Union Membership

Application by local hydro employees for certification with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers was revealed at a meeting of the P.U.C. last week. Hearing for this application has been set by the Department of Labor for September 19.

It was noted that this currently involves two men. (A third hydro employee, R. Holmes, has recently quit the P.U.C., members were informed at the Thursday meeting.)

Hydro superintendent R. Mason said he had no knowledge of his men's application to join this union until last week. According to the Labor Department's notice, contact was made by the Union here on or around August 10.

Members, disturbed by this news, discussed meeting the employees. It was agreed to try for a meeting this week for general talks with the employees.

Mrs. W. Walker appeared at the meeting regarding location of a new light standard in front of her Maria St. property. She complained the light would be objectionable. Chairman F. Oakes said he could not understand this attitude. Most complaints, he said, were due to lack of light.

The matter was talked over, but no decision reached. It was ultimately agreed by commissioners to view the locality by night before any firm decision is made.

Relocation of two hydrants on Mill Street and one in Glenlea was discussed. During this part of the meeting, waterworks superintendent J. Lambert reviewed current work progress.

The P.U.C., notified by Council to enforce the by-law at a Church St. double house where reportedly two sewer laterals join before entering the main, held a review of other breeches of this by-law in town. Members considered that since the Church St. case was not the only case where two services drain into one lateral, council should be asked to enforce its own by-law.

The H.E.P.C. notified of arrangements for a tour of the Richard L. Hearne generating station in October.

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Stricter Regulations For Used Car Dealers

Effective immediately, used car dealers in town will be forced to take careful measures in selling their merchandise. The Ontario Provincial Police have received orders to notify all such dealers that stricter regulations governing sales are to be put in effect immediately.

Dealers must give written testimony listing all the defects of the automobile to prospective purchasers. If the car is in perfectly sound mechanical condition, a certificate showing this must be given with the car.