

Start Action on New Fire Hall As Municipal Board Approves

Council to Call Soon for Tenders On \$26,000 Hall

Acton, recovering from a hectic month of fire damage and fire scares, will soon have a new fire hall if action taken by Council Tuesday night is followed through without delay.

Approval from the Ontario Municipal Board for a proposed \$26,000 fire hall was received and read to members. While a building plan exists, there are still no blueprints for heating and electrical work. The engineer was authorized to prepare plans for the heating and wiring and authority was also given to have tenders called as soon as possible for the complete construction.

The brigade's long sought new hall, to be erected adjacent to the present fire hall quarters, will be financed by 15-year debentures. There are no grants on this work.

At the outset of this week's meeting the police committee recommended extension of a license for Reliable Taxi for a third vehicle. No motion was passed, however.

The town approved relief payments to an Acton woman. Half the cost is borne by the city of Kitchener, the other half by the province.

Council "Sitting Tight"

Councillor R. N. Brown instigated a discussion on water for fire protection on Churchill Road North. He suggested council was "sitting tight" on this issue and not providing adequate protection for citizens of the area.

This was argued. Some councillors understood it was part of the annexation agreement to provide fire protection on this road. None disagreed that the town had a moral obligation to extend adequate fire protection.

Mayor E. Tyler pointed out that it is contemplated to bring a 10-inch main down Churchill Road from the Fourth Line water site where drilling is supposed to start this week. He added that services will be put up this road in any event, but it is sensible to wait until a drilling report is made so the town is assured the 10-inch main will be installed as planned by engineering surveys.

Councillor W. Cook suggested the service line to the new public school property be continued up to Churchill Road, on the road allowance for continuation of Acton Boulevard. This idea was talked over.

The matter was left over, after a motion resulted from talks about recent fires and fire protection to have Fire Chief J. Newton appear at the next meeting to report to council.

To Believe Drainage Problem
Engineer F. Palsen said he believed a large part of drainage difficulties at the L. Viet property, Mill and Wallace Streets, is caused by water run-off from the roof of a nearby factory. However, for the town's part, installation of a ditch and eventual replacement of a storm drain would relieve some of

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NEW SIX-ROOM PUBLIC SCHOOL, the M. Z. Bennett school, is well under way this week with concrete footings completed yesterday. In the background, right, is the high school and newly-paved

Acton Boulevard, which will be extended around the new school, stretches out at far right. The school board is hurrying arrangements to have a six-room addition approved for a 12-room school.



BAD WATERMAIN BREAK on Churchill Road Tuesday night not only caused water cut-offs to homes facing the road but put the street for over 100 yards out of use. The road was undermined in at least two spots with large cracks breaking the top and sinking the surface. One car, above, became snarled despite warning lights and barriers put up shortly after the costly trouble was discovered.

One Quits, Another Fired

P.U.C.'s Hydro Loses Two Employees

Acton P.U.C.'s hydro department, its two-man staff recently unionized by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, is without employees this week-end following the resignation of one and the discharge last week of the other.

At last week's meeting, the P.U.C. took no steps with hydro superintendent D. Mason to hire new men.

The resignation of J. Glazier, hired less than a year ago, was received Thursday night. It is effective this Saturday.

Also Thursday night, after this resignation was received and following some intense discussion, members unanimously agreed to discharge W. Kelly, who has been with the hydro department for some time. The unanimous agreement came on a recorded vote. The motion read: "We dispense with the services of W. Kelly as of Friday, October 19, 1956. Mr. Kelly be paid one week's pay in lieu of notice; reason for discharging Mr. Kelly being he has lost at least two men in the last month, he being very hard to work with, so they left our employ."

Send Contract Forms

At the same meeting, the I.B.E.W. forwarded contract agreements for consideration in this local, which now being without employees is non-existent. However, P.U.C. members learned the union will likely protest the discharge.

Members of council's finance committee met the Commissioners during Thursday night's session to discuss a group sickness and accident insurance benefit plan for town and P.U.C. employees. The plan was shortly agreed upon and is to go to council for consideration.

Motion of agreement on these talks read: "We accept the insurance plan as presented by the Mutual Life of Canada and the increased benefits of P.S.I. for the employees of the P.U.C. on the understanding that this is to be a group plan to include the town of Acton employees; a copy of the motion be sent to council and be further understood that contributions are on a 50-50 basis."

At the outset of the meeting, the I.B.E.W. informed the Commission of measures to improve the method of computing payment for power supplied to some rural areas near Acton.

Loan Winch Truck

The Parks Board is to be loaned a hydro winch truck for stump pulling at Fairy Lake.

Consumer deposits of \$15 and \$10 were credited to the respective accounts of J. D. Armstrong and W. T. Doney.

Brief reports on routine work progress were heard from the three department superintendents.

Expenses of \$25 each were ordered paid secretary J. McGeachie and superintendent Mason following a recent tour of Ontario Hydro establishments at the St. Lawrence Seaway construction site. The two men reported briefly on some of their observations during the trip.

Interview S. Didero At Turnip Farm Here

The operation of a turnip growing enterprise was the subject of one of the feature spots on the popular television show, Country Calendar, last Sunday. Commentator Johnny Moles interviewed S. Didero at his farm on R.R. 2, Acton. His cameras then went to Mr. Didero's turnip waxing plant at Freelon to continue watching the operation.

Acton district viewers watched the program with particular interest.

Charge Local Boy, 11 Over Scout Hall Fires

An 11-year-old Acton boy is scheduled to appear in juvenile court tomorrow in Milton, charged in connection with three fires which occurred at the Scout Hall in the space of two weeks.

The boy, a Grade Seven pupil who takes classes in the Scout hall, was taken for questioning Monday night shortly after the third fire broke out. This latest blaze started from a pile of leaves in the hall porch. Like the two previous fires, it had been deliberately set, firemen said.

Local police questioned the boy after one of the firemen, W. McEachern, who lives near the Scout hall, saw smoke coming from the porch and at the same time noticed a boy on a bicycle fleeing from the school property, beside the hall.

Firemen arrived quickly on the

scene and doused the small fire before damage was done.

The boy is charged with delinquency under the Juvenile Delinquency Act.

Investigators from the Ontario Fire Marshall's office established arson in the second fire after conclusive evidence was discovered in the attic of the building, where the fire broke out. The attic was also the source of the first fire three days earlier. It is reported arson was also the cause of this fire.

The first call to the Scout hall was on mid-afternoon of Thanksgiving Day. The second was Thursday of the same week, at about 7 p.m. The third fire call Monday night was also at about 7 p.m. Majority of the damage was caused by the first blaze when it was estimated \$300 would be required to repair the ceiling.

Planning Board Asks Pentecostal Group to Add to Lot for Parking

Lifesavers Project

A short meeting of the Novelty Gra-Y club was held in the Y.M.C.A. on Monday afternoon, with Helen Benton, the president, in charge.

The girls of the club will be helping the Bishop's Gra-Y club in their project of selling life savers for World Service work on Friday and Saturday of this week.

It was decided to ask the Junior Hi-Y girls to help with the charter dinner. The president asked for girls to help with the dishes after the dinner. Those who will help are Verna Churchill, Helen Benton, Elaine Daintith, Jill Morton and Cheryl Price.

A candy and cookie sale was held last Saturday. \$2.97 was raised.

Divide Oil Painting Groups, Two Teachers

Night school classes begin next Monday and Tuesday evenings in the high school. At a committee meeting Tuesday, it was announced by chairman George Bowman, registrations were up to 120.

Increased enrolment in the oil painting classes are making it necessary to divide the group into two with two instructors.

Trustees for Acton Pentecostal church congregation led by their pastor appeared at Planning Board this week seeking permission to erect a church on Churchill Road, north of Peel St., where it is proposed to buy property from R. N. Brown.

Legally represented by C. F. Leatherland, the group's proposal was neither rejected nor accepted. Town planner P. A. Deacon pointed out that with a lot 110 feet by 150 feet, tapering to 85 feet at the rear, and plans for a church to seat 150, there would not be ample space left after construction to provide off-street parking.

It was suggested the Pentecostal group attempt to purchase more land from Mr. Brown, who was also at the meeting.

When the matter of services was raised, it was pointed out by the Board that council would have to be approached on this.

(At Council's meeting the following evening the pastor, K. J. Reid, also appeared. Council briefly discussed the request and concluded that since this lot was a partial part of a subdivision—the 147-lot Brown subdivision—the town could not service it at municipal expense. A motion was passed subject to Planning Board approval that water and sewer services be made available to the proposed Pentecostal church property at the church's expense.)

Wednesday Night Is a Night of Fright When They Delight

Come Wednesday night and eerie doings.

Inevitable are gnome-like ghouls, shrieking about with fearsome mein and striking awe in those who see the frightening oddities of their attire.

None are safe from them. With insatiable relish for the sweetened bit, they make their mark on every door, terrorize every home and lurk with menace until, with vampiric compulsion, they've been fed the irrevocable due they demand.

It's a weird night. There's no repulsing them. It's an inevitable night. It happens every year. It's Hallowe'en. The kids are out.

Y Board Plans One-Day Drive

At a meeting of the local Y.M.C.A. Board last Thursday, the highlight was a prolonged discussion of the financial statement. It came as a surprise to some of the new members that the Y.M.C.A. is in bad financial shape and ways and means of improving this situation came up for discussion.

It was decided to hold an all-out drive for donations on November 26 to get the Y.M.C.A. "out of the red". Board members were hopeful of an active response to this appeal from the people of Acton.

P.S. School Fire Insurance Adjustment Is \$31,991

Acton Public School Board was informed this week that loss adjustment for the fire-damaged section of the school has been set by the insurance company at \$31,991.43.

The Board is reported to be pleased with this adjustment, the greater part of which will be used toward reducing the debenture required for the proposed six-room addition to the new, six-room M. Z. Bennett school now under construction.

An amount of \$794 will be paid the Home and School Association for loss of costumes in the school fire.

It was pointed out this week that plans are to be submitted to the Board as soon as possible for the six-room addition that will make the M. Z. Bennett school a 12 room structure. When these plans are submitted to the Board, it is intended to have the present contractor, J. B. Mackenzie and Son Ltd., submit an estimate price on the additional rooms, it was further pointed out.

The Department of Education has tentatively approved the six-room addition which the Board hopes to see in service by next September.

Meanwhile, work speeds ahead on the new school to bring it into use by Easter. Yesterday, concrete footings were completed and the structure will soon be noticed rising beside the Acton High school.

Set Gas Rates

A schedule of permanent gas rates was introduced and approved Tuesday at a hearing for the United Suburban Gas Co. Ltd. by the Ontario Fuel Board.

The rates, unchanged from the temporary schedule in effect since this summer, cover the gas marketing areas of Acton, Milton and Georgetown as well as Oakville, Brampton, Dundas and Ancaster areas.

Representatives of this town attended the hearing, which was held in Trafalgar Hall.

H. S. Bd. Opens Several Tenders

Tenders for the construction of an eight-room addition to Georgetown High School were opened Monday night when the North Halton District High School Board met in that town.

However, no action was taken after trustees opened the tenders. Another meeting is to be held to deal with this matter.

Final payment to the contractor for the four-room addition to Acton high school was authorized.

Also authorized for payment were regular October accounts totalling \$22,383.16.

A statement from Milton showed \$5,444 in the 1956 high school debenture account.

Vice-chairman E. Forgrave presided in the absence of board chairman R. Carbert. Other trustees at the meeting were W. Coon, J. Creighton, M. Coles, J. Goodlet, F. Masterman, D. Anderson, F. Brown, A. Kelly, N. Pickett, G. Wood. Board members expressed hope for the full recovery and return of trustee G. A. Dills.

Bruce Andrews Sets New Record For Gold Medal

A new record of 9:28 minutes was set by Bruce Andrews in the mile and a half cross country championship race at Hamilton on Saturday. The former record of 9:53 was set by Kent Young of Hamilton Delta Collegiate. There were over 50 in the race. The young Acton runner added a gold medal to his growing collection of awards.

John Brown finished seventh in the two mile cross country championship race. There were 35 runners.

These two run with the Guelph Legion track club.

Two Y.M.C.A. Track club members also made a good showing on the rugged terrain at Dundurn Park. John Tripp placed 23rd in the midget mile and a half. Frank Mariscak looked as if he would finish very high in the two and a half mile, but he fell on a hill just before the finish and lost ground. He placed 11th of the 35.

School Board Hosts To Staff, Inspectors

Members of the school board were hosts to public school teachers, their wives and husbands, caretakers and the three inspectors at the public school auditorium on Tuesday evening. A buffet supper of cold meats and salads was enjoyed at the conclusion of the evening of games and square dancing.

Start Construction On Reformed Church

Excavation began Tuesday on the \$24,000 basement structure which will house the congregation of the Christian Reformed church here. The minister, Rev. Roelof Groeneboer hopes services will be held in the basement of the church by Christmas. Presently the group is meeting in the Y.M.C.A.

Heading the work are three Toronto men, Mr. Kolkman, Mr. Wilde and Mr. Dehoed. The covered basement will include a hall to seat 350, three classrooms and washrooms. Dimensions are 90 x 48 feet. Heating and wiring are being included.

Members of the church will build further when funds are available.

Fall Color Tour Brings Hundreds To North Halton

Hundreds of cars and 16 buses carrying sight-seers and amateur photographers from many parts of Southern Ontario converged on Halton County Sunday to partake of a scenic fall color tour sponsored and arranged by the Toronto Telegram.

The tour entered Halton county between Huttonville and Hornby after a visit to the Dale Estate in Brampton, then wended its way north to Stewarttown, west to Speyside, north on Highway 25 nearly to Acton, west again, and then south to Brookville, south to Campbellville, then to Milton and homeward.

Highlight of the tour was the interdenominational church service conducted in Milton at Grace Anglican church by Canon John Frank of Toronto. Special music for the service was provided by the choir of Holy Trinity Anglican church, Toronto.

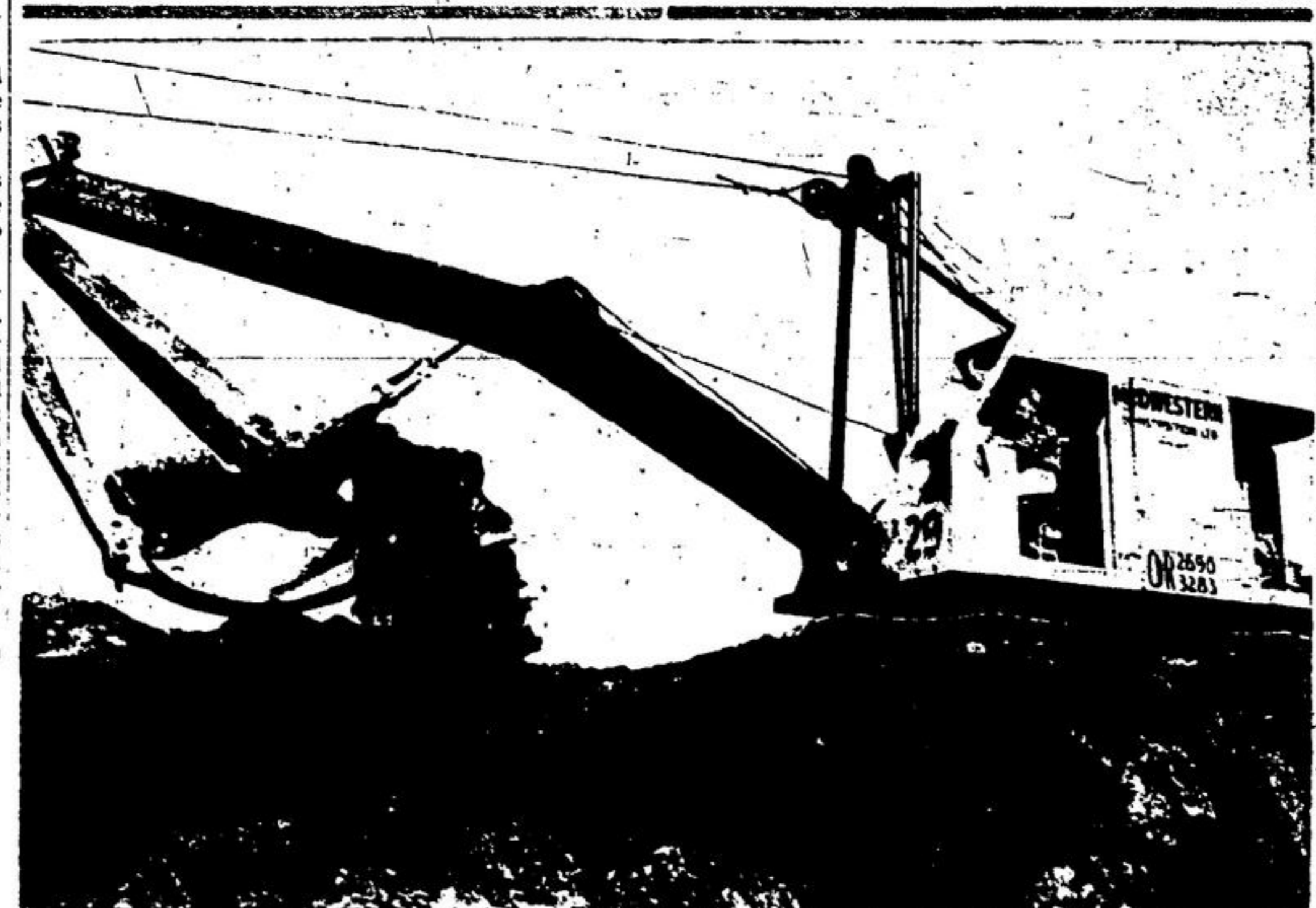
The church was filled for the service and an overflow crowd packed the vestibule, parish hall and spread across the lawn listening to loudspeakers.

Lawn Bowling Club Returns all Officers

At the annual meeting of the Acton Lawn Bowling club held recently, the 1956 officers were re-elected for 1957. They are: W. H. Rogers, president; J. Wood, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. E. Holmes, ladies' president; Mrs. M. Bell, secretary-treasurer; Miss B. Wood, tournament secretary.

Mr. Rogers in his address reported a very successful season and that prospects were very bright for 1957.

It was decided to hold a euchre and draw some time in January.



EAST END CONSTRUCTION in Acton this week is setting a heavy pace of activity. At the left is shown two large cement block buildings going up, the nearest a transport garage and the further building a new service station. Right across the road from this service station another garage is under way. Above picture shows the power shovel gouging out a foundation for the new Christian Reformed church on property at the rear of the lower photo. Behind the Reformed church property, on Churchill Road, another church for the Pentecostal congregation may soon rise in this growing area.