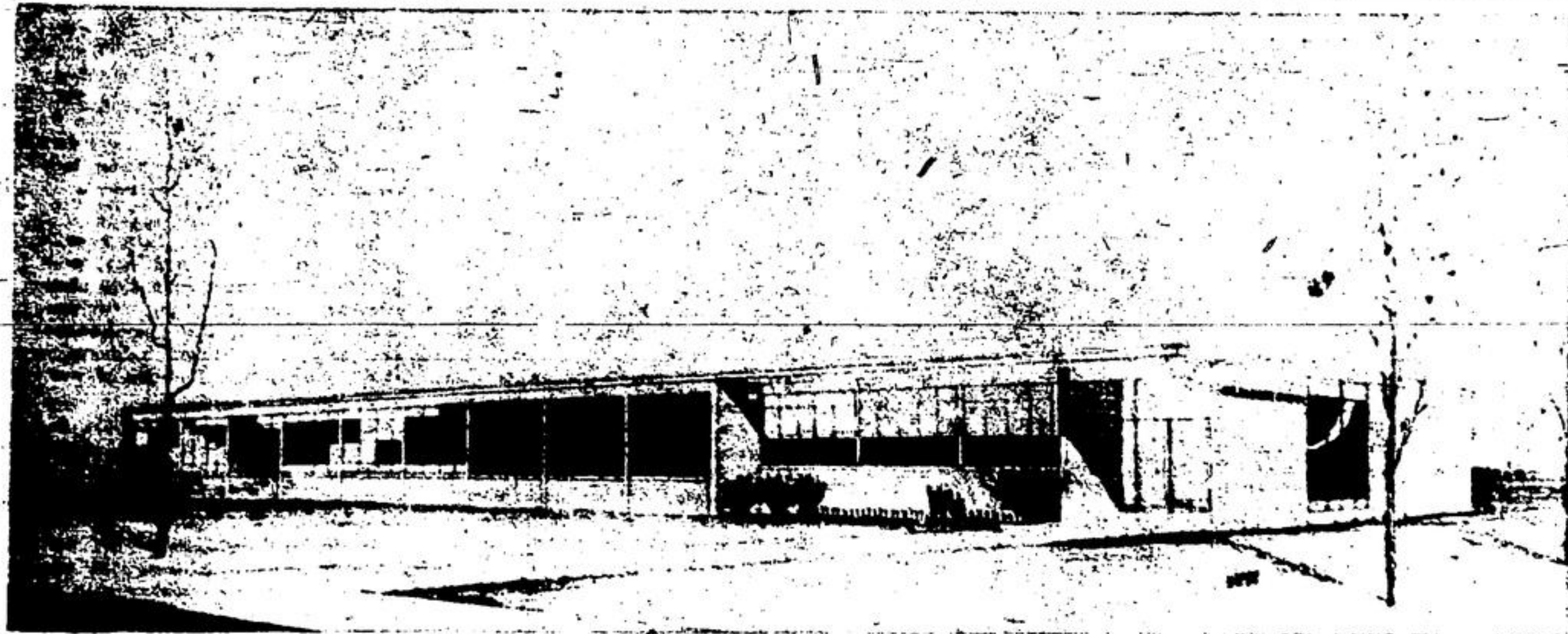


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NEW ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOL, at first estimated at \$120,000 but now figured to cost some \$132,000 before it is built and furnished, is shown here in this architect's conception. The six-room school is being designed to have more rooms added if and when necessary.

P. S. School Contract to Mackenzie Board Seeks \$12,000 More for Job

Found: One Hour

Sunday is the last day of September and it's also the day to search that hour lost back in April.

Daylight Saving Time officially gets the heave-ho at 2 a.m. Sunday morning and Standard Time returns until next spring. The clock, it should be carefully pointed out, is turned back an hour. Most people do this on Saturday night, thereby adding to the length of the evening's enjoyment and at the same time eliminating the confusion of turning up at church the next morning an hour ahead of time.

G. Spencer-Lee Justice of Peace

An appointment by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario by an Order in Council has created G. Spencer-Lee as Justice of the Peace for Halton county. Mr. Spencer-Lee was sworn in on Tuesday morning by Lloyd Dingle, Q.C., the crown attorney.

His legal duties began immediately after his appointment became valid this week.

Mel Schroeder held the position of honor before Mr. Spencer-Lee, but moved from town this summer.

Mr. Spencer-Lee is also school attendance officer and clerk of the fourth division court.

Planning Board Puts Restrictions On Subdivision

Building restrictions governing the 40-lot Colbert (or Wool Comb) subdivision were drawn up Monday night by the Planning Board and subdivision owner E. Coles. The restrictions, many requested by the developer, are designed to make the subdivision a strictly residential area.

Building is yet to be started on the Queen Street lands which were first accepted for services and a plan approved two years ago. At the present it is proposed the 13 fronting lots on Queen Street will be sold off for private construction.

Council, the following night, reviewed the restrictions and accepted them. They are to be incorporated in a by-law.

Refusal from the Department of Planning and Development on the plan of subdivision submitted by R. N. Brown was recorded. The town had previously agreed down a request for installation of services to this 147-lot proposed development.

The resignation of E. E. Barr, due to ill health, was accepted with regret by the Board.

Milton Students Second

Acton Athletes Win Inter-School Meet

Acton High School athletes carried off 168 points to beat Milton, Erin and Georgetown in that order at the North Halton Inter-school Field Day staged in Georgetown yesterday. Next with 109 points came Milton, followed by Erin with 102, and Georgetown trailed the pack with a total of 86 points.

As well as taking top honors for the day, the Acton school had four of the eight champions among its ranks. The champion girls were:

bantam, Karen McMurray of Milton with 15 points; junior, Ruth Landsborough of Acton with 26; intermediate, Blair Hotchen of Acton with 24; senior, Linda Nodwell

Work is expected to start as soon as possible following the contract award this week to J. B. Mackenzie and Son Ltd. Council must apply for approval on a new debenture after the Board requested another \$12,000 Tuesday night. The school is to be finished Aug. 1, 1957.

Acton Public School Board Tuesday night awarded the construction contract for the new six-room public school to J. B. Mackenzie and Son Ltd., of Acton and Georgetown, on a bid of \$115,495, the lowest of six tenders.

The award is made subject to the approval of the Municipal Board and the Department of Education. Although the debenture by-law called for \$120,000, which was to include architect's fees and furnishings, it was found this will not be enough. In order to build the school at this lowest tender price, says the architect and equip the structure, the Board will require an additional \$12,000, or a debenture of \$132,000, in order to meet all costs.

This information was taken to Council Tuesday night after the Board opened tenders. Delegates were Trustees W. Wolfe, T. Watson and C. Bradley.

Council received the news in a mood of resignation. The school was necessary, it was stated, and council could not very well refuse the board the extra money.

Mayor Tyler wondered if the builders' prices were competitive. Trustee Watson said that it was mentioned at the board that higher construction costs, making a rise in the last six months of as much as per cent, could be held accountable for the difference in the architect's estimate and the run of the tender prices.

Further discussion on the request for more money revealed that with money markets in the condition they are, the town will likely have to pay out \$139,000 in order to get \$132,000 for the board.

A motion was passed without opposition that an amended by-law be prepared to increase the debenture issue from \$120,000 to \$132,000 as per request of the school board, due to the fact that the lowest tender, Trustee Wolfe told council, was from \$115,000 to \$139,500.

Tenders were submitted by: J. B. Mackenzie and Son Ltd., \$115,495; Frisian Construction Co., Hamilton, \$139,500; A. Battaglia, Toronto, \$122,300; Olgastead and Parker, Hamilton, \$117,836; Hamilton Construction Co., Galt, \$122,000; Robnue Construction Co., Hamilton, \$127,115.

Board Hires Guards Assistant Janitor

Public school trustees, in addition to naming a successful bidder for the new school at Tuesday night's special meeting, hired three local persons for school duties.

Colin McColl was hired as assistant janitor, following the resignation of George Mann after 29 years' service. There were several applicants.

Mrs. W. McEachern and J. Bruce were hired as school crossing guards at salaries of \$300.

Change in the Free Press

Readers will no doubt sense something different about this week's edition of the Free Press as soon as they pick it up. After scanning the pages, they'll realize this week's paper is different.

The paper this week is a full column—two inches—wider and an inch longer. It's nearer to the size most daily paper readers are used to and one that is becoming more widely in use in the weekly field.

There have also been alterations made in the typography and layout of the pages, particularly the editorial page where there is further comment about this week's changeover. The reader's eye will sense an easier-to-read quality in all pages; this has been brought about by increasing the space between each typed line of reading matter.

Elsewhere there are changes in the head rules at the top of the pages, repositioning of the advertising pyramid and new standing heads which will be noticed more and more as weeks go by. A changeover of this type is difficult to effect fully in one week, so readers will have to bear with a few weeks of adjustment period before all changes coming with the new paper size are incorporated.

Students Are Willing to Pay Half Cost of \$250 Tape Recorder

A tape recorder is to be purchased for Acton high school. Principal Ted Hansen made the request at the meeting of the North Halton High School District Board at Milton on Monday evening. There is a possibility a grant may be available. If it is not, the student body would be willing to pay half the cost of a \$250 machine. Mr. Hansen explained.

Board members examined flaws in the library floor at Milton and the local trustees were asked to arrange for its repair.

Insurance on students and buses was discussed. The secretary was authorized to sign the yearly indemnity bond in connection with cadet equipment at Georgetown high school.

Rudolph Spielvogel was certified as a permanent employee. He has been caretaker at Acton school for over two years.

September accounts passed totaled \$18,801.34.

Correspondence was read from Parkin Associates concerning the levels at Georgetown school, and Mr. Forgrave agreed to contact the town engineer in an effort to clear up the matter.

G. R. Carbert chaired the meeting. Members present were W. Coon, J. Creighton, M. M. Coles, C. Anderson, J. Goodley, E. Forgrave, N. Pickett, J. Hall, G. Hood, A. Kelly and G. C. Brown.

The newly confirmed have their first communion next Sunday morning.

Services, Fire Hall at Stake

Move to Cut Off Capital Expenditures Is Scuttled

Still Need 26 Volunteers for Minor Hockey

Attendance was very disappointing at an open meeting held in the Legion Hall Monday to seek leadership for the Legion-sponsored Minor Hockey. Appeals had been made for all interested to attend the meeting but the few there were mostly members of the present executive.

They estimated that 26 managers, coaches and referees must be obtained before the popular hockey season begins. It was decided that those who were there would do their best not to disappoint the youngsters, despite the discouraging results to their requests for help.

Gordon James was elected the new president of the Minor Sports Committee. Other members of the executive are Gordon Beatty, vice-president; Roy Kirkness, secretary-treasurer; Ivan Kirby, chairman of the executive committee and committee members Herb Woods, George Hollinger, Ab Irwin and Vic Masters. Anyone who can assist in the hockey program is asked to contact any one of these men.

Adjourn Hearing On Expropriation

Expropriation hearing for the protracted "Brankiewicz case," legal resort in the dispute between the town and Tom Brankiewicz which began over two years ago, was started last week in Milton before Judge Robinson.

The dispute, centering over the course of a roadway past Brankiewicz property into the Lakeview subdivision, saw month after month of wrangling and inconclusive negotiation in council.

Now that it has come to court, it still isn't over. The hearing last week was adjourned to October 15 after time ran out.

Mr. Brankiewicz was represented by G. W. McLean, while the town was counseled by F. S. Weatherford. Testimony during the hearing, as far as it went, was heard from H. Elmore, Lakeshore contractor, surveyor J. J. Kisway, town clerk J. McGeachie and F. L. Wright and W. McLeod, local realtors.

Wins Car

J. M. McNabb, 41 Queen Street, Acton, won a 1956 Ford Fairlane Tudor at a garden party in Bronte. The car was given by St. Dominic's church.

Marcel Allie of Bronte, the seller of the winning ticket, is \$100 richer too.

Efforts by two councillors Tuesday night to curb municipal spending by this year's council ran into hard opposition from other members after it was argued one motion would shelve the proposed new fire hall and the other would renege the town's agreements to complete services to subdivisions just started or about to start.

Deputy-reeve W. Wilson, supported by councillor W. Cook, first tabled a motion that council incur no more capital expenditure, other than the public school debenture, from this date. He asked for a recorded vote.

Immediately it was pointed out by one councillor that this would dump the new fire hall proposal, read in by-law twice and now at the Municipal Board for approval.

Mayor Tyler declared he'd vote against the motion. "Council has no way of knowing what might come up that money would have to be spent on," he said.

Excited discussion followed on to what extent the new fire hall was necessary.

"If these motions pass, we'll need a new fire department in the morning," the Mayor warned.

The motion was called with the following result: Aye, Cook, Wilson, Nay, Hargrave, Barbeau, Brunelle, Brown, Footitt, Lindsay.

The next motion, also advanced by Deputy-reve Wilson and Councillor Cook, sought that no services or additions to services be installed in any present or future subdivisions unless at the subdivisions' expense. This motion lost as well, but before the vote was called, a spirited discussion ensued.

Deputy-reve Wilson was told agreements had already been made to install services at the Glenlea, Lakeview, Colbert, Brauda and Beverley House subdivisions. The Colbert agreement, it was noted, was made over two years ago, the second subdivision to be accepted, although no work has started yet.

Councillor Cook called for re-cession if agreements were indefinite.

He was assured the agreements were definite commitments. The Mayor added: "I'll have no part of going back on our agreements."

Councillor Barbeau asserted: "I'll agree to stop spending, but not to back out of agreements."

Old Argument Rears
Councillor Cook continued it was a bad policy in the beginning for the town to assume these services debts.

Here the old argument reared, off heard in council, of the pros and cons in councils of recent years taking the initiative to develop the town by paying for subdividing services to promote residential growth with the view to entering industrial expansion.

Councillor Cook again repeated his concern over the astronomical debenture debt that is growing here. Other voices suggested Acton's debt was not as acute as observers are sometimes led to believe. The discussion gradually trailed off and the vote was called on the motion which was defeated.

At the outset of the meeting, Councillor Cook objected that some items discussed at the previous regular meeting were not included in the minutes. This prompted the consideration that all items requiring following through should be put in motion form.

Later motions were passed, pursuant to Councillor Cook's objections that all purchases of materials be by requisition through the clerk and signed for on receipt.

That work necessitating the engineer's attendance be requested in written form, that the engineer be asked to investigate the situation in Glenlea regarding culvert installations.

Assessment Rise for '57
Assessor O. Lamb requested council advertise that assessment notices for 1957 taxation will include addition of 15 per cent, due to inclusion of dislocation obsolescence this year. This notice will be appended to the assessment form, council deferred.

Engineer F. Pallesen reported the sidewalk and bridge work near the school creek nearly completed. He was commended by Councillor Barbeau for prompt attention to this work.

The engineer later reported it seemed best to build up the road side near some Queen Street West properties to alleviate a drainage problem there.

Clerk J. McGeachie reported an option signed with Mr. and Mrs. R. Warne for land to start the town's search for more water. Also signed was a purchase order with International Water Supply Ltd., which outlined the terms of agreement under which test drilling will be carried out.

Fear Creek Drying Up
Reeve J. Hargrave commented he had heard from the Reeve of Esquimaux township that some property owners in the area feared a nearby creek to the drilling site would be dried up. Council considered this in the words of one member "ridiculous."

Council touched on some problem of the new dump site. One motion brought action was the consideration that certain stockpiles be restricted to certain piles of market cartons for pick-up. Council directed that a list be made of the offending merchants and that they be notified that a list of five tonnes of cartons must be cleared up by the end of the month.

Charges Vary In Court Here
A variety of charges, under the Criminal Code—Highway Traffic Act, Liquor Control Act and Income Tax Act were dealt with in magistrate's court here Tuesday morning.

A charge of keeping a common gaming house against the proprietors of a local taxi firm was read and the case adjourned for two weeks.

Adjourned sine die was a charge against a local man under the Income Tax Act.

An Acton district youth was remanded in custody for sentence following conviction on a charge of criminal negligence.

Conviction in a charge of drunkenness brought a \$40 fine to another Acton citizen. Five convictions were registered, on speeding charges, bringing total fines to \$45 and costs.



HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS CHAMPIONS in last week's field day here are shown front; left to right, Ruth Landsborough, junior girls; Wayne Arbic, senior boys; Blair Hotchen, intermediate girls; rear, Borough, Hotchen, Hayward and Arbic were also champions at the four school meet. On page three are results of the local field day.

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