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Local Runner Breaks Record At Track Meet

Bruce Andrews of Acton, running in the National Steel Car Road Race at Hamilton last Saturday, again brought home not only the Guelph Legion Track Club but represents, but to his home town.

In the two and a half mile road race, six runners beat the previous record, with Bruce Andrews placing fifth and breaking the old record by eight seconds. The record has been held by John Brown and Ron Hayward of Acton, running for the Guelph club, were close behind the first six and Frank MacIsaac and John Tripp ran well for the Y.M.C.A. track team.

Bruce, who is only 15 years of age, is competing against young men who are senior to him in age and experience. Not to be outdone by his competition, Bruce trains conscientiously and faithfully, to keep himself in condition.

Principal Reports On K.P. Enrolment

Principal Garnet McKenzie reports 63 applications to date for the kindergarten class at the public school for the coming season. Enrolment will take place on the 28-30 of May at the public school. The parents will receive notice and be invited to accompany their children in order to talk to the school nurse and have an interview with one on the public school staff.

Have You Paid?

The town clerk's office reports a total of \$180,000 collected in taxes to date on the first instalments due May 15. Three other instalments fall due on July 15, September 15 and November 15.

Obtains Degree

Dr. Andrew Molozzi and wife returned from England recently, where he has been on a three year course. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Molozzi, R.R. 8, Acton. Attending "Imperial College" in London, England, he has completed his studies and obtained his Ph.D. and is now in Ottawa working for the government on defence projects.

Up \$19 Million

County Assessment \$124,750,258

County assessor Ford Rogers presented his annual assessment report to Halton County council Tuesday afternoon, and noted an increase in total assessment this year of \$19,307,421. "I can foresee Halton being the second ranking county in the Province in respect to total tax value for this year," he declared.

The assessor expressed appreciation to the local assessors. The assessors of Halton are doing a splendid job and are recognized throughout the Province," he said.

As well as this year's total assessment of nearly \$125 million, there

Municipality	Population	Taxable	Taxable
		Acres	Land
ACTON	3728	890	\$ 492,710
BRONTE	2056	341	\$ 464,375
BURLINGTON	9165	776	\$ 3,115,068
GEORGETOWN	6253	2875	\$ 1,545,443
MILTON	4410	1023	\$ 807,972
OAKVILLE	9097	921	\$ 5,476,394
ESQUISING	5057	64979	\$ 1,068,870
NASSAGAWEYA	2184	44700	\$ 915,230
NELSON	12510	46210	\$ 6,655,826
TRAFALGAR	14356	65339	\$ 10,702,868
TOTALS	69096	228314	\$32,144,774

will be an additional assessment of \$13 million added when East Flamboro with 6300 acres and 8,486 people becomes part of the county on January 1, 1958. The East Flamboro assessment is made up of \$6,063,731 residential, \$1,700,000 commercial, \$255,325 manufacturing, \$480,737 farm, and \$91,207 resort lands.

East Flamboro will pay 9.437 per cent of Halton's 1958 county taxation, and raises next year's total assessment to over \$137 million. Following is a table showing some of the figures of the report which readers may find interesting.

Building	Business	Rateable Total for	% of
Assessment	Assessment	1957 Equalization	1957 Total
\$ 460,370	\$ 4,354,780	\$ 4,354,780	3.4747%
\$ 113,075	\$ 1,105,475	\$ 1,105,475	0.8861%
\$ 1,526,025	\$ 1,048,370	\$ 2,574,395	2.0621%
\$ 11,722,360	\$ 732,430	\$ 12,454,790	10.0000%
\$ 6,444,792	\$ 643,706	\$ 7,088,498	5.6813%
\$ 4,410,749	\$ 1,814,055	\$ 6,224,804	5.0000%
\$ 12,372,617	\$ 147,969	\$ 12,520,586	10.0000%
\$ 3,215,341	\$ 28,975	\$ 3,244,316	2.6111%
\$ 965,150	\$ 541,658	\$ 1,506,808	1.2055%
\$ 13,587,837	\$ 4,170,175	\$ 17,758,012	14.2857%
\$ 25,378,130	\$ 2,750,983	\$ 28,129,113	22.5000%
\$62,904,501	\$9,700,983	\$72,605,484	58.0000%

Beats Record 2 1/2 Mile Race

Bruce Andrews of Acton, running for the Guelph Legion track team, last Saturday placed fifth at the Hamilton Steel Car 2 1/2 mile race, and also knocked eight seconds off the previous record.

Board Opposes Proposed Plan For Service Station in New Area

Development of the proposed shopping area strip, adjoining the Glenlea subdivision, posed a problem for members of the Acton Planning Board on Tuesday night.

Mr. Hyde, representing the owner of the property, presented a plan to allow a Tasty Freezer, Shell Service Station and a Brewers Warehouse on the site. He noted the present financial encumbrances on the property could not be cleared until the amount of land had been sold.

Presented earlier with a similar plan, members of the board had ruled

against including a service station in the area set aside for a shopping centre.

The possibility of a service road parallel to No. 7 highway, with access at Meadvale Road and Church Hill Road was reviewed and rejected.

Other possibilities on development of the site were considered but the board maintained its original decision not to allow a service station in that area.

Sid Eisen was present to request clarification of zoning laws regarding a piece of property owned by him.

Area requirements regarding building on this site were pointed out to Mr. Eisen and discussed at length by Mr. Eisen and the Board.

A request for future development of his present store site was presented by Mr. Eisen. It was reviewed and pointed out that an additional 1,000 square feet could be granted on the second storey.

A resolution, allowing the E. L. Ruddy sign company to erect a replacement panel sign board and the same to be removed within 10 days if notified by the Planning Board. This was allowed for a period not greater than the balance of 1957.

Urban Board Reviews Dog Control Notes Fire Agreements End July 1

Members of the North Halton Urban Board, comprising representatives of Milton, Georgetown and Acton councils, agreed they were surprised to learn of the work the Oakville and District Humane Society is doing in the north part of the county, when director Ross Fearon and shelterkeeper Alan MacNab appeared at their meeting in Georgetown last night to give a report on the progress in the district. The humane society delegation had been called when members last month noted there were still a lot of dogs running loose in the three towns.

Mr. MacNab reported that since the first of this year, his truck and the town funds to purchase a new truck for the rural district. Mayor Tyler of Acton said the delegation didn't appear too alarmed when it was suggested they would be without fire protection when the present agreement expires. Esquising, he reported, offered to purchase Acton's five year old fire truck and suggested the town purchase a new one. They also explained the township wants to deal with each separate municipality on the fire agreements, and not with the urban board. It was agreed that all three towns set a July 1 expiry date on their agreements, and it is hoped that agreements can be renewed in the near future.

It was agreed that each municipality would petition County Council to have a replacement made for Magistrate K. M. Langdon. Reeve Stan Allen of Georgetown reported a committee of county council had met with the Attorney-General in Toronto yesterday regarding more fees for County Crowns Attorney L. D. Dingle of Burlington. The Hon. Mr. Roberts had suggested that as Halton has grown so large, a full-time Crown Attorney might be the best answer. His deputy is to discuss the matter with Mr. Dingle.

one seeing loose dogs should report the street and time of day to police, so that the next trip to town can be arranged at that time.

Some board members suggested that perhaps the dogs were "getting better educated" and knew enough to hide when the truck is in town. Others thought it was the owners who were better educated.

Mr. Fearon invited all members to view the shelter at any time and see what is done with the animals which are picked up.

Discussing the fire area agreements for the four townships, Acton representatives noted Esquising delegates to a recent council meeting had argued against providing fire protection for the rural district.

Mr. MacNab said when the driver returned to the Oakville shelter from his North Halton trip, if the truck was empty it was because there weren't any dogs running at the time. He pointed out that each town is visited at least twice a week by the truck. The driver sometimes comes at six o'clock in the morning and sometimes at midnight in an effort to find the stray dogs. Only eight complaints have been given to police since the first of the year, and each of these was fully investigated.

Tennis Club Elects Officers

The Acton Tennis Club held their first meeting of the season at the club house on Wednesday, May 8. Plans were discussed for the coming season and it was agreed to enter the Intercounty Tennis League.

A discussion on the rate of membership fees and it was agreed that senior membership would be \$7, married couples \$10, students \$3 and the junior fees \$1.

The deadline for membership was to be set for June 15. The following officers were elected to office for the coming season: president, Marc Lafertier, secretary, Doris Graham, membership convener, May Dumarch, with assistants Bud Evans, Gordon Lee and Jim Lindsay. Social convener, Elizabeth Jany, assistants Arlene Gordon. Publicity officers: Bill Greer and Wayne Ridley. The opening night will be on Friday, May 31.

12 Girl Guides Sell 9,600 Cookies

About 12 girl guides canvassed the town on cookie day last Saturday and disposed of approximately 400 boxes of cookies.

The girls worked from about 9:30 a.m. in the morning to 6:00 p.m. and covered the town faithfully.

Cookie Day is one of the many projects planned for the Girl Guide Group.

Stated Damage \$400 In Rear-end Collision

District police reported damage totalling \$400 resulting from a rear-end collision on Highway 7 at the fifth line intersection east of here Friday.

Drivers of the two cars were Charles Greens of Guelph and Arthur Morris of Georgetown. Both cars were travelling west on the highway when traffic ahead slowed up suddenly.

Closed Monday

The office of this newspaper will be closed on Monday, May 20, Victoria Day. It would be greatly appreciated if copy and advertisements could be received at as early a date as possible in order for all to enjoy the holiday.

Attend Rallies

Many residents of the town and district were in attendance at the two rallies held in Guelph for John Diefenbaker Monday night and Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent on Tuesday.

Easter Seals Net \$980 to Date

Walter Woodburn, treasurer of the Acton Rotary Club Easter Seal Campaign, this week reported a net total of \$980 collected with a few more donations yet to come in.



On Saturday last, the girl guides held their annual cookie day in Acton, and the girls canvassed the town with their boxes of goodies. Shown above are two of the girls during the canvass. Left to right, Eleanor Elliott and Joanne McKenzie.

Girl Guide Cookie Day



Acton's new fire hall is rapidly taking on form as workmen work feverishly in order to accommodate the fire trucks that are stored elsewhere at present. Jack Crystdale is pictured keeping Ted Elliott supplied with mortar as he lays the cement blocks for the structure.

Wentworth Annexation Bid to be Aired At September Municipal Board Hearing

Solicitor J. T. Weir engaged by the County of Halton to oppose the proposed annexation of Burlington and Nelson township to Wentworth County, has requested a September Ontario Municipal Board hearing to air the matter. This was reported by annexation committee chairman Reeve Stan Allen of Georgetown at Tuesday's meeting of county council.

The solicitor also recommended that a brief be prepared on the proposed annexation. It was suggested an independent consultant should draw up the brief and forward to each municipality in the county. The support of organizations in the county is also to be obtained to help build the case.

Another suggestion of the solicitor was that if Halton offered to return East Flamboro to Wentworth, the neighbouring county might drop their annexation ambitions.

Continue Present Assessing

At the request of the assessment committee, it was agreed the present assessing practice will be continued throughout the county, instead of changing to a proposed new system set out by the Department of Municipal Affairs. Chairman Reeve Adkins of Nelson reported that seven of the nine county municipalities favored the present system and until the newer system is made mandatory, felt they would rather continue the old scheme. Mr. Adkins termed it "impractical" to have more than one system within the county.

The resignation of the superintendent and Matron of Halton Centennial Manor, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Clarke, was accepted and will be effective June 15. In a letter to council, they explained that for some time "We have not been in accord with the Board of Management," and said, "We feel we have not enjoyed the confidence of the Board as a whole."

Ash Hospital Decision

Fred Walker of the Milton District Hospital Board appeared before council to ask if there would be any immediate action on the

county-financed hospital scheme. Hospital committee chairman Fred Atkinson, Reeve of Burlington, explained that a decision would be forthcoming soon, and that the committee will meet next week. The salaries committee recommended increases in the following salaries, effective April 1: Clerk William Deans to \$5,000; treasurer M. Meated to \$5,000; assistant clerk-treasurer Garfield Brown to \$4,800. The committee also recommended that guards at the County Jail in Milton be raised to \$1.25 per hour and the assistant matron's pay be raised to \$4.00 a day.

Alan Klarer, Oakville-Trafalgar

Wentworth to Lose Large Area To Halton, Assessor Has Fears

Wentworth County is in danger of losing one of its most lucrative areas, the County of Halton.

James M. Blackwell, Wentworth county assessor, gave this warning at Tuesday's meeting of Wentworth county council when he declared:

"The storm clouds are gathering and in 1957 we stand to lose over \$10 million in assessment value to the County of Halton, when the southern part of East Flamboro, Aldershot, becomes a part of the Town of Burlington."

He said it was "a condition which should be studied by every member of the council" as it would have its effect on the assessment of every taxpayer in the county.

Final Report

Mr. Blackwell, who was presenting his final equalization report, said that the county's total assessment had risen from \$31,786,763 in 1952 to \$44,800,348 this year.

He said that in seven years this represented an increase of 167 per cent.

It had been achieved, said Mr. Blackwell, despite the fact that in 1952 the county lost over half the total assessment of the township of Ancaster to Hamilton and part of Saltfleet in 1955 to the city.

He told the council: "You should leave no stone unturned to protect every dollar of assessment the county possesses."

He said that despite annexations, steady progress was being made — but the county could not afford to forfeit any more of its area.

Population Rising
Mr. Blackwell said that the pop-

ulation of the county had risen this year by 3,000 to a record 73,710.

"This is a healthy increase," he said, and again it is something which should be protected, as some of our most desirable taxpayers are living in the area which we stand to lose."

Mr. Blackwell said that during the last year the assessment value of the county had risen by \$10,000,000. More and more people, he said, were looking to a suburban way of living.

Wentworth County has applied to the Ontario Municipal Board to have Burlington and the Township of Nelson brought into the county, while Halton county has declared that it will vigorously oppose any such attempt.

Presbytery Approves New Church Plans

Halton Presbytery of the United Church last week gave approval to the plans for construction of the new church here. Also approved in the session at Appleton Acres, was the plan for St. Paul's church, Oakville.

Discussing the approval this week the Rev. Adams suggested the working drawings for the new Acton church were expected from the architect by late May or early June.

At present, demolition of the former Patrick house on the corner of Mill and Elgin St. is nearing completion, allowing for the extension of the church property. The new church will face on Elgin St. and the present church will become a Christian Education building.

County Wide Fire Prevention Program Started

For the first time in the history of the Province of Ontario, a Fire Prevention Association was formed on a county wide basis in Milton on Monday.

Representatives of Fire Departments from Acton, Georgetown, Milton, Oakville, Trafalgar township, Nelson township and Burlington were present. Also present was S. A. Vince, chairman of the Oakville - Trafalgar - Bronte Fire Prevention Association and A. Klarer of the Oakville-Trafalgar Chamber of Commerce.

Elected as chairman of the Association was A. E. Clement of Milton and secretary, John Newton of Acton; treasurer, S. A. Vince and chairman of the Chamber of Commerce representatives, A. Klarer.

Chambers of Commerce in the county will be asked to send representatives to the next meeting to be held in Milton on June 3, 1957, to assist in the program and in the future projects.

Committees were appointed on

High School Student Receives Fracture

Harold Reid, 13-year-old high school student, son of Rev. and Mrs. K. J. Reid, 81 Cook St., Acton, received a fractured jaw in a fall from his bicycle yesterday (Wednesday) at noon.

While riding his bicycle down Queen Street hill, the front tire struck a stone, causing the bicycle to swerve, resulting in a fall to the ground causing painful injuries to his face.

He was taken to Guelph General Hospital for X-rays and a fracture of the jaw was revealed.

projects, publicity, literature, Chambers of Commerce and inspections. These committees are to bring back their reports and recommendations at the next meeting.

Each fire department will contribute \$50.00 to handle cost of trophies for fire prevention contests and material necessary to carry on the program. It is also believed that a saving will be made by having purchases and printing on a larger basis.