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Board Awards Addition Tender At Georgetown

North Halton District High School trustees Monday night awarded the tender for the eight-room, two-floor addition to Georgetown high school to McNally Construction Co. of that town. The successful bid was \$138,000.

The tender price was within the estimate for revised specifications, it was pointed out.

At a slight additional cost the Board increased insurance coverage from \$100,000 to \$500,000 for transportation liability.

Trustees also decided to buy 10 new typewriters, five for Acton school and five for Milton school.

Chairman Ross Carbert was back in the chair after a recent illness. The meeting was held in Georgetown.

C. of C. to Tape Bicycle Fenders

Safety taping for young Actonians' bicycles will be provided this fall by the Chamber of Commerce. It was agreed at this week's general meeting.

A week Saturday—November 17—Chamber members will be at the public and high schools from 9 a.m. to 12 noon to put the tape on bicycles.

Bike riders are asked to gather at one of the two schools. It is pointed out that students of the respective schools do not necessarily have to go to their own school, but to the school closest their home.

Announcements are to be made at both schools and through the Cub, Brownie, Guide and Scout organizations.

The Chamber expressed hope parents would urge their children to bring their bicycles for taping.

Mothers Will Make Outfits for Brownies

The October meeting of the Scout and Guide Mothers Association was held in the scout hall Tuesday evening with the president Mrs. Hagen in charge.

It was reported that all troops—Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies—have leaders and assistant leaders and are well under way for the season. It was agreed that material will be bought and made up into Brownie outfits for the ones who did not already have them.

Final arrangements were made for the euchar, Penny sale to be held at the end of the month.

After a short business period the meeting was closed and lunch was served by the committee.

Urban Board Takes Steps to Increase Size of North Area O.P.P. Detachment

Unanimous agreement held among members of the North Halton Urban Board last night to petition the Attorney General of Ontario for an enlarged Provincial Police detachment serving the north Halton area.

At present the Milton area office has only two officers, it was pointed out, and the Board agreed this protection was far too small to cope with the expanding population and heavier traffic.

It is believed the Board, to make a deputation before the Attorney General as soon as possible, may also broach the idea of a central police force which would serve the five northern municipalities. This proposal was first advanced at last month's meeting and further discussed Wednesday night.

Georgetown Dismissals

Georgetown, while not entirely disagreeing with the idea of a central force, indicated it would not be agreeable to turning over policing duties in that town to O.P.P. officers. To satisfy Georgetown the force would have to be a municipal division operating under direct council jurisdiction of the respective towns and townships.

Stan Hall, M.P.P. for Halton, attended last night's meeting to hear the police proposal.

Acton's Mayor E. Tyler said it was "absolutely ridiculous" to have only two men for this area. Mr. Hall agreed, but pointed out that the Attorney General was not responsible for this but the provincial treasury department which would not increase the O.P.P. budget in order that understaffed area detachments such as this one could be increased.

The Board concluded in light of this, that the deputation would go to the Provincial Treasurer as well if it is found necessary.

Central Force More Satisfactory

Mr. Hall declared he had for some time been advocating an increase of



HALTON CONSERVATIVES named their executive for the current year at their annual meeting in Milton town hall on Friday evening. George Elliott, at the left, was elected president with Sandy Best secretary, Miss Esther Taylor second vice president, Les Clark first vice president, and Mac Sprowl Y.P.C. president. R. O. Slipp, treasurer, was not present. See complete story on page three.

Dismissal Argument

P.U.C. Union in Stalemate

Trophy from Toronto For Bruce Andrews

Bruce Andrews brought a trophy home from a race meet in Toronto Saturday. He finished third in a two mile road race there, adding to his laurels. There were 28 entries.

He runs for the Guelph Legion Track Club.

Halton B.A.C. Rally In New Bronte Church

Men of St. Alban's church are planning to attend a Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen's rally in the new church of the Epiphany, Bronte, tonight (Thursday). The men of the Halton deanery will be hearing Dr. D. V. Currie, who is the guest speaker.

A service conducted by laymen will precede dinner.

Scout Hall Repairs Almost Completed

Most of the repairs at the scout hall, necessitated by the series of three fires there, have been completed. New ceiling replaces charred area, and some new floor tiles have been laid. New doors were installed.

Painting remains to be done.

Argument between a representative of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and Acton's P.U.C., developing over the dismissal recently of W. Kelly from the hydro department, ended in a stalemate last week with both sides asserting opposing decisions which they claim they'll hold to.

The I.B.E.W. representative, M. J. LeBlanc, declared the failure of Thursday night's talks to produce an understanding left him no alternative but to refer the matter to the Labor Relations Board. The P.U.C. countered that was entirely up to Mr. LeBlanc.

Initially, Mr. LeBlanc questioned the reason given for the dismissal of Mr. Kelly. According to his findings, this reason—failure of Mr. Kelly to get along with fellow workers—was not valid since he contended he had questioned former employees and had signed letters from these two former employees that showed the reason they left was not because of Mr. Kelly.

No Threats Used

Mr. LeBlanc added that no form of coercion or threats had been used to get these signed statements.

Referring to the published reason for Mr. Kelly's dismissal, the union representative wondered where the press got this reason and suggested its publication might even be defamatory. He also took exception to a press statement that with the firing and resignation of both unionized employees the union no longer exists. The speaker insisted the certification is valid 10 months.

For the P.U.C. Chairman F. Oakes spoke first. He criticized that a foreign agency should intervene in the P.U.C.'s actions. (The I.B.E.W. has its parent organization in the United States.) "Where is the freedom of an employer?" the chairman asked.

Mayor E. Tyler stated that the P.U.C. was responsible to the community for the efficient operation of the hydro department. If one man reduces that efficiency, he concluded, then the P.U.C. is obliged to the town to get rid of him.

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Statue Mission Crusade Visits Acton Church

One of the high points in the religious life of St. Joseph's church here occurred this week with the visit of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The mission, led by Rev. P. Moore of the Scarborough Foreign Mission Society for which the statue is the focal mover, has for six years been gaining attention throughout the world.

Tuesday night the crusade came to Acton from Oustic by motorcade. Devotions were held in the church here that evening. Rev. V. J. Morgan and Father Moore were assisted by Rev. A. Callahan of Rockwood and Rev. MacDougall of the Jesuit Novitiate, Guelph.

Men of the St. Joseph's parish who carried the statue in were E. Marks, A. White, W. Davies and I. Marzo. Last night the statue led a motorcade to Georgetown's Holy Cross church. The statue was removed by H. Deveau, E. Ryan, W. Patterson and M. Bennett. Leading the procession were young David McMillan and Rita McCrear.

St. Joseph's church was filled to capacity for Tuesday night's devotions.

The purpose of the mission crusade being led by Father Moore is to emphasize penance and prayer to bring peace to the world. During the visit to each church, the prayer of the Rosary is offered.

The statue of Our Lady of Fatima is in the likeness of the Blessed Virgin as she appeared in the famed apparitions of 1917 to three children at Fatima, Portugal.

Forms for the foundation wall are being constructed this week at the site of the new Bank of Montreal Sidewalk superintendents peep over a board fence to watch the progress.

Planning Board Refuses Lot Severance for Church

Acton Planning Board Monday night turned down a severance application by trustees of the local Pentecostal congregation for a parcel of land on Churchill Road.

The Board refused severance, on basis that the land, where it is proposed to build a church, is not part of a registered plan. As well, the parcel did not provide for sufficient off-street parking space as required by the Board, it was ruled.

The land, owned by R. N. Brown, is a parcel from the part plan of subdivision submitted earlier this year for registration, but turned

Off-Street Parking Must Be Found, Chamber Told

Future Commercial Life Depends On Parking Facilities, Planner Says

Future commercial growth here must incorporate off-street parking, just as Acton's present commercial area must find off-street parking.

This was one of the salient assertions put to Chamber of Commerce members Monday evening when town planner P. A. Deacon addressed the season's first general meeting of the Chamber membership. At the same meeting, members later named Frank Terry to be president next year. He succeeds President J. Gov.

Mr. Deacon, for the past two years Acton's professional planning advisor, explained how potential development of shopping areas is determined by extent of parking space available. Acton's present downtown area, he said, must make some effort to solve parking problems if it hopes to compete with nearby shopping centres and those that may be built in future.

The speaker again urged the Chamber to attempt some study for solution of local parking difficulties. He referred briefly to solutions developed by towns similar in size to Acton.

Must Ban Off-Street Parking

For Acton's future, Mr. Deacon pointed out the Planning Board will restrict under by-law, building of new industrial or commercial properties which do not first provide off-street parking.

Earlier the speaker outlined the Planning Board's general progress to date and spoke of the functions and ideals contained in the official town plan and land use map. He also mentioned how the zoning by-law implements the land use map.

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Two Winners

With a 10 per cent coupon, Darinka Marolt won \$27.50 in the Appreciation Day draw by the post office last Saturday afternoon. Runner-up was E. Beerman, who took the regular \$5 prize. Next week's jackpot is up to \$290.

Knox Church Filled For Legion Funeral

Knox Presbyterian church was filled last Saturday afternoon as friends and relatives gathered for the funeral service for the late Lorne Mackers, popular and active citizen, who was killed in a highway accident last week.

About 70 Legionnaires paraded to honor his memory. Members of the Y's Men's club, Daughters of Knox and the baseball team also attended.

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FRANK TERRY, local postmaster, was named Chamber of Commerce president for 1957 at a meeting held this week in the Y.

Remembrance Day This Sunday

Sunday is Remembrance Day in Acton, as it is across Canada.

Again this year, services will be held at the cenotaph and in a local church—Knox Presbyterian. A parade leaves the Legion Hall at 11:15 p.m. led by Acton Citizens' band and marches to the cenotaph.

Following laying of wreaths, the Last Post and Reveille, the parade will go to Knox church where Rev. A. H. McKenzie will deliver the memorial address.

Later Sunday afternoon, at 3:45 p.m., a service will be held at the Soldier's Memorial in Nassagaweya, followed by another service in Nassagaweya Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. G. S. Bauleh.

As is the usual custom, sandwiches and coffee will be served in the Nassagaweya township hall following the services.

Five Separate Classrooms Found Satisfactory P. S. Board Learns

Although five classrooms are located away from the public school, creating considerable inconvenience, all the classes were being conducted satisfactorily, the property committee reported at the meeting of the school board.

Chairman W. Wolfe presided at the regular meeting attended by a full board of trustees.

Principal G. W. McKenzie reported that Miss Evelyn Goodwin, the music supervisor, had arranged to take the grade two choir to the Kiwanis music festival in Guelph on November 21. He advised the board that Mrs. John Black had informed him she would be resigning her grade at the end of the December term as she and her husband are moving from Acton.

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