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Board Outlines Commercial Areas In Study of Zoning Legislation

Designation of commercial lands and area requirements for gasoline service stations were contained in a resolution passed by the Acton Planning Board in a meeting with the Planning Consultant, P. Allan Deacon, on Monday evening. In its continuing preparation of a complete zoning by-law, the Board approved four major points.

The first point approved was that an area of land south of No. 7 highway on both sides of Churchill Road be designated as zone C2, local shopping center. The board then turned its attention to the land fronting on Church St. from the Black Creek to No. 25 Highway and the commercial block on the east side of the highway from Church St. to Agnes St., identifying it as zone C3.

The board then moved that, all other commercial lands within the town of Acton as shown on the official land use plan, be zoned C1, general commercial.

Finally, it was decided to limit the installation of gasoline retail service stations to industrial zones, M1 and M2, subject to area requirements. In order to adhere to those conditions, no service station will be permitted closer than 200 feet to a major street intersection or level railroad crossing, nor will any service station be allowed closer than 500 feet to any school property.

Four Escape with "Shaking Up" As Car Rolled Over, Wrecked

Four people escaped with only shaking up after their 1954 model car rolled over once and came to rest on its wheels on the lot at Balentine's service station on No. 7 highway Sunday afternoon. The car was found as a complete wreck.

According to investigating officer George Moore of the County O.P.P. detachment, Jack Judge, driver of the car, was slowing down for the gas station when a car driven by Grant Withers of 39 John Street, Acton, collided with the rear of the Judge car. The impact, he said, drove the Judge car into the service station lot, where it rolled over.

Helen Kennard, 15, of George-

Scouts, Cubs Net \$142 Apple Day

About 75 enthusiastic Cubs and Boy Scouts gave well-polished apples as their "Thank you" for donations to their groups last Friday and Saturday. A few of the uniformed lads called at the factories in town Friday afternoon when their baskets were welcomed.

The 20 bushels of Mackintosh apples were depleted steadily on Saturday with door-to-door call and street corner sales until by three in the afternoon, there were no apples left.

About \$12 was cleared by the boys in their annual drive. Supplies and maintenance of the scout hall require funds.

Music Festival Third Awarded School Choir

Competing against city choirs, grade two pupils from Acton placed third in their class Wednesday at the Guelph Kiwanis Music Festival. First and second places were taken by Guelph choirs with 85 and 84 marks, while Acton received 82.

Goodwin directed the 31 youngsters in "Carpenter, Carpenter." All received yellow ribbons.

Jon Hurst, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hurst, Arthur St., won the gold medal for boys' clarinet solo at the festival on Monday. He is a member of the Acton Boys' Band and this was his first competition. He also received a certificate of merit with 83 per cent. in the boys' solo class.

Other local winners are: soprano solo, 21 years and under, Donna McMillan; solo, boys eight and under, Robert Buckner, tied for third; solo, 11 years and over, Bill Henry, tied for third (there were 14 in this class); mezzo-soprano solo, 21 years and under, Donna McMillan; girls' solo, 12 and under, Margaret McPhail, Campbellville.

The festival continues until Friday.

Herman Freuler New President Of Association

A short service was held in memory of president Lorne Masters at the meeting of the Home and School Association on Monday evening. Joe Hurst read the 23rd psalm and the Acton chorale quartette sang an appropriate hymn. One minute's silence was observed.

Herman Freuler was elected president of the Association to fill the place of Mr. Masters, who was killed in an accident. Four new executive members were appointed.

The top five pupils of the public speaking competition spoke on their chosen subjects.

A film on child education and one of the Leslie Bell Singers were enjoyed. Coffee and sandwiches were served.

C. of C. Postpone Bicycle Taping

Bicycle taping, undertaken by the Acton Chamber of Commerce, originally scheduled for Saturday, was postponed until next spring because of the cold weather.

Johnny Goy pointed out this week that the cold weather prevents the tape from sticking to the bicycles. The tape that was to be applied reflects light and is considered a safety precaution for cyclists.

It was also noted the Chamber was working on preparation and publication of local Christmas shopping hours.

A committee of five, headed by Ted Tyler Jr., has been appointed for the preparation of Christmas decorations including the tree and lighting.

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P.U.C. Reviews Proposed Contract With Electrical Workers' Union

Members of Acton Public Utilities Commission, Thursday evening, reviewed with M. J. LeBlanc, representing the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union, a proposed contract.

Review of the lengthy document consumed several hours of the six and a half hour meeting. In submitting the proposed contract, the representative noted it was a rather peculiar situation since the Commission had no employees at present for union membership or to act as an employee committee.

It was pointed out the Commission was not prepared to submit any counter proposals, not having studied the submission of the union representative. The proposed contract outlined grievance procedure, bargaining, arbitration, lock-outs and strikes. The contract suggested a modified union shop which, it was explained, allowed a three-month probationary period prior to acceptance of membership in the union.

Also included in the preliminary discussions were stand-by time, overtime, inclement weather, holidays, cumulative sick leave, provision of tools and rubber coats as well as strike action and conciliation procedure.

Main point of discussion was the suggestion of hourly rates of pay as opposed to the present salary basis that includes stand-by time and overtime. Following review of the proposed contract, chairman Dr. Oakes pointed out that December was a particularly busy month in municipal life and asked if further negotiations might be delayed until the new year.

Mr. LeBlanc pointed out he had forwarded a copy of the agreement on October 10 to the Commission and had received no answer. He noted that he could have forced the Commission to consider the agree-

Nurses of County Health Unit Wear New Uniforms This Week

The Halton County Health Unit nursing staff, which serves as an effective public health team throughout the county under the direction of Miss Grace Leavelle, B.Sc. N., wore their new grey uniforms for the first time yesterday.

The new look for the county nurses will include a T.C.A. Airline type hat, a regulation grey suit, navy blue topcoat and sweater, black bag and shoes with white blouse and scarf. A shiny new lapel pin bearing the County crest with the inscription "Absque Labore Nihil" (nothing without work), gives a striking touch and an appropriate motto to this active group.

At their monthly staff conference to be held at the Unit's head office, Milton, the nurses will meet with the medical staff to discuss the current polio immunization program, maternal and child care, school nursing services, and numerous other health topics.

The public health nurses work from five offices throughout the county and are allocated according to population, the ratio being one nurse to 5,000 population. Names of nurses working from various offices are as follows: Oakville, Mrs. W. Crase, Mrs. D. Gilroy, Miss F. Stewart, Miss B. Blair, Burlington, Miss E. Shawyer, Miss E. Matheson, Miss N. Britton, Mrs. C. Harrod, Georgetown, Miss J. Nevitt, Mrs. F. Jameson, Milton, Mrs. E. Lyle, Acton, Miss Jean Rowe.



FOUNDATION WAS POURED for the new Bank of Montreal building last Monday. The structure, rising on the Mill-Willow-Streets corner property formerly occupied by Hinton's Department Store, are shown here pouring the cement in the foundation cribbing.

Nominations Set for Friday 14 Civic Posts to Be Filled

Assessor Resigns

At a special meeting of Acton Council on Tuesday evening of this week, the resignation of Assessor O. Lamb was accepted effective immediately and the clerk was authorized to advertise for applications for the position to be received prior to the next council meeting.

Minor Injuries As Car Rolls At Silvercreek

Four passengers suffered minor injuries early this morning (Thursday) when their car went into a skid caused by icy pavement, careened into the ditch and rolled over one and a half times on Silvercreek hill.

Shaken up were Kevin Breen, R. R. 4, Acton, driver of the vehicle, Ernie Wheeler, Bob Foyer and Terry Slavin suffered injuries to the back, head and leg respectively and were taken to Georgetown for observation.

Damage to the car amounted to \$5,000.

\$100,000 Job Of Paving Ends

The paving of Acton's streets, entailing the laying of six and a half miles of pavement, has now been completed. The project was started early in October, continued all last month and throughout the first half of November.

The job cost an estimated \$100,000 of which the town will pay half. All streets paved received a covering of 20 feet in width and two and a half inches in depth. The only exception to the standard was Church Street which received a covering measuring 24 feet in width.

All local streets except now, unsettled roads in the Glenora and Lakeview subdivisions were paved with a hot mix asphalt.

North Halton Public Speaking Winners Named

Margret Whewell of Bruce Street school, Milton, won the North Halton urban public speaking finals held at the Acton public school on Thursday, November 15. Judges A. J. Barker of Georgetown, J. D. Lee of Milton, and Rev. Ray Costers of Acton selected Miss Whewell from a field of 23 contestants, with Leslie Ann Duby of Acton as runner-up.

Both Miss Whewell and Miss Duby will now proceed to the Halton county finals to be held on Friday, November 30, at the Lorne Skuce school in Trafalgar township.

The audience of about 180 heard an excellent talk by Miss Whewell based on the life and achievements of Dr. Frederick Banting, while Miss Duby gave an entertaining account of her summer excursion to Muskoka.

Rev. Gordon Adams delivered an address to 40 members of the Walker lodge at the United church Sunday evening.

Fire in Straw Stack Quickly Extinguished

A straw stack was destroyed by fire on the Sproul farm Sunday on Churchill Road south of No. 7 Highway. The alarm was turned in by Mrs. Sproul, who noticed the fire in the field north of their home.

Fire chief Newton reported children had been seen playing in the field prior to the fire.

The blaze was quickly extinguished by the brigade that crossed a field.

Car Overtakes In Collision

A two car collision involving the vehicles of Frank Holmes, 206 MacDonalld Boulevard and Gary McFadden, 119 Guelph St., occurred at the intersection of Church and Main Streets late Friday evening of last week. Holmes suffered lacerations of the upper and lower lips while McFadden escaped without injury. Damage to both cars was estimated at \$700.

According to police reports, the Holmes car, proceeding west on Church St., was in collision with the McFadden vehicle, proceeding south on Main St., at the Church and Main intersection, causing McFadden's car to overturn.

Constable Hodgins of the Ontario Provincial Police detachment investigated.

Name Executive County C.N.I.B.

The Halton County Advisory Board of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind held their annual meeting in the office of the chairman, G. F. Thompson, recently. Reports of the district secretary, Wesley Stanley, and the chairmen of committees, showed the blind in the county of Halton are being well served by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. There are 33 persons being cared for by the Institute in this area.

Receipts from the annual campaigns in Milton, Burlington, Georgetown, Bronte and Oakville were reported as satisfactory.

The elections resulted as follows: executive, chairman, G. F. Thompson, Milton; first vice chairman, Richard Lento, Georgetown; second vice chairman, H. C. McKillop, Oakville; third vice chairman, Harry Tier, Burlington; treasurer, H. W. Kelson, Milton; secretary, G. H. Ruddolls, Milton.

Members: Acton, Mrs. A. R. Long, Mrs. E. G. Franklin, Milton, Mrs. H. I. Tremayne, K. Y. Dick, Mrs. M. E. Gowland, Burlington, Mrs. M. M. Bush, Mrs. W. Fraser, E. D. Lucas, Georgetown, Mrs. J. F. Gillos, Mrs. P. Leslie, J. R. Runham, Oakville, Mrs. J. A. M. Bell, Mrs. Eyre Davis, Mrs. Harry Rysie, S. Fearman.

Honorary members: Acton, Mrs. W. J. Beatty, H. R. Forre; Burlington, Mrs. Hughes Cleaver, George; Harris, Georgetown, H. C. McKillop, Oakville, Mrs. W. K. Kelly, W. H. Kentner, Milton, Dr. C. A. Martin, Geo. E. Elliott, Q. C. J. E. Whitelock, Oakville, Frank Pullen, Lady Baillie; Stanley L. Hall, M. P.P.

WINDS OF GALE FORCE uprooted this light standard and its heavy cement foundation from the ground during a furious windstorm on Wednesday. Located at the cenotaph, the sturdily embedded post was no match for the raging wind. The foundation was torn from its moorings like paper.



Collect \$471.19 For C.N.I.B. Locally

A total of \$471.19 was given in Acton to further the work of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind in his area. Members of the Duke of Devonshire chapter of the I.O.D.E. canvassed for the worthwhile work of the Institute in this district.

It was discovered that many did not realize the Institute directly assists several blind people in the immediate locality. Christmas gifts, an annual picnic and visits are among the services.

Finalize Plans For Fund Drive

A meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Board was held on Tuesday when plans for the fund raising drive next Monday were finalized. It was pointed out to member how urgently funds are required both for repairs to the Y.M.C.A. building and continuing the programs.

The board hoped the people of Acton would respond generously to this appeal so that no youth programs would have to be curtailed either through lack of equipment or facilities.

Y. M. C. A. Seeks Aid for Hungary

The director of the World's Y.M.C.A. Refugee Services in Austria has been in contact with government officials in this country regarding the urgent need of contributions to be used for the relief of Hungarian refugees.

Bob Brayshaw, general secretary of the Acton Y.M.C.A., will be greatly appreciative of any donations received. They may consist of literature, equipment or cash, which will be used to construct housing units for homeless refugees.

New Flooring Laid In St. Alban's Hall

The school room in the parish hall is much more comfortable now. An attractive flooring of plastic and felt has been laid under the desks of the class still separated from the school proper following the fire there.

Men of the Anglican church helped to lay the new flooring Tuesday evening.

Five minutes after the Free Press was on the streets, an article offered for sale in the classified section was sold. And after four enquiries!

Santa Claus Parade Gra-Y Girls Treat

Members of the Novelty Gra-Y Girls' Club spent a busy day in Toronto last Saturday as they witnessed the annual Santa Claus parade, sponsored by the T. Eaton Co.

Assured of a front rank position along the parade route by Eaton's, the group left Acton on the early morning train. Under the guidance of Mrs. Bob Brayshaw, the girls watched the parade and then went shopping, returning on the evening train tired, but happy.